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**Week ahead**

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**THURSDAY, OCT. 11**

◆ SOC hosts a martini glass painting day from 2 to 6 p.m. at SOC, 17150 Waterloo. The glasses will be used at the Shaken Not Stirred party in memory of Frank Sladen on Nov. 2.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts members present "The Curious Savage" at 7:30 p.m. in North's Performing Arts Center, 7070 Vernier. The who-done-it play can also be seen at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 and 13. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited or at the door. For more information, call (313) 886-4542.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 13**

◆ The Hill Area Residents Association will have its semi annual meeting at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop. Farms council candidates Therese Joseph, Doug Roby and Greg Bourgoin will give a brief presentation and take audience questions. The event is free. For more information, call Tom McCleary at (313) 882-2709.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 14**

◆ Elmwood Cemetery director Joe Malburg will dish the dirt on the famous and infamous buried in the cemetery during an hour and a half walking tour. Registration is at noon and the walk begins at 1 p.m. The cost is \$8. It will take place rain or shine. For more information, call Malburg at (313) 567-3454.

**MONDAY, OCT. 15**

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.  
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.  
 ◆ Lake Township board meets at 5:30 p.m. at 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 16**

◆ Annie Berthold-Bond, environmental leader and author, will explain 10 simple ways to have a healthy, green home at 7 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War

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PHOTO BY PETE POIRIER

A fire, possibly caused by a gas leak, consumed and destroyed two boats at Pier Park harbor Sunday night. The Coast Guard was called in and towed two nearby boats, which sustained fire and heat damage, to safety. The fire took three hours to extinguish.

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**

## Pier Park fire destroys two boats

By John Lundberg  
 Staff Writer

Police are still investigating the cause of a four-alarm fire that destroyed two boats and damaged two others on Sunday night at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms.

According to witnesses, a fire broke out in a 30-foot speedboat in well 62, which grew so intense that a 35-foot cruiser in well 61 also was set ablaze.

Witnesses speculate the fire's intensity was caused by the large amounts of gasoline both boats had in their tanks.

Firefighters used foam suppression, but it still took three hours to put out the blaze.

The Coast Guard was alerted and towed two other boats from nearby slips before they were destroyed as well.

Police said those two boats suffered fire and heat damage.

Police said the owner of the first boat, a 30-year-old Farms man, suffered injuries to his hands, face and feet and was taken to an area hospital.

Police were first alerted to the blaze at 9:19 p.m., according to reports. The fire occurred in the middle and rear section of the boat, and police suspect a gas leak, coupled with a spark from cigar ashes, could be to blame.

Police, fire and city officials could not be reached by press

time. The fire was contained partly due to light winds Sunday night.

"It was horrifying to watch," one witness said.

A distress call was sent to the Coast Guard when the fire started.

Marine Pollution Control and St. Clair Marine Salvage were called in to contain the gasoline in the water.

Boat repair estimates are about \$100,000, according to reports. The speedboat was valued at \$20,000; the cruiser at \$75,000.

Damages to other boats were not known at press time. More photos on page 3A.

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE**

## Sunrise condos shelved

### Economy stymies plans for 79-unit project near Village

By John Lundberg  
 Staff Writer

The Sterling of Grosse Pointe still plans to develop its property on St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe despite its recent decision to abandon its Sunrise Senior Living condominium project.

The project was retired by company owners after Sterling representatives could not meet pre-sale quotas for the condo units, said Sunrise Vice President Laura Hester. "People are in a holding pattern right now" regarding

the purchase of new homes, she said. "It's unfortunate that we hit the market at the wrong time."

"People are not buying two years out when they are worried about the price they're going to get for their old home."

The company owns six houses and part of municipal parking Lot 4 off St. Clair. Hester said the company is reviewing "alternative" development options for the two acre site and are working

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**GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

## Expert says IB a benefit

### Program prepares students for life

By Bob St. John  
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Board of Education members heard from an expert about the benefits of implementing the highly debated International Baccalaureate program.

The IB program is a college-prep curriculum that is similar in nature to Advanced

Placement courses. "IB is a preparation for life," said Cliff Sjogren, former director of admissions at the University of Michigan and former dean of admissions at the University of Southern California. "IB students don't have to be the brightest, but the most serious about getting an outstanding education."

He told board members that IB and Advanced Placement can co-exist, if they have to,

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**POINTER OF INTEREST**

*I want to make a difference, even if it is to one person.*

## Mary Natschke



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Woods  
**Age:** 53  
**Family:** Husband, Doug; daughters, Lisa and Jessica; son, Christopher; son-in-law, Chris; grandchildren, Morgan and Michael  
**Claim to fame:** Manager of the Healing Arts Center, Van Elslander Cancer Center Support Services  
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## Victory!

Grosse Pointe North students Danny Malafouris, left, and Phil Dilone were among the huge crowd cheering on its favorite team at last Friday's football game between North and Grosse Pointe South. North held off a late South rally to win 20-14, assuring the Norsemen of a berth in the state high school playoffs. See complete details on page 1C. For story and photos of the many Victory in the Pointes events, see pages 18-19A.



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## Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS TO EXPAND PARKING LOT:** Officials in Grosse Pointe Farms are preparing to go ahead with the development of a parking area at the rear of the Muir property line despite the threat of an injunction that would stop the project.

Representatives from the Gabriel Richard School District Improvement Association have vowed to fight the development, but have failed so far in their attempt to get an injunction from Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Moynihan. They claim a recent amendment to the Farms zoning ordinance rezoning the area from residential to parking property is unconstitutional.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$20,000.

◆ **FLU TAKES TOLL ON STUDENTS:** More than 3,000 Grosse Pointe public school students called in sick over a three-day period recently, many of them complaining of symptoms common to the Asian flu.

In addition, 49 teachers also called in sick. The district is considering closing down the schools until the flu wave passes.

◆ **FBI NABS WOODS FUGITIVE:** A man being sought by Grosse Pointe Woods police since last May has been captured by FBI agents in Philadelphia.

Alfred Glackin Jr. was wanted on a breaking and entering and a larceny charge from a gas station on Mack. FBI agents traced him to his father's home in Philadelphia and made the arrest. He has also been charged with unlawful flight.

1982

25 years ago this week

◆ **RESIDENTS BLAST WOODS REZONING PLAN:** Grosse Pointe Woods city officials are moving ahead with plans to rezone 48 residential lots on Mack and turn the land into off-street parking, despite the vocal protestations of Woods residents affected by the measure.

Woods officials defended their decision saying limited parking on Mack is chasing away potential businesses. They claim if parking is not expanded, businesses will close.

Residents opposed to the

amendment claim the parking problem could be accommodated by razing the abandoned businesses on Mack and not their homes.

◆ **YOUTH SHOT IN FARMS:** Two Detroit youths were arrested following a high speed chase in Grosse Pointe Farms during which one suspect was shot in the leg.

The suspects had just stolen a car when they were spotted by police. The youths sped off and nearly ran over an officer, who discharged his weapon into the vehicle. They were found minutes later in the car with the engine running. The injured juvenile was taken to an area hospital for treatment.

Farms Police Officer Clarence Reichling received minor injuries during the incident and was treated and released from an area hospital.

◆ **SCHOOL CLOSING BEING CONSIDERED:** A citizen steering committee has been studying the sharp decline in enrollment in Grosse Pointe's public schools and will issue a report to the board of education with recommendations on which schools to close.

The committee has been studying the impact on enrollment declines since last February. Administrators are predicting only 5,000 students in the public schools by the 1986-87 school year, well below its peak of 13,700 in 1971.

1997

10 years ago this week

◆ **STUDY CONCLUDES TRAFFIC NOT A PROBLEM:** A traffic study recently presented to Grosse Pointe Woods officials concluded that traffic patterns on Morning-side in the area of Barnes Elementary and Our Lady Star of the Sea school and church pose no public safety dangers to area residents.

The study compared traffic volumes between 1991 and 1997 and found that traffic patterns have not changed enough to warrant flow alterations.

Recent traffic accidents in the area have alarmed residents who want the traffic flow addressed.

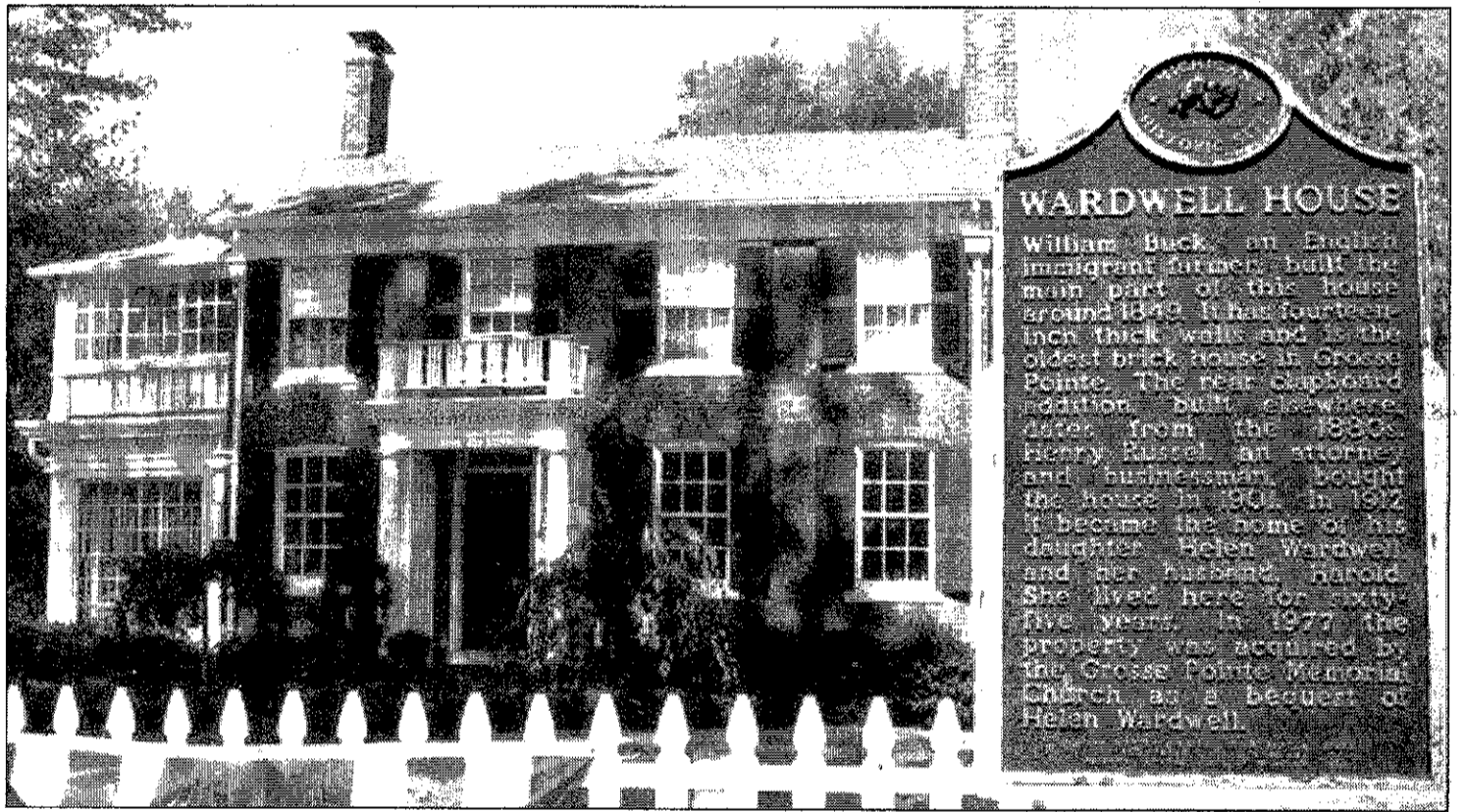
◆ **MACK/MOROSS DEVELOPMENT SPARKS DEBATE:** Two options from an urban planner for the development of Grosse Pointe Farms property at Mack and Moross were presented to the city council recently.

One option calls for a full-service community center that will house numerous recreation and meeting spaces; the other suggests senior housing and a scaled-back community



## 'Then and Now'

Buck-Wardwell House: Believed to be the oldest brick house in Grosse Pointe, it was built around 1849 out of locally made brick by William Buck, a prosperous farmer from England. It was the only early structure on his 210-acre ribbon farm originally known as Private Claim 391. At one point, Henry Ford wanted to buy the house and relocate it in Greenfield Village, but the owner at the time, Harold Wardwell, refused to sell. The home, which still has two of its original pear trees, remains a private residence today at Jefferson Avenue and Three Mile Drive. Photos from "Then and Now: Grosse Pointe," by Grosse Pointers Suzy Berschback and Ann Marie Alliotta. The book may be purchased at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society Resource Center, 381 Kercheval; Jerry's Party Store; Posterity, A Gallery, in the Village on Kercheval; area bookstores and online at arcadiapublishing.com.



**WARDWELL HOUSE**  
William Buck, an English immigrant farmer, built the main part of this house around 1849. It has fourteen inch thick walls and is the oldest brick house in Grosse Pointe. The rear gable end addition, built elsewhere 1848, from the 1830s. Henry Russell, an attorney and businessman, bought the house in 1931. In 1932 it became the home of his daughter Helen Wardwell and her husband Harold. She lived here for sixty five years. In 1977 the property was acquired by the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church as a bequest of Helen Wardwell.

center.

Council members have been jousting with what is the best development for the area. There have been calls for more senior housing in the community, but the study sided with a full-service community center.

◆ **EXCESSIVE LEAD FOUND IN FARMS DRINKING WATER:** Recent tap water tests in Grosse Pointe

Farms reported lead levels exceeding the federal government's acceptable levels.

A recent sampling indicated that elevated lead in the drinking water is either from building plumbing or in the service line. Although the Farms is not required to initiate corrosion control treatment until 1998, city officials are reviewing methods to begin this year.

2002

5 years ago this week

◆ **CVS PITCHES FOR JACOBSON'S:** CVS Pharmacy made a surprise bid to purchase the Jacobson's Grosse Pointe building in U.S. Bankruptcy Court recently.

Other offers to purchase the building came from the Kroger Co. and developer Arkan Jonna. The building has been

unoccupied since its closure. City of Grosse Pointe officials are anxious to find an owner, who will house mixed-use tenants.

◆ **TEMPORARY SOCCER FIELD CONSIDERED FOR MACK/MOROSS:** The construction of a temporary soccer field at Mack and Moross is being considered by Grosse Pointe Farms officials.

The estimated cost for the field is \$45,000. The Farms has been holding off on permanent development plans until the Kroger lease with the city expires in 2008.

— John Lundberg

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Memorial. Suggested donation is \$5. Call host LocalMotion at (313) 881-2263 to reserve a seat.

◆ A Grosse Pointe Woods candidate forum will be at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza. City council candidates are Dona DeSantis-Reynolds, Lisa Pinkos Howel, Darryl A. Spicher, Joseph E. Sucher and Arthur Bryant.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Village council meets at 7 p.m. at 795 Lakeshore.

◆ Grosse Pointe Township board meets at 8 a.m. at 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.



## Goodfellows all

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm took a minute to talk with Grosse Pointe News Chairman and Publisher Robert Liggett Jr. at the 18th annual Goodfellows Tribute Breakfast on Friday, Oct. 5, at Cobo Center. Granholm and Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus: HOPE, presented the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year award to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon J. Keith. The breakfast netted \$145,000 for the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. To date, \$370,000 has been raised representing almost a quarter of the group's 2007 fundraising goal of \$1.375 million, which it hopes to raise by Jan. 31. This is the 93rd anniversary of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit, best known for its Christmas gift program and motto, "No Kiddie Without a Christmas." The money raised supports the non-profit's various programs benefiting Detroit-area children, including 30,000 Christmas gift boxes distributed to children in need in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park; 13,000 dolls for girls ages 5-11; emergency dental programs for children; free shoes for children (in conjunction with Mr. Alan's Shoes); scholarships to Wayne State University; and summer camps. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244-0444. Donations may also be made using the organization's secure Web site: [oldnewsboysgoodfellows.org](http://oldnewsboysgoodfellows.org).

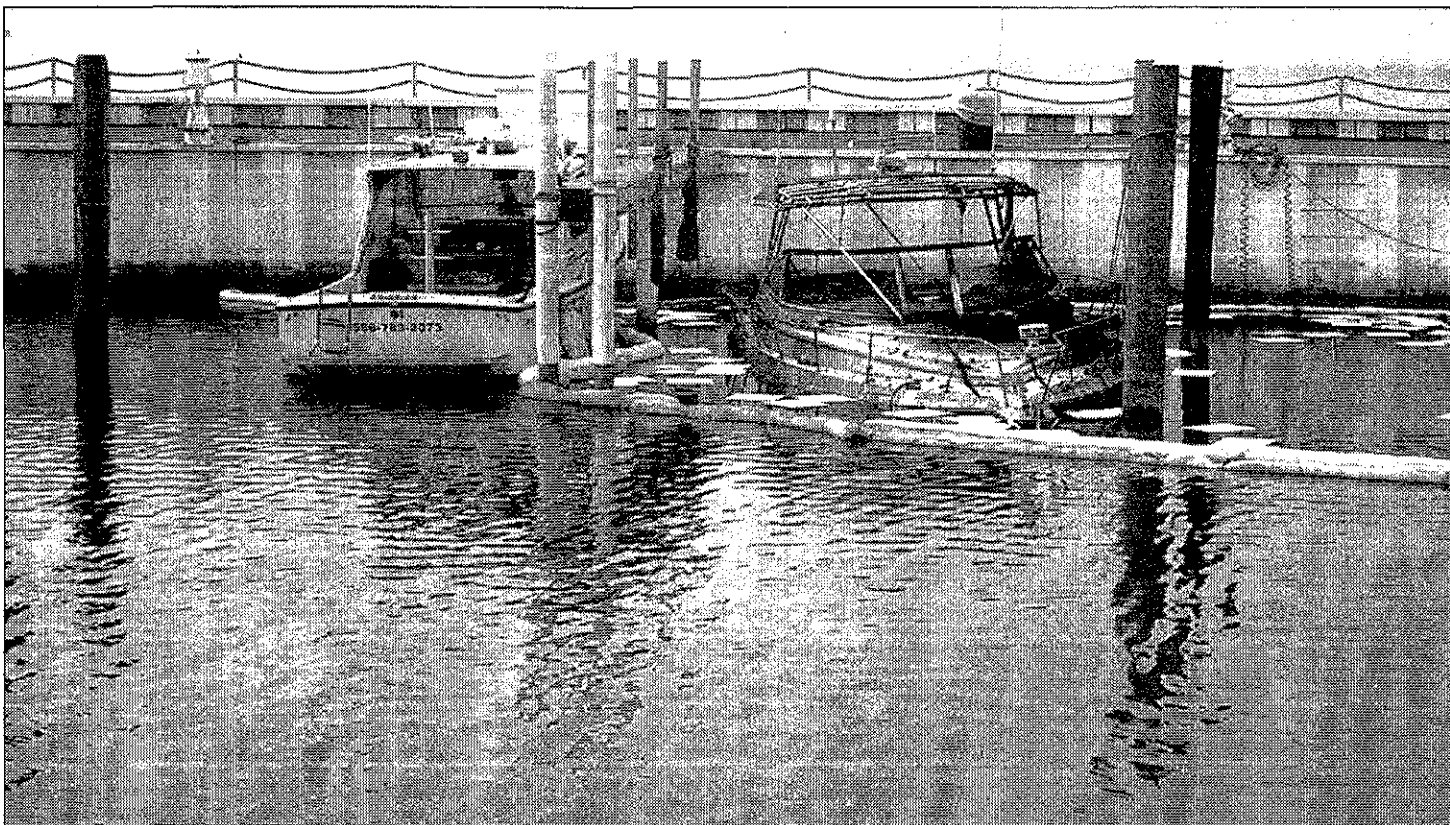


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The charred remains of a couple of the boats that caught fire at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park last weekend.

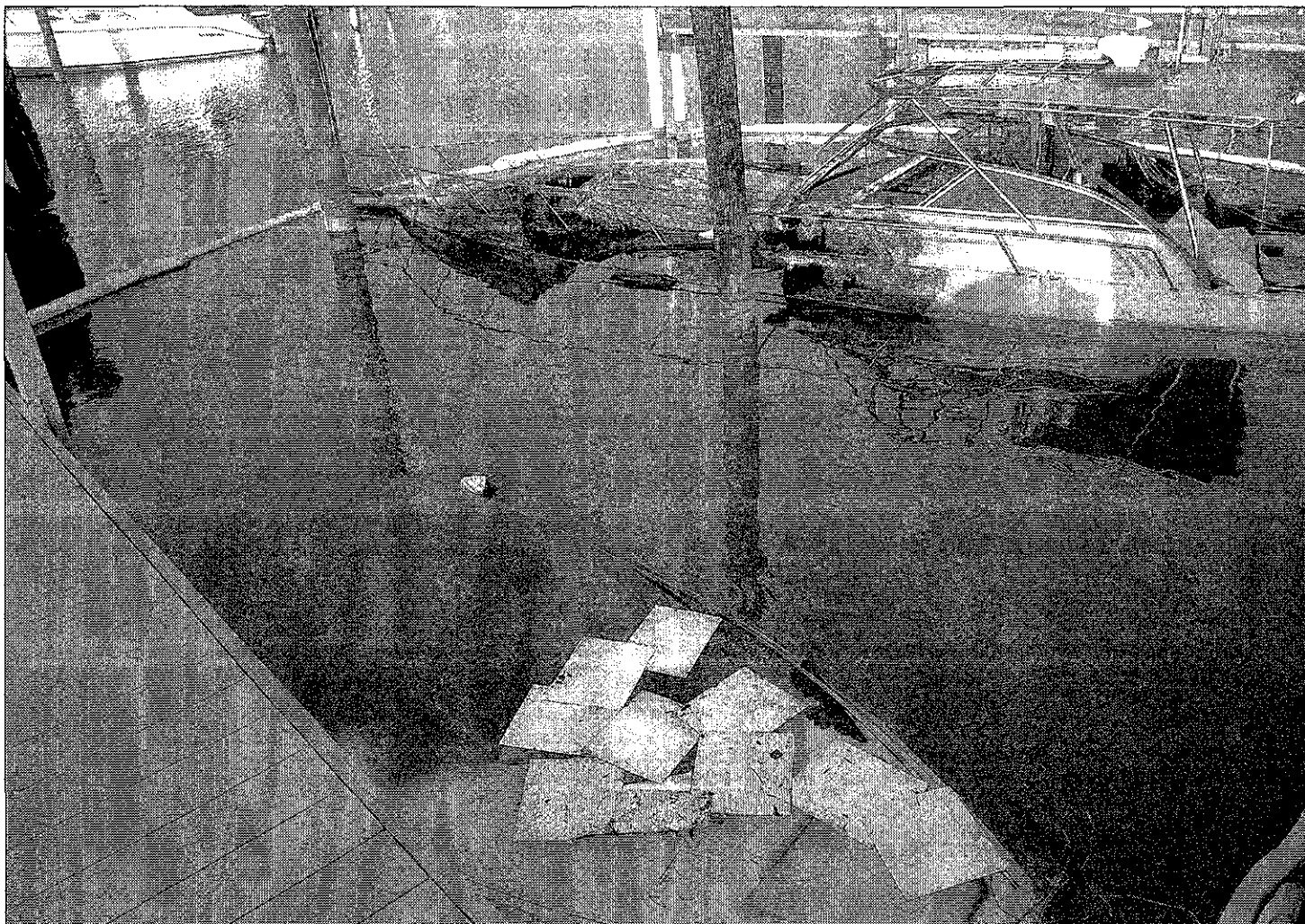


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## SUNRISE: Alternative plan in works

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with city officials to bring it to fruition.

"We have met with (City Manager) Peter Dame and plan to work closely with the city to develop something on St. Clair," Hester said. "We're planning to meet with developers and make sure it is the right project for the area."

"We hope to get back to the communities with some ideas soon."

In a prepared statement, Mayor Dale Scrace said:

"The city is very disappointed by Sunrise Senior Living's decision not to move forward with The Sterling, a 79-unit luxury condominium project."

"Both the city and Sunrise have worked very hard to make this project a reality in a challenging regional and national housing market."

"The city will work closely with Sunrise as decisions about the land assembled for this project are made to ensure that the ultimate use of the property supports the goals of the city's master plan."

Sunrise made its first public pitch to build senior condos in the Village in April 2004. Its initial idea to occupy the former Jacobson's building fell flat, and focus shifted to the St. Clair location.

After neighbors complained that the first proposal was too large, Sunrise officials revised their plans. The latest was to build a 79-unit four-story condominium complex on St. Clair just south of shops on Kercheval.

Last August, in an effort to boost lackluster sales, The Sterling petitioned the City of Grosse Pointe to endorse its participation in the Wayne County Turbo Tax Abatement Program. The aggressive property tax incentive initiated by county officials is expected to relieve commercial and residential property developers of up to 50 percent of property taxes over a five-year period.

The City of Grosse Pointe council "wholeheartedly" supported The Sterling of Grosse Pointe's request and endorsed its application to join the program.

And, to ensure a "level playing field," City officials met with the county to confirm that the Morningside Group, recently awarded the mixed-use development project called North Kercheval that includes condominiums, would be entitled to the same program benefits.

For new construction, like that planned by The Sterling and Morningside Group, the companies may receive a 100 percent tax rebate for the first year of construction. Following the completion of the development, the investor can receive up to a 50 percent property tax rebate over the next five years.

## IB: It's a 'world curriculum'

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and that school officials have to give the program a couple of years to pick up steam.

"The enrollment will be lower during the first or second, or even third year, because it takes time for students to get the word how great the IB program is," Sjogren said.

He also said it will be important to recruit middle school students, especially sixth- and seventh-graders, who might enroll in the future IB program.

Sjogren said it is important to have staff for the program and added that it is amazing how "pumped up" the instructors get when they see how beneficial IB is to the student's future.

The program should include 10 to 12 courses covering English, arts, science, math, social studies and a foreign language.

Students will have to pass tests in each study area to receive an IB diploma, which Sjogren said catches the eyes of college admission officers.

"Having a student with an IB background doesn't always mean they are elitist, but it means they wanted to get the best education they could get to prepare themselves for a nice future," he said.

Bloomfield Hills International Academy, ranked as one of the nation's top high schools, provides its students with an IB education.

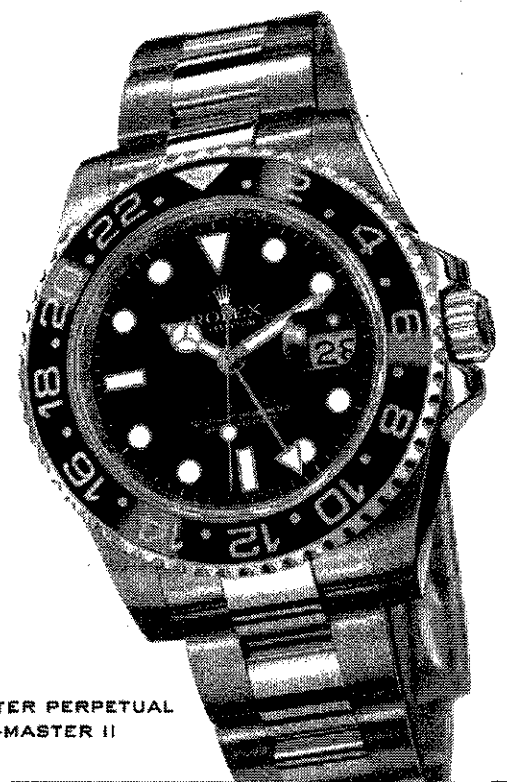
"I was present when International Academy was accepted into the IB program," Sjogren said. "IB is a world curriculum."

Sjogren said several astronauts and an Olympic gold medalist swimmer earned IB diplomas.

A consultant was hired to review the data officials need to make a decision whether to move forward with the formal application process.

Trustee Charles Sabino said results of the feasibility study are due in November or December.

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Mary Natschke's** nurturing abilities have extended from her family to the success of the Valade Healing Arts Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

# Take a deep breath and proceed

By Ann L. Fouty  
Acting Features Editor

Take a deep, cleansing breath before you do anything — start a project, begin a conversation, forge into the day, said Mary Natschke of Grosse Pointe Woods.

It's so simple and it doesn't cost anything, she explained.

That is exactly what Natschke did as she created the Valade Healing Arts Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

As administrative manager at the hospital, she was asked in 2000 to develop a healing program to integrate into oncology. She said she began the project with a telephone, stapler and an office.

"I made it up as I went along. There was no place to call," she said.

What Natschke created was a success, for today there are three healing arts centers in the St. John system where patients begin the path to healing.

"There is no magic pill here. Our society is conditioned to want a prescription to fix (everything). We don't fix anybody here. There is a therapist to support the journey to be well. The job (of being well) comes from self reflection, taking care of our body. We help people nurture themselves. We have tools to reconnect back with themselves with the inner physician, that's where the answers are," she said.

The job of returning to a state of wellness is assisted through massage, Reiki, reflexology, imagery, smoking cessation sessions, hypnotherapy,



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Using Reiki, Mary Natschke places her hands on the shoulder of a patient, feeling the pain her patient's left leg. With that knowledge she would be able to help her patient heal.

medical music, yoga, Chi Gong, Tai Chi, meditation, journaling, Shamanism and consultations.

So successful is the program and so highly regarded by her peers, Natschke was named the 2007 American Holistic Nurse of the Year by the American Holistic Nursing

Association.

"Mary started this remarkable program with a pencil and a supply book and through sheer determination, commitment and amazing passion, developed a comprehensive integrative healing arts program," said Donna Handley, vice president of clinical services at the



Office assistant Robin Francis, left, declares Mary Natschke is a wonderful boss.

hospital. "Her commitment to holistic care and self care provided the community this valuable resource."

Natschke's journey began when she was in sixth grade. She wanted to be a nurse.

"I knew in sixth grade I was going to be a nurse. No one else in the family was. I read Sue Barton (Helen Dore Boylston's books about a student nurse). I read every book published. I just fell in love with nursing. I knew that's what I was going to do.

"If I had to do it all over again, I would still do it," she said.

Graduating from Dominican High School, she married her soul mate, Doug, who lived but a mile from her St. Clair Shores home. When her children were but toddlers, she was attending nursing school.

"It was a crazy time to go to nursing school. It helps to have

wonderful support from the family, my husband, my mother and mother-in-law," she said.

She earned an associate degree in nursing from Macomb Community College magna cum laude in 1984. Attending Siena Heights University on the weekends, Natschke earned her Bachelor of Applied Science degree magna cum laude in 1997, working part time in the afternoon at St. John, which enabled her to attend school functions for her children.

"Being a mother was the most important thing for me, which has been passed down to my daughters," she said.

Natschke worked as a staff nurse from 1984 through 1989, the assistant clinical manager cardiac step-down from 1989 to 1996 and moving into the nursing administrative manager's position for three years before taking a deep breath and creating the healing arts center.

"I always had a great interest with working with physicians and loved the patients," she explained about her career moves.

But her views shifted after her husband had a heart attack putting her on the other end of the medical profession. Then Natschke's mother was stricken with cancer. Natschke watched her mother go through two years of chemo, radiation, tests and "the not knowing."

She began to feel as though the medical professionals saw her mother merely as a tumor.

"What happened to looking at the whole person?" she wondered out loud. It was at this point Natschke knew there should be more to treating and nurturing a patient.

Her mother died in 1993 and Natschke began her journey of finding ways a nurse can look at someone as a whole person.

"I studied and went to everything I could get my hands on," she said.

Natschke became certified in Reiki, reflexology, massage, aroma therapy, herb use and other methods which can support the patient on a different level than conventional medi-

cines. "We are planting a seed (whereby patients) can begin to look at things differently; look at the use of herbicides, plastics, foods; be respectful of the environment.

"My grandfather always said, 'your purpose is what kind of difference you do make.' I want to make a difference even if it is to one person.

"I'm so fortunate I'm in a position where I can plant lots and lots of seeds."

Through conversation with Natschke it becomes apparent her nurturing attribute is a result of her grandfather's lessons.

Coming from Norway as a youngster, he settled in northern Minnesota, making a living fishing the waters of Lake Superior.

"He lived respectful of the environment. He was one of the first settlers to have worked with the Indians," she explained. "He had a great respect for their culture and passed on to all his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to respect nature by taking care of the Earth; respectful of the land, and not cutting plants without giving back. Don't take more than you need; learn to share with your neighbors. You give back to the community. It will be tough but sharing was important to him."

The family occasionally returns to the rural area where Natschke's mother grew up.

"It's totally different. It's rural. It's 80 miles from the nearest town. We played with nature. We have to be creative, inventive.

"Now 50 years later, it's still rural. The kids are in awe of nature. We take them back to Temperance, a river, and jump off cliffs. They come out with blood suckers on them. It's a big deal to them. It was not a big deal to me." She laughed.

"They were so impacted by the area, family history, the connection, they said they will return every other year," she said. "It's important to remember your roots."

From Natschke's roots she is sharing her nurturing ways which always begin with a deep cleansing breath.

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## Josh Romney to address club

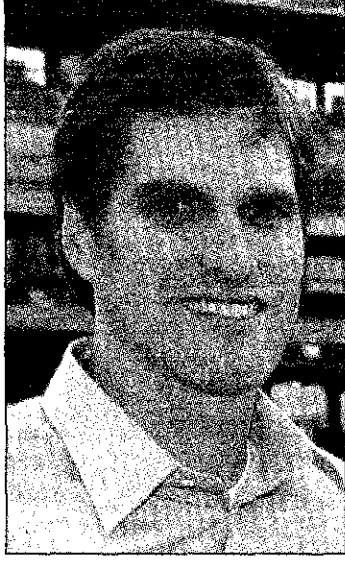
Josh Romney, son of presidential candidate Mitt Romney, will speak at the Eastside Republican Club forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Josh is very active in his father's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination and this is a great opportunity to learn more about Mitt Romney from the perspective of a family member," said, Eastside Republican Club Vice Chairman, Tom McCleary. "In politics the character of the man is as important as the qualifications."

Romney has traveled the country in support of his father's campaign and will bring the public up to date on its status.

Romney has worked as a real estate developer in the intermountain West since graduating from Harvard Business School in 2005. He recently formed a company, Romney Ventures, to pursue development opportunities throughout the West.

Previously, Romney worked as a manager of the Gardner Company in Salt Lake City,



Josh Romney

Utah. He managed the development of thousands of residential building lots and multiple commercial and retail development projects.

He and his wife, Jen, reside in Salt Lake City with their three children.

The Eastside Republican Club forum is regularly held on the third Tuesday of the month. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

For more information call Tom McCleary at (313) 882-2709.

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Books on the Lake

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Mary Kay Andrews, Nevada Barr and Stuart Kaminsky are the featured authors in this year's Books on the Lake series sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The event is scheduled for noon on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

To accommodate more people, a luncheon will be held in the Alger House and the Crystal Ballroom. Following the luncheon, the authors will speak in the Fries Auditorium.

Books will be sold before and after the program and book signings will take place in the Alger House library at 3 p.m.

Andrews is the New York Times bestselling author of "Savannah Breeze" and "Blue Christmas." She is a former reporter for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. She frequently lectures and teaches writing workshops at Emory University, The University of Georgia, and the Tennessee Mountain and Antioch writers workshops.

Her mysteries have been nominated for the Edgar, Anthony, Agatha and Macavity

awards.

Barr is the author of the best-selling Anna Pigeon series. Before publishing her first novel, "Bittersweet," in 1983, she spent 18 years acting on stage, in commercials and industrial training films.

It was working in the national parks, however, that prepared her for writing the Pigeon series which features a female park ranger.

Barr was awarded both the 1994 Agatha and Anthony awards for best first novel for her first Pigeon novel, "Track the Cat," published in 1993. She is currently working on the 14th novel in the series, set in Isle Royale, Michigan.

Kaminsky is author of 50 novels, five biographies, four textbooks and 35 short stories. He also has screen writing credits on four produced films including "Once Upon a Time in America," and "Hidden Fears," and has been nominated for six Edgar Allen Poe Awards.

Attendees will have a chance to enter a drawing to win "The Pampered Reader's Basket" door prize.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are on sale at the Grosse Pointe Library Central branch. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 200 or visit gp.lib.mi.us.

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

## Officials share views on the economy

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

With a combined total of 45 years at the helm managing the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Mayor Palmer Heenan and City Manager Dale Krajniak have ridden Michigan's economic roller coaster many times.

Perhaps this is why they view the state's present predicament with a combination of weariness and optimism.

Krajniak, a self-proclaimed optimist, is focusing on the future and views an economy on the rebound. He sees the small business sector being stronger than ever.

"Those who survived are entrepreneurs and have great ingenuity," Krajniak said. "They have downsized, while diversifying their products and expanding their customer base. They have been able to maintain equal revenue to cost."

Krajniak scans the economic landscape in Lansing through his CPA-trained eyes. While he contends the state needs to reduce its operating costs, he admits it will have a difficult time accomplishing its goal.

"It's easier looking from a distance," Krajniak said.

On the other hand, Heenan is more adamant about politicians taking responsibility for the weak economy.

"Business has learned to survive with making tremendously effective cuts in their overhead," Heenan said. "The government seems unable to face the problem."

*'The politicians have to tighten their belts.'*

MAYOR PALMER HEENAN,  
Grosse Pointe Park

Heenan believes raising taxes is not the way to solve the state's budget deficit. He said taxpayers are falling prey to the state legislators who are not fiscally responsible.

"Politicians have no concern for money that isn't theirs," Heenan said.

Heenan contends state lawmakers should follow the Park's example of making tough decisions to trim their operating budget.

A few years ago, the Park reduced the number of its full time employees from 96 to 86 to reduce the city's operating expenditures and provide its residents better community services, he said.

"Those 10 fewer employees reduced what we were paying in health care and pension costs which have become a very big portion our budget," Heenan said. "This has created capital to make the improvements we have made."

To attract new business to the state, Heenan said Michigan must become a right to work state — one in which an individual doesn't have to join a union to work.

"Unions control all the cost in our state," he said. "It's a high cost state in every aspect."

"Somewhere, somebody has to tighten their budgets. The politicians have to tighten their belts."

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Breuer's legacy discussed

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Marcel Breuer will be the topic of a lecture and slide show at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24 in the main reading room of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch.

"Marcel Breuer and Mid-Century Architecture," will be presented by Reed Kroloff, director of Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum.

In the early 1950s, W. Hawkins Ferry and his family commissioned Breuer to design a new central library for Grosse Pointe.

The library board is currently working on plans to renovate and expand the 54-year-old building.

During his presentation, Kroloff will discuss and examine Breuer's achievements as an architect and designer.

"We wanted to give residents the big picture of Marcel Breuer," said Diana Howbert, reference librarian. "Mr. Kroloff will give an overview of Breuer's career while putting it into a local perspective."

Kroloff's presentation will occur in Central's main reading room so attendees can look around the Breuer-designed building while Kroloff is speaking, she said.

"This will allow people to really appreciate Breuer's contribution to our library," Howbert said.

Breuer was an early member of the Bauhaus movement and is considered to be one of the fathers of Modernism. He is the creator of two of the most

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DIANA HOWBERT,  
Grosse Pointe reference librarian

copied chairs ever produced — the Wassily chair, the first bent tubular steel chair, and the cantilevered Cesca chair.

Breuer's architectural achievements include the UN-ESCO building in Paris and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City.

Kroloff is a former dean and professor at Tulane University's School of Architecture. He has served on numerous architectural boards and advisory councils, ranging from the Register of Peer Professionals of the United States General Services Administration to the Public Architecture Foundation.

He was the recipient of the American Academy in Rome's 2003 Rome Prize Fellowship.

Kroloff was editor in chief of Architecture Magazine from 1998 to 2002. Under his direction, the magazine received many awards for editorial and design excellence and became one of the country's leading design publications.

"He is a highly regarded lecturer," Howbert said. "It is a coup to get him to talk."

The program is free, but seating is limited. To register, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220 or visit gp.lib.mi.us.



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# Gearing up for trick or treat

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's Halloween costume rummage sale to celebrate Victory in the Pointes was a real crowd pleaser. More than 40 people were waiting for the Woods branch to open at 10 a.m. on the first day of the sale to get first dibs on a vast selection of gently used costumes. A majority of the items were sold within the first few hours of the sale which raised \$417. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Since the sale was a success, the library will start collecting for next year's sale immediately after this year's Halloween, said Kelly Fordon, president of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Modeling some of the costumes from the left are Karen Schwartz, Marcus Guerguis, Sebastian Cubillejo, C.J. Schwartz, Isabella Cubillejo and Johnny Godoshian..

# Murder at movies

"Murder and Mayhem" are coming to Grosse Pointe this fall during the Grosse Pointe Public Library's fall film series. Screenings will take place at 7 p.m., on three consecutive Tuesdays, starting Oct. 16, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. Alfred Hitchcock's "Dial M for Murder," starring Grace Kelly, Ray Milland and Robert Cummings will be featured Tuesday, Oct. 16. On Tuesday, Oct. 23, the Oscar-nominated film "Wait Until Dark," starring Audrey Hepburn, Efrem Zimbalist Jr., Alan Arkin and Richard Crenna, will be shown. Another Hitchcock film, "The Trouble with Harry," starring Shirley MacLaine, John Forsythe, Mildred Natwick and Edmund Gwenn, will run Tuesday, Oct. 30. All films are free, but seating is limited. To register, call (313) 343-2072 ext. 500.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By John Palffy

New service tax a loser

Any sensible economist or conservative knows the recent tax increases legislated under the direction of Gov. Granholm is bad news for the already teetering Michigan economy. The inanely crafted expanded sales tax on 23 selected services is, in particular, a cruel joke on Michigan workers.

Consider this defense of the tax offered to The Detroit News by State Treasurer, Robert Kleine, who said lawmakers took care to skip services that are deemed unavoidable, such as plumbing and car repairs. "It's discretionary only," he said. This is an admission of both the political gamesmanship and economic folly inherent in this new tax which, together with the new income tax, puts Michigan squarely in the top 14 of highly taxed states.

The good news about the service tax is that it will raise only a fraction of the projected revenue. The bad news is that the distortion the tax will inflict on Michigan jobs and business will cost more than the tax itself. As a result, it will prove to be a political, fiscal and economic failure.

Any economics student familiar with the concept of demand elasticity knows the tax is not only a loser, but an economic poison pill. Elasticity is an economic concept that measures the sensitivity of a services' demand in response to a price increase; e.g. how much will a tax hike reduce demand?

If the tax increase reduces demand significantly, then the service is demand elastic; demand will fall, jobs will be displaced, and tax revenues, if any, will not materialize. If the tax increase has an insignificant effect on demand then the service is demand inelastic; demand won't change, jobs won't be lost, and the state will collect its projected tax revenues.

Why is this important? Because an optimum tax will maximize revenue while minimizing distortion of economic behavior; e.g. tax demand inelastic services.

Revenue maximizing is an obvious objective, but why is minimizing distortion so important? Generally, whenever a tax causes individuals to change their behavior, it has a negative effect on the economy. If skiers enjoying going to Boyne Mountain, for instance, but find that with a 6 percent tax increase that Collingwood in Ontario is just as fun, convenient, and now relatively less expensive; guess where they go and guess who loses jobs?

Likewise, if someone decides to terminate their landscaping service due to the tax increase, another job is lost. Also consider the thousands of businesses who will now never migrate to or develop in Michigan due to the imposition of the new taxes.

The administration and legislature admit they jury-rigged the tax to hit "non essential" services. One has to question the political motives in the selected targets, but regardless of the perverse political motives, the tax, by definition targets only demand elastic services; meaning consumers can, and will, easily "opt out." Every time a consumer opts out, however, the projected tax revenue vaporizes; and worse; so does another Michigan's job — a double whammy Michigan can ill afford.

Since the services are, by definition, luxuries, consumers will choose to avoid the tax in droves. Perhaps they will just collude with providers to avoid paying the tax. After all, how many landscapers and astrologists are actually accountable to the taxman? So, not only will the tax turn thousands of consumers and small companies into tax cheats; it will divert economic resources to less valuable services. It will fall volumes short of revenue projections and will force thousands of workers out of productive jobs.

An interesting historical analogy is the federal "luxury tax" levied on expensive boats, cars and jewelry in 1991. Progressive congressmen thought it a great idea to raise taxes on the rich. What they failed to realize however, was that the demand for luxury items, especially yachts, is very elastic.

Rich people can find plenty of substitutes on which to spend their money. And they did. Yacht sales sank 77 percent in one year; and with them thousands of working class jobs that produced the boats.

By 1993 Congress finally grasped that, instead of taxing the rich, the luxury tax was costing middle class jobs and raising negligible revenue in return and it was abolished.

This is what happens when politicians try to craft policy on political ends instead of economic sense. With economic leadership like this is there any wonder the Michigan economy is dead last in the United States?

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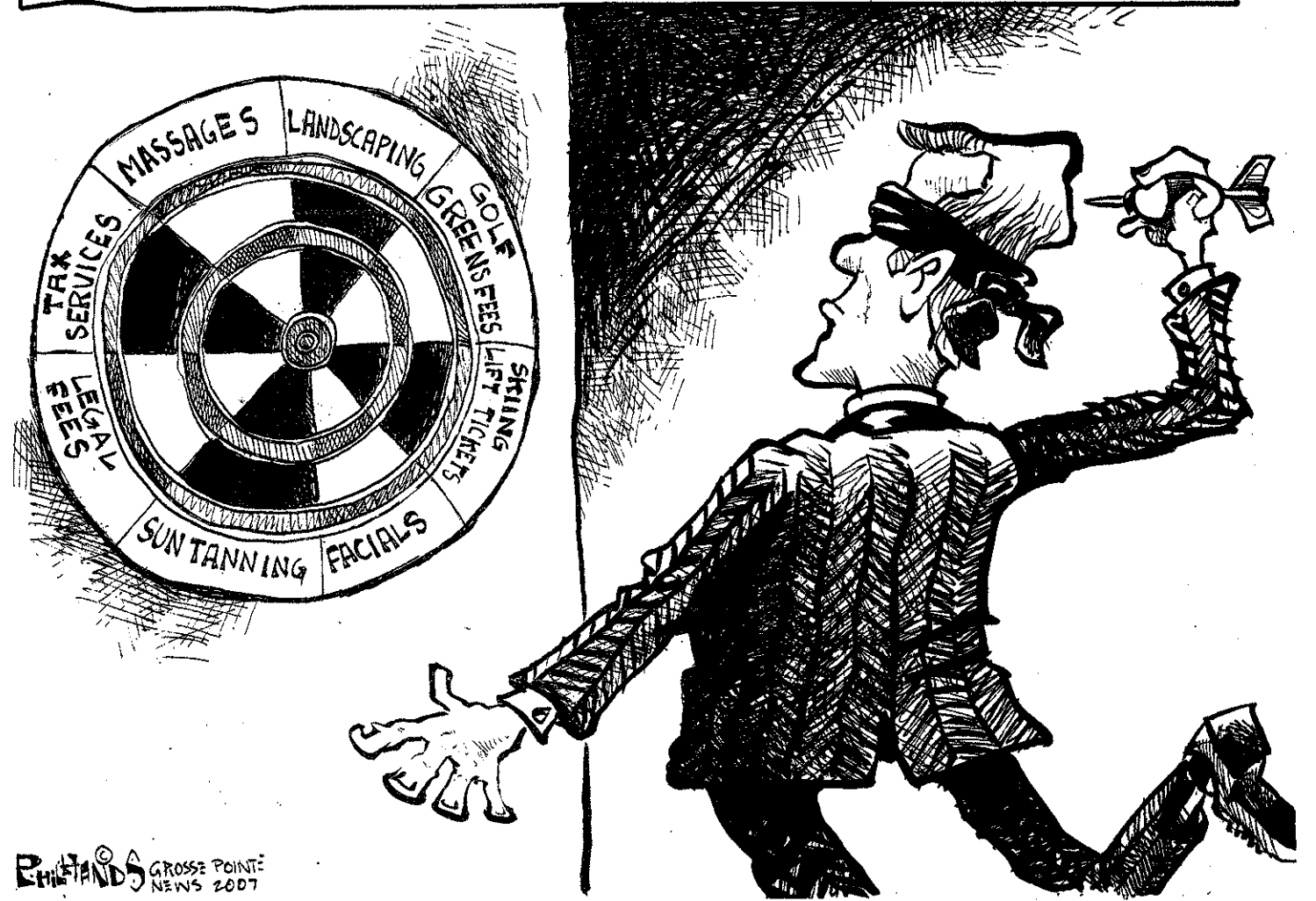
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EDITORIAL RESPONSE By State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms

What Gaffney was thinking

Last week the Grosse Pointe News asked in an editorial headline, "What was Gaffney thinking?" Well, I will tell you exactly what I was thinking.

First, I voted for a temporary increase in the state income tax from 3.9 to 4.35 percent. The tax begins to phase out in 2011 and is back to 3.9 by 2015. This additional revenue was needed to eliminate the state's \$1.7 billion budget deficit and prevented a crippling and costly state shutdown.

The threat of a shutdown was real. It was not a bluff or a political con.

Second, I did not vote for — nor do I support — extending the 6 percent sales tax to certain services, including business-to-business transactions. This is bad public policy, because it taxes job providers and discourages job creation.

Third, I supported \$440 million in budget cuts to reduce government spending. While many of these cuts will be painful, they are necessary to help alleviate the budget deficit.

Government did technically shutdown from midnight Sunday, Sept. 30, until 4 a.m., Monday, Oct. 1, but the vast majority of Monday's state services were operating. Almost all employees reported to work as normal.

This was critically important, as a true shutdown would have been a real disaster for taxpayers, state employees and business

owners. Michigan's credit rating would have taken a major hit as well, increasing long-term borrowing costs for years to come.

I was sick and tired of the petty political bickering that has stymied the Legislature for the past nine months. Both political parties sniping at each other rather than doing the right thing for the state has delayed the Legislature's action on the budget deficit. The battle became which party was going to control the House of Representatives and not which budget solution was best for the state.

I hate taxes as much as the next person. The only reasons I could vote for the increase in the income tax was that it was temporary and relatively small. Gov. Granholm had requested the Legislature enact an increase to 4.6 percent. The new rate is also lower than the rate Michiganians paid from 1984 to 1999.

It was a painful process, but ultimately I decided to break party ranks and do what I thought was right for the people of my district and the people of the state of Michigan.

I am still thinking I did the right thing. I believe voters elected me to make tough choices and difficult decisions. So far, I have been gratified by their support.

It is time to put the budget fiasco behind us. We must now work to create a climate to attract new businesses to the state. We should start by re-examining the recently enacted tax on services and push for more structural reforms in state government.

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Thanks for Victory in the Pointes

To the Editor:  
On behalf of The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce we would like to thank the entire community for supporting and enjoying Victory in the Pointes on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Ms. Carmen Kennedy, assistant principal and athletic director at Grosse Pointe North High School, along with the Grosse Pointe North Athletic Boosters Club worked very hard to make the tailgate, pregame and halftime festivities a huge success.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors planned and successfully showed more than 200 homes for sale and marketed our community in a very positive way.

Many businesses participated and planned successful events including Grosse Pointe Theatre, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Northern Trust in partnership with Grosse Pointe Artist Association, The Great Frame Up, The Hill Association, AT&T, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Lochmoor Club, Big Boy, Lucy's Tavern on the Hill, Chicken Shack, The Hill Seafood and Chophouse, City Kitchen, Just

Delicious, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Grosse Pointe Academy, University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe Libraries, Mutschler Kitchen, Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Grosse Pointe Athletic Club and Grosse Pointe News, Community Central Bank, SOC, Wild Birds Unlimited and The Family Center.

An event like this required the assistance of many people and we'd like to thank, Carmen Kennedy, Mary Bershchback, Lynne Pierce, Vicki Granger, Paula Nagel, Rosalie Kappaz, Joan Grassi, Wendy Richardson, Matt and Theresa Schaeber, Kristen Townsend Buisch, Karen Green, Rosann Kovalcik, Krista and Erik Anderson, Mike Mooney, Lisa and Dave LaGassa, Ted Huebner, Chris Boettcher, Mary Wells, Cathy Champion, Ed Lazar, Lois Palazzolo, Debbie Bigham, Tammy Kerber, Dale Holfeldt, Rhonda Welsh, Gary Lombardi, Gary Gowen, Frank Palazzolo, Sue Klein, Ryan Warren, Terry Solomon, Melissa Sharpe, Dick Huhn, Tracy Stevens, Connie Bukowski, Suzy Bershchback, Anne Marie Aliotta, Bobbi Sexton, Jay and Heather Harrington, Pete Birkner, Renee Landuyt, Mandy Wegner, Bob St. John, Laura Tumbarello, Anita Marini,

John Paul, Ann Fitzgerald and Jen Welsh.

Please accept our apologies if we have missed anyone who helped planned and participated in events.

We look forward to next year and welcome e-mails to info@grossepointechamberofcommerce.org with comments and suggestions to improve the next Victory in the Pointes.

MARY HUEBNER  
JENNY BOETTCHER  
PAT MILNE  
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Great Pointer of Interest

To the Editor:

This is in regards to James Turnbull the Oct. 4 Grosse Pointe News Pointer of Interest.

With due respect, as a friend for more than 30 years of the Turnbull family, his "Claim to Fame" far exceeds "president of the Players Club." He is exemplar in so much more.

A long time Grosse Pointe resident, over the ensuing decades, he has brought fun and happiness wherever he goes.

The room lights up when James arrives.

However, even more significant, checkout his and Sandra's offspring and their spouses — wow. Their children's meritorious accomplishments are noteworthy in their own right.

Of course, in fairness it has been said that "behind every great man there is a woman."  
SANDRA L. CHARFOOS  
Grosse Pointe Woods

Additional book sale thanks

To the Editor:

The following thank you's

were inadvertently left off the letter, "Thanks for annual book sale success," that was printed in the Oct. 4 Grosse Pointe News.

Thank you for printing our letter and for correcting this error.

Thanks goes to Dolly Moiseeff, editor of Signature magazine which celebrates Grosse Pointe life. The wonderful article in the August/September issue helped spark interest in our sale. We are grateful to Ms. Moiseeff for spotlighting our organization and annual used book sale.

To Fran Schonenberg, long-time American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe branch member and past president, thank you for the opportunity to talk about books and the book sale on the Services for Older Citizens show on channel 5. The interview helped us collect more than 500 boxes of books.

JOANNE MUALEM  
SALLY VOGEL  
MARGARET ALBER  
2007 American Association of University Women Used Book Sale Co-chairpersons

Lower taxes, better government

To the Editor:

I remember when Ed Gaffney came to speak to the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club several years ago. He spoke of lower taxes and better government to make Michigan a better business and "quality of life" environment.

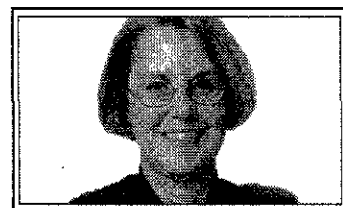
During open question and answer session following the usual political "schpeil," I asked Mr. Gaffney why the legislators don't take a pay de-

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I SAY By Ann Fouty

# 'Take 2' chases the past into the present



Grosse Pointe News. This is Ann," I said into the phone. "Ann? This is Buddy." "As I live and breathe. A blast from the past. Buddy. How are you?"

"I'm fine. I'm fine. How are the kids?"

"They're fine. Why are you calling? I'm so happy to hear from you."

My buddy, my friend and long-time colleague from another lifetime had called on a late Friday afternoon when I was wrapping things up. I hadn't seen him in years, though had kept up with his day-time career.

Buddy, with his childhood friends, had gotten into come-

dy and formed an act, making the southeastern Michigan circuit years ago, as a nighttime job. Some would say just being together they were comedy.

Having desks adjacent for long hours and a few years, I was familiar with his schtick. I was always intrigued with how he looked at life, a little jaded and a little off kilter.

"Ah, Ann?" he would say when we needed a break, "did you hear the one about the doctor?"

Inevitably it was funny and our side of the high-ceilinged newsroom would come alive with chuckles, chortles and guffaws. From the live stage, he and his compadres had moved to the big screen to bring his brand of humor to the movie-going public.

"We've taken it to the next level," he continued. "We've made a movie."

"No way," I reacted with surprise.

"Yeah, we did. And there is

a Grosse Pointer in it," he said.

Here is where I detected he wanted me to put on my professional hat. He needed a favor. Yep, the movie was premiering soon and the story had to get into the next issue.

"You're in luck," I told him, leaning back in my squeaky chair. "You have an inside track. You know a key player. You know me."

E-mail the press release and picture posthaste, I told him, promising I'd get into the paper.

He thanked me, caught me up on his extended family and signed off.

Tit for tat.

"Buddy, may I attend the premiere?" I later inquired.

Sept. 20, I put on my third favorite necklace and my favorite go-out-at-night blouse to walk the red carpet. OK. So the entire lobby was carpeted red, it's the imagery factor. I was going to see a premiere at a local movie theater.

The theater was filled with actors, supporters, families and friends; so many of them visibly nervous. There were flashbulbs popping everywhere, just like real paparazzi — though none pointed in my direction. There were people in suits and guests in jeans. There were women in strapless dresses, some in cocktail dresses and the rest clad for comfort. The row of teens behind me, wearing little black dresses, had to be from Grosse Pointe because my ears are still ringing from their enthusiastic vocalization whenever Grosse Pointe was mentioned.

Buddy took up the microphone saying he hoped we would enjoy the movie which had been filmed in 2006. The house lights dimmed and the movie, "Take 2" was on the big screen.

It's a story about four friends who made the biggest Hollywood flop. During its making, the friendships were

severed. Some 10 years later, enter stage left, the big-time stogy-chewing Hollywood producer who wants them to make a sequel to save him. He entices the one friend who made it big in Hollywood to sign on with our Grosse Pointer as the on-screen director. The director must mend fences with his estranged friends. In pursuit of this new dream, he mortgages his house, lies to his friends and his girlfriend dumps him.

The narrative familiar; the acting comfortable; the music appropriate. The routine in Dick's burger joint is too funny. Thank Buddy's comedy team for bringing that to the movie-going public. A void has been filled.

The chase scene, staged in a local hardware, has been done a hundred times. I never, repeat, never, get tired of seeing multiple people running either from or after one another, brandishing various objects above their heads in a

threatening manner. The chaser standing to one side as the chaser continues to run up and down the aisles in a vain attempt to catch the chaser.

The movie was a fun change from what I generally view at Lowe's — or the AMC. We laughed. We cried. We were shocked. We were horrified by "Take 2."

Let's try that again. (Take 2). I laughed, smiled and enthusiastically clapped when the credits rolled up, leaving the theater with "Yep, that's Buddy humor."

Now, I can't give Buddy all the credit; it's just that he's the one I know and I recognized some of the places where he filmed; in the Grosse Pointes, Detroit and near his home.

The "Take 2" stars won't be rubbing elbows with Steven, Matt, Brad or Clint any time soon, but they have my vote as comedic relief.

Let me know when "Take 3" is underway.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What do you like best about fall?

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



'The senses of fall, the colors, the aromas and the textures.'

LINDA ALLEN  
City of Grosse Pointe



'The colors, the temperatures, summer settling down and preparing for the holidays.'

ROSANNE MORROW  
Harper Woods



'The Westpark and all the other fall festivals.'

DIANE FINKEN  
Grosse Pointe Park



'Apple orchards, cider, hay rides, the trees and the scents.'

LEAH TAUBE  
St. Clair Shores



'The sun is softer and the light is more golden.'

NANCY DABNEY  
Detroit

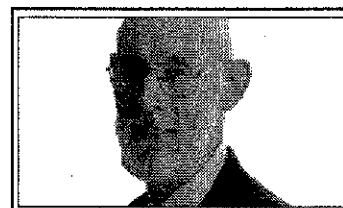


'Everything about it is great, it's not too hot or too cold outside and there's lots of pumpkin pie.'

JACOB PIZZO  
Harper Woods

FYI By Ben Burns

## Steve and Larry show worth checking



When Steve and Larry Najjar bought Farms

Market across the street from South High School 10 years ago, the skeptics said it would never be the same as the traditional neighborhood institution run for decades by the Moir family.

And they were right. The brothers have made what is now Fresh Farms Market even better; although you can still see touches of the Moir family's legacy if you look closely. (The Moir salt mix is still for sale at the meat counter.)

And when City of Grosse Pointe officials announced they were courting Trader Joe's to move into the old Jacobson's building and would rebuild the parking ramp to accommodate them, the Najjars accelerated their efforts to be the friendliest, most-accommodating, interesting place to shop in the area. They expanded the store without ever closing down, added a pizza oven, improved the already notable wine list and retained the personal first-name basis with the customers.

Molly Abraham, restaurant food critic, mentioned in Hour Detroit magazine in August the fact that the Najjars had hired Keith Supian, who was the chef at Van Dyke Place and more re-

cently at the Whitney, to be executive chef of the store's prepared foods department. The dishes like mushroom risotto, pork chops and lamb chops in that display case are a sight to behold.

Abraham reported that chef Supian worked for weeks to perfect the tomato sauce for the pizzas, and it paid off. If you haven't tried their New York-style thin-crust pizza, you should. It isn't cheap at about \$20 or so, but there is enough to feed four people.

And you can also get one of the best deli sandwiches in town, made to your personal order by Marcy Palmer, for about \$5. If you have a craving for something hard to find, Steve or Larry will track it down for you within a few days. We usually grab a couple sandwiches when we are headed out of town for the cottage.

### Be gentle

Retired elementary school principal, retired photographer and all around good guy Dick Kay, of the Farms, writes about retired dentist Art Molitar in a recent issue of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe Newsletter.

"Art Molitar is not the kind of dentist that little children fear," Kay writes. "He's a gentle fellow, much like Santa Claus. Some little children are frightened by Santa. I suspect they are the same children who are frightened by dentists. I don't think Art frightens anyone, especially any of his eight grandchildren."

But Kay does share this anecdote:

"Art tells us of one unforgettable little 6-year-old patient

who was very precocious and strong-minded. She announced to him, 'Dr. Molitor, before we start, I should tell you to be very gentle, I am a very sensitive child.'"

### Ecumenical

The Rev. Fred Harms from St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church at Lothrop and Chalfonte in the Farms is not your typical image of a Lutheran pastor.

His son, Erik, runs a micro-brewery in Warren and named a beer after his dad. Fred showed up once at 7 a.m. on a recent Friday for the Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in clown garb to practice his clown ministry, which is all done in mime.

But before launching into the silent routine, Harms explained the history of clown ministries and that there are actually books out on the subject.

He said the word "clown" traces to the English word clod, or a lump of soil, and is related to the word "klutz," which is someone awkward. He quoted Corinthians and said we should all be fools for God.

He said the white face of a clown symbolizes death, and the bright colors of eyes and mouth represent life. The clown comes from a three-ring circus symbolizing the trinity.

After drafting various breakfast club members as aides to his silent ministry done to background music that appeared to be an orchestral version of Copeland's "I Danced in the Morning," Harms explained:

"There are a lot of things you can do to cheer people up and make them feel happy."

His clown is named Rho-Chai for the first letters of the Greek alphabet, thus mirroring God, he said.

His beer, by the way, is called "Rev. Fred's Oatmeal Stout."

Upcoming programs at the men's breakfast at Grosse

Pointe Memorial Church include the Rev. Peter Lentine of St. Philomena Catholic Church this Friday; the Rev. David L. Brecht of St. Clare of Montefalco on Oct. 19, and the musical group, The Forum Shoppers, led by Judge William Giovan, on Oct. 26.

The breakfasts cost \$6 and start promptly at 7:30 a.m.

and conclude by 8:15 a.m. All are welcome. For more information contact President Richard Gross at (313) 881-2933 or at rk144@comcast.net.

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## LETTERS: Mind out of body event?

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crease. He took offense and was visibly outraged that I would dare ask such a question. My fellow Rotarians were embarrassed. I was quietly asked to be more respectful to our guest.

Well, as it stands now, we have higher taxes, courtesy of Ed Gaffney, and we still have lousy government in Lansing.

If the state of Michigan went into shut down, all of the legislators, including Mr. Gaffney, and the governor would go without a paycheck. Imagine that — legislators without a paycheck, oh my gosh, how cruel.

They would be unemployed like so many in Michigan. So proletariat. So bourgeoisie.

If the Grosse Pointes wanted someone who is to represent us in Lansing, to vote for higher tax rates, we would have voted for a high tax-and-spend Democrat.

Ed Gaffney did not represent us. It is my impression that his body was in Lansing; his mind was in outer space.

B.J. KHALIFAH  
Grosse Pointe Park

### Made the hard call

To the Editor:

We are fortunate to have

such a principled state representative as Ed Gaffney speaking for us in Lansing.

I'm sure every personal and political instinct he had was against voting for a tax raise. But he did what was best for Michigan.

He cast an unpopular vote so state government would not shut down, and more importantly, could continue to provide the level of government service needed and deserved by citizens.

Gaffney did what legislators are paid to do, and made the hard call.

Once the state is on its feet, taxes can be rolled back as they have been in the past. For now, though, the raise — along with government reforms and huge cuts in spending — was necessary to solve the crisis.

Some will blame Gaffney for his vote, but the rest of us should stand up and say, "Good going, Ed. Your courage and clear thinking are a credit to this district."

JAMES GERARDI  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Brave vote

To the Editor:

I know that the Grosse Pointe News couldn't resist the very funny pun when it called Rep. Edward Gaffney's vote to raise taxes a "gaff," "Gaffney defends tax gaff," Oct. 4 Grosse Pointe News.

Nobody could, particularly in Ed's constituency.

You gave a straight forward account of his whys and

wherefores with which I happen to agree.

On Sept. 27, the Wall Street Journal 'sounded the voice of doom: Raising taxes is no way to attract business. That is so, but neither is a state which shuts down because of legislative deadlock.

It would have been ultimately resolved, but does anybody care to say when? No matter what the time interval, the damage would have been done.

Considering the political stripe of the vast majority of Rep. Gaffney's constituency, he did a very brave thing. I congratulate him for his bravery and his vote. He'll get mine next time around — if there is a next time.

HUDSON MEAD  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Pragmatic solution

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News editorial headline on the first page regarding Rep. Ed Gaffney's vote gaff (sic) was not only ill-founded, but it also was spelled incorrectly. Gaffe was the proper spelling for the usage you applied.

I am proud that Mr. Gaffney found the pragmatic solution to this problem. No one wants to be taxed more — you, Mr. Gaffney, and especially me.

There were other solutions to the possible shutdown of the government, but none were employed because so many of our fair legislators were fearful for their own po-

litical futures. And, so many others of our representatives could not countenance withdrawing services and aid to those who needed it the most.

Given this set of circumstances, please consider the alternative: Closing government offices, a legal nightmare with the casinos, 35,000 people out of work with no unemployment office to assist them. We'd be in a real pickle then, Ollie!

You are correct — this is not a long-term solution. But I stand up for Mr. Gaffney's willingness to keep the state going, and I sincerely hope he is determined to work with whomever it takes to set this state back on its feet, whether it is creating a part-time legislature, removing pork from the barrel, revising estate taxes or whatever.

GWENN BASHARA SAMUEL  
Grosse Pointe Park

### The meaning of representative

To the Editor:

I have heard the rationale, reasons and excuses for why our "representatives" do what they do, but what I do not understand is why their constituents allow them to get away with a failure to represent.

It seems our House of Representatives is anything but.

Poll after poll showed the people of this state do not want higher taxes, but the lawyer crowd is above all that

representing stuff?

It seems as if our state senators fail to abide by our wishes, too. Maybe we should elect some non-lawyers. Some simple people. People that understand that represent means only that and to be elected as one does not make you a leader who tells us what we want and need.

JACK R. DANKO  
Grosse Pointe Park

### Pay for what we get

To the Editor:

We are "tax and spend" Democrats.

Now that we have your attention, let me explain what we mean.

There are many services that we expect our government to supply and to coordinate, such as highway construction and maintenance, good schools, and health services.

It is reasonable that we act together as a society to develop and administer these services for us all. It is also reasonable that we be expected to pay for these same services.

This is a "pay as you go" society. It would be unconscionable — listen former Gov. Engler — to run large state deficits and then expect our children and grandchildren to pay for them. It is also unconscionable to grant tax relief to the wealthy and expect the less well off to pay more than their share.

The Oct. 4 Grosse Pointe News editorial asks: "What

Was Gaffney Thinking?" While I often disagree with him, in this case he showed courage as well as good management skills in supporting the much required state income tax increase. The Grosse Pointe News was wrong not to see this and wrong not to support his actions.

Nor is Michigan the 14th state in tax burden that the Grosse Pointe News report. We rank No. 26 in state and local taxes as a percentage of total personal income — U.S. Census Bureau data.

Look at the amount of tax increase you are quibbling about. The estimated increase is \$207 for a family of four making \$50,000 for the total increase in taxes on services and income. That is about \$17 per month, less than three specially coffee drinks or one printer ink cartridge.

We need to keep things in perspective. We need to be willing to pay for what we get.

GORDON AND JUDY  
MORLAN

Grosse Pointe Park

### Gaffney and tax hike

To the Editor:

The answer to your question is that Rep. Edward Gaffney was thinking that additional revenue was needed by Michigan in addition to more cuts in services.

I am appalled at the broad criticism for the tax increase.

Where have all the critics been the last 15 years or more?

They must know that the income tax was at the 4 percent level. When former Gov. Engler kept cutting taxes the result was substantial decreases in services in mental health, social services, public safety, education, and cultural institutions such as the Detroit Symphony and the Detroit Public Library.

Cutting taxes sounds like a good idea, but when it reduces a major research library open to all in Michigan to a branch library, non-Detroiters resent having to pay to use it. Less obvious damage to mental health, etc., doesn't show up as readily.

Tom Walsh in the Oct. 4 Detroit Free Press acknowledged that Michigan reached the point of needing additional revenue. He also challenged the statistics such as those used by the Wall Street Journal on the true situation in Michigan.

The "no tax" mentality seems designed to starve government into irrelevance. After decades of tax cuts plus a dire economic condition, cuts alone will no longer solve the problem.

Mr. Gaffney showed leadership and courage and he should be commended for his statesmanlike vote.

ANN KONIAK  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Shutdown opens eyes

To the Editor:

Ed Gaffney, Republican state representative from Grosse Pointe Farms, class he didn't take his decision lightly to bolt from his party and give Gov. Grantham the one vote she needed to pass the tax increase and avoid a government shutdown.

Really? One of the fears facing a state government is that a shutdown would open people's eyes as to what precious the tens of thousands of government employees really can accomplish.

By court order, the casinos had already won the right to remain open. Also, a partial shutdown could have provided the absolutely necessary services for months, but alas, a partial shutdown doesn't have the emotional "It's for the children" impact.

A temporary tax? Please.

History clearly provides with hundreds of examples of temporary taxes that became permanent.

The federal income tax was enacted as a temporary tax to help pay for the war more than 70 years ago. It's still here longer than ever.

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## LETTERS: There is no free ride

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The Tennessee Valley Authority was created as a temporary measure to put people to work during the depression and harness the Tennessee river. Today, 75 years after its mission was completed, this agency is bigger than ever with a huge budget with thousands of employees.

And, the deepest cut of all, Ed Gaffney jumped party lines by accepting a bribe from Gov. Granholm for about \$1 million toward the Grosse Pointe educational fund.

I'm sure the dirt farmer in the U.P. will be pleased to learn where a portion of his tax increases went.

Ed Gaffney did find some support. Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Mark Willenweber applauded Graffney's vote. Where do we find these people?

BARRY BACCUS  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Gaffney deserves praise

To the Editor:

It is surprising that both the editors of the Grosse Pointe News and of the Wall Street Journal fail to appreciate the need to make investments. Rather, it appears that there is a desire to have a free ride. Unfortunately, as in lunches, there is no free ride.

Mr. Gaffney deserves praise, not condemnation, for his courage to vote for investment in our state and our communities. This investment will permit our state to address not only the needs of all of our citizens, but also the needs of those who wish to locate their businesses here.

Mr. Gaffney also correctly points out that a significant cause of the real estate market stagnation is the current property tax structure, a structure put into place in a misplaced effort to reduce tax burdens. Instead, the structure has provided a powerful disincentive to lateral moves within our communities.

STEVEN A. ROACH  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Economic decline needs balance

To the Editor:

Although no one likes tax increases, Rep. Edward Gaffney should be praised for his courage and balanced approach.

Isn't it way over the top to compare him to Judas Iscariot for casting a critical vote that helped resolve a budget stand-off? (Oct. 4 Grosse Pointe News Editorial Cartoon.)

Given the tough situation Michigan is in, I am willing to pay a small amount more on my state income tax. This small increase is coming after years of cutting income tax rates in Michigan. And after I deduct that from my federal taxes, it's not going to be much.

Compared to states such as Nebraska with a 6.84 percent state income tax rate, Ohio with a 6.87 percent top rate, California with a 9.3 percent rate (for middle incomes), Utah with a 7 percent rate, Michigan's income taxes are not excessive. In fact 39 states have higher income tax rates

on middle-income families.

Regarding the Wall Street Journal editorial, "Hail to the Taxers," the editors know pathetically little about recent Michigan history.

The economic decline in Michigan began in 2000 while John Engler was governor. We suffered a 2.5 percent loss in wage and salary employment in 2001 and a 1.7 percent loss in 2002.

Jennifer Granholm inherited a state in a mess when she took over in 2003. Engler ate up state budget reserves and let our roads slide into disrepair: A problem that we are now working to fix so that our manufacturers can get their product to market and vacationers can get to northern Michigan.

Our state government needs to balance the need for good roads, good schools, great universities, respect from the bond community, and a good quality of life with reasonable — not excessive — taxes.

When we re-elected Granholm, we clearly didn't want a slash-and-burn governor, but someone who could balance these conflicting needs.

DICK OLSON  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Lost touch with reality

To the Editor:

Over the past few years I have read with interest, several articles on the replacement of both the Grosse Pointe South High School pool and the Grosse Pointe Central Library.

Some of those articles stated construction amounts of approximately \$12 million and \$24 million, respectively.

The reality is that even though these amounts are staggering, they really didn't mean much to me, as the only comparison I could draw — until last week — is to a kitchen I had remodeled in our cottage for \$45,000.

Last week I had the opportunity to visit a colleague who is a part-time professor for Wayne State University and teaches in the evening at the newly constructed Harper Woods High School. I was awestruck by this facility. Even though it was smaller than North or South it was very well designed.

At 160,000 square feet it includes about 30 classrooms, two gymnasiums, an impressive — yet to be completed — auditorium, an eight lane competition swimming pool, an incredible commons, as well as the district offices and everything else you would expect in a modern high school.

What shocked me the most was the reported price tag of \$28 million. Surely I thought there must be some type of mistake. I dug a little deeper and I found not only was the price correct but that it also included new furniture and furnishings throughout, new computers, three new baseball fields, the demolition of the old high school, landscaping of the entire site, and the construction of a new lighted football stadium.

Now having something to compare to, I ask how is it possible that we can spend almost the same amount on just a library and almost half that amount just on a pool — or should I say natatorium?

Before you say, or think, that this would not be good enough for Grosse Pointe, I would ask you to go look for yourself. All brick, terrazzo floors, everything you could ask for, including a liquid crystal display pro-

jector in every room.

Truly a nice facility.

In these trying economic times, I would ask each of you: Do you now think that our school board and our library board have lost touch with reality?

To me the answer is as clear as the water in new Harper Woods swimming pool.

R. L. CLARK  
Grosse Pointe Shores

## Compassionate quotes

To the Editor:

Beth Quinn setting the record straight on Ellen Bowen? ("Setting the record straight — on Ellen," Oct. 4 Grosse Pointe News).

She lists quotes from nameless people at random functions?

Here are some other quotes for her:

"Ellen has done more for me than any other teacher I have had contact with."

"Ellen Bowen not only encourages her students, but she also instills in them patience and tolerance."

"My peers and I are blessed to be part of such a professional and nurturing program."

"Ellen is an excellent teacher and a good person."

"The lessons I learned from

Ms. Bowen profoundly impacted — in a positive manner — my developments as a student, as a person, and later as a professional."

"Ellen Bowen is the best teacher I ever had. She brought out confidence in me that I didn't even know I had."

"The care and devotion with which she leads our choir is beyond compare, encouraging us to be equally committed in our own lives. She strives constantly to teach us not only about the arts of music, theatre and dance, but also that of living a successful life beyond high school."

Those quotes are all from past and present students. There are many more. They can be found in a packet of letters that I personally delivered to the Grosse Pointe News last summer.

Dozens of letters were written by parents, students and alumni. They were positive letters and testimonials about Ms. Bowen and the good things she has done for our students and our community.

The letters were not about winning at any cost or awards. They were about kindness and compassion and working above and beyond what is expected of a teacher. They were written by the people who know her best.

Ms. Quinn chose not to include those comments.

Please do not insult these students and parents further by pretending that they do not exist, or exist as a small minority.

The vast majority of her hundreds of students completed the program thankfully and without incident. And, to insinuate that hundreds of students and parents each year are routinely humiliated, berated and frightened by Ms. Bowen is as insulting as it is absurd.

The unfortunate incident that resulted in Ms. Bowen's misdemeanor conviction did not involve a student, did not happen during school and was not related to her teaching ability or record.

The fact that the media has dug around in her files and splashed incidents — mostly from 1999, that involve one student and his vindictive family — throughout the community is astounding.

Has Beth Quinn thought about what kind of an effect that has had on Ms. Bowen's current students? Does she know just how devastated they are after reading her opinions?

Does Beth Quinn have students involved in the choir program? Has she ever been to one of the concerts? Have the nameless sources quoted in

her piece ever had first hand experience with Ellen Bowen? Probably not.

What amazes me about this entire ordeal is just how many individuals feel that they can speak with definitive authority on a person they have never met and a program they have never experienced.

The Grosse Pointe News, once likened the "Ellen" situation to a song from "The Sound of Music." "The Crucible" would be a more appropriate comparison.

ELLEN DOYLE  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## 'I Say' says what many feel

To the Editor:

In regard to the "I Say" printed in the Oct. 4 Grosse Pointe News, "Setting the record straight — on Ellen," there are many of us who couldn't agree more.

To us "the end does not justify the means," look at our Olympics today.

There is no place for bullying in our schools either by students or teachers. It is high time someone spoke out.

Congratulations to Beth Quinn for saying what so many of us feel.

LINDA LAWRENCE  
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## Lake St. Clair International effort

Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, and Curtis Hertel, director of the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority, have been named co-chairs of the Lake St. Clair Blue Ribbon Commission International Cooperation Committee.

The 40-member Lake St. Clair Commission has been charged with developing a more regional focus on the lake's environmental quality.

One of the committee's goals

is to establish a Lake St. Clair International Alliance.

"Government officials around the lake need a forum to share water quality data and to better coordinate and sustain our environmental initiatives," said Heise. "Lake St. Clair is a tremendous environmental asset for Wayne and Macomb County and a major source of drinking water for southeast Michigan and Ontario, we need an international approach to protect this precious resource."

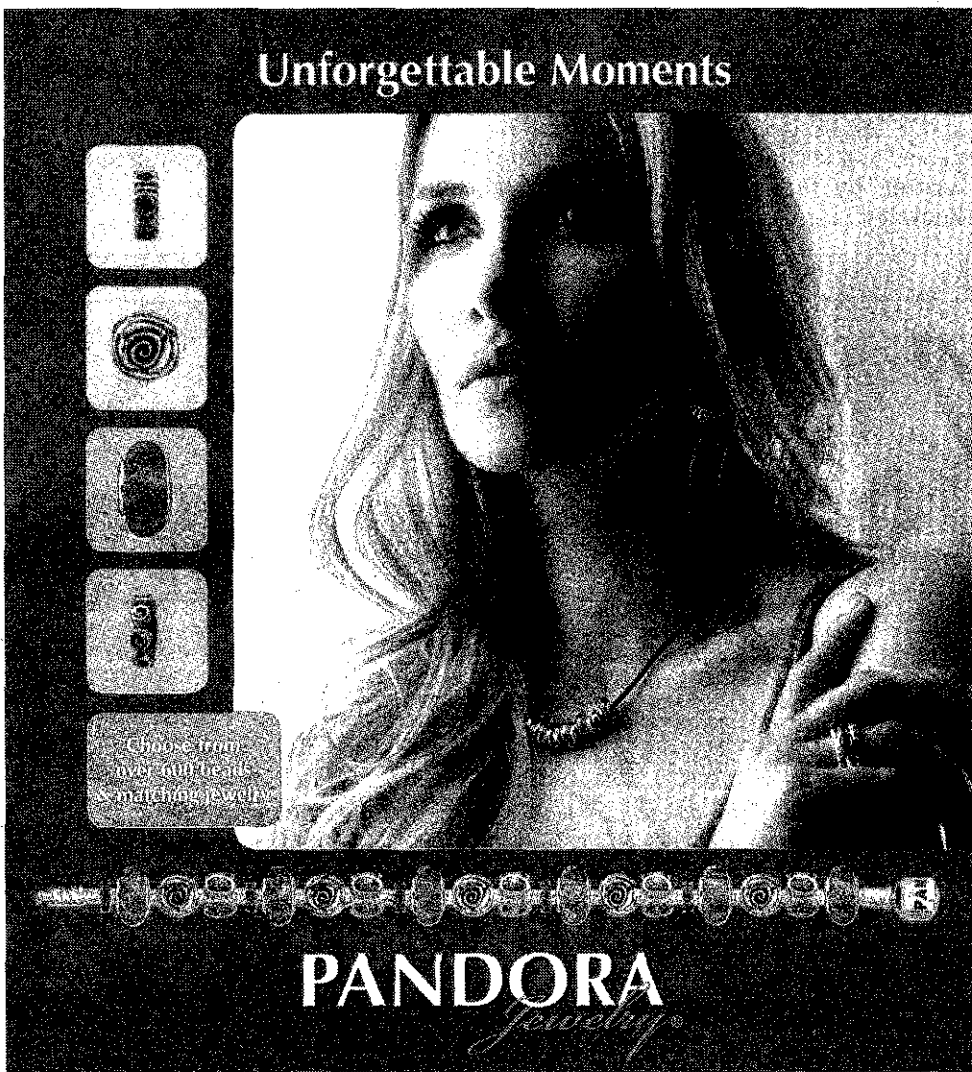
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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Schools feast on tailgate

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North High School's parking lot was transformed into the city's largest-ever tailgate party last weekend.

The event was one of the key components of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Victory

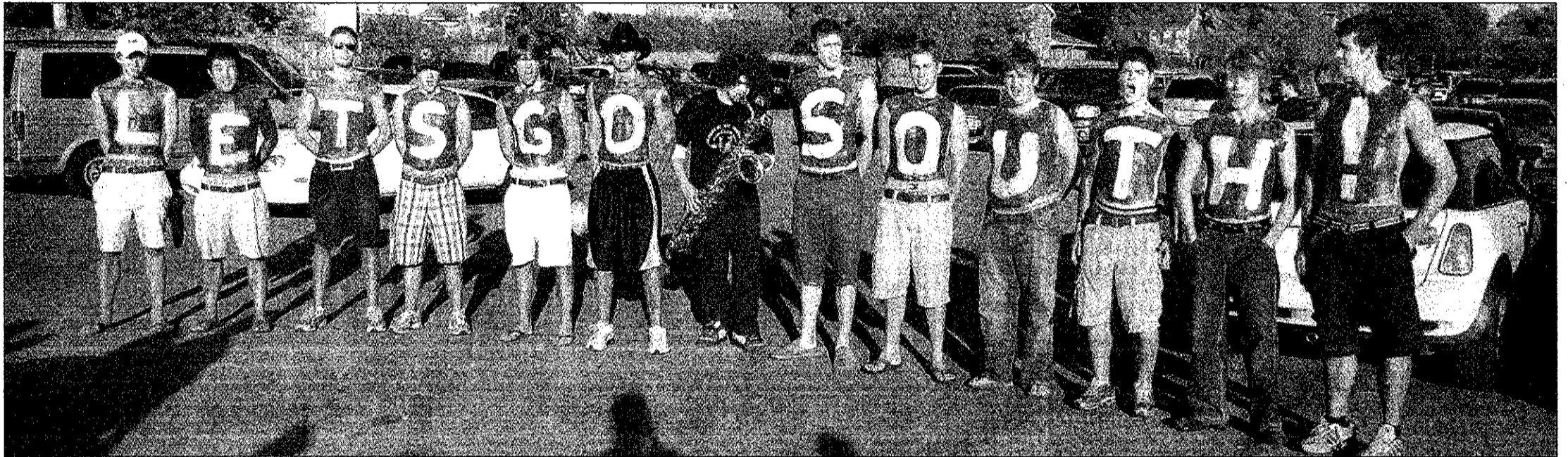
in the Pointes celebration. It brought residents throughout the Pointes together to celebrate camaraderie and the North-South varsity gridiron game.

"I want everyone to buy food at the tailgate party, buy a home in Grosse Pointe and help us celebrate Grosse

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Above, Grosse Pointe South students, from left, Vince Muniga, Evan Hall, Tom Smale, Brian Campbell, Jack Sklarski, Brian Barclay, Cameron Ferguson, Tim Quinn, Nick Ryder, Tripp Kennedy, Doug Esse, Beau Yavor and Arthur Griem got into the school spirit in support of their

varsity football team. Top, Grosse Pointe North seniors, from left, Lauren Nixon, Lane Mowbray and Dana Grimm showed their school spirit during Grosse Pointe's largest-ever tailgate party.

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## TAILGATE: Event fun for everyone

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Pointe tonight," said chamber President Mary Huebner.

Tailgaters had an opportunity to sample food offered by Grosse Pointe eateries Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, Just Delicious, Big Boy, Lucy's Tavern on the Hill, Chicken Shack, Lochmoor Club, City Kitchen, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and The Hill Seafood and Chop House.

"This is a wonderful event, bringing Grosse Pointers together to enjoy some company, eat good food and watch a good football game," Grosse Pointe Woods city councilmember Vicki Granger said. "It was nice to help out during this community event. Everyone is a winner tonight and this weekend."

"This is a chance to bring Grosse Pointe together," added Woods councilmember Dona DeSantis-Reynolds. "This is a family type event that helps highlight the great things Grosse Pointe has to offer, in-



cluding a great school system.

"I tip my hat to the chamber of commerce for doing a great job."

The tailgate celebration began at 5:30 p.m. and ran until 7:30 p.m. Kickoff was 7 p.m. and three hours later, the Norsemen used a late defensive stand to thwart the rival Blue Devils, 20-14.

The crowd of more than 4,000 nearly cleaned out the food vendors and every cold pop and water was consumed.

time," said Grosse Pointe Shores resident Kathy Nixon, who attended the event with Woods resident Carolyn Kurtz.

Hundreds of South and North students showed up at the event wearing their school colors.

Nixon's daughter, Lauren, a senior at Grosse Pointe North, also attended the tailgate and game with friends.

"I wouldn't miss the North-South game and the tailgate party made it even better," Lauren Nixon said.



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Above, Grosse Pointe North seniors, from left, Lizzy Rewald, Sarah Cullen, Christine Klein, Meredith Chicklas, Lauren Nixon and Abby Wittenberg show their school pride during the tailgate festivities. Above left, Grosse Pointe Shores' Kathy Nixon, left, and friend Carolyn Kurtz enjoyed the tailgate party.

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## North concert

The Grosse Pointe North Choir performs at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center. The concert's theme is Hope for Resolution under the direction of Mandy Mikita Scott and features the entire North choir, including the Vocalese and Acafellas. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students and seniors. Children 5 and under are free and can be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack or at the door. Gold cards will be accepted. For more information, call (313) 882-7774.

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## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

### Foundation nets victory

A basket each of Grosse Pointe North and South goodies were raffled off during the Victory in the Pointes North-South Football Game tailgate taste fest.

Many entered the raffle sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, an independent, non-profit organization that secures private, supplemental funding to support and enhance the academic and enrichment programs in the

school district.

Winners of the baskets were:

◆ Jim Howe, resident and district teacher. He is also the father of three Grosse Pointe South graduates.

"In light of ongoing budget cuts, it is nice that we have the foundation whose goal is to keep our schools up to the quality they always have been," he said.

◆ Mariann Channell, a Grosse Pointe Shores resi-

dent, alumnus of Grosse Pointe North (1972) and the mother of a current Grosse Pointe North senior and a North graduate. "I applaud the great work of the foundation and encourage alumni and community members to get involved and support this important and worthy cause," she said.

To find out more about the foundation, call (313) 432-3058 or visit [gpschools.org/foundation](http://gpschools.org/foundation).

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

### Enrollment stays level

Enrollment throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System has remained steady.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business and support services, said the overall number of students is slightly down from projections made before the school year began.

"The enrollment is only down 28 students from our projections," Fenton said. "The good thing is that our enrollment is up at the elementary level and those students tend to stay in the district."

Enrollment numbers were taken from February 2007 to September 2007. A second student count will take place in February 2008.

The actual enrollment at the elementary schools is 3,446;

middle school is 1,971; high school is 3,170 and special education is 247 for a total of 8,834.

Superintendent, Suzanne Klein, reminds parents who

haven't registered their children with the district to do so as soon as possible, so their child or children can be included in the enrollment count.

— Bob St. John

## MASON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### School hosts festival

The Mason Elementary PTO hosts its annual Pumpkin Fest "fun"raiser on Saturday, Oct. 13.

In addition to buying pumpkins, kids can bob for apples, paint pumpkins, play games, enjoy donuts, pizza and cider, and win prizes.

The event is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mason Elementary is located at 1640 Vernier approximately four blocks east of Mack. Free parking is available in the parking lot adjacent to the school. For more information, call Melissa Bunker at (313) 886-9074.



## GROSSE POINTE PARK

# Perry's Vital Healing enlightens patients

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Mind and body, body and mind. They coincide, just ask Grosse Pointe Park resident Ruth Perry, owner of Vital Healing in the Park.

Her business has been steadily growing since it moved from St. Clair Shores to Jefferson.

"My number of clients is raising, thanks to word of mouth and being visible in the community," Perry, 61, said. "I think my ability to give my patients different types of healing is an advantage."

"Using the modalities of massage, CranioSacral therapy and Esoteric Healing (bio-energy balancing), I can access any part of the body for healing. These therapies are a winning combination and I believe they compliment conventional medicine, and speed the healing process."

Perry wanted to expand her horizons and enrolled in college, earning a bachelor's degree in art history from Michigan State University.

She realized attaining a career in art history would be a challenge, so she returned to school where she earned a post-degree certificate in occupational therapy from Wayne State University.

"I have always been interested in helping people and being an OT allowed me to do that on a daily basis," Perry said. "It's very rewarding to help a person heal and improve their quality of life."

She has taken the healing process to a new level, an esoteric level.

Perry graduated from massage school in 2001. She studied CranioSacral Therapy and Esoteric Healing, a bio-field energy balancing therapy.

"All of the work I do complements each other," she said. "I use these medicinal treatments for my clients. It's to their benefit."

Esoteric healing is slowly being recognized by medical



PHOTO BY SUSAN YESENKO

Ruth Perry, left, performs therapy on a client during a recent appointment. She uses occupational therapy, as well as esoteric healing to help heal her clients.

doctors.

Perry believes energy fields surround and permeates all living things and is the scaffolding for the structure of the physical body.

Within the energy field of each person are seven major centers, she said.

Each of these centers energize or vitalize its related nerve centers, endocrine gland and internal organ system (for example, the digestive and circulatory systems).

It is within this energy field that the cause of disease seems to be located, Perry believes. Through training, Perry has learned to recognize areas that are weak or congested within the energy field.

By using various balancing techniques, she can bring the patient's energy field to a more

flowing and healthy state. She does this by sensitizing her hands and inner perception to examine the field in detail to find alternatives in the energy field, then rebalances the field.

"I readjust the energy field so the body can heal itself," Perry said. "The body is an amazing creation. Besides our dense physical body with its elaborate systems, it consists of four 'subtle bodies' of the energy field called the etheric, emotional, mental and spiritual body.

"There can be a block of deficiency in any one of the subtle bodies," Perry said. "That, over time, results in symptoms or disease in the physical body, or presents as mental illness."

Through her therapy, Perry has treated a variety of ailments, including a stroke,

Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, chronic fatigue, migraine headaches, digestive disorders, high blood pressure, respiratory illness, pre and post surgical energy balancing, as well as muscle and joint pain.

Vital Healing is slowly catching on throughout the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities, she said.

"I have clients coming from the tri-county area to receive therapy," Perry said.

Her background includes memberships in the Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals, National Association for Esoteric Healing and National Acupuncture Detoxification Association.

How does therapy work? Using Esoteric Healing en-

ergy balancing, Perry doesn't touch the client, but works within the energy field at variable distances away from the body.

CranioSacral Therapy consists of a light touch usually along the spinal column and the cranial bones.

During both methods, the client is fully clothed lying on a massage table. The treatments last approximately 45 minutes in a warm, comfortable atmosphere.

The latest healing method Perry has studied is an Auricular Acupuncture technique called the "wellness protocol."

This protocol is used primarily for detoxification purposes such as drug, alcohol, and nicotine.

This technique is very effective

for relapse prevention from drugs and alcohol addiction, as well as assisting smokers in their efforts to quit, Perry said.

Acupuncture is the world's oldest science and has been in existence for 3,000 to 5,000 years.

The tiny acupuncture needles are the finest filament steel available and are sterile and pain-free.

According to acupuncturists, there is an extensive and complete energy system through the body along 12 main meridians and more than a dozen lesser meridians. When this system flows freely, the body is in balance and healthy.

Interruptions and blockages in these normally free-flowing energy streams cause illnesses and other discomforts, they say.

The needles are inserted to get the energy flowing freely and restore balance to the body.

Michael O. Smith M.D., created a wellness protocol to mainstream acupuncture, Perry said.

His wellness protocol five points are:

- ◆ Shenmen or spirit gate, which is used for calming and relaxing. This point connects mind/body/spirit, which in Chinese medicine are considered all one.

- ◆ Sympathetic, which is used for relieving tension. It also has a calming effect on the digestive system.

- ◆ Liver, which is used to detoxify the body and emotions.

- ◆ Kidney, which is used to strengthen and tonify the body, accessing the body's wisdom and releasing fear.

- ◆ Lung, which is used to help open respiration, facilitating inspiration of pure, fresh air and emotions and exhalation of impurities and release of negative emotions.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Perry at (586) 944-1886.

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

## Talbots excels in clothing drive

Talbots of Grosse Pointe collected so many items in its clothing drive for Jackets for Jobs Inc that customers were asked to stop.

Organization CEO Alison Vaughn told the retailer Jackets for Jobs no longer had space to stock all the donations.

"This is a 'good problem' to have," said Vaughn. "It's so nice to know that there are so

many people with caring heart. Our office is overflowing with donated clothes from Talbot's customers."

Jackets for Jobs Inc is a non-profit organization that provides career skills training, employment etiquette and business attire, to low-income individuals. Since opening in 2000, the organization has assisted more than 6,000 individuals with employment.

This high profile organization has been supported and applauded by Donald Trump, ABC's "The View," NBC's "The Today Show," and Oprah's O Magazine. The organization also had the honor of ringing the closing bell on NASDAQ.

Talbots asked its clients to become partners in the effort by bringing in gently worn business suits to Talbots in

Grosse Pointe in September and October.

"We are recognizing the good works of Jackets for Jobs Inc and were very pleased with the help of our generous customers to contribute to its continued success," said Molly Murphy, assistant store manager of Talbots of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Talbots at (313) 884-5595.

## Ford II to discuss topics at event

Edsel B. Ford II will speak at noon Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Ford will discuss One D, an initiative to transform regional Detroit into one of the world's great regions.

The event is part of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Speaker Series.

Reservations can be made by calling the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce at



Edsel B. Ford II

(313) 881-4722.

The fee is \$20 per person and includes lunch.

## Jewelry show slated for Patterson Park

Sophia Lingon and Lisa Andrews of High Strung Jewelry will display their award-winning jewelry from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13, and 14, at the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

Customers will also be treated to cakes and cookies provided

by So Good Foods.

"Prices range from low to high for our pieces of jewelry made with silver work, crystal, amber, natural stones and more," Lingon said. "Our unique pieces are displayed at the Greenhouse Salon in Grosse Pointe Farms if anyone wants to take a look."

## MiFleet program gets kick start

A statewide pilot program with Consumers Energy will help the company manage its large vehicle fleet.

Called MiFleet, the program saves Consumers Energy the trouble of putting new registration tabs on its hundreds of vehicles across Michigan each year.

Instead, the company receives special license plates with the word "Fleet" across the bottom.

The plates do not require tabs and can only be attached to vehicles displaying Consumers Energy's name or logo.

"With MiFleet, Consumers Energy can keep its registrations current for hundreds of vehicles spread across Michigan without having to put a tab on each one," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

"This is a great example of helping Michigan companies so they can stay focused on being globally competitive."

The fleet plate program is

expected to expand to all businesses that have large fleets once the Secretary of State's office completes its ongoing technological upgrade. Michigan would be one of a handful of states to offer fleet plates for business.

Once the full program begins operating, it will reduce the number of transactions conducted at branch offices resulting in faster service for other Secretary of State customers.

Jackson-based Consumers Energy is expected to have about 1,800 participating vehicles in the program.

Scott Weber, director of fleet operations for Consumers Energy, said that the company has been pleased to partner with the state on this project, as well as on a variety of licensing concepts.

"It's always exciting when collaboration and teamwork come together to provide benefits to both organizations," Weber said.

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## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Palonis takes decorating to new heights

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Remodeling homes is a popular alternative to putting a house up for sale.

City of Grosse Pointe resident Dyane Palonis, celebrating a decade of independent work, is committed to her business, Dyane Interiors.

"I don't ever feel I ever work a day in my life because I love what I do so much," Palonis, 51, said. "I have a passion for decorating and helping people make their living spaces a better place to spend time."

Palonis recently teamed up with builder Brett Armstrong, owner of Armstrong Homes, to show a house in the 38000 block of Primrose Lane in Harrison Township.

"I worked with Brett before on a project that was very successful," Palonis said.

"This was a great way for me to show everyone my talent as an interior designer."

"I work within everyone's budget and I like to get input from each client to make their visions and my visions come together to form one nice project."

The Armstrong home was French in style with a dash of Palonis in every nook and cranny that had visitors talking.

"Dyane has an open, personal approach to interior design in a calming atmosphere, while accomplishing clients' overall goals," Armstrong said.

"She has the ability to listen to a client's desires and create a finished look that repre-

sents what the client wants, not what the designer feels they should have."

Palonis offers hourlong consultations for new home construction, renovation projects, floor plan designs, furnishing, draperies and color coordination.

She grew up in Detroit and spent many hours with her grandmother, who she said got her hooked on interior design.

"Wherever we would go, she would tell me to look at that color or that design," Palonis said.

"It didn't take me long to realize this is what I would love to do throughout my life."

Palonis spent a couple of years taking classes at Northwood University. She also worked at Jacobson's and Forester's Interiors in design before going independent.

Her work was featured on Fox 2 in Lucy Nolan's segment "Designing for the Sexes, and how to get started and work together."

Other career highlights include designing projects for Fritts American Bistro in Mount Clemens, Erin Blashel in downtown Detroit, and V.I.P. Homes in Shelby Township.

In the Grosse Pointes, Palonis worked on the Spatafora family home and Thurber family kitchen.

Palonis continued to work while raising a family and staying active in community projects, such as the Junior League of Detroit Biannual Show House, Grosse Pointe

Public School System fundraisers and residential projects through referrals.

Palonis has won awards



Dyane Palonis, above, stands in front of the home she decorated for builder Brett Armstrong.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Greatways provides honeymoon

By Ann L. Fouty  
Acting Features Editor

And the winner is ... Greatways Travel, Inc. of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The travel company was chosen by popular vote to send honeymooners Jessica and Cody Helgeson to the tropical North Island in the Indian Ocean for a week's stay in a 460 square meter villa.

The couple were married Oct. 5, on NBC's "Today Show."

Each portion of the Martha Stewart wedding on NBC was chosen by the public — the bride's dress, the cake, the attendants gowns, etc.

According to Greatways Travel president Phoebe Weinberger, NBC narrowed down about 30 honeymoon entries to four. Viewers chose between a trip to Argentina and Uruguay, India, Turkey and Greatways' entry, the Seychelles Islands.

NBC, Weinberger said, contacted Virtuosos, one of the top travel agencies in America of which Greatways has been a member for 20 years. In turn, individual agencies were contacted and asked to pull a honeymoon package together, keeping in mind what the honeymooners requested.

"What I have seen in 90 percent of the newlyweds was they just want to go somewhere and relax," she said.

And who couldn't relax in what Weinberger selected?

A trip aboard British Airways took the couple to the archipelagos Seychelles, a group of 115 islands midway between India and Africa.

The newlyweds were to have been met by government officials because they were so excited by all the attention, Weinberger said.

The Helgesons were to take a 15-minute private helicopter ride to North Island for a stay in a private ylang-ylang thatched roof villa with a butler, a handcrafted king size bed and Balinese chairs.

Accommodations included indoor and outdoor showers, a massage table and a "squishy" couch. They can swim in a private pool or in the ocean off one of four white sandy beaches.

They will have the opportu-

nity to bask in 80 degree weather, go snorkeling, SCUBA diving, mountain biking, sea kayaking, hiking and take a sunset cruise.

As for meals, the couple will be dining on native foods of fresh fish, bananas, pineapples and star fruit.

On Friday, Oct. 5, Weinberger invited her colleagues to her house to hear which trip had won.

"It was a team effort," Weinberger said of the entry. "We were cheering so much I didn't hear a lot of it."

When the group calmed down, they discovered theirs was the trip the couple had wanted, doubling the travel agent's pleasure.

All documents were

FedExed out Friday morning Saturday, Oct. 6, on their honeymoon valued at \$65,000.

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**HOWLE**

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### CONTINUING PRIORITIES

#### Televise City Council Meetings

to improve communication for better citizen participation and to maintain transparency in government.

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to ensure the Mack Avenue shopping district remains healthy and provides variety.

#### Enforce City Ordinances & Laws

using all available resources to maintain a safe, clean and protected community.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Instrumental in developing the new GPW Rental Ordinance
- Supportive of St. John expansion to anchor south end of GPW
- Pushed to widen Sunningdale Park Drive for safer student pick up
- Empowered staff to seek grants resulting in improvements worth \$5 million



#### Personal Life

Lifetime GPW resident • Married to Michael for 22 years and mother to Allison (17) and Cameron (16), Grosse Pointe North High School Students • Daughter of Mary Pinkos and former Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Ben Pinkos

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BA - University of Michigan • MA - Oakland University • JD - University of Detroit Mercy School of Law  
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# Victory Pointes a touch

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce kicked off the celebration with a fund-raiser down during last weekend's inauguration. "We're getting a lot of positive feedback," Huebner said. "The Grosse Pointe celebration attracts thousands of residents and a lot of media attention."

The four-day celebration kicked off with a sale at the three Grosse Pointe malls. The event at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Center was the largest.

The Hill Association held a sidewalk sale on the Hill. The event was the tailgate party at Grosse Pointe North vs. South varsity gridiron game. Several area restaurants were open for tailgaters.

"Carmen (Kennedy) deserves a lot of love for her tailgate party together," Huebner said. "We know we can make this event fun for everyone."

In addition, Friday night was the fund-raiser at Northern Trust Bank in Grosse Pointe Park. On Saturday, Oct. 6, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce held a raffle called Wheel 'N Deal, and the house for interested parties to watch the game.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society published a book about the rich history of the Grosse Pointes. Local artists had their works on display. "We had a great crowd and we had a great time," she said.

"Friends, family and local residents were in attendance. I hope the celebration was a success. During the final day, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce had more than 200 houses for sale throughout the Grosse Pointes. Parcels at Grosse Pointe South High School, Parcels at Grosse Pointe Park each held an open house.

Lake Front Park, Pier Park and Municipal Park were open to the public. Participants enjoyed four straight days of fun. The tailgate party attracted 4,000 spectators. "We had a perfect night for this event," said High School principal Tim Bearden. "The event went off without a hitch."

Huebner said plans for next year's celebration will most likely include a football game.



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Shoppers took advantage of a warm October day to explore sidewalk sales on the Hill.

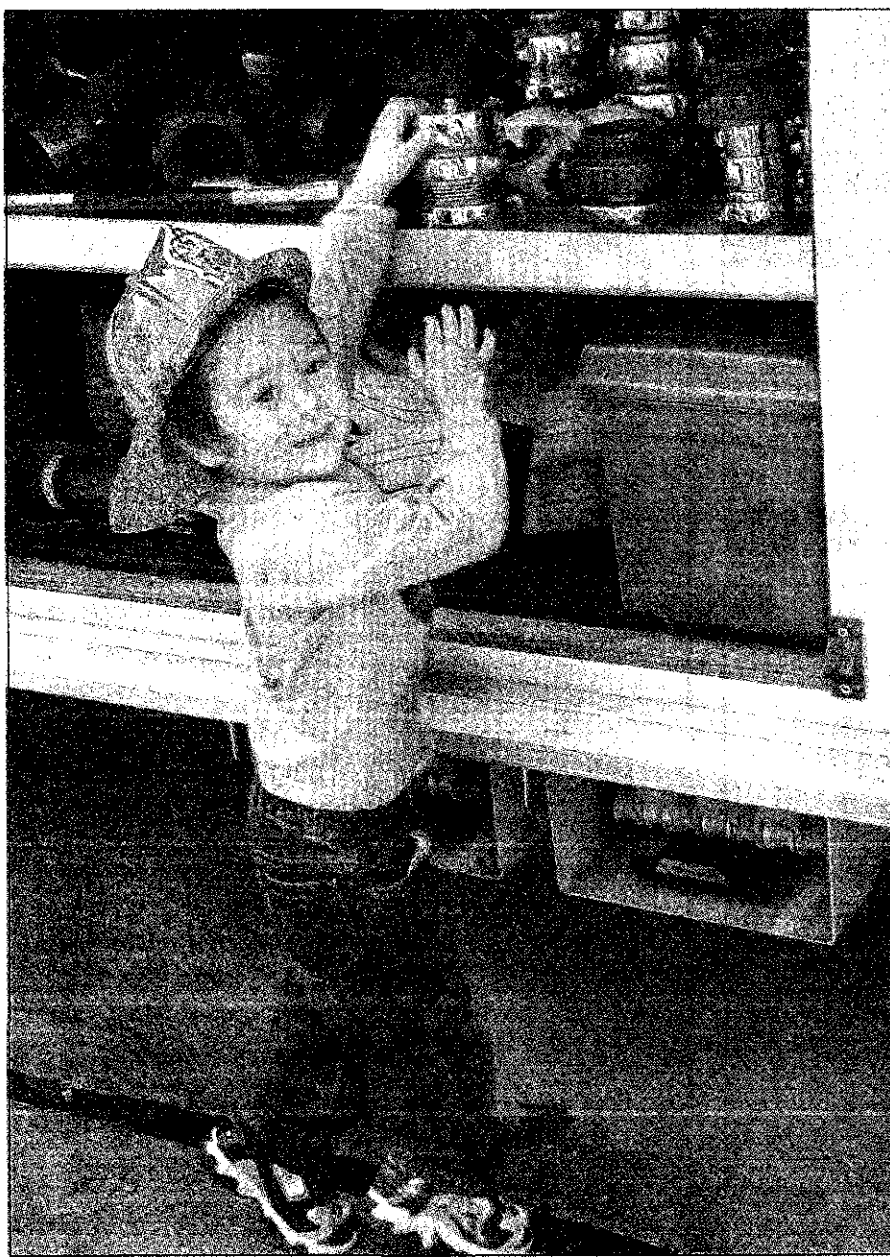


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Gabriel Le, 3, inspected the fire equipment on a Grosse Pointe Woods fire truck during the open house noting fire prevention week.

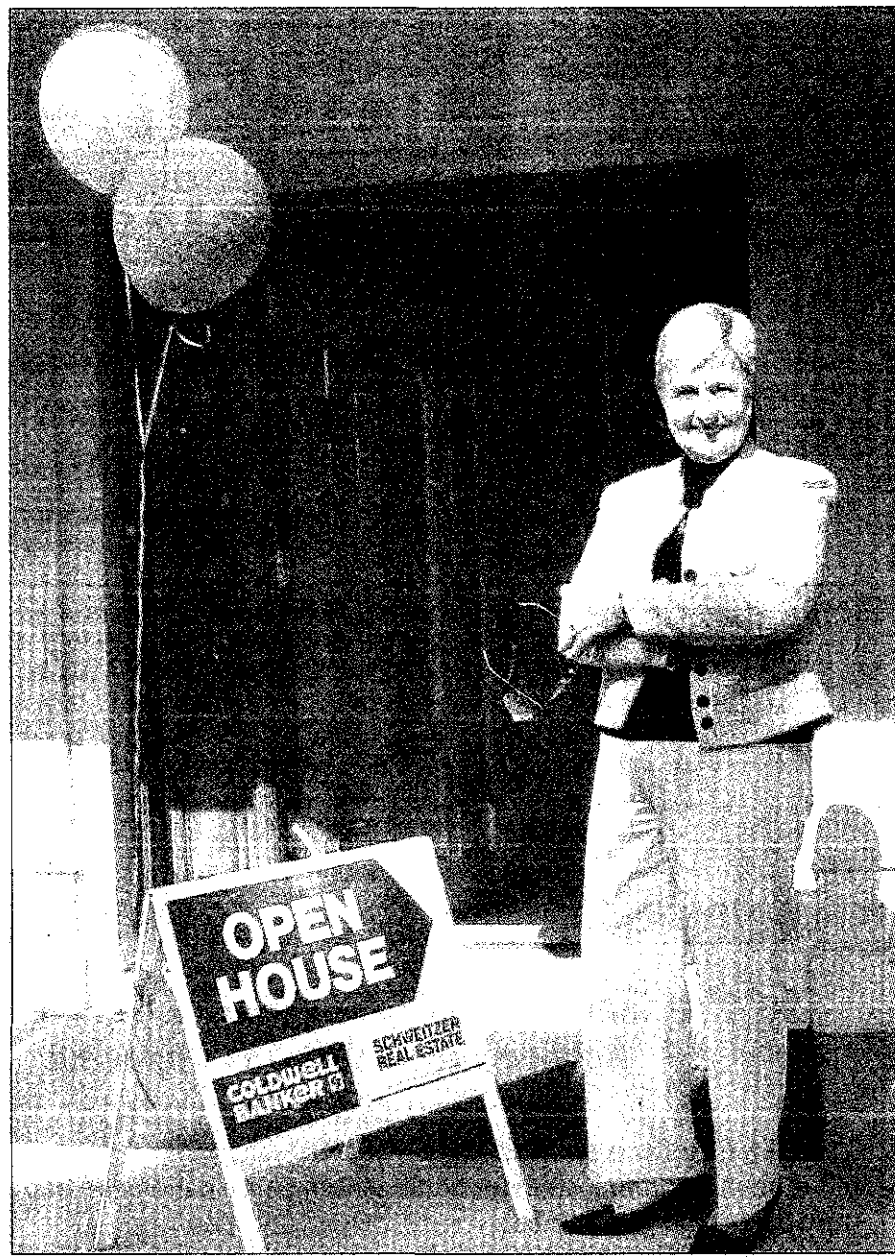


PHOTO BY MANDY WEGNER

Carrie Maliszewski was all smiles as she hosted an open house during the Victory in the Pointes celebration.



Linda Allen peeks from behind the Grosse Pointe Artists Association Northern Trust Bank.



PHOTOS BY MANDY WEGNER



Calling all balloon enthusiasts. Cheryl Gauss, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors president elect and Beth Pressler, 13th district director of the Michigan Association of Realtors, were handing out victory balloons to help get the celebration off to a flying start.

Grosse Pointe South High School "S" on Brian Campbell before Friday, Oct. 5.

# in the scores down

Commerce scored the winning touch-down in the Pointes. Berschback," said chamber President Mary Berschback. "We looked good and we were able to attract customers from the surrounding communities." The event was held on Thursday, Oct. 4, with a used book sale at the library branches, the Grosse Pointe varsity football game and, a tasting at the House.

The book sale was on Friday, Oct. 5, while the main event was at the Grosse Pointe North, which preceded the game.

Businesses on hand to offer their favorite dishes to the community.

Businesses of credit because she helped put the event on. "Some of our restaurants sold out of food."

Businesses better next year; so we need feedback from the community.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association held an art show at the Hill shopping district.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosted a flea market. The Grosse Pointe Theatre held an open house for set design construction and a live performance.

The community also got in on the celebration, as local artist Marie Aliotta signed their recent book, "Grosse Pointes at The Great Frame Up," with historic photographs from the area.

"We enjoyed ourselves," Berschback said. "It was a great day to come in to have us sign our book, and to see what does this again next year."

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors showed more than 50 homes at the five Grosse Pointes, while Grosse Pointe Middle School and Defer Elementary School were open to the public.

Mill Pointe Park also were open to the public.

Days of warm weather, which helped attract shoppers.

"It was a great day for the football game," North said. "Everyone was having fun and we were able to attract customers from the surrounding communities."

The Grosse Pointes Victory in the Pointes are in motion. The event is being held at the school that hosts the varsity football game.



Shoppers checked out bargains at the Wheel 'N' Deal flea market at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



Denise Koehler, Dennis Andrus, Nikki Andrus, Bob Barto, Dawn Johnston, Joan Harrell, Carla Miller and Pam Bowen were on hand to tempt shoppers with goodies and an introduction to Andrus Sothebys International Realty company.

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Student Tom Smale paints on a T-shirt during the North-South football game on Friday.

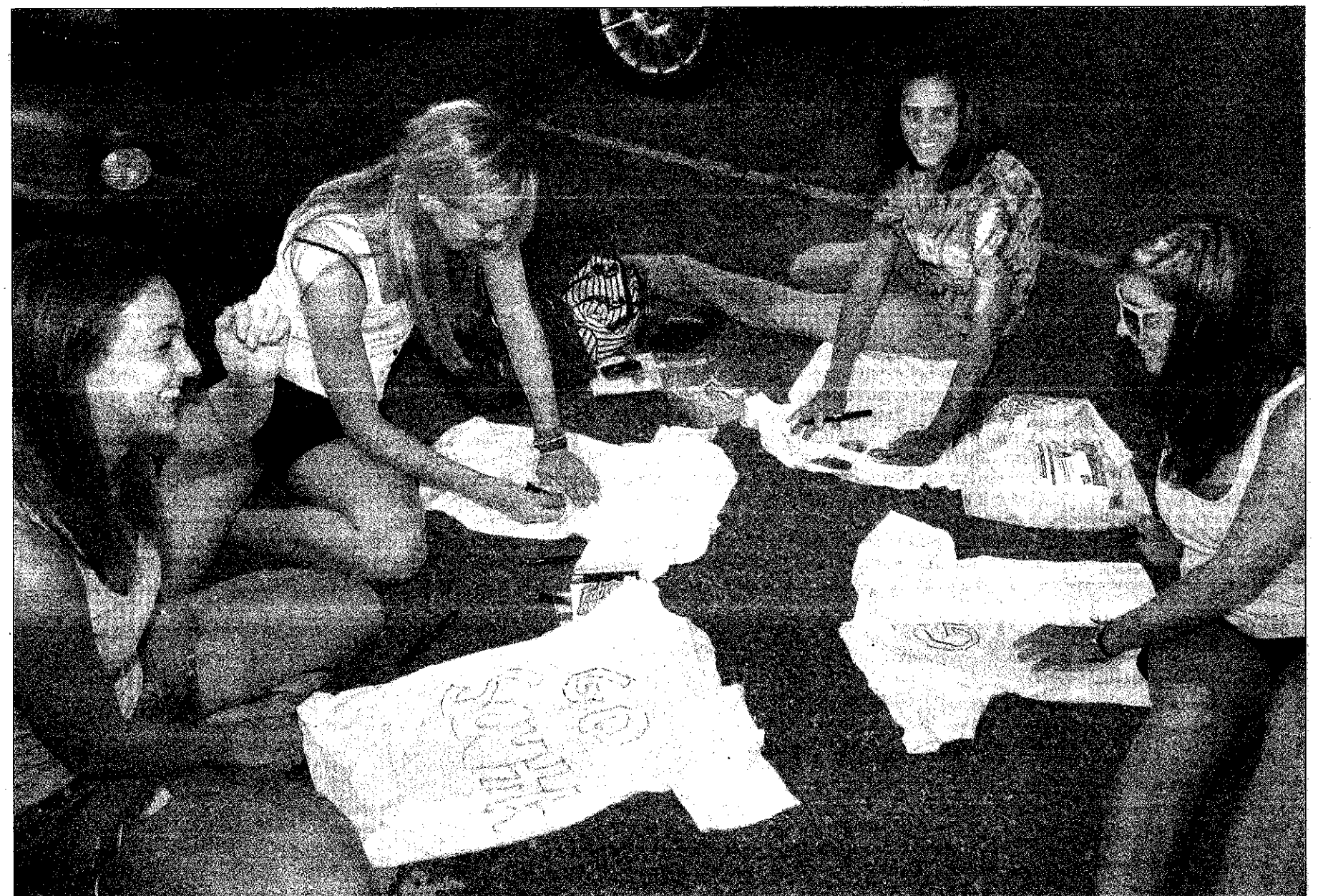


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Grosse Pointe South seniors, from left, Kaitlin Arnold, Bess Owen, Ali Merritt and Cassandra Mailis, paint GO South on T-shirts during the tail-gate party.



AUTOS By Jenny King

The Lincoln MKX crossover luxury sedan and the Lincoln MKZ are spacious inside and effortless to drive. The 2007 BMW 335i retractable hardtop is impressive.

## What I drove over the summer



Summer is car shows and showing up in cars. Nifty ones. Like the elegant 2007 Lincoln MKX crossover vehicle and the 2007 Lincoln MKZ sedan.

Smaller and nimbler than earlier members of the Lincoln family, these two nicely trimmed vehicles added to summer's driving pleasures.

The MKX is the fraternal twin of Ford's Edge crossover, but in designer garb. A high beltline beneath the windows, accented with chrome is not unlike the empire tops and dresses now in vogue for women. Additional chrome trim and "pronounced wheel lips" give the vehicle a wide stance, Lincoln says. Chrome caps on the sideview mirrors, chrome-ringed fog lamps, an intricate chrome grille, chrome and chrome-tipped dual exhausts follow the silvery theme around the car's exterior.

Both the MKX crossover and the MKZ luxury sedan are equipped with adaptive headlights that move with the steering wheel. A huge glass Vista Roof is available as are heated and cooled front seats, heated rear seats (no more whining about getting assigned to the second row) and entertainment system upgrades.

Ford Motor Co. is making extensive use of its new 263-horsepower 3.5-liter engine and with 6-speed transmission and fully independent suspension. It's under these hoods.

Standard safety features on the Lincoln MKX include roll stability control with traction control, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and illuminated entry. All-wheel drive is optional.

The test 2007 MKX has a base price of \$35,770, which included all-wheel drive. A couple of options drove the final price to \$43,700 plus delivery. The "elite package" of monster sunroof, Sirius satellite radio,

a DVD navigation system and audio system tacked \$4,795 onto the base. An "ultimate package" that included heated/cooled front seats, adaptive headlights and reverse sensing system ran \$1,995. Want those heated rear seats? Add \$295 to the tally.

The MKZ (the renamed Lincoln Zephyr) bore a standard vehicle price of \$31,050 for this 2007 model with the optional all-wheel drive. That encompassed a number of nice features like leather seating, 10-way power front seats that are heated on demand, wood interior trims and halogen headlights.

A \$2,495 navigation system, the addition of cooling for those front seats, special headlights and satellite radio brought the total to \$34,730 plus destination. Ford says the Lincoln MKZ sedan is rated at 18 miles per gallon in the city and 26 mpg on the highway.

Because the MKX crossover weighs some 600 pounds more and is not as aerodynamic as the sleek sedan, it is less efficient: 17 mpg city, 24 mpg highway.

Both Lincolns are spacious inside and effortless to drive. For the 2008 model year, the Lincoln has upped the ante, adding standard heated and cooled front seats, reserve sensing system, memory seats and mirrors, front seat power lumbar adjustment and standard reception for satellite radio.

The 2008 MKZ sedan enjoys similar seating upgrades: perforated premium leather trimmed, heated and cooled front seats plus reception for satellite radio (Sirius).

### BMW convertible

It turned out a 2007 BMW 335i retractable hardtop was available to drive for the period that included the deliciously warm and sunny Labor Day weekend.

Tough duty, indeed, but someone has to do it.

And what a way to impress a lifelong friend.

A first-time convertible owner and convert, she was suitably impressed with the 30-second acrobatics of the BMW 335i as its hardtop folded quiet-



The Lincoln MKX crossover vehicle offers luxurious room for five travelers. Heated rear seats add to its comfort level. Twenty-inch chrome-clad wheels are available.

ly into the trunk, laying bare a leather-surfaced interior and fancy rear-seat wind screen designed to reduce turbulence in the front seat.

Attention drivers who high-beamed me here in town — including a police officer. Those were not the car's brights coming at you. These Xenon adaptive headlights with automatic headlight control are a standard feature on this car. I couldn't help if they appeared unusually bright or directed too high. It was getting to the point that I avoided driving at night, or at least took a less-traveled route in hopes of avoiding further high beam confrontations.

The cruise control in this vehicle, designed to slow you if you get too close to the vehicle ahead, was difficult to figure out.

And it is not easy to access the rear seat. The backs of the front seats fold forward, but requires some muscle. Front seat headrests comply by lowering themselves automatically, returning to their earlier position when the seat back is in its vertical position.

The BMW had no fewer than eight manuals, the thickest of which was the basic owner's booklet. The few paragraphs explaining how to lower the top should have included a photo or drawing showing how the inside of the

trunk will appear with the necessary protective shelf in place to keep the top components safe and prevent trunk items from being smashed. If the shelf is not pulled into place, the top won't lower. You'll get a soft "beep," but no reasons or instructions on the instrument panel.

Once you get past admiring yourself on various reflective surfaces, you can really get down to enjoying this highly engineered, precise and fast driving machine.

Plan to spend some serious money on the 335i itself (it starts at \$49,100 and goes quickly to \$57,000 and perhaps beyond). And save a potful for fuel. This requires an octane rating of at least 92. You'll love the nesting piece on the fuel

filler door that holds the tethered cap while you're quenching the summer's thirst.

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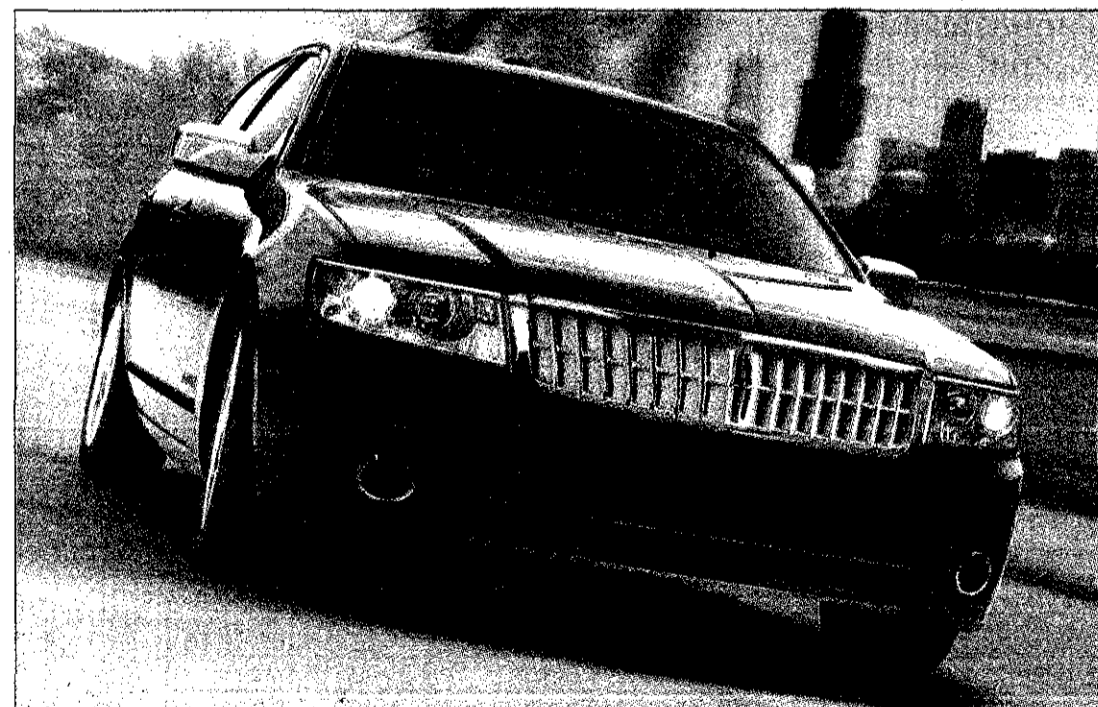
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BMW refuses to take a back seat to any other manufacturer. The 335i instantly retractable hardtop convertible is loaded with power options and a manually-installed screen so there won't be too much wind in your hair.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

What a drift

Police arrested a 48-year-old Detroit woman for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Jefferson at 2:18 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it drift from lane to lane and nearly strike a curb. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the woman registered a .24 on a breath test.

Warrants

A 26-year-old Detroit man was arrested following a traffic stop on Cadieux at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it roll through a stop sign. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check of the driver revealed he had several driver's license suspensions and was wanted on warrants in St. Clair Shores and Detroit.

He was held for pick up by St. Clair Shores police, and his vehicle was impounded.

Not again

Police are investigating another theft of a lawn ornament taken from a house in the 17000 block of Waterloo reported at 8:58 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2.

This is the second time that the victim has reported lawn ornaments stolen from her yard. Taken was a cement gargoyle valued at \$75.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driving

A 44-year-old LaSalle, Ont. woman was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Jefferson at 1:29 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 7.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding. When questioning the driver, police became suspicious she had been drinking because of her slurred speech and disoriented manner.

After failing field sobriety tests, the woman registered a .21 on a breath test.

Several suspensions

A 45-year-old Detroit man was arrested following a traffic stop in the alley behind a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it driving the wrong way in the one-way alley. The driver admitted he was uninsured and had a suspended driver's license. A LEIN check confirmed he had 21

current suspensions.

His vehicle was released to a passenger.

Many warrants

Police arrested a 23-year-old Detroit man following a traffic stop on Chandler Park in Detroit on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Police followed and stopped the vehicle after observing it had a badly cracked windshield. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check of the driver revealed he was wanted on three warrants.

No plate

Police arrested a 38-year-old Southfield woman following a traffic stop on Mack at 9:35 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1.

Police stopped the vehicle for having no license plate. A LEIN check of the driver revealed she was wanted on two Farmington Hills warrants. She was held for pick up, and her vehicle was impounded.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Man arrested

At 2:01 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1, police arrested a 37-year-old male wanted on numerous warrants, for driving a stolen vehicle and driving with a suspended license. Police observed the man speeding while driving a 1998 Plymouth Breeze at the corner of Jefferson and Cadieux. After a

LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check, the officers found the vehicle was stolen out of Ferndale.

Laptop stolen

Police are investigating the burglary of Presario Laptop computer from a house in the 1400 block of Yorkshire. The incident occurred sometime between 6:45 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. The home was entered through a rear window.

Another laptop taken

Sometime between 7:45 a.m. and 5:25 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, an unknown suspect entered a house in the 1000 block of Maryland through a rear door. A Dell computer and a beige backpack were stolen. Police are investigating.

Pot party

At 2:05 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 police investigated a group of Grosse Pointe Park juveniles in possession of marijuana. The three teenagers were detained and released to their parents.

Laptops are hot

Police are investigating the theft of two laptop computers taken from a residence in the 700 block of Balfour. The incident occurred sometime between Friday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 7.

Drugs found

At 9:06 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 7, police arrested a 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man in possession of narcotics. The in-

vestigation occurred in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe.

— Beth Quinn

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Car egged

At 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, a 48-year old Roslyn resident reported her 2007 Pontiac had been egged the previous night. After she washed her car, she realized there was some damage to the paint. Police continue to investigate.

Loud loading

At 2:17 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, police were called to investigate loud noises coming from the loading dock of a grocery store on Mack.

Police informed the resident making the complaint that the city and the business were working out hours of operation for deliveries and loading.

Bike found

At 2:10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, police noticed a girl's Schwinn bike in the rack at Ferry Elementary School. Police took the bike to the station, where it is being held pending pick up by the owner.

Cell phone taken

At 12:15 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident reported to police that someone had taken her cell phone while she was attending the North-South football game.

Leaving the scene of an accident

At 11:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, police received a call to Mack and Fairholme, where a witness told police that a tan station wagon had hit a pickup truck in the turnaround at Fairholme, but that both vehicles had left the scene. Police issued a "be on the

lookout alert" for the station wagon, which had front end damage. Police in the City of Grosse Pointe stopped a car matching the description, and questioned the 83-year-old driver, who said she didn't think she had caused any damage.

In the meantime, the driver of the pickup truck reported to Grosse Pointe Park police that his vehicle had been damaged, and he was referred to Grosse Pointe Woods. The driver of the station wagon was ticketed for leaving the scene of the accident.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Warrant arrest

A 22-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 4:31 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6.

Police stopped the vehicle for having an expired license plate. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check of the driver revealed he was wanted on a Marine City warrant.

Suspended

Police arrested a 25-year-old Detroit man following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 10:55 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Police stopped the vehicle because its license tab was obscured. A LEIN check of the driver revealed he had a suspended driver's license.

Larceny

Police are investigating the theft of a navigational system from a vehicle parked on Moorland Drive reported at 8:53 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1.

Police said the vehicle was unlocked. The owner's wallet was also taken.

— John Lundberg

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

CITY OF HARPER WOODS 19617 HARPER AVE. HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be accepting bids for the "SALE OF CITY VEHICLES".

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2007 The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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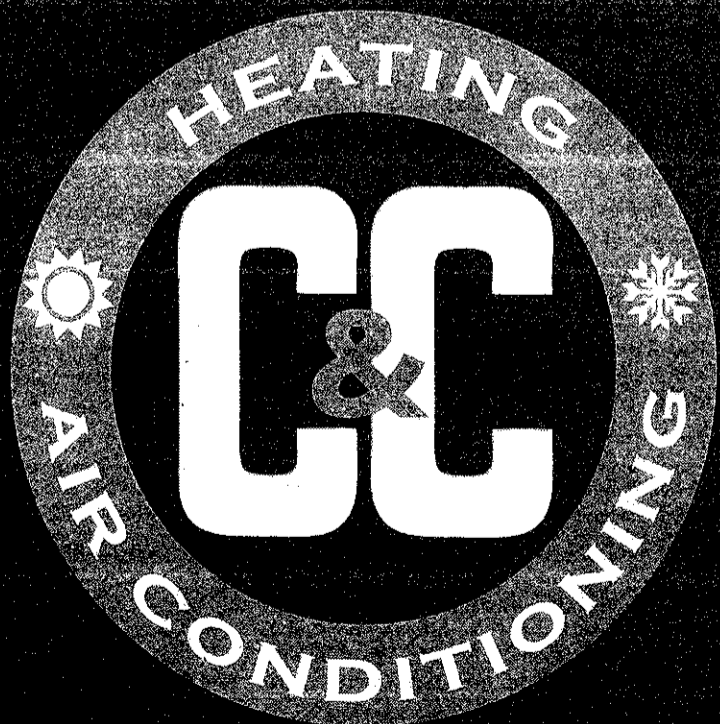
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Horse-mounted police units faded as the country turned to motorized horsepower. Now the **Motor City Horse Force** is reconnecting with the community as it mounts up and takes to the streets.

## Real horsepower

By John Lundberg  
Staff Writer

Horse-mounted police units enjoy a rich heritage in law enforcement circles in the U.S.

But with the advent of motorized transportation, mounted police units have faded from the public's imagination of law enforcement.

A new association wants to reinvigorate Wayne County's mounted units and help them reconnect with the community.

"The mounted unit gives children the chance to meet the officer through the magic of a horse," said Julie Jaffke, trustee and assistant secretary of Motor City Horse Force. "The interaction that this animal opens between the children and the officer create an environment of understanding and common interest."

The Motor City Horse Force is a grassroots organization that connects the passion of horse lovers with the power of the mounted police units to enhance the safety and image of Southeastern Michigan.

In the summer of 2005, a

small group of Detroit business and community leaders, under the leadership of retired Marine Corps Brigadier General Robert S. Raisch, set about forming a foundation to save the Detroit Police Mounted Unit. However, due to extreme budget cuts and lack of available police manpower, the effort was unsuccessful.

Jaffke, who grew up in Grosse Pointe, spearheads different projects to raise funds for the mounted unit, as well as to educate children and the public of the mounted unit's historical importance.

"The horse puts the 'human' element into the police officer that is not present in the traditional squad car," she said. "They see the officer caring and working one on one with the horse. They are a 'team' — much like the canine unit. It gives them a chance to see a 'softer' side of the officer. But when you put him on that horse and they start walking around, the children go 'Oh,



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The Motor City Horse Force Fundraiser allowed children and adults to meet the horses of the mounted patrol.

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holy cow!  
"They see that horse move and they know that there is no messing with that team. They jump back, they squeal — it is really something to see."

In June of 2006, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans contacted Raisch to ask if his group would be willing to help support the county's mounted unit. After some initial meetings, it was agreed that this would be a most worthy and attainable undertaking, and "Restore the Horse Foundation" was born.

"The Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Unit is the last mounted police unit left in Michigan," said Raisch, who is leading the initiative. "The mission of the Motor City Horse Force is to raise public awareness of the benefits of mounted units and raise the funds to help expand the presence of these dynamic law enforcement duos in our community."

The Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Unit, established in 1978, currently has 12 horses in its stable. The Motor City Horse Force will operate under the auspices of the nonprofit Restore the Horse Foundation.

The benefits of a mounted police unit are many, said Evans.

"When our mounted unit appears anywhere on the street,

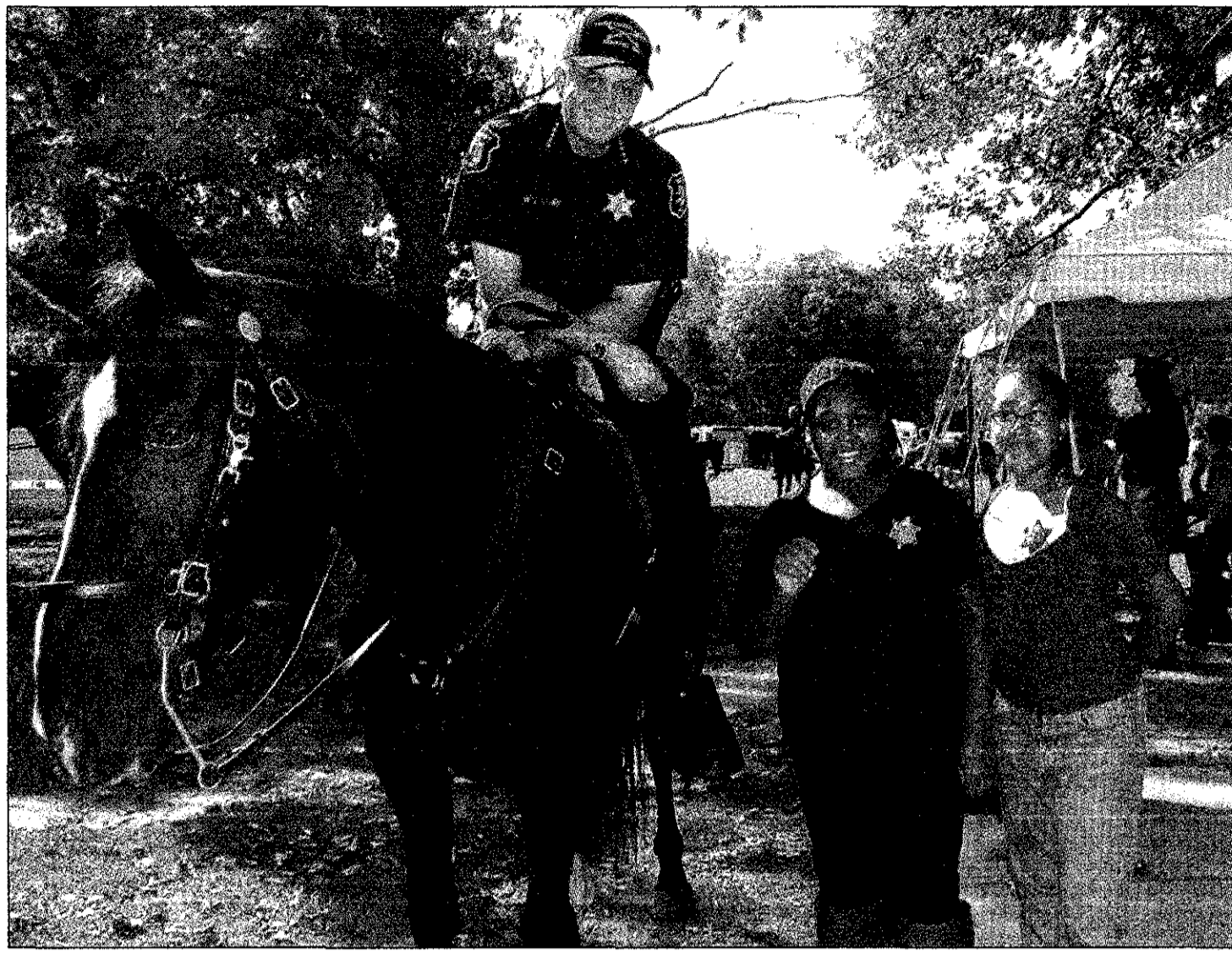


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During a recent Motor City Horse Force fundraiser at Hines Park in western Wayne County, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans shares a moment with two new deputies.

in a park or at an event, the public response is universally positive," he said. "Adults and children are drawn to the horses to ask questions and interact with the officers. Positive experiences like these really help to build bridges of trust and goodwill between the community and law enforcement."

"We're excited to have this new citizen effort as a way for horse lovers throughout the area to support mounted police units."

Beyond community relations and public image enhancement, mounted units serve many practical police-related purposes, such as crowd control, traffic management, search-and-rescue and park and street patrol, Evans said.

"From atop a horse, an officer can see — and be seen — much better, and that type of visibility is a great advantage, whether on routine patrol or at largely attended events."

The Motor City Horse Force is comprised of several Grosse Pointe residents. It has launched a new Web site ([motorcityhorseforce.org](http://motorcityhorseforce.org)) to promote its cause and profile the unit. Visitors can learn more about the officers — and the horses — as well as follow their appearance schedule and see photos from events. They can also learn more about the advantages of mounted police and the history of the unit.

And, most importantly, they can make donations.

"It's very important that people help us help the unit," Raisch said. "We urge them to visit our Web site and join the horse force. They can give whatever they want or are able to. We have several predetermined donation levels, each with appropriate levels of benefits and merchandise."

"This is a great community resource — for all of Southeast Michigan — and not only do we want to ensure its survival, but also its growth."

Currently, Wayne County's is the only remaining full-time police mounted patrol in the State of Michigan, so it is imperative for it to have a reliable source of funding that is not solely dependent upon the county's budget, Evans said.

"With the generous help of the Motor City Horse Force and the Restore the Horse Foundation, I believe we have established the perfect mechanism to guarantee the ongoing success — and possible future expansion of the Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Unit," Evans said.

Jaffke said a fundraiser held last weekend at Hines Park was a perfect opportunity to educate the public, especially the children, about the mounted unit and the relationship between humans and horses.

"The kids had a great day with hay rides, pony rides, barbecue, and interaction with several officers that stayed behind to talk to the kids," she said. "We had the marine division, the Special Response Team and their vehicle as well as the Canine Unit."

"We even had a 91-year-old grandpa, who rode along the whole 2 1/2 hours."

The Wayne County Sheriff's office contributed to this report.

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**Watch winners**

John Pickler, left, and Sophia Cyman, center, of Grosse Pointe Farms are winners of Raymond Weil watches donated by Edmund t. AHEE jewelers in Grosse Pointe Woods. The drawing was held Aug. 15 at the last concert of the Summer Music Festival. Grosse Pointe War Memorial program director LouAnne Wattrick is pictured on the right.

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# CLUB EVENTS

## Woman's club

Ever wonder how children's rhymes came to be? Did you guess that the subjects of the rhymes were actually based on real-life characters?

Bea Bailey will tell guests and members of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club the "Real Story behind the Mother Goose Rhymes!" on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

In addition to holding multiple degrees, Bailey is a member of the Macomb Community College Speakers Bureau.

She received a Bachelor of Arts in English and history from Trinity College in Washington D.C. and was awarded a fellowship to John Hopkins University, earning a Master of Arts in education. Bailey has taught in local school districts and spent three years with the Department of Defense at airforce bases in Germany, England and Japan.

For guest reservations, call hospitality chairman Janice McManus at (313) 886-9098 by Saturday, Oct. 13.

The club meets for lunch on the third Wednesday of the month in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. All current and former Grosse Pointe residents, as well as business owners, are invited. Annual dues are \$55 and include seven lunches. Guests and prospective members are welcome.

For more information, call membership chairman Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087 or president Marilyn Richardson at (313) 884-4056.

## The Family Center

"Remarried Families: Making the Most of the Holidays," will be discussed at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, the Children's Home of Detroit

community room, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

This program is for parents in remarried/blended families and will be led by Sean Hogan Downey. Her 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 children be a part of the decision-making process

Time will be allotted for questions. This is free, but registration is requested by calling (313) 432-3832 or e-mailing info@familycenterweb.org.

## Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision support group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The group also meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17.

For more information, go to eyeson.org.

## Shopping spree

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, invite community women to join the organization in a shopping spree. Proceeds benefit branch activities in promoting advancement for women and girls and in scholarships.

During the week of Oct. 15 through 20, Circare of St. Clair Shores, 23024 Greater Mack, will offer 10 percent off the purchases of shoppers mentioning AAUW's discount code, No. 21007 and will be doing the AAUW. Members are invited to a

special opening night, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15, for cheese, hors d'oeuvres and socializing.

The art fair-like items for sale are mostly hand-crafted, many by American artists and can be gift-wrapped. Shipping is available.

## Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 12. Carol Stephenson will present a program on "Who was Mohammed?" The hostess is Ann Hoag. Co-hostesses are Dorothy Denomme and Elsie MacKethan.

## Kappa Alpha Theta

The Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Chapter of Grosse Pointe will have its annual fall salad supper from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 29, at the home of Kathy Frakes, 1142 Buckingham, Grosse Pointe Park.

The group meets four times a year between the months of September and May for fun and camaraderie.

New and presently involved Thetas are invited to attend the supper.

Respond by e-mail or phone to Lorna Utley, alumnae chapter president, at lgutley@comcast.net or (313) 806-7413, or to Carole Gorenflo, chapter secretary, at (313) 549-2633, for more information.

## Palette club

Carl Angevine will do a critique at 7 p.m., Thursday Oct. 11, in the Civic Arena Activity Center, 20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores. Members may bring two paintings.

For more information, call (586) 296-0217.



# Holiday luncheon

The Realtors and affiliate members of the Women's Council of Realtors Lake Pointe Chapter Auction committee are planning the 14th Annual Holiday Installation luncheon and auction. Standing from left, Judy Sieber, co-chair Karen Gennari, Pat Chasteen, Anne Marie DeRosier, Darline Hill Braddy, Jennifer Joseph; seated, Beth Pressler, co-chair Sue Lieder and Colleen Sexauer. This year's theme is "Babes in Toyland" and takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms. Proceeds will benefit the Lake Pointe Chapter Educational Funds and Southwest Solution, an organization bringing housing and economic development along with family mental health services and literacy programs into the community. For information, call Gennari at (313) 886-3400, or e-mail her at Karen.gennari@comcast.net, or Lieder at (313) 886-4106 or e-mail her at Suzanne.lieder@abnamro.com.

# 2007 Holiday Mart ushers in season

The 2007 Holiday Mart, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial opens with nearly 30 vendors from around the United States is Thursday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 14.

This annual event supports many community-based education programs of the Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan. Honorary chairs for this years event are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Schrashun.

Opening with a Gala Patron Party from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, guests will get the first chance to shop. The evening features hors d'oeuvres and beverages donated by local restaurants including Atlas Global Bistro, Dylan's Raw Bar, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Just Delicious and Sweet Little Sheila.

Doors open to the public on

Friday, Oct. 12, with vendors selling jewelry and accessories, gourmet food items, boutique wear, paper products and linens.

Tickets for the Thursday evening preview party are \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door, and patrons will have unlimited access to the mart for the

weekend. Complimentary valet parking is available for the preview party. General daily admission for the three-day shopping event is \$5 at the door.

Holiday Mart hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 12 and 13, and noon to 5 p.m., Oct. 14. Parking for the Holiday Mart is free and strollers are welcome.



Committee chairpersons are from left, Jennifer Mitchell, Sarah Kreisler and Jody Kommel.



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# Scads of yarn

Of course there would be scads of skeins of yarn for knitters to purchase from the Knotted Needle, 20237 Mack. However, in this instance, from left, Marion Peleman and Anne Albright, will be giving away seven boxes of yarn. The recipients of yarn must be able to identify themselves as being a member of nonprofit organization and what the knitters make from the yarn must go to a nonprofit organization, Albright said. She obtained the large quantity of yarn from a store in Arizona that never opened. She said the yarn is appropriate for infant items, lap robes, prayer shawls, chemo caps and other items that can be used by patients.

# Soroptimists looked into their hearts

Members of Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe looked deep into their hearts at their last meeting.

Nurse practitioner and lactation consultant Angela Collinson from the St. John Center for Wellness and Family Medicine told the group studies indicate women's health risks are the same worldwide with heart disease being No. 1.

Coming in second was cancer, followed by stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Alzheimer's disease and diabetes linked with obesity.

Collinson said processed foods, large portions, fat content and high fructose corn syrup intake is a major contributor to obesity and unhealthy hearts. She advised embracing a lifestyle where nutrition, exercise and stress management become a primary focus.

The group also firmed up plans for its major fundraiser, Cornucopia of Shopping, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. All proceeds will fund educational grants for women in need.



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**2:00 pm** The John Prost Show  
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**3:30 pm** Art & Design  
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**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  
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**7:30 pm** Things to do at the War Memorial  
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**8:30 pm** Tech Pointes  
**9:00 pm** Art & Design  
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**10:00 pm** The John Prost Show  
**10:30 pm** Great Lakes Log  
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# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Two-part workshop

The Music Ministry of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit, conduct a two-part workshop on the Divine Liturgy and liturgical music Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Altar, Dearborn.

It begins at 9 a.m. with "The Divine Liturgy: an Icon of Spiritual Growth" presented by the Rev. Paul Jannakos, rector of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton. The afternoon session begins at 1 p.m. and the topic is "Liturgical Music for Small Choirs," presented by Matushka Victoria Kopistiansky, chair of the COCC Music Ministry and choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit. It will feature music reading of hymns from the Divine Liturgy suitable for small choirs.

Lunch will be served between the two sessions. The workshop is open to the public.

Registration fee is \$30. There will be on-site registration at 8:30 a.m., but advanced registration is encouraged. Send a check made payable to Janet Damian, 3036 Syracuse St., Dearborn, MI, 48124-4527. For more information, contact Damian at (313) 706-0666 or jdamianlapko@yahoo.com.

## Blood drive

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross blood drive from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Parking is available in the municipal lot behind the church. Bring the ticket into the church to be validated.

Babysitting will be available upon request when making an appointment.

For more information, call (586) 771-5975 or (313) 881-6094.

## Spirituality conference

The Lay Theological Academy is offering a spirituality conference "Observing Wellness and Spirituality" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe - Episcopal, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The presenter is Canon Ronald Spann, director of Christ Church's spirituality center.

The evening is inspired by the feast of St. Luke, the evangelist who is referred to as the beloved healer in St. Paul's letter to the Colossian. Spann will facilitate an evening that includes exploring Scripture, sharing personal experiences

and discussing Christian concepts of wellness.

The cost is \$5. For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

## Clinic

St. Peter Church in Harper Woods is sponsoring a flu and pneumonia clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, in the social hall. Shots can be given to 9-year-olds through adults with identification and health insurance cards. Medicare B, HAP, HMOs, Care Choices, cash or check will be accepted.

For more information or appointments, call (586) 776-2471.

St. Peter is also hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14, in the social hall.

Those 17 years and older may donate blood. Bring a photo ID. Eat a well balanced meal and drink water before donating.

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## Money matters

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers a free interactive two-part workshop focusing children's attitudes on money from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, and Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Called "Parents, Kids and Money Matters," the session for parents and their grade school children, aged 6 to 10, will offer hands-on experience reflecting on the values parents want their offspring to learn about money.

Children will be invited to their own interactive session designed to help counter the "buy now" mentality.

Learn specific tools and techniques to make teaching about money fun and get ideas for talking to your children about

smart money choices for their lives.

The workshop is offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and will be presented by a financial associate.

Refreshments will be served and take home resources will be furnished.

Call (313) 884-5040 for reservation.

## SOUPerbowl

The 16th annual SOUPerbowl will be held noon to 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14, at the American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights.

A \$15 donation includes a day of Celtic music and dozens of varieties of soups and breads.

Admission is free for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door.

For more information, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 202 or (586) 979-2914.

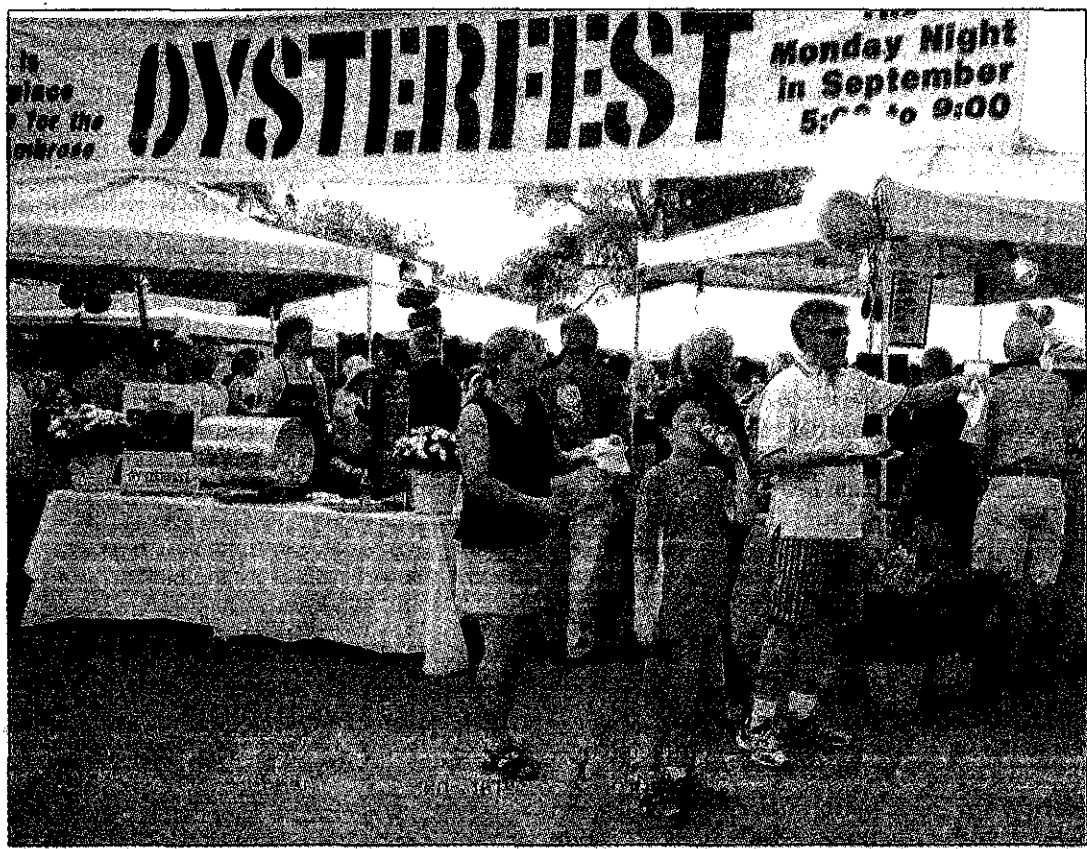


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## Festive eating

For 17 years, St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church has fed thousands of people oysters during its annual oyster-fest. As people packed the tables, they were also feasting on red beans and rice, pasta, barbecue chicken, jambalaya, clam chowder, sesame noodles and plenty of desserts provided by local restaurants. Jazz musicians provided background music which accompanied the hum of the crowd.



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## Observations

Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton shared observations of Iraq and its people through his many visits to the country. During his recent Pointes for Peace lecture, he said many hospitals have closed and two million people are refugees now. Some 80 percent of the city of Fallujah has been destroyed by bombs, he said. Gumbleton spoke about what happens to United States troops during wartime, when they return home and the human cost of war. On moral ground, he said troops must be withdrawn as soon as possible and it is his hope Americans can learn from this experience.

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# Beer tasting event on tap

The second annual A Taste of the D beer and wine tasting event is planned from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

This 21 and over event sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society's Junior Benefit Committee features beer from Michigan breweries including Arbor Brewing Company of Ann Arbor, Arcadia Brewing Company of Battle Creek, Atwater Block Brewery of Detroit, Bell's Brewery of Kalamazoo, Black Lotus Beer Company of Clawson, Dark Horse Brewing Company of Marshall, Detroit Beer Companies of Detroit, Founders Brewing Company of Grand Rapids, Jolly

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The wine tasting features the offerings of Imperial Beverage Company.

Participants will also have an opportunity to sample fare from a variety of metro Detroit eateries and caterers, including Brown Bag Catering of Highland Park, Ben & Jerry's of Detroit, Canapé Cart of Ferndale, The Chocolate Gallery Café of Warren, Garden Fresh Gourmet of Ferndale, Holiday Catering of

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Entertainment includes DJ Scott Brandon, an open microphone, acoustic music courtesy of Park Bar, tarot card and astrology readings and a silent auction to benefit the Detroit Historical Society.

Tickets are \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$25 for others in advance

and \$35 for everyone at the door. To reserve tickets, visit [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org) or call (313) 833-7935.

The event is sponsored in part by Greektown Casino and Flagstar Bank and the partners include The Social Connection, After 5, Detroit Synergy, Six Degrees and the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward in Detroit's Cultural Center area.

## Flea market fundraiser at Fort Wayne

Antique and bargain hunters will find collectibles, contemporary treasures and arts and crafts at the 24th annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market.

The market will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, and Sunday, Oct. 14 at Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 W. Jefferson, Detroit.

Tours of the Historic Fort Wayne complex will be offered each day and include the Star

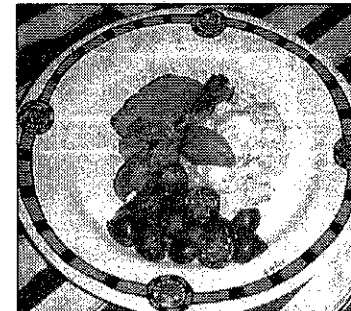
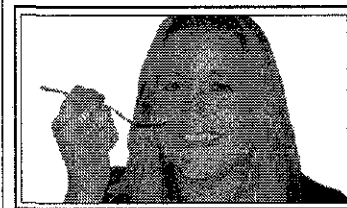
Fort built in 1845, the Commanding Officer's House, Spanish-American War Guard House and the National Museum of the Tuskegee Airman.

In addition, re-enactors will recreate World War I and World War II activities at the fort.

Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle, admission to the flea market is free and the tours are \$3 per person.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Rich mashed red skin potatoes



In spite of the recent heat wave, this is the time of year (as harvest is still swinging) I start to think about cold weather recipes and something I'm going to want to serve at Thanksgiving. (Don't let the "Th" word scare you.)

I'm sharing this week a recipe for one of the most cherished cold weather side dishes of all time. Mashed potatoes. Over the years I've mashed potatoes without any recipe at all. (A little of this and a little of that.)

Chef Alfred Portale's ("Simple Pleasures" and my latest cookbook acquisition) recipe for mashed potatoes calls for all the rich and creamy ingredients you'd expect to find in really good tasting mashed potatoes. Skins and all.

### Potato Puree

coarse salt  
2 1/2 lbs. Redskin potatoes  
2/3 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup half & half  
1 stick cold butter, cut into pieces (preferably unsalted)  
white pepper to taste

A creamy, rich mashed potato recipe in time for fall meals.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the potatoes and cook until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain well. Return the potatoes to the pot and cook over medium heat, stirring often, until the excess water evaporates and the potatoes begin to slightly stick to the bottom of the pot, about 3 minutes or so.

Turn off the heat and mash the potatoes with the sour cream, half & half, and butter. Mash and mash until the potatoes are silky smooth like a puree. Season with salt and pepper and serve hot.

Don't care for redskin potatoes? Pick your favorite potato (peel it if you want). Just don't skimp on the rich ingredients.

I served up my super creamy, super yummy potatoes with slices of grilled beef tenderloin and fresh Michigan cherry tomatoes tossed with olive oil, salt and pepper. That's it. Pure and simple.

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## Long-time Pointer pens magical novel

"Roundtable Magician" author Ann Tracy Marr of Grosse Pointe Park finds writing a book easier than her own biography.

But that didn't stop the "50-ish" writer from completing that project and writing a prequel, "Thwarting Magic," due out in January, while acting as her own publicist.

"This is more frightening than writing a book and publishing it," Marr said in an E-mail introducing herself. "With a novel, I am putting my ideas in front of you to judge. With information about me, you are judging me."

Further describing herself as "just the person next door, nothing exciting," Marr went on to share her secret. "Locked away in my head — and now making its way into the world — is a wonderful alternate reality."

"Roundtable Magician" is a

journey into England's Regency "that has gotten mixed up with a bit of magic left over from King Arthur's Camelot," she said. It is a glimpse into what could have happened, if Merlin had been real.

"Merlin's magic is not myth, but history," she said.

The book is the tale of Martha Dunsmore, a girl with an impish streak, who is taken hostage by a smuggler and saved by an "angel" whom she later learns is a clandestine magician, espionage expert and heir to a duke named Brinston.

On a mission for the government, Brinston has no time for dalliance. He attempts to convince Martha that espionage should be left to the male and she pushes his patience, if not his magic, to its limits.

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

# Celebrate Herb Day 2007, plant a seed



**N**ational Herb Day is Saturday, Oct. 13. Conceived by five nonprofit organizations with an interest in herbs, this coalition aims to raise public awareness of the significance of herbs and the many ways they can be used safely and creatively for health, beauty care and culinary enjoyment.

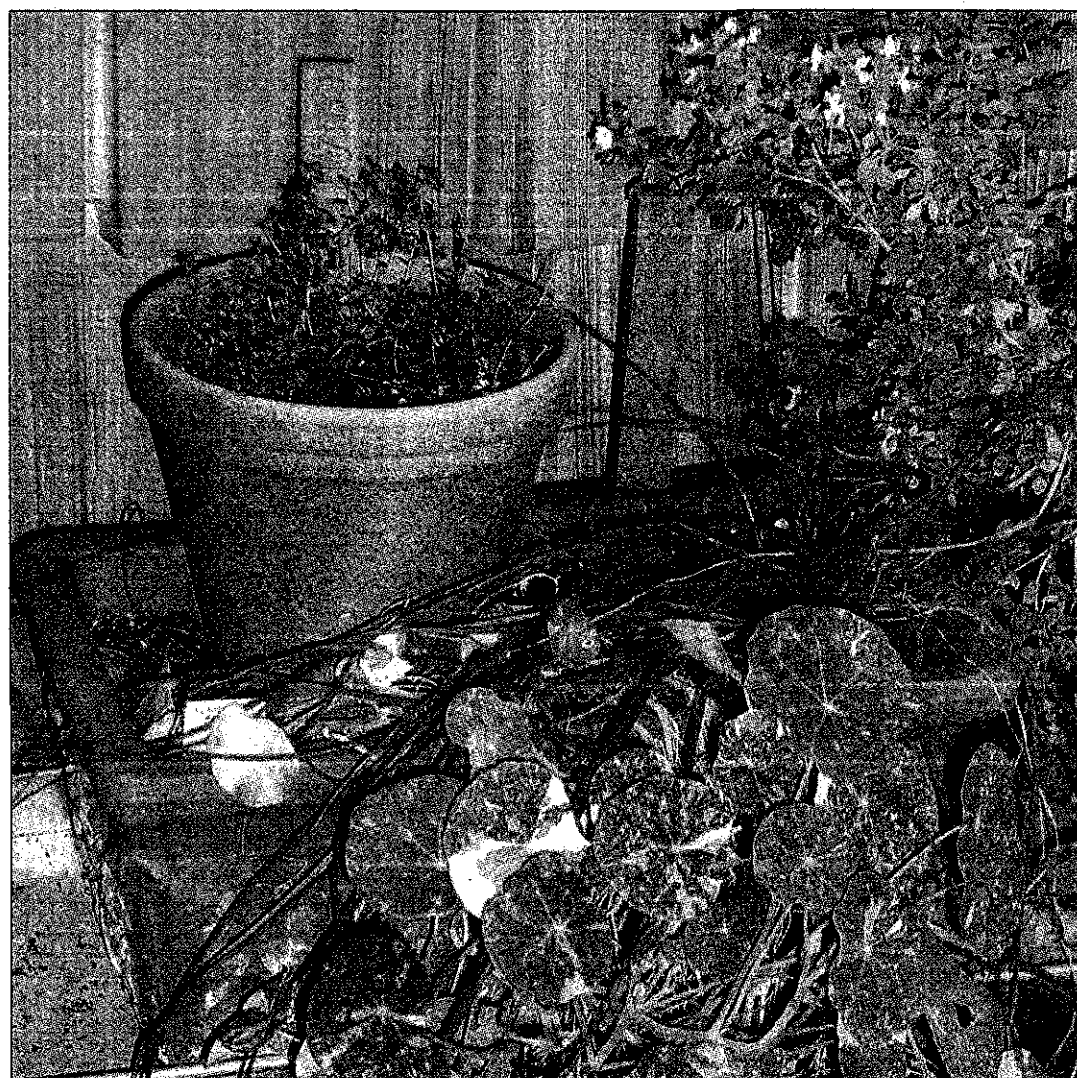
Across the country, small and large herb-related organizations will share vast amounts of knowledge with demonstrations and lectures during the celebration.

On Oct. 12 and 13, the U.S. Botanic Garden on the Mall in Washington, D.C. will feature more than 40 talks and lectures and a variety of activities for children and adults. Presenters such as botanical medicine expert James Duke, Ph.D., culinary whiz Susan Bellsinger and 40 other well-known names in the field will participate in an Herb Day Festival. To see more, visit [usb.gov](http://usb.gov).

Locally, the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit invites the community to learn more about decorating with herbs. In preparation for its Herb & Holly Boutique, members will share their knowledge in creating herbal embellishments on wreaths and swags from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call Mary Northcutt at (313) 885-5575.

If you can't attend either of these events, here are some tips for fall harvesting and overwintering your garden herbs.

◆ Harvest annual herbs until the first frost. Perennial herbs should only be harvested up to early fall and then left to harden off before winter and the first frost approaches.



Pot up some herbs to bring indoors for the winter. Plant a few basil seeds. And be sure to mark your perennial herbs remaining outdoors.

- ◆ Do not cut back woody perennial herbs in the fall as the process tends to stimulate growth, which may prevent successful winter survival.
- ◆ Harvest herbs in the morning after the dew has dried and before noon.
- ◆ Hose off dirty plants before harvesting to prevent loss of essential oils.
- ◆ Be sure to cut, not pick, full stems and don't cut back more than one third of the plant.
- ◆ After harvesting, place specimens in a cool, dry area free from direct sunlight until they are completely dry. Place them in a jar for later culinary or aromatherapy use.
- ◆ Start to clean out your herb

garden by removing any diseased or dead plant materials to make way for a thick layer of mulch.

- ◆ Compost disease-free plants and dispose of those with powdery mildew to avoid spreading.
- ◆ Place mulch up to the

plant, but to avoid suffocation, don't cover the plant. Mulch helps prevent the soil from heaving and pushing the plant out of the ground.

- ◆ Perennial gray-leaved plants such as lavender, santolina and thyme, which hold their leaves all winter, require extra

## What's going on?

- ◆ Seed Collecting, Storage & Propagation of Native Plants, 7 p.m. Mon., Oct. 22, at the St. Clair Shores Library, 22500 11 Mile. Contact [Michelle.sereyn@metroparks.com](mailto:Michelle.sereyn@metroparks.com).
- ◆ Guided Bird Walk, 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore. The cost is \$6. Register by calling (313) 884-4222.
- ◆ Ten Simple Ways to Have a Healthy, Green Home, 7 p.m. Tues., Oct. 16, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore. Call (313) 881-2263 to reserve a seat. A \$5 minimum donation is suggested.

protection. Evergreen boughs placed over the plants provide protection plus air circulation and let in enough light for the winter months.

Divide perennial herbs such as chives, lovage, oregano, thyme, sweet woodruff or winter savory.

◆ Be sure to mark where your plants are so finding them is easier come spring. This will also ensure a higher rate of wintering over and makes spring cleanup much easier.

◆ If you're a basil lover, take a cutting or plant a few basil seeds for later use indoors. Basil gives its all and once harvested, doesn't have much more to offer. The leaves can be frozen for use in cooking later in the season.

## Definition of an herb

According to Demi Brown,

author of "The Herb Society of America's New Encyclopedia of Herbs and Their Uses,"

"herbs include trees, shrubs, annuals, vines and more primitive plants, such as ferns, mosses, algae, lichens and fungi. They are valued for their flavor, fragrance, medicinal and healthful qualities, economic and industrial uses, pesticidal properties and coloring materials (dyes)."

So if your idea of an herb includes only basil, dill and chive, think again. Consider learning more about most plants that fall under the herbal category.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener, who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. She can be reached at [kpeabody@grossepointe-news.com](mailto:kpeabody@grossepointe-news.com).

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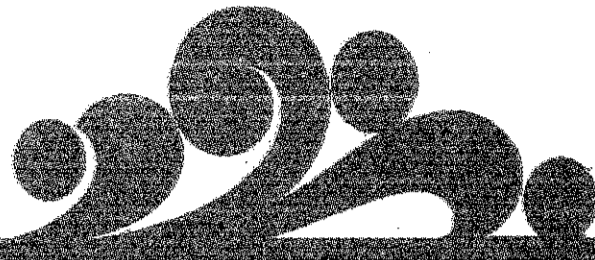
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# North-South a rivalry again



Grosse Pointe North's Jerry Peoples scores his second touchdown of the game through a huge hole created by blocks from teammates Steve Wieczorak (99), Devon Carson (55) and Frank Ferretti (6).

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## Norsemen hold on to win 20-14; clinch playoff berth

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

For a few fleeting moments last Friday night, Grosse Pointe South coach Tim Brandon probably wished he had never encouraged John Neveux to go out for football.

Neveux had planned on concentrating on hockey instead of following in the footsteps of his brothers David and Michael, who starred in both hockey and football at Grosse Pointe North, until his meeting with Brandon, who was an assistant coach for the Norsemen at the time.

"I should have kept my mouth shut," Brandon said with a smile after John Neveux made the game-saving tackle to preserve North's 20-14 victory and spoil Brandon's first North-South game as head coach of the Blue Devils.

The win assured the Norsemen of a state playoff berth for the fourth consecutive season as North improved to 6-1 overall. The Norsemen close out the season with road games at Romeo and Dakota.

After several years of North dominating the crosstown series, one of the first things Brandon wanted to do after moving to South was make it a rivalry again.

"I think the rivalry is back," Brandon said. "As disappointed and frustrated as we are right now, I think we've shown that this is a great game for the community. It's a good, wholesome rivalry. I have a lot of respect for (North coach) Frank (Sumbera) and his staff, and I'm sure they feel the same way."

The stands and the area along the fences were packed.

"I heard estimates of 6,000 to 7,000 fans at the game," Sumbera said. "It was a great thing for the community."

The varsity game was the climax of an outstanding week of football between North and South. The freshman and junior varsity games were also decided with less than a minute to play.

There were just under seven minutes remaining when South started a drive at its own 29-yard line. With James Costa picking up most of the yardage on the ground, the Blue Devils marched to the North five-yard line.

Then things got interesting.

A five-yard loss on a running play moved the ball back to the 10. On the next play, an apparent touchdown pass to tight end Gus Remillet was nullified

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University Liggett School's Jack Fisher attempts to get past Hamtramck's goalie after breaking through the Cosmos' defense in their showdown for the Metro Conference regular season championship.



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Grosse Pointe North goalie Jeff Moore awaits a shot, while defenders Brad Vandevorde, Dan Bohannon and Jordan Sharon are ready to help.

## North booters blank South

Grosse Pointe North's soccer team got a memorable victory when the Norsemen blanked crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South 2-0.

The first half was scoreless as both teams had few scoring

opportunities. North's defense was led by Brad Vandevorde and Dan Bohannon.

Also frustrating the Blue Devils in the midfield were Ron Mack and Rob Kiernan.

Rubin Bega opened the scor-

ing early in the second half on a free kick.

Minutes later, James Graney was alone in front of the net and he buried his shot for a two-goal lead.

Mike Saleh, Ben Alsbach

and Ryan Puckett each won several loose balls to keep the pressure on the Blue Devils' defenders.

Goalkeeper Jeff Moore made 11 saves to record the shutout for the Norsemen.

## South girls second in MAC Red

Since the Macomb Area Conference began, Grosse Pointe South and Stevenson have had a stranglehold on the Red Division cross country championships.

This year it was Stevenson's turn as the Titans finished 6-0 in the second jamboree meet for a 12-0 overall finish. South was 5-1 at the latest jamboree and finished 10-2 overall.

Utica was third, followed by Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe North, Chippewa Valley and L'Anse Creuse North.

"We were very prepared for this meet and we raced Stevenson to a very close fin-

ish," said South coach Steve Zaranek. "They handled us easily at the first jamboree so we felt quite good about making it so close at the second."

"Stevenson was a very tough team again this year and we battled each other well. Our South girls ran one of their strongest races of the season."

Leading the way for the Blue Devils was the senior trio of Ashley Thibodeau, Jeannie Hollerbach and Bridget Dennehy. All three placed in the top 10 overall.

Thibodeau was one of only six girls to break 22 minutes on the tough Stony Creek course.

Also finishing well for South were Katie Steen, Stephanie Garbarino, Ellen Muniga and Jane Harness.

Freshmen Rachel Frevik, Elise Corden and Hayley Martin also contributed well in the varsity race with each completing the course in the 23-minute range.

In the junior varsity race, South took 16 of the top 20 places, including the first six.

"Our JV girls handled the course conditions like veteran varsity runners and we were very proud of their accomplishments against the other MAC Red teams," Zaranek

said. Sydney Burke, Sarah Flowers, Kathy Kosinski, Molly Robinson, Lauren Brayton and Christine Nelson were the first six through the chute.

Also in the top 20 were Bethany Cavanagh, Natalie Gay, Nicole Stieber, Amanda Elskens, Larissa Petrovic, Chloe Jacob, Rachel Cook, Margaret Levasseur, Katie Novak and Elaine Kussurelis.

Excellent performances also came from Maura Walkowski, Katharine Zurek, Meghan DeBoer, Harper Pizzamenti, Amanda Rapacchietta and Kristen Dobson.

# Knights blank Cosmos

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

It looks like the end of the decade is going to be a lot more fun than the beginning of the 2000s for University Liggett School's boys soccer team.

"We've had some rough years," coach David Backhurst said after the Knights wrapped up the regular season championship in the Metro Conference with a 2-0 victory against previously-unbeaten Hamtramck.

"We have eight seniors on the team, and five of them play a lot, but we have a good group of freshmen and sophomores, and our JV team has played well this year. The future is bright."

ULS's 12-1-2 start is the best since 1999 when the Knights won the state Division IV championship.

One of the reasons for Backhurst's optimism is sophomore goalkeeper Mark Ghafari. Ghafari has played well in his first season in the net. In ULS's last 11 games, Ghafari has allowed only five goals.

Ghafari was brilliant in the Hamtramck game, then had another strong effort in a 4-0 shutout of Ann Arbor Greenhills that gave the Knights their first victory against the Gryphons since 1999.

ULS earned the top seed in the Metro Conference tournament with its victory against the Cosmos, and the Knights opened tournament play with a 9-1 win over Harper Woods.

Patrick Gustine scored four goals, Michael Kouskoulas scored a pair and Aaron Heaney, Dan Zukas and Rory Deane added one apiece.

ULS hosted Cranbrook Kingswood in the tournament semifinal. A victory against the Cranes would assure the Knights of a tie for the overall league championship and a home game on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 4:30 p.m. against the winner of the Hamtramck-Lutheran North semifinal.

The Hamtramck game was a makeup of an earlier match that was postponed when no game officials showed up.

That might have been a blessing in disguise for ULS.

"We scrimmaged them and lost 4-2," Backhurst said. "We're a better team now than we were then."

It also gave Backhurst an advance scouting report on the Cosmos.

"We knew that they had a couple of good forwards, but they were a little shaky in goal," he said.

The Knights had to overcome a somewhat hostile envi-

ronment in Hamtramck.

"They made a big deal of the game," Backhurst said. "They had a story in their local paper asking the alumni to come out. They had a big crowd and almost all of them were Hamtramck supporters."

However, the Cosmos might have done themselves a disservice by pumping "We are the Champions" through the public address system during warmups.

"We thought that was a little premature," Backhurst said.

What was designed to pump up Hamtramck, got the Knights fired up.

Both teams had good scoring chances in a scoreless first half. Ghafari came up with several excellent saves and sweeper Curtis Fisher, who missed the three previous games with an injury, was strong in front of the ULS net.

Midway through the second half, Gustine came down the left side of the field with Deane overlapping.

Gustine passed to Deane, who sent a crossing pass to Jack Fisher. Fisher beat the sweeper and the defender who was marking him, to score the game's first goal.

It stayed 1-0 until about a minute and a half remaining. Zukas sent a through ball to Jack Fisher, who beat the goalie for his second goal of the game.

"That was a relief because late in the game, Hamtramck was knocking on the door," Backhurst said.

"This was one of those games where you can say it was truly a team effort. Everyone on the field made a contribution."

ULS had to play the following day against Greenhills and any fears that Backhurst had that the Knights might have a letdown after Hamtramck were quickly dispelled.

ULS scored three goals in the first eight minutes on the way to the 4-0 victory.

"I thought we might come out flat after that emotional win the day before but I was surprised," Backhurst said. "We came out like gangbusters."

Three and a half minutes into the match, Deane opened the scoring after taking a crossing pass from Jack Fisher. Heaney sent a ball to Noah Saganski, who scored on a reverse header that Backhurst called "an amazing shot."

Fisher scored his 18th goal of the season a minute later after taking a cross from Gustine.

Heaney scored the only goal of the second half on a long shot. He was assisted by Saganski.

## South gets a split

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team had another solid week against some strong opponents.

The Blue Devils beat 12th-ranked Ann Arbor Huron 99-87 but lost 175.5-138.5 to fourth-ranked South Lyon. South came into the meets ranked 11th in the state in Division I.

The South Lyon meet featured 18 state cuts by the two teams.

Every event was tightly contested with the best race of the meet coming in the 100-yard breaststroke where four girls achieved state-qualifying times.

South Lyon's breaststroke won the event in 1:07.63 but South's Molly DeWald (1:08.58), Jennifer Dunaway (1:08.76), Melissa Oddo

(1:09.84) and Abby Constant (1:12.98) were close behind in the next four places.

Oddo's time was her first state cut of the season and gave South a record eight individual entries in the state meet.

The Blue Devils had 80 season-best times out of 96 swims in the Huron meet, which was South's sixth of the season against a state-ranked opponent.

Anika Waara, Emma Baker, Susan Furest, Claire Dennehy, Kacy Murphy, Ali Zoltowski, Cori Tranchita and Michelle Champagne had the most dramatic time improvements.

South also beat Ypsilanti Lincoln 147-39 in the double-meet that was held at Huron's new 13-lane pool, which is similar to the pool being constructed at South.

### NORTH SWIMMING

## Norsemen overpower Livonia Franklin

Jenny Rusch qualified for the state Division II swimming meet in her third event last week to help Grosse Pointe North roll to a 128-55 victory against Livonia Franklin in a non-league meet.

Rusch qualified for the state meet with her winning time in the 200-yard freestyle.

Other individual winners for the Norsemen were Caitlin Matthews, 50 freestyle; Jenna Simon, diving; Lauren Nixon, 100 freestyle; Emily Turnbull, 100 backstroke; and Hannah Everett, 100 breaststroke.

The winning times for the five swimmers were season-best performances.

Other season bests came from Jackie Shea, Christine Sattler, Paige Castile, Alyssa Mammen, Erin Schultes, Alison Meier, Emily Goltz, Paulina Kennedy; Natalie Hogan, Alexis John and Erika Mammen in the 50 freestyle; Matthews, Kathrun Hartzell, Jesse Stevens, Katie Bill, Erika

Mammen, Alexis Cobau and Rachel Brennan, 100 freestyle; Hartzell, 200 freestyle; Dana Grimm and Heather Poole, 500 freestyle; Meghan Tripp, 100 backstroke; Maresa Leto and Sarah Cullen, 200 individual medley; and Kimberly Cooper and Brennan, diving. North is 5-4 overall.





The Grosse Pointe Diamonds won the playoff championship in the St. Clair/Macomb Amateur Fastpitch Federation. In front, from left, are Sarah Richardson, Marissa Reiber, Jessica Martin, Alex Mlynarek, Shelly Perna, Nichole Heythaler and Catherine Perez. In back, from left are manager Ron Smith, batgirl Ashley Kowalski, coach Amy Kilimas, Megan Bensinger, Amy Zaranek, Rachel Neveux, Krysten Bartold, Megan Berndt, Ryan Crudder, Amanda Lanzon, Anna Tomovski, and coaches Katie Kilimas and Joe Heythaler.

## Diamonds finish on top of league

The Grosse Pointe Diamonds Fastpitch Softball Club saved its best for last this season.

After a slow start, the Diamonds won the playoff championship in the 14-and-under division of the St. Clair/Macomb Amateur Fastpitch Federation.

The Diamonds are a team of mostly 12- and 13-year olds from Grosse Pointe, St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods. They took their lumps early,

but learned a lot from playing the more-experienced teams in the league and by moving up to older age groups in several tournaments around the state.

The Diamonds ended the regular season playing well, but entered the postseason league tournament as a low seed.

In their tournament opener, the Diamonds played the second-seeded Macomb Explosion, and thanks to some excellent defense, posted a 4-2

victory.

Strong pitching and defense was the story the following day when the Diamonds beat the highly-seeded Macomb Eagles 4-2.

In the championship game against the Warren Fury, the Diamonds added some early offensive punch to their repertoire, and rolled to a 6-1 victory.

The Diamonds are continuing to work on their skills during the league's fall season, which runs through Oct. 14.

## DWRA runs gold medal count to 19 at regatta

The weather wasn't great but the results were for the Detroit Women's Rowing Association at the Thames Regatta in London, Ontario.

The DWRA rowers earned medals in each event they participated in, winning two gold medals, two silver and four bronze.

The two gold medals were won by Michael Raisky in the master men's singles division and by Raisky and Phil Bozenski in the master men's doubles.

Silver medals were won by Carol Raisky in master women's singles and by Carol Raisky and Debbie Bozenski in master women's doubles.

Debbie Bozenski finished third in master women's singles; Phil and Mike Bozenski were third in open men's doubles; Katlin Slattery and Jessica McPhail in women's doubles earned a bronze medal; and the master's mixed doubles crew of Libby Irwin and Michael Raisky finished third.

The DWRA concluded the summer racing season by

medaling six times in eight events at the US Rowing Masters National Championships in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Michael and Carol Raisky won gold in the mixed A doubles and the crew of Carol Raisky, Sheri Giannosa, Renee Adams Schulte and Irwin won a gold medal in the women's A quad.

Raisky, Giannosa, Ursula Grennan and Irwin won the USRowing Master National Championship trophy for the women's A quad.

Raisky and Giannosa won a silver medal in the women's A doubles. Carol Raisky won a bronze in the women's Open A singles, and Michael Raisky won bronze in the men's heavyweight B singles.

In last weekend's Head of the Ohio Regatta in Pittsburgh, the DWRA won five gold medals, two silvers and a bronze.

Gold medal winners were Carol Raisky, master's women's A singles; Deb Bozenski, master's women's B singles; Michael Raisky, mas-

ter's men's C singles; Carol Raisky and Deb Bozenski, master's women's A doubles; and Phil Bozenski and Jeff Alex, men's open doubles.

Silver medalists were the master's men's C doubles crew of Michael Raisky and Phil Bozenski; and the master's mixed doubles crew of Michael Raisky and Libby Irwin.

Slattery and McPhail earned a bronze medal in master's women's B doubles.

For the season, the DWRA has won 19 gold medals, 11 silver and 10 bronze.

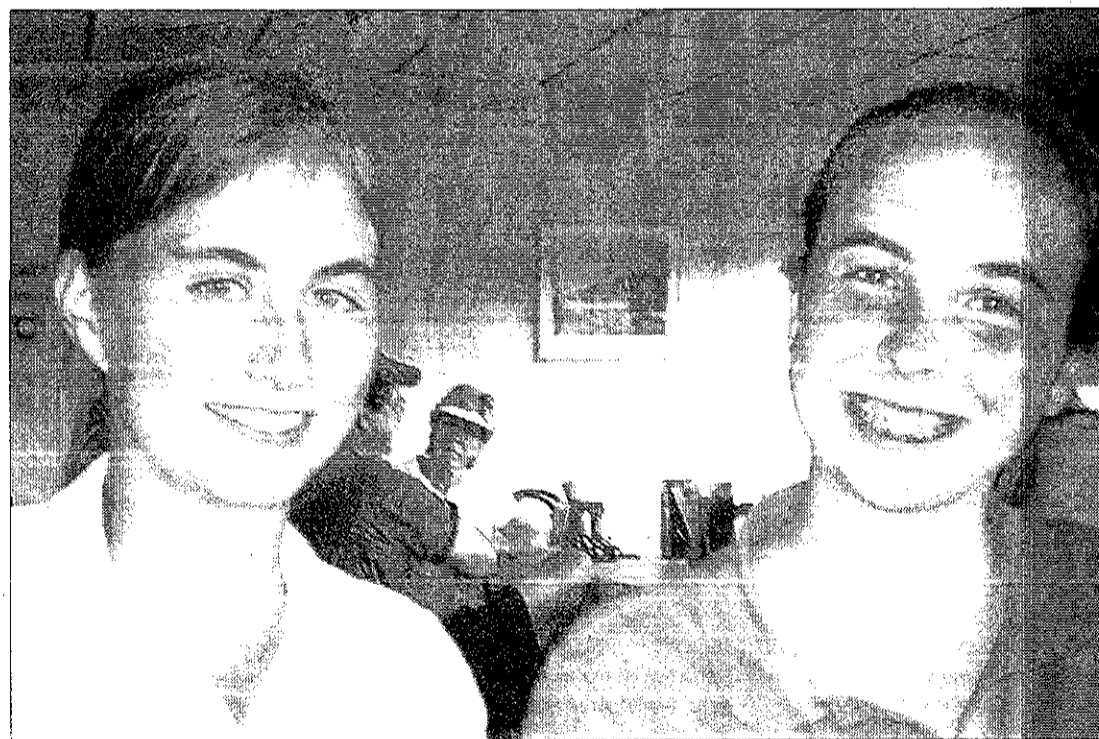
Michael Raisky, an international competitor for the former Soviet Union and an accomplished Masters rower, joined the DWRA as the new coach for its competitive crew program. His wife, Carol, is a member of the competitive crew.

The DWRA is now open to male members, who are interested in competitive rowing. The organization's fall schedule includes regattas at the Head of the Schuylkill in Philadelphia and the Cliss in Wyandotte.



## All-MAC golfers

Grosse Pointe South had four of the eight golfers on the all-Macomb Area Conference Red Division team. In the top photo are Charlotte Park, left and Kelsey Burgess. In the bottom photo are Carey Farley, left, and E.A. Kennedy.



Members of the Detroit Women's Rowing Association display their medals after a strong showing USRowing Masters Championships. From left, are Carol Raisky, Sheri Giannosa, Renee Adams Schulte, coach Michael Raisky, Ursula Grennan and Libby Irwin.



Carol Raisky and Sheri Giannosa won a silver medal in women's A doubles at the USRowing Masters National Championships.

## North wins Holly tourney

Grosse Pointe North's tennis team should have a good boost in confidence as it heads into state tournament play later this week.

The Norsemen, who finished third at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division tournament and at the University Liggett School Invitational, took first place at last weekend's Holly Invitational.

North finished with 20 points as it won championships in four flights.

Dean Butts and Kevin Zak beat Mount Pleasant 7-5, 6-2 in the championship match at No. 1 doubles. The No. 3 doubles team of Jimmy Coon and Lenny Han-Voth also won its flight.

Singles champions were David Ryda at No. 2 with a 6-1, 6-2 win against Mount Pleasant, and Joe Scott at No. 4 when he beat Midland 6-2, 6-1.

Several North players won two matches.

At No. 1 singles, Doug Zade breezed past Holly and Midland by 6-0, 6-0 scores. Billy Sessions beat Dakota 6-0, 6-0 and Holly 6-1, 6-0.

The No. 2 doubles team of David Adelman and Eric Kiska, the No. 4 team of Ryan Mann and Dan Law and the No. 5 doubles team of Kevin Irving and Kevin Rey each won two matches.

North's 5-3 victory against University of Detroit Jesuit came down to the No. 1 doubles team of Butts and Zak winning a three-set match.

Zade, Ryda and Scott each won their singles matches, while North's other victory came from the No. 3 doubles team of Coon and Han-Voth.

## ULS blanks Cranbrook

University Liggett School's field hockey team made a goal late in the first half stand up for a 1-0 victory against Cranbrook Kingswood.

"Cranbrook was scrappy and quick to the ball but the Knights kept fighting," said ULS coach Tamara Fobare.

As time ran out in the first half, a penalty corner was played out and Luisa Myavec scored the game's only goal.

Cranbrook applied pressure in the second half, but the ULS defense remained poised and kept the attack from scoring.

ULS had several chances on penalty corners but couldn't get another shot past the Cranes' goalie.

Janaya Gripper recorded her fifth shutout of the season.

Fobare was also pleased with the way her team played in a scrimmage against Grosse Pointe South.

ULS is 8-1-2. The Knights close out the home season against Washtenaw on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 11 a.m.



Grosse Pointe North's tennis team took first place at last weekend's Holly Invitational tournament. In front, from left, are David Ryda, Eric Kiska, Kevin Zak, Lenny Han-Voth, Kevin Irving and Dean Butts. In back, from left, are Jimmy Coons, Doug Zade, Joe Scott, Dave Adelman, Ryan Mann, Dan Law, Kevin Ray and Billy Sessions. Not pictured are coaches Drew Mascarin and Brandon Still.

## South spikers are playing well

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team is playing well and one of the big reasons is middle blocker Nikki Stratelak.

"She has been amazing on the volleyball court during the last week," said Blue Devils coach Ryan Welser. "She has completely dominated all phases of the game in each of our last eight matches."

South is 6-1-1 in those last eight, with the only defeat against Flushing, the third-ranked team in Division I, in the championship match at the Ortonville Brandon Invitational.

The Blue Devils were 4-1-1 in the tournament.

The Blue Devils have won their last two Macomb Area Conference White Division matches, including a victory against division leader, and previously unbeaten, Utica Ford II, and Sterling Heights to improve to 4-3 in the division and 15-7-4 overall.

"(Stratelak) has recorded double-digit kills now in 12 straight matches — six with 18 or more — including four matches with double-doubles (kills and digs). That's a rare feat, the equivalent of a double-double in basketball," Welser said.

"Most astonishing is her attacking percentage over this span."

In the last eight matches, Stratelak is hitting .468, which is the number of kills divided by attempts.

"Attacking percentage is the

premier stat used to measure volleyball players in high school and college," Welser said.

"It's similar to a batting average. Anything over .200 is good. Anything over .300 is elite. Anything over .400 is phenomenal and almost unheard of."

There's even more to marvel about in Stratelak's recent play.

She has graded out at 91 percent in serve reception efficiency.

In the Ford match, Stratelak had 22 kills for a hitting percentage of .510, 10 digs and six blocks.

Against Sterling Heights she had 25 kills (.560), 15 digs and five blocks.

There were some other standouts in the 25-21, 25-27, 25-19, 25-9 win against Sterling Heights.

Kate Graham served 24 points, including nine aces. Caroline Ross served 11 points.

Christa Bertakis continued her fine play defensively and in serve reception. Kim Grambo is one of the top setters in the division.

"The Sterling Heights match was by far our best-played match of the year," Welser said.

Earlier, South lost 25-5, 25-20, 29-27 to Grosse Pointe North in a MAC crossover.

"They were way better this time, but our goal is to see how much we can close the gap by the time districts roll around," Welser said.

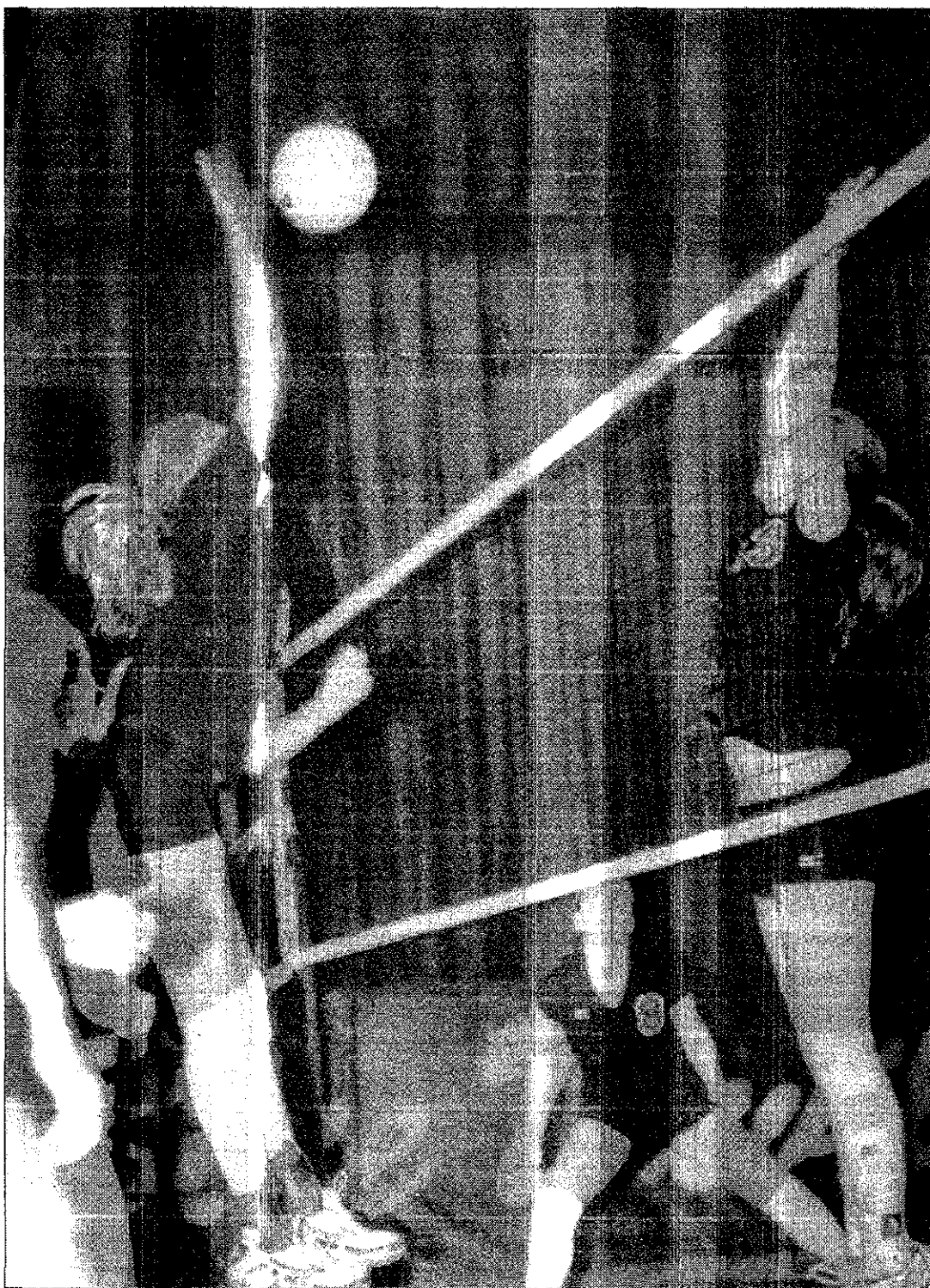


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Nikki Stratelak, shown here spiking the ball against Eisenhower, has been on a tear for Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team.

## Norsemen fall short of goal North girls tough runners

Last week wasn't one that Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team will care to remember.

That's because the Norsemen's standards are so high.

North opened the week with a loss to Marysville in three games in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division match.

The Norsemen bounced back with a 25-23, 25-20, 27-29, 25-19 victory against L'Anse Creuse in the MAC Red, then reached the semifinals of the Northwood University tournament before losing to Mount Morris.

A lot of things didn't go right for North in the Marysville match, which was a battle for

first place in the division.

"It was a very disappointing loss," said coach Kim Lockhart. "Marysville pretty much dominated the first and third games. We were ahead most of the second game, but Marysville took control of the last six points."

"They served us tough and we struggled to serve receive throughout the night."

Lockhart felt that the Norsemen had a hangover from the loss to the Vikings when they played L'Anse Creuse.

"It was a long night," she said. "I think the loss against Marysville affected our level of play (against the Lancers). We won, but we didn't play as well as we usually do."

Ariel Braker had 12 kills and six blocks for North. Christine Klein had nine kills and nine blocks. Madie Kent had eight kills and 12 digs.

In the Northville tournament, the Norsemen advanced through their pool, which included Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA), Mason, Freeland and Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

North beat Mason in the quarterfinals.

Kent finished the tournament with 42 digs, 32 kills and 27 serve receptions. Jillian Kulka had 52 digs. Braker collected 32 kills and 16 blocks. Maggie Tignanelli had 27 digs and 21 kills and Allison Liddane had 92 assists.

North is 25-5-2 overall and 5-2 in the MAC Red.

There was no whining and complaining after Grosse Pointe North's girls cross country team completed the Wayne County Championships last weekend.

The Norsemen finished ninth in the 20 team field and North's No. 1 runner, Katie Graves, couldn't finish the race because of a knee injury.

"This was a very hot and humid day, strange for this time of year, and it really took a toll on the girls," said coach Scott Cooper. "Plus, this course had a pretty big hill in the middle that they went up twice."

"The girls ran very tough, getting out quickly at the start and running as a pack of five for the first mile. Then the elements took their toll and the

pack started breaking up.

"Once again I was impressed by the toughness of this team. They are not complainers. They are hard workers who have been very positive all season."

Freshman Cristina Bruno finished the race as North's No. 1 runner.

"She ran another fantastic race," Cooper said. "She has been consistently moving up and shows a great amount of promise for the next four years. She has a great attitude and works very hard all the time."

Finishing No. 2 for the Norsemen was Zyanya Wright-Servais, who is probably the most pleasant surprise of the season for Cooper.

Bree McDonald, Kailey Sickmiller, Haley Abessinio and Francesca Bruno rounded out the varsity lineup.

"She has been moving up every race from our No. 20 runner and now finds herself sitting in the No. 2 spot," Cooper said. "She has proven that she is for real, and I hope she plans to stay on top for a long time to come."

Rachel Gimpert led the North runners in the junior varsity race. She was followed by Sam Patterson, Maddie Lacey, Amanda Schneider and Becca Gimpert.

Wright-Servais, Marina Metes and Kim Woods, who eclipsed her previous best time by a minute, posted personal records.











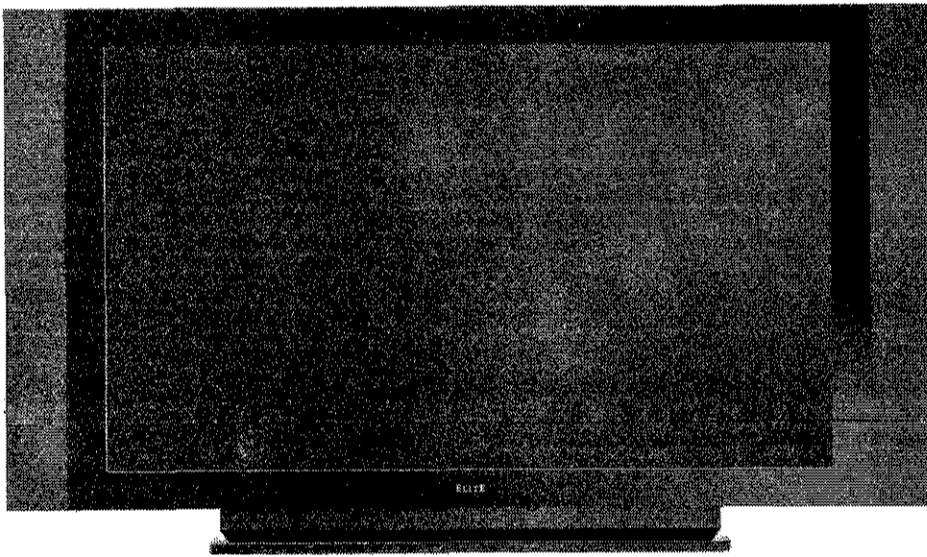
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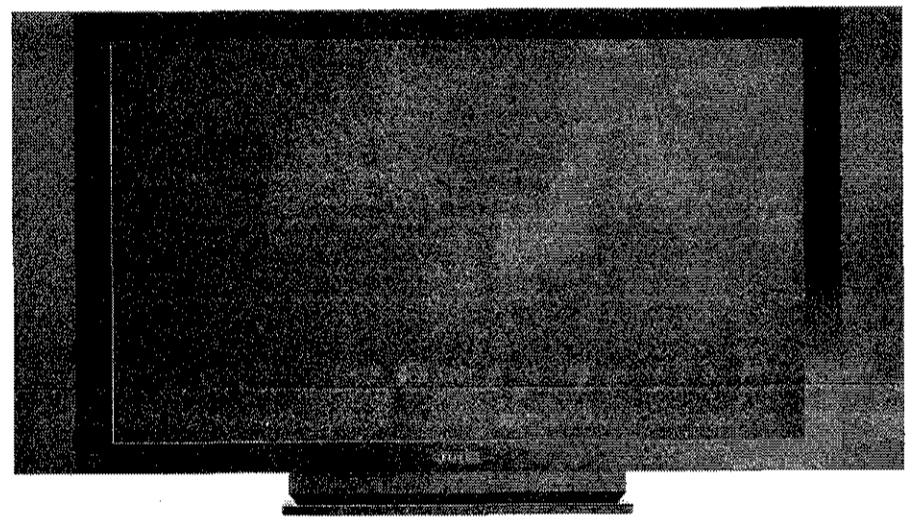
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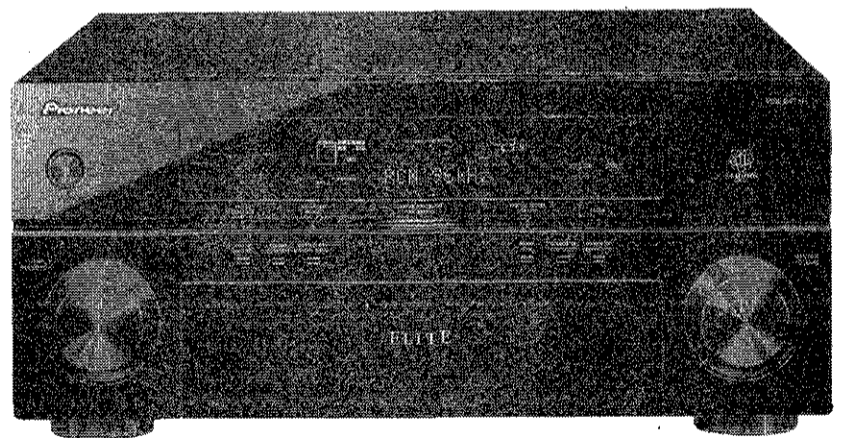
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