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THURSDAY, JAN. 3

◆ Start off the New Year right. The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit hopes to meet its fundraising goal of \$1.375 million by Jan. 31. 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: old-newsboysgoodfellows.org.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

◆ The Detroit Institute of Arts will hold a Drop-in Workshop from 6 to 9 p.m. to make artist trading cards. The program is free with museum admission.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

◆ The Blue Devils boys hockey team plays a home game against Ann Arbor Huron.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6

◆ Target Family Sunday will be held at the Detroit Institute of Arts with a Drop-in Workshop from 1 to 5 p.m. Make a simple bookmark using rubber stamps, paper, ribbon and a variety of markers. Drawing in the Galleries for Youth and Adults (ages 6 and older; children 8 and younger must be with an adult) from 1 to 5 p.m. featuring artists/instructors who help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

MONDAY, JAN. 7

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.

◆ Services for Older Citizens will present behavioral psychologist Dr. Barbara Fisher who will discuss forgiveness and how it helps the one forgiven as well as the one who forgives.

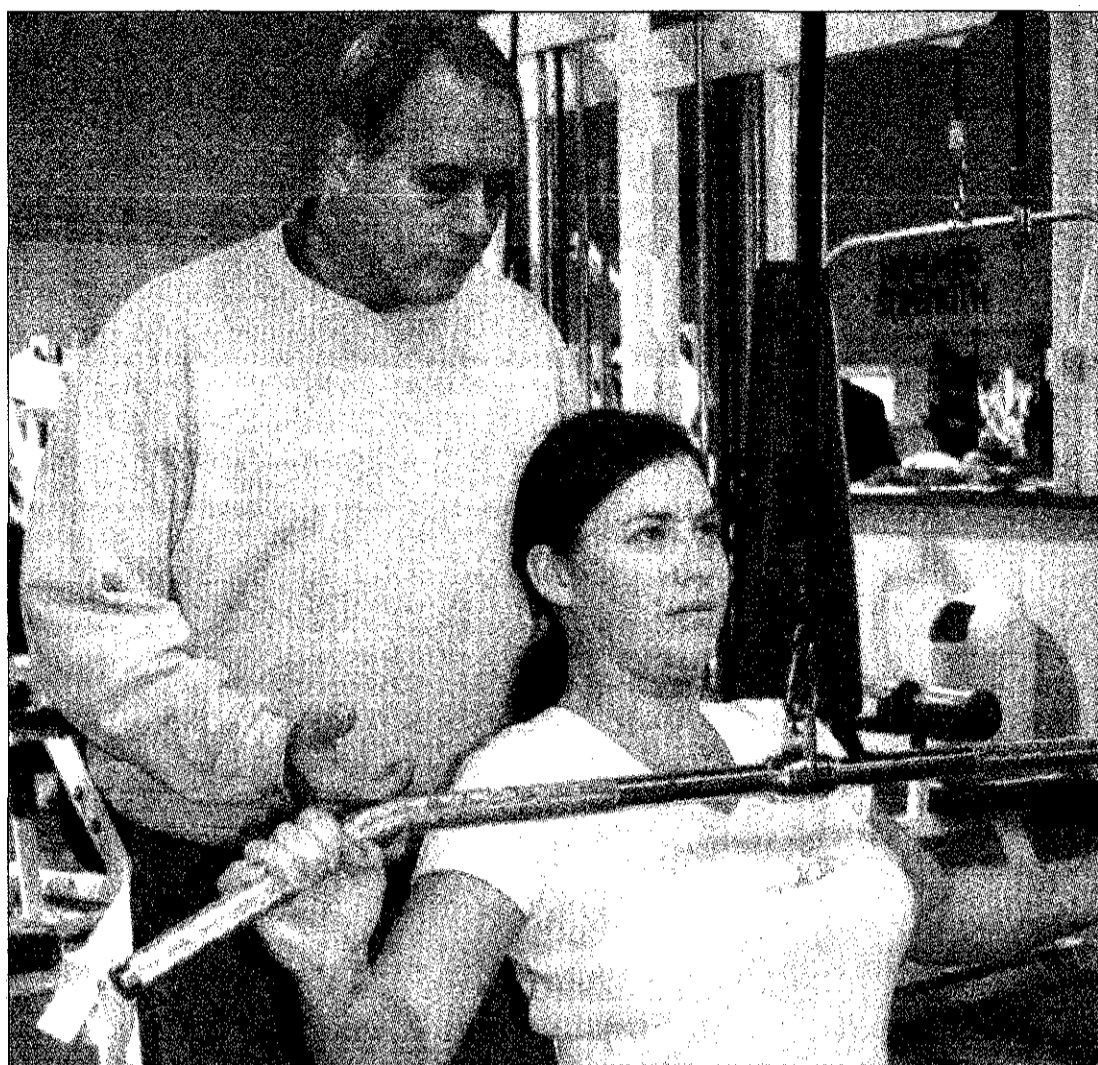
TUESDAY, JAN. 8

◆ The Grace United Church of Christ's thrift shop reopens after a holiday break.

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Starting right in 2008

Grosse Pointe Park resident Ken Welch, left, owner of Pointe Fitness and Training Center in Harper Woods, lends a helping hand to Julia Garvin of Harper Woods. Dozens of people have signed up at Pointe Fitness to start the new year off on the right foot, which includes getting plenty of exercise. Pictured below are sisters Molly Briggs, left, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Libby Gerwin of Grosse Pointe Woods, using the rowing machines.



Mack project headlines 2007

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods residents will look back on 2006 as a year of "new" beginnings, including new city councilmembers, new construction projects and a new home for the Cook Schoolhouse.

January

◆ Renovation work began on the Cook Schoolhouse following the city council's vote to award the contract to Thomas Kleiner Construction Co. The

historic building was recently moved from Mack to Ghesquiere Park.

◆ Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp announced that 75 boat wells will be available this year and urged residents to apply early for the empty wells.

◆ The city council agreed to purchase an electronic timing device for use by the Lakefront Swimming Association during the summer swim season. The \$18,000 cost will be split between the six communities that participate in the league.



February

◆ Residents drew up a wish list of improvements they would like to see made if a proposed recreation bond comes

See WOODS, page 3A

Major projects lead City

Parking deck construction; Sunrise's departure

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

This past year started as one expectant of major construction in the City of Grosse Pointe.

From a new parking deck behind Kercheval Place, the belief that the Sterling of Grosse Pointe would break ground on its planned senior living development on St. Clair to the repaving of Kercheval, the City expected to be kicking up some dust.

Little did City officials know that a disputed election would be a major story for the City.

January

◆ The new parking deck



was at the top of the City's agenda starting the New Year. Architectural schemes had almost been finalized, but Kercheval Place executives needed final contract language worked out before giving the go-ahead.

The old parking structure was slated for demolition and the costs for both endeavors

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100th birthday highlights '07

Improvements keep council busy

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park celebrated its 100th birthday with a community-wide party. The city council put community improvement and redevelopment projects at the top of its list of priorities.

Below is a look back at the city this past year:



January

◆ The city council approved bids totaling \$106,500 from wrecking companies to demol-

See PARK, page 3A

POINTER OF INTEREST

'Shut off the TV and get outside and do something.'

Kelley Hamilton



Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
 Family: Husband, Chad, three children

Claim to fame: Vice president of development of Detroit Public TV

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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

◆ **COURT APPROVES DRAIN PROJECT:** The Michigan Supreme Court, by ruling that State Drain Acts are legal, cleared the way for a \$10 million drainage system in Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

The Grosse-Gratiot Drain, which combines the Black Marsh, Girard and Milk River Drains, will be constructed under the jurisdiction of the Intra-County Drainage Board and the Inter-County Drainage Board.

Meetings are now being scheduled to negotiate land purchases for construction purposes. The cost of the project is estimated at \$10 million.

◆ **SNEEZE CAUSES CAR CRASH:** A sneeze caused a woman to lose control of her vehicle and smash into a pole on Moross before careening onto Kercheval where she struck another vehicle.

Police said that when the woman was making a turn, a violent sneeze caused her to lose control of her vehicle. The driver was taken to an area hospital for treatment of minor

injuries. She was ticketed for not having her car under control.

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL BAND AMONG STATE BEST:** The Grosse Pointe High School band returned to prominence after being scuttled during the Great Depression because of lack of interest.

The band is now recognized as one of the finest in the state, and regularly plays large venues throughout the area. Music fans attribute the resurgence to the arrival of Dewey Kalember, who came to the district in 1938 and started picking up the pieces of the shattered program.

1983

25 years ago this week

◆ **VILLAGE SUPER STEPS DOWN:** Tom Jeffries, who served 36 years as Grosse Pointe Shores superintendent, the longest term of service as city manager in Michigan history, retired from his post on Jan. 1.

Jeffries, 70, was named to the post in 1946, and has served with six different village presidents during his tenure. He was applauded for his ef-

forts by several state dignitaries and was presented with an engraved plaque at a recent luncheon held in his honor.

◆ **POLICE SEEK SUSPECTS IN THREE ROBBERIES:** Grosse Pointe Park police are investigating three different robberies residents reported within hours of each other recently. Police said a man was relieved of \$9,000 worth of cash and coin while on his way to a bus stop. Two other victims later reported being robbed of their wallet and purse while walking.

◆ **FOREST TO BE NAMED AFTER JUSTICE MOODY?:** The Michigan State Legislature is leading the way to rename Pigeon River Country State Forest after Justice Blair Moody Jr., who recently died suddenly in his home.

The Legislature recently passed a resolution to rename the 90,000-acre site in north central lower Michigan after the justice. Moody's passion for conservation was a driving force behind the resolution.

1998

10 years ago this week

◆ **FOX CREEK SUIT MAY COST PARK:** The Grosse Pointe Park city council has until later this month to decide if it wants to pay a \$1.9 million settlement in a class-action suit filed against the city on behalf of residents who live by the Fox Creek canal in Detroit.

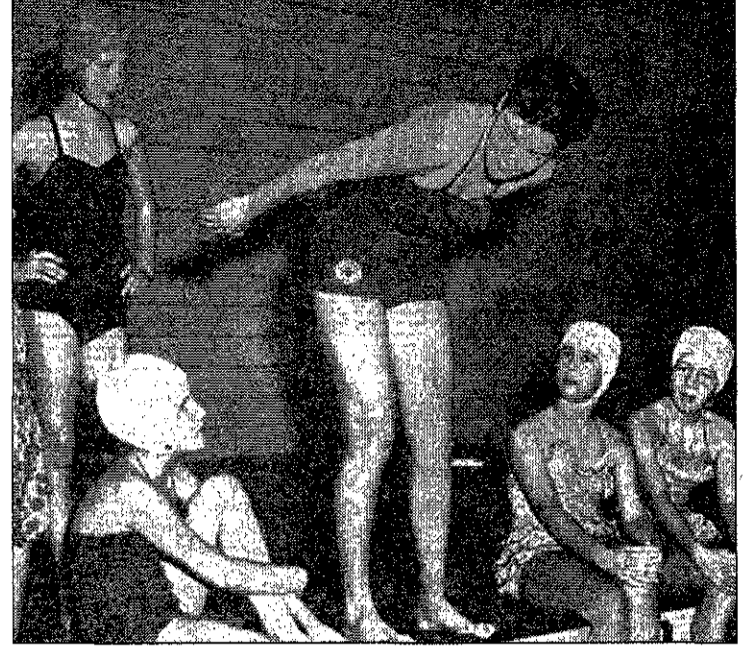
The suit seeks compensation from the Park and Detroit for damage of property that abuts the canal caused by the Park's discharge of combined sewage overflows into the canal.

Residents along the canal have long complained that their yards are littered with sewage following heavy rains, which the Park sewer system cannot handle.

◆ **SCHOOL BOARD ASKED TO ADDRESS MUSIC ISSUE:** Disturbed by an article published recently in a weekly newspaper, school board members implored the public to address the music program budget constructively or drop it.

At issue is the budget of vocal music department productions. Both district parents and school board trustees have asked for more thorough accounting of expenses, both district-sponsored and donated through parent fundraisers.

There continues to be a difference of opinion on how much the district paid and how



1958: Taking the plunge

Assistant Instructor Betty Brownson of Grosse Pointe Farms demonstrates a diving position to Girl Scouts.

The girls are part of a group of 115 scouts who swim weekly at the Pierce Junior High School pool in the community swimming program operated by the Grosse Pointe Public School System. (From the Jan. 2, 1958 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

much was supplemented by fundraising for a production held in 1997.

The organization serves 132 member communities.

2003

5 years ago this week

◆ **CITY REJOINS SEMCOG:** After an absence of several years, the City of Grosse Pointe city council announced plans to rejoin the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

City officials said the reason they rejoined the organization was the help they could receive from the group. SEMCOG's primary mission is assisting with planning issues that extend beyond individual government boundaries and intergovernmental relations with local governments as well as state and federal agencies.

◆ **PARK, FEDS CATCH BANK ROBBING SUSPECT:** A man wanted for at least 10 bank hold-ups was caught through the cooperation of local and federal law enforcement agencies.

Grosse Pointe Park police, working with federal agents, arrested the man after receiving a tip that he would attempt to hold up the same Grosse Pointe Park bank that he had previously robbed. The man was taken into custody following a raid on his house in Detroit.

◆ **CITY GETS A CLEAN AUDIT:** The City of Grosse Pointe once again received a clean bill of health in its annual audit.

The City's auditor, Rehmann Robson, gave the City an unqualified opinion on its audit for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

— John Lundberg

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Watch television, but turn it off

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

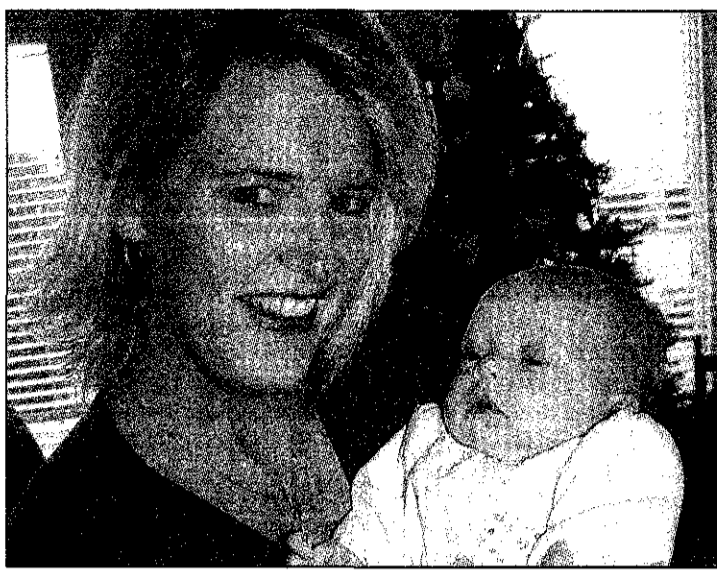
Kelley Hamilton tells her daughters it's all right to watch television for a little while, but then they must turn it off and go outside to play.

Hamilton is talking an oxymoron. She is employed by Detroit Public TV as its vice president of development and the host of "Get Up and Get Out" which airs at 5 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. Saturdays.

"We tell people TV is OK in moderation. I tell my 10-year-old and my 6-year-old they can watch a little, but they must shut it off," she said.

Hamilton sets the example. She and her husband, Chad, see to it that their daughters are active, whether it is playing soccer, taking dance lessons or practicing the piano.

In addition to her chauffeur-



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Kelley Hamilton and her youngest daughter, Addison.

ing duties, Hamilton volunteers at Ferry Elementary School, where her children are enrolled. For the past few weeks, Hamilton has been on

maternity leave taking care of Addison, who was born at the end of October.

Through her program, Hamilton tells not only her

children but the metro area viewing audience where to take the family for a special activity.

"It's a fun show funded by Community of Southeast Michigan to fight childhood obesity," said the Grosse Pointe Woods resident. "Shut off the TV and get out and do something. Each week we go into the community and do an outdoor activity."

Hamilton, who has been at Channel 56 for 12 years, and her co-host, Fred Nahhat, have gone on nature walks, visited Metro parks, and participated in ice fishing and ice skating. They have played golf, flown a kite and played Frisbee. This month they will be learning the sport of curling and visiting the Belle Isle Nature Zoo.

"Get Up and Get Out" is a program the family can watch together, she said. "Then shut

off the television and go do something."

In its fifth season, Hamilton is proud of the show's accomplishments and its mission.

"One of the great things about it is that it's great to be part of a show that has such a good mission. Shut off the TV and do something fun."

Hosting "Get Up and Get Out" is really a side venture. Her main job at the station is collecting donations from individuals and foundations and running the capital campaign, she said.

Hamilton said more than 60 percent of the station's budget is collected from individuals and it's a big job.

"But I have a good staff, which helps me raise money from \$5 to \$50,000."

"I was signing letters today and so many letters were from this community."

Hamilton said she is proud to live in such a giving community and that's one of the reasons she brought her husband here to live and raise their family.

"This is where I grew up and I wanted to come back. It's a great community. People are great. There are great schools, great parks," she said. "I love living so close to the lake and walking."

Hamilton graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and Michigan State University, earning a degree in communications. She first worked at East Lansing's public television and radio station. After the couple married, she persuaded her husband, who is from Rochester, to settle down on the east side. Their house is a block from her younger sister's house and near her parents' Harper Woods home. It's a telltale sign that family and friends are important to her. Hamilton also has maintained

her childhood friendships.

"It's hard to balance both home and work but I love my job and sometimes it doesn't feel like work at all," Hamilton said.

Hamilton credits her husband for helping her maintain the balance and see each day as a blessing.

Having gone through the deaths of a close friend and her brother-in-law, both in their mid-30s, she has said she has learned to take each day and cherish it — to live each moment to the fullest.

Working at Channel 56 encompasses a large portion of her life.

"Channel 56 is a wonderful place to work. I love what I do and feel good about what I do. I see a direct impact in the community," she said.

And the community is appreciative of her work. She said people stop her in the grocery store to thank her for the quality public television programming.

Public television currently is engaged in a \$22 million capital fundraising campaign.

"It will be a new era for public television in Detroit with new technology," she said.

However, it will remain locally owned and true to its mission to help other cultural institutions.

"One show can reach 20,000 a day. We help other cultural institutions and help them reach their goal. It's an important resource," she said. "Viewership is up because it speaks and the people understand."

"I wanted to do something that would impact the community positively and feel good about what I do. I'm so lucky to be in a profession where I do something I like but get paid for it."

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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Due to the January 15 Presidential Primary Election, the Council of The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores will convene on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 at 7:00 P.M.**, rather than on the normal third Tuesday of the month. The meeting will take place in the first floor council chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Jack P. McHugh

Looking ahead

Recent lawmakers' focus on budget issues has resulted in little action on environmental causes. However, that is likely to change once the Legislature finalizes the 2008 budget.

Several environment related bills are awaiting debate, including the following:

◆ Lawmakers seek to protect privacy:

Citing concerns about civil liberties, Rep. Tom Pearce, R-Rockford, has proposed legislation that would prohibit the implantation of an ID microchip without a person's consent.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved implantation of a radio frequency microchip in humans to allow hospital personnel to locate medical records quickly. Such ID microchips can also be used as "electronic keys" for security purposes.

◆ Stiffer groundwater regulations proposed:

A legislative package introduced by House Democrats would greatly expand the restrictions on groundwater use enacted last year. House Bills 5065-5073 would impose extensive permitting requirements on commercial and industrial firms. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality would be granted unchecked new powers to regulate water use, conservation and mitigation requirements.

◆ Stem cell research:

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has urged the repeal of Michigan's ban on embryonic stem cell research.

House Bill 4416, introduced by Rep. Andy Meisner, D-Ferndale, would repeal the use of stem cells taken from human embryos created for purposes of in vitro fertilization in a fertility clinic.

The use of human embryonic stem cells in medical research remains controversial. Some say that embryonic stem cells hold greater promise for treating a variety of debilitating diseases, including certain types of cancers. But concerns have been raised about the ethical implications of using stem cells from human embryos as opposed to stem cells from other sources.

The Legislature last year authorized the Department of Community Health to create a statewide network of umbilical cord blood stem cell banks, to be funded by \$5 million from the 21st Century Jobs Fund, the state's economic development subsidy program.

Jack McHugh is the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's senior legislative analyst and editor of MichiganVotes.org.



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Essential school days

To the Editor:

First let me commend the Grosse Pointe Public School System for not playing into the frenzy the television media starts every time we have a snow fall.

We all forget television is entertainment and thrives on excitement. The evening news re-

ported we were the only school district to hold classes on Monday, Dec. 17.

It is unfortunate we are teaching our children that school is not important enough to attend when the weather gets bad. It is no wonder we cannot get them to show up for work when they grow up. We teach them early.

The stores were packed Dec. 15 so everyone seemed to

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get out OK.

Is anyone else as offended every time our government announces that non-essential employees should not report to work? I sure wish I could af-

ford to have even one non-essential employee.

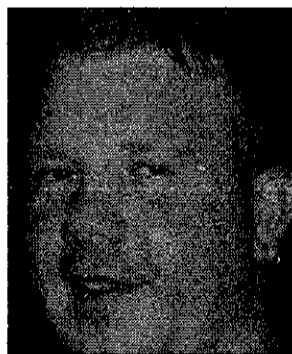
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RICK MURRAY
Grosse Pointe Shores

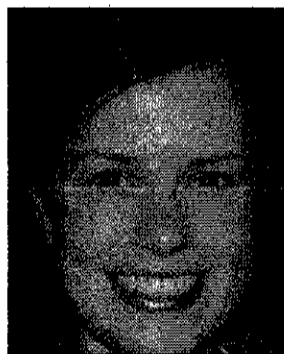
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is your New Year's Resolution?

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



'To go back to school.'
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St. Clair Shores



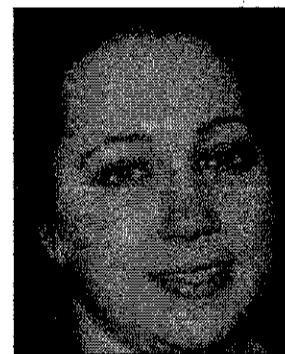
'To go to Europe before my passport expires, specifically Prague.'
LIZ VOGEL
Grosse Pointe Farms



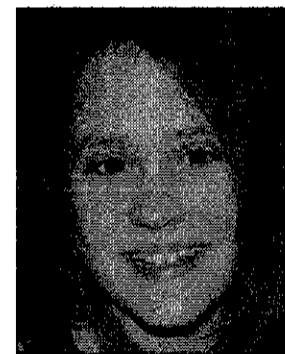
'To be more tolerant.'
LINDA JENNINGS
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I never make New Year's resolutions.'
DIANE NEUTENS
Detroit



'To live a healthier lifestyle.'
KATIE MCCLAIN
Grosse Pointe Woods



'To keep my grades up and always be nice to my family.'
KELSEY NEWA
City of Grosse Pointe

GUEST OPINION By Lee H. Hamilton

For good or ill, Congress needs time to do its work

When it comes to policy, Americans are an impatient people. We see a problem — the war in Iraq or our failing health care system — and want it resolved as soon as possible. Our expectations for quick action are at their highest when we vote for change in the Congress. So it's no surprise that many Americans wonder why, after making their preferences on Iraq clear last year, it is taking Congress so long to act.

As the Capitol Hill wrestling match over the war suggests, Congress is not especially suited to radical or immediate change.

It took seven years of effort, after all, before Congress finally cut off funding for the Vietnam War — and by the time it acted, there were no longer U.S. troops stationed there.

The plain truth is that Congress is comfortable with incrementalism, not speed.

It is not immediately clear why this should be so. Aren't members of Congress there to

represent the American people? And if Americans use their votes in congressional elections to register discontent or promote a change in policy, shouldn't that be reflected quickly in the Senate and House chambers?

One way to think about this might be to remember your trips to a video store to rent a movie. On your own, you can choose pretty quickly. Go with one other person and, inevitably, it takes longer. And if you go with a couple of friends or family members, you can be there for a half hour arguing over your choices.

Imagine what happens when 535 members of Congress — each representing a different constituency, each with his or her own opinions, each attuned to different voices in this diverse, multi-faceted nation of ours — have to grapple with issues as complex as war, our health care system, the tax code, or the perilous state of our fiscal health.

Forging an approach that can command a majority of votes takes creativity, flexibility, persuasion, horse-trading

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and, above all, time. It may require year after year of effort before legislation can make it out of a committee, let alone pass on both the Senate and House floors and be signed into law by the president.

This explains, in part, why Congress tends to react to problems or to the president's initiatives, rather than instigating fundamental change on its own.

Every so often it can muster the will to rewrite how the United States behaves — as it did in the 1980s when it opted for sanctions against the apartheid regime in South Africa over the objections of President Ronald Reagan. For the most part, however,

Congress prefers to tackle small slices of a large problem, rather than the entire problem at once.

So we get health coverage for children in low-income families, or an expansion of prescription coverage for seniors, rather than a comprehensive remake of our health-care system or a basic rewrite of the Medicare laws.

We get tinkering every year with the tax code, rather than such radical measures as moving to a so-called "flat tax" or closing for once and for all the loopholes that special interests have won over the years.

then a bid to enact some limits in a supplemental appropriations bill, then a focus on the defense appropriations bill, and then attempts to use other legislative vehicles to change the federal government's approach toward the war.

As frustrating as all this can be to Americans who want change right away, this gradual approach often serves the nation well. It allows the diverse and often conflicting views of the body politic to be heard and, generally, incorporated into the final product.

In economic affairs, it promotes the economy's stability, rather than forcing major changes and their unintended consequences through the system.

There is a risk to incrementalism, though: the problem you're trying to address grows faster than your ability to get your arms around it.

That's what appears to be happening in health care. Since the failure of the Clinton health plan in the early 1990s, the system seems only to have careened closer to the brink of unworkability. And it may be

what is happening with the ever-expanding debt that our government is amassing, a habit that economic experts agree has the potential to be disastrous.

It takes a lot to overcome Congress' preference for tackling issues piece by piece, but it's not impossible. Eventually, when basic problems go unchecked, they balloon to the point where public patience with incrementalism wears thin.

This happened during the Clinton years with welfare reform and it is taking place now with the war in Iraq. It shows signs of occurring in health care and it is bound to happen should our chronic fiscal indebtedness cause widespread economic hardship.

Faced with enough pressure, Congress can face up to fundamental problems and act on them. Whether it feels that pressure, though, is up to the American people.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Harbor renovations topped charts in '07

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The village of Grosse Pointe Shores entered 2007 with officials hopeful that they would gain approval of renovating the deteriorating harbor at Osius Park.

To be sure, there were other objectives to be accomplished, but the harbor renovation was at the top of the official's wish list.

By the end of the year, the Shores council would have several other matters brought before them, including the possibility of changing the Shores from a township to a city.

January

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gives the Shores a tentative green light to begin harbor renovations. The Corps is one of the governing agencies, the other being the Department of Environmental Quality, that the Shores needed approval to renovate the harbor.

Plans include reconfiguring the entire outer harbor, without increasing its footprint.

February

Shores officials expressed concern over Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposal to reduce revenue sharing with communities that do not share services. Revenue sharing with the state helps pay for essential services offered by the Shores and the other Pointe communities.

March

Despite the increase in property taxable values, home values in the Shores decreased 3 percent. Assessments are based on property sales surveyed by assessors from the previous reporting period.

Throughout the Grosse Pointe, property values were flat or down from the previous reporting period.

April

The state's Department of Environmental Quality gave the Shores the green light to begin renovations to its municipal park harbor.

The agency was one of two regulatory boards the Shores needed to approve the project.

Renovations are expected to begin at the conclusion of this year's boating season. At a recent meeting regarding the proposal, residents concerned of the accreted area north of the Harbor complained the construction would not do enough to stop accretion that is driving down their property values.

May

A large increase in water rates prompted the Shores to investigate whether it should tie into the water plant in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Based on a new formula, the City of Detroit will increase its water rates to the Shores by more than 20 percent in the upcoming year. Shores officials contend that they do an excellent job conserving water and are seriously considering severing its contract with the Detroit Water Board.

2007
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in review

June

Police arrested an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man after he assaulted an officer who was trying to arrest him. Police were breaking up an underage drinking party when they observed two males attempt to flee out the back door. Police were able to catch one of the suspects, but the other escaped after punching one of the officers.

He was later identified and police are seeking felonious assault charges against the man.

Shores officials began preparing a \$3.8 million bond sale for renovations to its municipal park harbor now that an appeals deadline passed. Officials had to wait until the deadline passed before proceeding with the bond sale.

The Shores received approval from two state regulatory agencies to renovate the harbor earlier this year.

July

AT&T representatives began disguising its video cabinets to make them more visually appealing in the village's rights-of-way. The cable company announced plans to introduce its services in the community last year.

August



FILE PHOTO

Osius Park harbor in Grosse Pointe Shores will go through extensive renovations in 2007 and 2008. Officials believe the work will be completed by the beginning of boating season this spring.

Shores officials unsealed three bids for the renovation of its municipal harbor. Once a bidder is selected, the Shores will begin selling \$3.8 million in bonds to pay for the renovation.

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

November

The historic Old English cottage house, once the property of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, was sold at auction for \$625,000. A Chicago-based physician put in the winning bid for the 2,150 square foot house.

Auction house officials said

the man plans to upgrade the house.

After months of study, Shores officials plan to proceed with changing their water delivery to the Grosse Pointe Farms water plant. Shores officials now plan to meet with Farms and Woods officials early in January to take the plan to the next level.

Rose Garland Thornton announced her resignation as president pro tem effective at the end of the year. Thornton has served on the Village board of trustees for more than 20 years.

December

Shores officials plan to hold a special election for residents to gauge their interest in

becoming a city, rather than a township. Shores officials said a now-dormant piece of legislation in the Michigan legislature would abolish townships, which would cost the Shores its tax collecting authority.

The special election is planned for May.

The board of trustees voted to place a one-year minimum on rentals in the Shores. The move was prompted by transient renters who take advantage of the old one-month minimum.

There are three major issues facing the Shores in 2008: the municipal harbor renovation, a planned vote for cityhood and changing to the Grosse Pointe Farms water plant.

CITY:
2007 held
surprises

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were slated to come out of the City's parking fund.

After the finishing touches were applied to the parking deck's configuration, executives from Trader Joe's applied for and received a special use permit to move into the rear portion of the development. The store will occupy more than 13,000 square feet.

The Kroger grocery store in the Village expanded into a vacant storefront on Notre Dame. Store officials said the area would house its beer and wine section, opening up space for the store to increase its grocery line.

February

Officials at the Bon Secours Cottage Health System announced they are seeking a buyer for the hospital. Officials said the sale was intended to ensure the hospital continues its services on the east side.

Raleigh, the City's K-9 officer, was named Officer of the Year at an awards ceremony at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. The German shepherd and his handler, Mike Almeranti, were cited for their outstanding performance in nabbing criminals.

Sterling of Grosse Pointe officials remained cautiously optimistic about breaking ground on a 79-unit luxury senior living facility just off the Village. Officials have begun preconstruction sales hoping to reach a sales quota necessary for construction to begin.

April

The City received three offers for the development of Lots 2 & 3 in the Village. The three proposals featured either a mixed use of commercial, residential and retail or the construction of a new grocery store between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

Officials were expected to decide on one of the plans by summer.

After months of negotiations, executives from Trader Joe's specialty grocer signed a potential 25-year lease to occupy the rear of Kercheval Place. The long-awaited lease agreement clears the way for the gro-



FILE PHOTO

It took only two weeks to raze the old Jacobson's parking deck. The new parking deck is scheduled to open for business soon.

cer to begin operations by the beginning of the New Year.

May

City officials awarded a \$3.9 million construction bid to Barton Malow to begin demolition and construction of a new parking deck behind Kercheval Place. The money will come out of the City's parking fund. Construction is expected to be concluded by the end of the year.

The old Jacobson's parking deck was razed in the matter of a couple of weeks to make way for a new facility. Construction for the new deck also received a low 4.1 percent interest rate due in part to the City's excellent credit rating.

A Detroit woman was saved by City police, who responded to a desperate call from a Detroit youth, who said his mother was being attacked.

A Detroit man was arrested at the scene. The City normally doesn't make Detroit runs, but the desperate nature of the call

persuaded them to take action.

Beaumont Hospital purchased Bon Secours Hospital to continue the facility's operations on the east side. Terms of the sale were not immediately released.

June

The fill under the old Jacobson's construction deck was not what officials expected, which increased the cost of the project. The foundation was also much thicker than what the drawings indicated and resulted in more time needed to clean up the site.

Three men were arrested for threatening police officers following their mother's arrest for witness intimidation. The incident stems from the brutal carjacking of an elderly couple, who were attacked after exiting their car in the driveway of their University home in January.

Police arrested two suspects in the carjacking of two Canadian women on Mack.

The 14-year-old and 16-year-old were held on carjacking and assault charges.

July

Both defendants in a recent carjacking on Mack were turned over to the 3rd Circuit Court in Detroit and waived their preliminary examination. They will be tried in Detroit. Both face charges ranging from carjacking to felonious assault with the intent to commit murder.

In an effort to boost sales of its planned luxury senior living units, the Sterling of Grosse Pointe applied for a Wayne County tax abatement program. The program reduces property taxes significantly over the first five years after purchase. Sales of the units have been lackluster.

September

The man convicted in the murder of his mother's bookkeeper died in prison from AIDS-related complications.

Joseph Marasco, who was convicted of first-degree murder in the slaying, continued to make threats against officers and witnesses from his prison cell.

October

Beaumont Hospital officially took the reins of Bon Secours Hospital. The leader in health delivery services plans to expand its offerings at the facility.

Sterling of Grosse Pointe abandoned its plan to construct a luxury senior living facility near the Village. Company executives cited the dismal housing market for their failure to meet pre-sale quotas to begin construction.

Residents and business owners expressed disappointment with DTE's response time to a power outage that knocked out power to more than 500 customers for several hours. DTE officials blamed the problem on an increase in outages in surrounding communities during a windstorm.

November

Don Campbell and Don Parthum Jr., both challengers

in the city council election, finished in a tie for the last council seat.

Both candidates agreed to cast lots, with Parthum selecting the slip marked "elected" from a box.

Campbell later sought a recount, with the results remaining in a tie.

Because election laws stipulate that both had to cast lots again following the recount, Campbell withdrew his recount petition.

John Stempfle and John Stevens were returned to the council.

December

Police arrested four suspects in three separate home invasions in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores.

The suspects, who range in age from 15 to 19 years olds, all attend the same alternative school in St. Clair Shores, police said. There was a lot of progress made in the City during 2007. City officials now hope to capitalize on those gains and keep the momentum going into the New Year.

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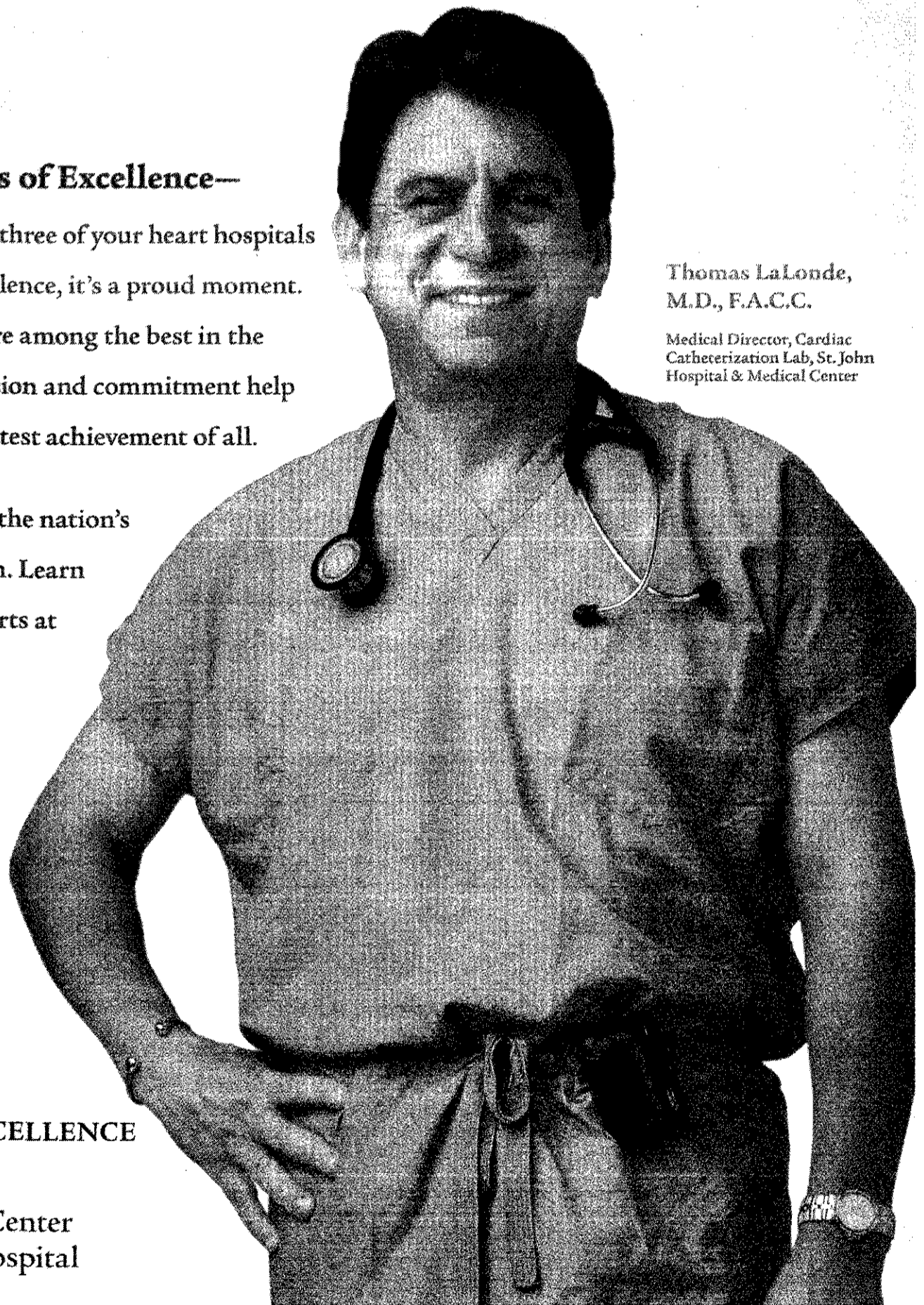
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2007 a year of excitement for local schools

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer



The year 2007 will go into the history books as one of the busiest for all the public and private schools throughout the Grosse Pointes.

New teachers and new leaders were in the headlines, as well as discussions held by Grosse Pointe Public School System officials and Board of Education members concerning new pool construction, how and where to spend bond funds, teacher contracts and International Baccalaureate.

"One of the most significant accomplishments in 2007 was the contract settlements with the teachers union and some of the other bargaining units in the district," said Brendan Walsh, board of education president.

"The financial impact of these far outweigh the many other reactive financial measures that have been taken during the state's educational funding crisis when the district has had to find between \$2 million and \$4 million of savings annually."

Below is a look back at the good and bad from the schools, starting with January.

January

♦ Readers were updated with the news that University Liggett School's Head of School, Matthew H. Hanly, accepted a position as the head of

Oregon Episcopal School, effective July 1.

February

♦ In the Feb. 1 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, it was reported that bond refinancing is expected to yield district taxpayers a nearly \$2 million dividend.

The savings is forecast to result from refinancing construction bonds approved by voters in 2002.

♦ Michigan Education Assessment Program scores were released and more than half of Richard Elementary students aced the reading, English language arts and science sections.

The other elementary schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System also scored high on MEAP scores.

♦ St. Paul Catholic School received a 2006 National Blue Ribbon award during a special assembly Feb. 1.

The private prekindergarten through eighth-grade school in Grosse Pointe Farms was the only Michigan institution, and one of 250 nationwide, to earn the federal blue ribbon designation for exemplary education.

tion.
♦ Barton Malow was named manager of the mammoth pool construction project at Grosse Pointe South High School.

March

♦ ULS announced its new headmaster, Joseph P. Healey, will be starting July 1. Healey was the head of the Ethical Culture Fieldston School in New York City.

♦ In the March 22 edition, the front page story quoted representatives from two staffing companies saying school board officials could save at least \$800,000 per year by privatizing the jobs of custodians, skilled tradesmen and building engineers.

April

♦ FH. Martin Constructors was given the OK to begin construction on new science labs at Brownell Middle School. The company's bid of \$1,701,750 was the lowest of eight submitted to district officials.

♦ School custodians and engineers will stay on the district payroll, according to an April 19 headline.

Their acceptance of wage and benefit concessions exceeding \$400,000 per year convinced Grosse Pointe school board members to step back from privatization, at least until the newly revised contract expires in June, 2009.

May

♦ School safety was discussed during a special meeting at Grosse Pointe North High School.

♦ The first batch of South pool bids were introduced to school board officials, including the acceptance of Gall Construction/Acapulco Pools, which will be paid \$1,460,000 for its featured role in the project.

♦ Ground was broken for the new pool project. Taking part in the ceremony were school board officials, community members and South coaches and administrators.

June

♦ The school board unanimously approved the 2007-08 budget during the first meeting of June.

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

This provision was passed by the slimmest of margins (4-3) with Walsh and trustees Fred Minturn, Charles Sabino and Angela Kennedy voting for it.

♦ Seniors at Grosse Pointe North, South and University Liggett School graduated under sunny skies.

Graduates scattered the nation, attending colleges in more than a dozen states.

♦ Ferry Elementary fifth-grader and current Star of the Sea sixth-grader Andrew Januzzi enjoyed a one-on-one

meeting with former Detroit Tigers outfielder Craig Monroe.

♦ Grosse Pointe South choir teacher Ellen Bowen was suspended after being convicted in a Grosse Pointe Park municipal court of assault and battery and being an annoying person.

The suspension was handed down by state Superintendent Mike Flanagan.

♦ June Teisan of Grosse Pointe Woods was named the 2007-08 Michigan Teacher of the Year. She is a seventh-grade teacher at Harper Woods Secondary School.

July

♦ Thomas Harwood was named the new assistant superintendent of human resources and labor relations for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

He replaced Larry Lobert, who retired June 30.

August

♦ Board of education members reviewed several bids for technology improvements on software renewals, anti-virus software, reconditioned computers and cell phones.

♦ The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education presented a gift to the F.A.S.T. (Families and Schools Together) reading program.

September

♦ School began the first week of September throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

♦ Board of education members approved curriculum changes to align with new state requirements.

♦ Students who fit into one of three categories will be asked to pay \$13 a day in tuition to attend Grosse Pointe public schools.

♦ Ellen Bowen was suspended for one month without pay by school officials for her involvement in a road rage incident more than a year ago.

♦ The Grosse Pointe Academy held a special ceremony, celebrating its new school year and the opening of the school after renovations were completed during the summer.

Headmaster Phil DeMartini called it a "fantastic night."

October

♦ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education approved its annual lease with the Neighborhood Club for \$29,600. It was approved by a 5-1 vote.

♦ New teachers entering the Grosse Pointe Public School System will be paying more for benefits as part of the new state budget deal approved by district officials.

♦ Schools throughout the Pointes held their annual book

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Major issues included coyote sightings

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms officials opened 2007 with a bang after an animated council debate on whether to reinstate skeet shooting at Pier Park.

And things didn't quiet down much after that.

The Farms had several activities going on with the huge success of its Winterfest, to a council election that returned three incumbents, who must decide what to do with city-owned property at Mack and Moross once the Kroger lease expires in May.

Some highlights:

January

◆ Councilman Terry Davis introduced a motion to reinstate skeet shooting at Pier Park for gun enthusiasts. Skeet shooting was allowed in the park until safety and environmental concerns prompted its discontinuation. At an animated council meeting, council members traded barbs and the vote was put off for future consideration.

February

◆ Pointers flocked to the city's annual Winterfest held on the Hill. Event organizers said attendance was "awesome" and that everyone who came had a splendid time.

Due to the event's success, officials said this year's party will be even more ambitious.

◆ The Michigan Humane Society's Varmint Police were called in to capture several coyotes spotted at the Country Club of Detroit. Regular sightings of the animals had residents concerned over the safety of their pets and young children.

◆ Renovations to Pier Park harbor began in preparation for the upcoming boating sea-

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son. Many upgrades were planned and scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day.

March

◆ High winds were to blame for a power outage at city hall that resulted in closing the building. The winds also disabled one of two power lines that deliver electricity to the water plant. Power at the plant was lost for about two seconds before a reserve generator went online.

◆ The Farms City Council tabled a request from Ed Russell, a local developer, to create two easements at 71 Radnor Circle to provide parking for tenants of his Hill commercial properties.

Due to the objections of neighbors, Russell later withdrew his request.

April

◆ Farms officials plan to begin planting native plants in the accreted area north of Pier Park in the summer. Last fall, the Farms initiated a maintenance plan to rid the area of accreted plants. A herbicide will be applied to the plants and new, more aesthetically pleasing plants will replace them.

May

◆ Developer Ed Russell's site plan request to add a third floor, along with other upgrades, to his building at 63 Kercheval was approved by the Farms city council.

The addition will add nearly 10,000 square feet to the facility. It is the first architectural

upgrade to the building since it was constructed more than 40 years ago.

◆ A female coyote and six of her pups were captured under the deck of a house near the Country Club of Detroit. The animals, captured by the Michigan Humane Society's Varmint Police, will be released in the western half of the state.

◆ Henry Ford Health System announced it will continue to own Cottage Hospital and expand services at the facility. Henry Ford became the sole owner of the hospital, which was co-operated with Bon Secours Hospital.

June

◆ Plans to beatify the accreted area north of Pier Park met the approval of the state's Department of Environmental Quality.

The Farms needs the Army Corps of Engineers consent to further clean up the area. A maintenance plan was started in 2006, but some of the plants have returned.

July

◆ Police seized several pounds of marijuana from a home in the 400 block of Bournemouthe following a raid. Police discovered the drugs after responding to a medical run to the house.

The suspect was found bleeding profusely from a laceration to his head. Police believe that because no cash was found in the house, it was used as a warehouse for the drugs.

◆ The city council tabled a resolution allowing it to appoint the library trustee representing the Farms.

August

◆ Police are looking for a suspect who rammed his car into a bicyclist at Fisher and Ridge. The collision injured the



FILE PHOTO

Coyotes were spotted lingering around the Country Club of Detroit. Later, the Michigan Humane Society's Varmint Police captured a female and six cubs.

biker and a car was seen fleeing the scene.

The victim was taken to an area hospital where he was placed in temporary serious condition.

◆ Jumps Restaurant officials applied for and received a liquor license from the city council. The restaurant also announced plans to expand the business at 63 Kercheval.

October

◆ State Representative Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, drew heavy criticism for his support of an income tax increase to help balance the state's budget. Gaffney, who voted against a service tax, said he supported the increase to avert a state shutdown.

◆ Henry Ford assumed full ownership of Cottage Hospital, renaming the facility Henry Ford Cottage Hospital. Company executives plan to expand services.

◆ A fire at Pier Park consumed and destroyed two

boats in the harbor. Law enforcement officials believe a gas leak was the cause of the blaze.

Two boats in surrounding slips were towed to safety.

◆ Gaffney fights a recall effort for his recent vote to increase the state's income tax. He said he plans to fight the recall with all his efforts.

November

◆ A ballot proposal to extend the 10-year Wayne County Community College District millage was defeated on the strength of suburban voters. WCCCD sought the extension to guarantee college offerings would be available for students who graduate years out.

The proposal called for a 10-year extension of the 1.5 mill levy enacted in 2001.

◆ Council incumbents Joe Leonard, Therese Joseph and Doug Roby were returned to the council in convincing fashion. Challenger Greg Bourgoin finished some 400 votes off the pace.

December

◆ Construction on a \$1 million multi-use ice rink and basketball court began at Pier Park.

The 8,300 square foot facility will house basketball courts during the summer. Refrigerated units below the surface will convert them into an ice skating rink in the winter. The project is the brainchild of the city council and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

◆ An application by the developers of the property at Ridge and Moran to join a county land bank was met with skepticism by the city council. The three-acre parcel, on which four homes were approved for construction last year, has not attracted one buyer.

Many challenges face Farms officials in the New Year. With the Kroger lease set to expire in May, council members will have plenty of decisions to make in 2008.

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fairs, generating funds to help each learning facility and pique the interest of hundreds of readers.

◆ For the first time in a formal setting, district officials outlined a new multi-purpose room project at Brownell Middle School. Residents both for and against the project were in attendance.

November

◆ John Steininger pulls off an upset in the school board election Nov. 4, taking the spot held by incumbent Charles Sabino. Minturn easily wins another four-year term.

◆ Several Chinese delegates flew 14 hours to visit students at Defer Elementary School and to attend other school functions during their brief stay in the Pointes.

◆ North held its annual Pops and Pastries concert Saturday, Nov. 10, while South held its annual Pops and Pastries concert Friday, Nov. 16.

Both concerts were a suc-

cess.

December

◆ Parcels Middle School held its Christmas bazaar Dec. 1. A packed house enjoyed the event.

◆ Ferry Elementary School hosted Santa Claus during its annual holiday event.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System received a clean bill of health during its annual audit.

◆ Board of education members discuss options for the Brownell multipurpose room.

◆ School is out for the holiday break and children said, "See you in 2008."

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DIO anxious to present design awards

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

For the third straight year, the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology will present its design awards at the North American International Auto Show.

DIO President Philip Hessburg said he will present four awards at noon Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Cobo Hall's Michigan Hall. The Eyes On Design Awards for Design Excellence are:

- ◆ Production car
- ◆ Production truck
- ◆ Concept car
- ◆ Concept truck

"The presentation is the highlight of the award ceremonies at the NAIAS," Hessburg said.

"I have been to several design offices on the West Coast and the designers proudly display our awards.

"That means a lot to me."

John McElroy is the master of ceremonies and Tom Gale, founding chairman and retired head of design and product development chief of Chrysler, is the top judge.

Other chief judges are Chris Bangle of the BMW Group; Jack Teinack, retired from Ford Motor Co.; and Nate Young of the Art Center College of Design.

The Detroit Auto Dealers Association came to Hessburg three years ago and asked if the DIO would present design awards and if Gale would lead the way.

"We used to present design awards about a decade ago, but gave up on it until the Detroit Auto Design Association approached us and asked if we would get back in the presentation," Hessburg said. "It's been a lot of fun and it only gets better.

"There are some very talented designers who earn these awards."

Other confirmed judges are:



Three people with rich automotive histories, who will be judging the event, are from left, William G. Davidson, Tom Gale and Rod Alberts.

- ◆ Wayne Cherry, retired from General Motors Design
- ◆ Trevor Creed, Chrysler Corporation Design
- ◆ Willie G. Davidson, Harley-Davidson, Inc
- ◆ Henrik Fisker, Fisker Automotive
- ◆ Fabrizio Giugiaro, Giugiaro ItalDesign
- ◆ Dale Harrow, Royal College of Art in England
- ◆ Kevin Hunter, Caltly Design Research
- ◆ Chuck Jones, Whirlpool
- ◆ Charles Jordan, retired from General Motors
- ◆ Dave Marek, Honda
- ◆ Tom Matano, Academy of Art University
- ◆ Imre Molnar, College for Creative Studies
- ◆ Shiro Nakamura, Nissan
- ◆ Akinoro Nakanishi, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation Design Office
- ◆ Suk-Geun Oh, Hyundai

- ◆ Peter Pfeiffer, Mercedes
- ◆ Stewart Reed, Art Center College of Design
- ◆ Peter Stevens, Stevens Design in England
- ◆ Mark Trostle Sr., American Speed Company
- ◆ Ed Welburn, General Motors Design
- ◆ Mark West, College for Creative Studies

Hessburg said other individuals who have been invited are Walter DeSilva of Volkswagen, Peter Horbury of Ford, James Kelly of Pforzheim School of Design in Germany, J. Mays of Ford, Claus Potthoff of Audi, Lorenzo Ramaciatti of Fiat Group and Franz VonHolzhausen of Mazda.

"Our judges who will be on hand to review each design are some of the world's best automotive designers," Hessburg said. "They look at every detail of each entry and give their

grades.

"The focus is on design because the eye perceives the beauty of each vehicle, visually."

Awards will also be given out on Sunday, Jan. 13, and Monday, Jan. 14 for different automotive categories.

"From sun up on Jan. 13 until our presentations at noon, designers from around the world will be in their glory," Hessburg said. "This is their time to shine.

"We get to see some very neat automobiles."

Judges will look at a vehicle's emotional appeal, execution, artistic excellence and design character and continuity.

Additionally, a vehicle's interior design is evaluated. Judging criteria includes appearance, functionality, use of color and materials and compatibility with the vehicle's ex-

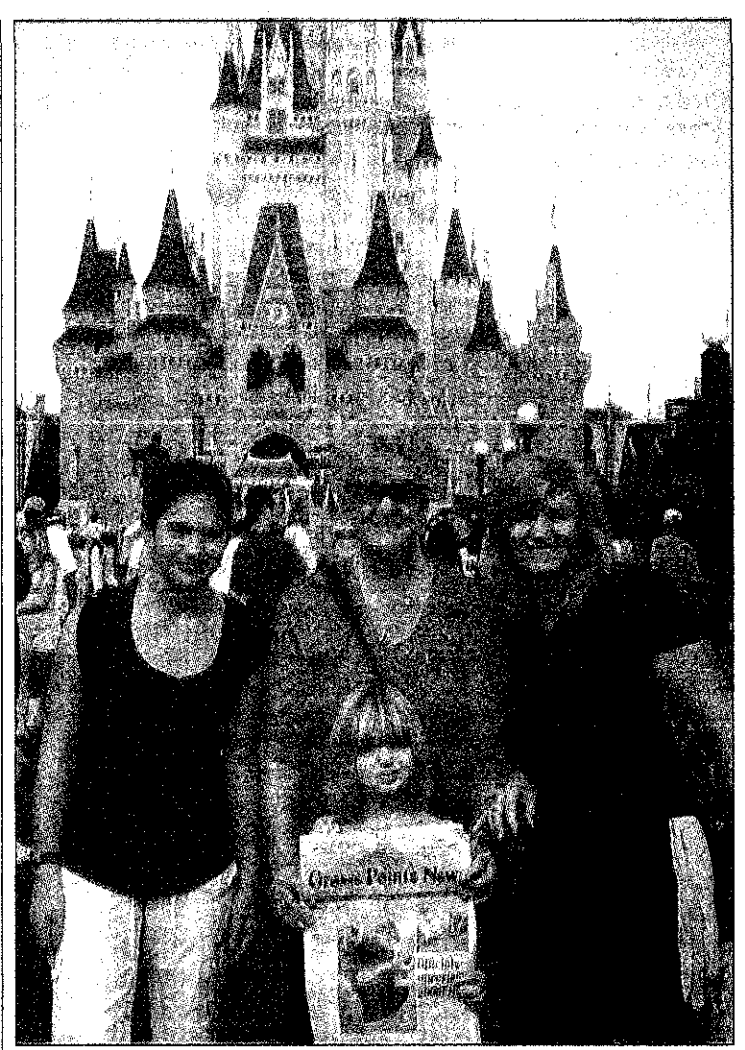
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The press preview is Sunday, Jan. 13, through Tuesday, Jan. 15, and an industry preview is slated for Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 16 and 17.

Friday, Jan. 18, is a charity

preview and the public show-

ing is Saturday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 27. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. from Jan. 19 to Jan. 26. On Jan. 27, viewing is 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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The Henness family loves the Grosse Pointe News so much, they brought it to Disney World to read and catch up on local news. Back row from left are Hannah Hodges of Harper Woods, Donna Puma of Eastpointe and Amber Henness of Grosse Pointe Woods; up front holding the Grosse Pointe News is Ava Henness of Grosse Pointe Woods. The picture was taken Dec. 14 at Disney World in Orlando, FLA. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words, to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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My high school football coach taught me that hard work and discipline can make dreams come true and I watched him tear up when our team held the 1976 Michigan football state championship trophy high above our heads. My Wayne State University theatre professors taught me that imagination and creativity always outshine the glitter of gold.

As a young teacher at Liggett, Faculty Emeritus Gene Overton, a chemistry teacher for 38 years, taught me that long hours and careful attention to the needs of students are not a burden but a gift. The late ULS arts educator Ed Jacomo taught me that no matter how good an actor I may be, I will always be a better teacher.

Retired ULS Athletic Director Bob Wood and long-time history teacher/soccer coach David Backhurst taught me that one can achieve excellence over the long run through focus and energy.

I have had the blessing of not one, but many, teachers who have touched my life. None are more important than your children, the ones I see every day. They teach a very simple, yet powerful lesson: to learn to be human and humane, we must have adults in our lives who take the time to know us, to help us, and to move us to new places.

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Michigan's west coast bike tour brings the scenery and history up close and personal for Grosse Pointer, Michael Goodell.

Magnificent biking

By Michael Goodell
Special Writer

Part II

The following morning the wind was still blowing fiercely, though it was now coming out of the southwest. I headed inland, to Shelby, where I picked up the Hart-Montague Trail.

A 24 mile long paved trail converted from an abandoned rail bed, the Hart-Montague Trail rolled through stands of trees and alongside immaculate orchards, and fields of tall, golden corn. Oceana County has more than 700 farms growing everything from asparagus to apples. This was the rich agricultural heartland, and a pleasure to ride through. It was a diversion from the mile after mile of lakeside cottages I had been viewing.

The Michigan coast runs the gamut from stately Lake Michigan estates to modest one-bedroom cottages. In between, house after house evoked a quintessential Midwestern summertime experience. It is hard to ride past them without thinking of the thousands of childhood memories treasured for a lifetime.

The Hart-Montague Trail ended, not surprisingly, in Montague, home of the World's Largest Weathervane. After passing through Whitehall, I returned to Lake Michigan and rode for a mile along the shore with white sand drifting onto the road and rollers breaking under a lowering sky.

I was then back into the woods, heading south to Muskegon. The road ambled between cottages, the lake never far away, making its presence known by its muffled roar.

With the exception of the Hart-Montague Trail, this has been the scene through which I've ridden. Yet monotony is not a word that comes to mind. Rather, it is as if I have been riding through a 200 mile stretch of park land.

North of Muskegon, I entered Muskegon State Park. More hills dotted the terrain. Long, sweat-drenching climbs in low gear were followed by heart-pounding, bone-jarring



The bike tour takes riders under canopies of trees on the Kal-Haven Trail.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL GOODELL

descents through sun-dappled curves. I was trying to avoid the biggest holes in the deteriorating pavement.

With the wind at my back I entered North Muskegon and cruised past mansion after mansion coasting up to the bluffs, where they gazed across the lake at the ostensibly moribund Muskegon. This must be where the owners had lived when the factories were all still working. The pall of black smoke obscuring the horizon must have been, for them, the most beautiful sight in the world.

I approached Muskegon with trepidation, uncertain how I would make my way through the rubble-strewn, jumbled pavement lined by rusting hulks of abandoned capitalism. So when the road swung toward the big bridge over the Muskegon River, I was pleasantly surprised to see a bike route sign. I crossed the bridge on a dedicated lane and rode a boardwalk trail for 300 yards across a marsh.

Muskegon's waterfront fea-

tures vast grassy spaces where the factories used to be. Some development, a couple hotels and a townhouse complex going up, suggest the city's potential. Granted, there are problems with planning and political infighting, but with much of the coast already over built, it seems likely that this valuable real estate won't be neglected forever.

The bike trail extended the length of Lake Muskegon until it reached a windblown beach street where an elevated boardwalk carried the trail above the shifting dunes for a quarter mile.

There was a bike lane down to Ferrysburg where the bike trail resumed. This led to the massive network of highway bridges over the Grand River. A similar network of bike trails entered the nexus, with signs pointing to Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg.

Ferrysburg was founded by William Ferry, a few years after trapper Robert Rix established Grand Haven as a trading post in 1825. Rix also built the first

trading post along the Manistee River that became the City of Manistee eventually. Grand Haven, another

coastal city founded on industry — first trapping, then lumber, then furniture, then steel — had adjusted, like Manistee, by embracing tourism. It has an active downtown, filled with year round shops and restaurants.

At the Kirby House Grill Room, I grabbed a table next to the bar where I met Steve Loftis, a local restaurateur.

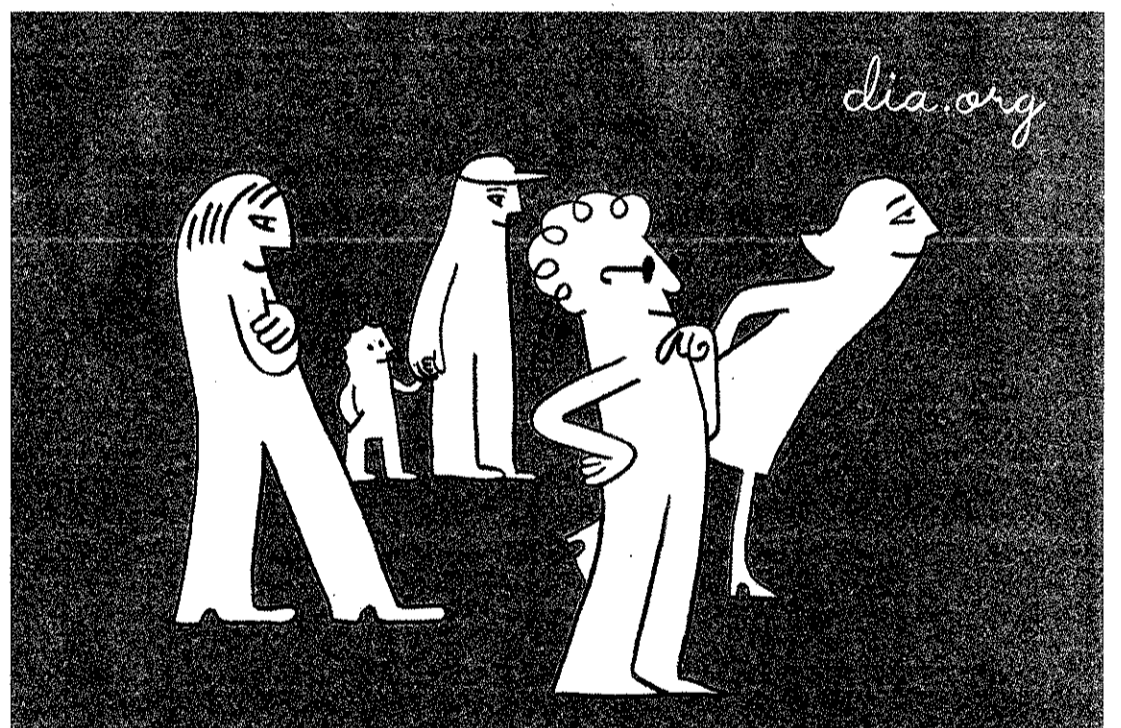
Loftis noted that Grand Haven benefited from year round business arriving from Grand Rapids, just a half hour up the Grand River. When I observed that the locals seemed to be proud of their town, he nodded enthusiastically. When I mentioned Muskegon, Loftis said that the potential was there, "But they have to get their act together. They aren't all on the same page."

"Unlike here," I said. He agreed, pointing with justifiable civic pride at the pair of warehouses across the street, recently renovated into offices, retail and lofts, the holy trinity of waterfront revitalization. "We didn't wait for things to get better. We made them better." I got a late start the next day.

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The bike route across Michigan follows railroad tracks or goes on trails made from formerly railroad routes. This picture was taken on the Muskegon Boardwalk Bike Trail.



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Giving and sharing

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After becoming the world's No. 2 ranked tennis player at age 16, Jaeger realized her tennis achievements were not her only life's dream. She wanted to help children with cancer.

After a shoulder injury ended her tennis career, Jaeger began volunteering at various pediatric cancer hospitals. She envisioned programs that would provide such children with a safe haven and she made it happen.

Jaeger's efforts were honored by Clarins beauty company when she received its 2007 "Most Dynamic Woman Award" which originated at Clarins global headquarters in France 10 years ago. The award recognizes exceptional women who have devoted their lives to helping children in need find the road to hope and happiness.

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◆ **Look Good, Feel Better** from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 15, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This is a national program dedicated to helping women manage the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation. This program teaches women how to camouflage the side effects with cosmetics, wigs and scarves through a partnership between the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association, National Cosmetology Association and American Cancer Society. There is no fee. Call (866) 246-4673 for more information.

◆ **Hip and Knee Pain Seminar** from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Learn the causes of arthritis hip and knee pain and morning stiffness. Information about the latest non-surgical treatments, new arthritis medicines, and advance physical therapy will be provided. There is no fee. Call 1-888-751-5465 for information and to register.

◆ **GYN Support Group** at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center (third floor), 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free program offers emotional support for any woman diagnosed with a gynecological cancer. For more information, call (313) 647-3000.

◆ **Non-Oncology Bereavement Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free program offers support for anyone grieving a non-oncology related loss.

◆ **Breast Cancer Support Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This free group is for any woman currently diagnosed with breast cancer. It focuses on issues related to treatment and recovery, both physical and emotional. Call (313) 647-3004 for information and to register. The event is sponsored by Candlelighters Foundation.

◆ **Wellness Support Group** meets from 10:30 to 11:30 every Monday and Wednesday at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Infusion Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This general support group is for patients and family members needing support and is facilitated by Van Elslander Cancer Center chaplain. Call (313) 647-3004 for more information.

◆ **Oncology Bereavement Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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3004 for information and to register.

◆ **Wellness Support Group** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the second, third and fourth Wednesday every month in the Van Elslander Cancer Center Main Lobby, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This patient and issue focused support group is for anyone diagnosed with cancer. Family members and friends are welcome to attend with the person diagnosed. This free program is sponsored by Candlelighters Foundation. Call (313) 647-3004 for more information.

◆ **Second Wind Stroke Support Group** meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. There is no fee. For more information, call (313) 243-3747.

◆ **Type 2 Diabetes Support Group for Parents, Children and Teens** meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Lower Level Education Center, 22101 Moross at Mack, Detroit. This free event is a three-in-one support group for parents, children and teens with diabetes. Group discussion includes a general review of diabetes, family dynamics and diabetes care. Focus alternates monthly between types 1 and 2 diabetes. January meeting topic: Complications of Diabetes and Periodic Screening. Call (888) 440-7325 for more information.

◆ **Prenatal Yoga** meets from 5:15 to 6:15 Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Van Elslander Cancer

Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This class offers yoga postures appropriate to strengthen the body and calm the mind in preparation for childbirth. It is best to wait until after the first trimester. A physician's note is required. Bring a blanket and mat. The fee is \$60. Call (313) 647-3320 for more information.

◆ **Hatha Yoga** meets from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 or 4:45 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This six week class teaches gentle postures, breathing exercises and meditation that may aid well being. The cost is \$60. Call (313) 647-3320 for more information.

◆ **Yang Tai Chi** advanced class meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the beginner class meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

This seven week class is a different family of Tai Chi training. It is a series of slow, sequenced movements. The cost is \$70. Call (313) 647-3320 for more information.

◆ **Lunch and Learn — Essential Oils for Everyday and Critical Illness** — is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse

Pointe Woods. Enjoy a hands-on-experience with Thieves, Clove and Melaleuca Alternifolia oils. Clove oil has an extremely high antioxidant rating and is antifungal, antiviral and anti-infectious. Melaleuca Alternifolia, commonly known as Tea Tree Oil, is used with sinus and respiratory infections, fungal infections, tooth and gum disease and acne. Explore the history, benefits, safety and effective use of these essential oils. Bring lunch. The cost is \$15 per session.

◆ **Iyengar Yoga** is planned from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This six week class builds strength, flexibility, stamina and awareness. Alignment is emphasized. Blankets, belts, mats and blocks are used to help correctly position the body. The cost is \$60. Call (313) 647-3320 for more information.

◆ **New Chair Tai Chi** is planned from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Using the same movements as in a Tai Chi class, exercising is done in a sitting position. The class will begin with a warm up consisting of breathing, stretching, and meditation. Chair Tai Chi is for those who may have difficulty balancing in a standing position, and provides all of the same benefits of a Tai Chi

workout. The cost is \$70 for this seven week class. Call (313) 647-3320 for more information.

◆ **Reiki Intro to Energy Evening** is scheduled from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This is an opportunity to experience a mini hands-on Reiki session and receive an explanation about Reiki energy healing. The cost is a \$5 donation. Call (313) 647-3320 for more information.

◆ **Reiki Level I** is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse

Pointe Woods. Reiki is an ancient, Japanese hands-on healing method. Students learn the history of Reiki, basic hand positions and ways to use this energy in their own lives and in service to others.

The cost is \$125, Call (313) 647-3320 for information and to register.

◆ **Journaling** is planned from 10 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Ste. 30, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Journaling is the process of self-discovery and awareness where participants will learn about themselves, their strengths and weaknesses, allowing one to become clear and create what one really wants to experience in life. The cost is \$25. Call (313) 647-3320 for information and to register.

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TOUR: Part II of series

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My right knee was sore as I started to ride, and though it's not uncommon to have some joint pain in the middle of a long ride, usually it goes away after a few miles when I've warmed up. This time, it didn't. There was a dull, steady ache all day, for 75 miles.

I rode 30 miles on bike trails into Holland, where I met up with a fellow traveler. He was totally self-contained, which meant he had twice the gear I had. On the other hand, he was half my age.

He was from Indiana, and had been riding through Michigan for the past seven days. We stopped and compared maps and notes, and agreed that the winds had been terrible. Because he had further to go than I, and was under the sway of that Dobbins-smells-the-oats mood of a long journey nearly completed, his route was more direct, so we parted company.

I returned to the coast and made my way down to Saugatuck, where I stopped for lunch. Like Muskegon, I approached Saugatuck with pre-set notions based on what I'd read and heard. And like Muskegon, it proved to be something rather different.

I had entertained thoughts of staying, but I found it a bit too twee for my tastes. Something about its attempt to represent an artsy little town rang false. There was a lack of authenticity to it, as if it were a movie set and not a real place.

Having crossed the Kalamazoo River on the Blue Star Highway, I returned to the Lake Shore where I found a lovely, narrow road running along the top of the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. There were wonderful houses on the right and the grass verge at the edge of the bluff was lined with majestic maple and beech trees. Unfortunately, the road ended after just a couple of miles and I returned to the busy Blue Star Highway for a long, painful slog into South Haven. There I found a nice little downtown.

Though the beneficiary of 1980s style cityscape improvements, it looked like it would survive. I got a room with a bal-



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The serenity of the woods provides the bicyclist with the perfect place to take a break on the Hart-Montague Trail.

cony overlooking the harbor. It was restful watching the sun set over the placid waters and soothing the following morning watching fishermen setting out at first light.

It was with misgivings that I turned away from the shore the next day. It was hot and dry and the sky had a washed out feel. I started on the Kal-Haven Trail which ran beside the Black River for awhile.

The sun shone through the morning mist rising from the surface and I had the trail to

myself. It passed through woods and rolled through sleepy little towns for 36 miles before dumping me unceremoniously on a busy highway leading into Kalamazoo. I saw more cars in the next 20 minutes than I had seen in the previous five days.

Spoiled by the pristine quiet of Lake Shore Drive and the ubiquity of bike trails, paths and lanes, I found it unpleasant to ride along heavily traveled roads with little or no shoulder, fighting the heat and my

painful knee.

I made it as far as Battle Creek, where I found a dysfunctional City Center. I had a good dinner and limped back to my hotel pretty confident that my trip was drawing to a close, 114 miles from my destination.

The following morning my fears were confirmed when I woke to find my knee swollen and too painful to bend.

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Lighten up this classic spaghetti dish



Pasta carbonara is a classic Italian dish that combines spaghetti with bacon, eggs, cream and Parmesan cheese. I know, it sounds like a heart stopper. I lightened up one of my all time favorites by making some very subtle changes. Whole-wheat spaghetti for starters. Turkey bacon replaces the stuff from the pigs and I even found a "light" (half the fat!) heavy cream made by Kroger's. The only thing that I did not compromise on was flavor. This one skillet wonder tastes incredible. Really.

Spaghetti Carbonara "Light" & Easy

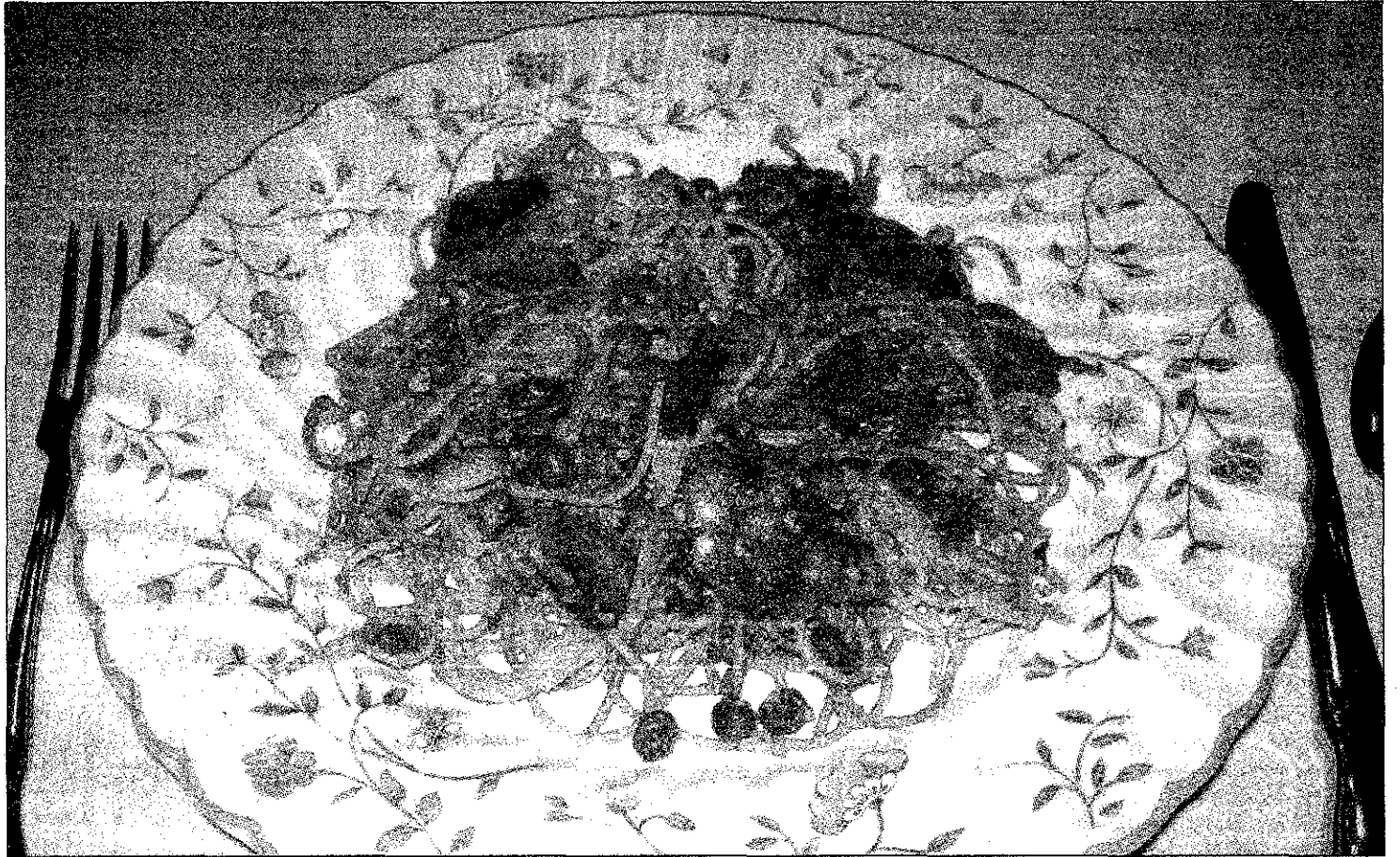
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 lb. turkey bacon, torn into bite sized pieces
1 cup chopped onion
2 cups sliced mushrooms
1/3 cup white wine (or water or chicken broth)
1 cup frozen peas, thawed
1/2 lb. cooked Barilla whole wheat spaghetti
1 egg plus 2 egg whites

1/2 cup Kroger light cream
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
salt and pepper to taste

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the turkey bacon and cook for about 10 minutes (until it starts to crisp up). Add the onions and the mushrooms and cook and stir for another 10 minutes or so. Move the mixture to the side of the skillet and de-glaze the pan with the 1/3 cup white wine. Scrape all the goodies from the bottom of the skillet, lower the heat to medium and add the cooked pasta and the peas. Cook covered for about 5 minutes, until the pasta is heated through. Meanwhile in a small bowl whisk together the egg and the egg whites with the light cream and the Parmesan cheese. Pour the egg mixture over the pasta mixture in the skillet and cook and toss until everything is well combined.

Taste and season with salt (if necessary) and pepper. Serve hot with sprinkles of fresh chopped parsley and additional Parmesan cheese. Serves 4. This recipe can easily be doubled.

You'll be delighted with the



creamy texture of this "light" pasta let alone the salty kick from the turkey bacon and the Parmesan cheese.

The best part is you can have this meal on the table in

less than 30 minutes. (Start the pasta first thing and it should be ready just in the time you'll need it.) A perfect midweek choice, spaghetti carbonara will stick to your ribs on a cold

winters night. (Your kids won't know they're eating

wheat spaghetti if you choose Barilla. I promise!)

DIA names American art wing for Manoogian

The wing housing the American Art collection wing at the Detroit Institute of Arts has been dedicated to Richard

A. Manoogian.

Manoogian, executive chairman of Masco Corp., is a respected art collector, longtime DIA supporter, former chairman of the DIA board of directors and its current chair emeritus. "The Manoogian Wing" was officially dedicated at a museum gathering Tuesday, Dec. 11.

"There is no more appropriate designation for the American Wing than the Manoogian Wing," said Graham W. J. Beal, DIA director.

"Richard has always kept American Art and the DIA at the forefront of his interests. He served 12 years as chairman of our board, generously

contributed to the lead gifts in two capital campaigns and over the years has loaned many important works of art to the museum and to DIA-sponsored traveling exhibitions.

"We cannot thank Richard enough for his tremendous contributions."

Manoogian joined the DIA board in 1968 as a "civic duty," but was moved by the enthusiasm of other collectors and began purchasing art.

Today, Manoogian and his wife, Jane, have amassed a collection of American art that focuses on the 19th century and includes examples of late 18th and early 20th century American art.

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♦ **Drop-in Workshop:** 1 to 5 p.m. Make a simple bookmark using rubber stamps, paper, ribbon and a variety of markers.

♦ **Drawing in the Galleries for Youth and Adults** (ages 6 and older; children 8 and younger must be with an adult): 1 to 5 p.m. Artist/instructors help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

♦ **Adventures in Drawing** (ages 8 and younger must be with an adult): 1 to 5 p.m. Children explore creative expression through drawing with assistance from museum instructors.

♦ **Storyteller Corinne Stavish** will present a participatory program, "Beginnings" featuring folk tales from many traditions that explain the origins of "Beginnings" at 2 p.m. Stavish has been featured at the DIA and venues across the country, including the National Storytelling Festival.

♦ **The Detroit Film Theatre** will show "Man From Plains" at 7 p.m. The film explores both the private and public sides of President Jimmy Carter and his lifelong and spiritual vision of reconciliation and peace. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 for all others.

The Friday, Jan. 25 Friday Night Live! activities include:

♦ **Drop-in Workshop:** 6 to 9 p.m. Make artist trading cards.

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♦ **Final Fantasy** will perform at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Despite the increasing scale of Final Fantasy's recorded output, the live shows have remained solo outings, with Owen Pallett

singing over layered violin and piano. Former Les Mouches member Stephanie Comilang accompanies Pallett using an overhead projector to create live films and shadow shows.

♦ **Detroit Film Theatre** presents "Persepolis" a new animated film from France that brings Marjane Satrapi's graphic novels to life shows on the big screen at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for members, seniors and students and \$7.50 for all others.

Events planned for Saturday, Jan. 26 include:

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

A 'special' victory for South



Four goals on power play are difference

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's special teams have been just that — special.

The Blue Devils got four power-play goals last weekend, including three in the third period, to beat Grosse Pointe North 6-2 in a non-league hockey game.

"I've talked about how well our penalty-killing units have been playing, but the power play is good, too," said South coach Bob Bopp. "We didn't have many power plays the first part of the season, but lately we've been getting more chances. I think we have something like 15 power-play goals."

South's top power-play unit includes the line of Tim Shield, Lance Lucas and Jack Sklariski with Arthur Griem and Sam Mott playing the points.

"The difference in the game was the four power-play goals," said North coach Scott Lock. "We shot ourselves in the

PHOTO BY PETER MARSHALL

Grosse Pointe North goalie Eric Rohrkemper stops this shot by Grosse Pointe South's Tim Shield, but even though he lost this battle, Shield and the Blue Devils won the war. Shield scored two goals earlier in the game to lead South to a 6-2 victory. Ready to clear the rebound is North defenseman Evan Skorupski.

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South's hockey title top story



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team celebrates its first state championship with many of the fans who attended the 4-3 overtime win against Muskegon Mona Shores at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team had been close before.

The 1998 team went all the way to the state championship game, only to lose a 3-2 heartbreaker to Trenton.

There were other good South teams and players that made it to the regionals or even the quarterfinals before being ousted from the state tournament.

Bob Bopp, who became coach of the Blue Devils in 1992 and brought stability and respect to the program, appreciated what all of those players brought to the program.

As the 2007 South team was preparing for its state championship game with Muskegon Mona Shores, Bopp allowed himself to think about his former players.

"I had a vision," Bopp said after the Blue Devils had beaten Mona Shores 4-3 on Tim Shield's overtime goal to win the state Division II championship. "While the players were throwing their gloves and sticks in the air celebrating, I was going to stand on the bench and think about all the great players we've had since I've been here at South."

"I was going to think about how this victory was for them as much as for this year's team. They never had a chance to experience something like this, so I hope they realize that this belongs to them, too."

Bopp knew from the start of the season that the 2007 Blue Devils were a special team. Obviously, he didn't know that they'd win the state championship. A lot can happen between November and March, but the potential for greatness was there.

Before the state tournament started, Bopp put pictures up of every senior who graduated from the program since the 1992-93 season.

That was so this year's team knew that it wasn't just playing for itself.

"You could see how focused everyone on the team has been since the playoffs started," Bopp said. "We were all on a mission."

It wasn't an easy trip to the title for the Blue Devils, who finished the season ranked No. 2 in the state.

They began tournament play

with a 5-1 victory against No. 3 De La Salle, then nipped No. 1 Brother Rice 1-0 in the regional title game.

In the quarterfinals, South beat Wyandotte Roosevelt 4-3 in double overtime. The Blue Devils' easiest game of the tournament was its 5-0 semifinal victory against Alpena.

When the final game had ended, South didn't have any trouble knowing how to celebrate an overtime win. The Blue Devils were 7-1-1 in overtime games in 2006-07, and they finished 24-4-1.

It was a good year for boys high school hockey in Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe North also made it to the state semifinals in Division I.

It would be hard to find a better game than the Norsemen's 3-2 victory against St. Clair Shores Unified in North's tournament opener.

The deciding goal came off Alex Davenport's stick with 37.1 seconds remaining in the third overtime period. It was sweet redemption for the Norsemen, who had been eliminated from the state tournament by St. Clair Shores the year before.

North came into the St. Clair Shores game with a 10-13-3 regular-season record, while the Lakers finished the regular season 22-1-2.

North breezed to the regional championship with wins against Stevenson and Utica.

That sent the Norsemen against Livonia Churchill, the No. 1 team in Division I, in the quarterfinals and North came away with a 3-2 win on Davenport's goal late in the third period. The Norsemen's bubble burst in its 8-2 loss to Marquette in the state semifinal, but it still was an impressive run for North, which won back-to-back state Division II titles in 2001 and 2002.

Here's a month-by-month look at the other top 2007 stories involving Grosse Pointers and their teams:

January

Grosse Pointe South's basketball team used defense to win its first four games in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, including a 47-25 win against Stevenson...Grosse Pointe North won seven of the 11 swimming events but South used its depth to beat the

Norsemen 96-84 in boys swimming...University Liggett School's Mike Burchi scored five goals in the Knights' 8-2 win against Bishop Foley...A 9-0 run early in the fourth quarter carried North's basketball team to a 37-35 victory over South. Dwight VanHoesen hit a pair of three-point baskets in the surge...Brooke Castile of Grosse Pointe Woods teamed with Ben Okolski of Ann Arbor to win the senior pairs championship at the United States Figure Skating Championships in Seattle.

February

Grosse Pointe North beat Grosse Pointe South 3-1 in girls hockey...Several local high school athletes signed letters of intent to play sports in college. North football players Ron Bedway and Alex Ahee signed with Hillsdale and Grand Valley State, respectively. University Liggett School's Jessica Leonard signed to play soccer at Boston College, while South soccer standout Sarah Stanczyk signed with Connecticut. South rowers Lauren Shook (Virginia), Caroline Sweeny (Virginia), Clare Vandelinder (Michigan State) and Kathryn Switalski (Minnesota) earned scholarships. North soccer player Brendan Symington signed with Vermont...South's swimming team beat L'Anse Creuse 95-88 to win the MAC Red dual meet championship...South's hockey team blanked De La Salle 3-0 to take over first place in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League...In the crosstown hockey rivalry, South's boys beat North 4-3 in overtime on Taylor Flaska's third goal of the game, while North's girls came back twice from two-goal deficits to beat South 6-3...South's swimmers finished second in the final relay to edge L'Anse Creuse in the MAC Red division meet, giving the Blue Devils a sweep of the division titles. North's Michael Lane was voted Most Valuable Swimmer of the meet.

March

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team opened the state tournament with a 51-47 overtime victory against Detroit Southeastern...North's volleyball team beat Lakeview in the district final as backup setter Lizzie Rewalt set a school record with 58 assists...Andrew

Astalos of Grosse Pointe Shores won the overall championship in the midget class at the North American Short Track Speedskating Championships...The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee A Bulldogs won the state championship with a come-from-behind 5-4 victory over Flint...North's boys track team took five firsts at the Kermit Ambrose Huron Relays...South freshman Katie LeVan took first place in the 13-14 Gold Division at the NASTAR Ski Racing National Championships in Steamboat Springs, Colo...Emily Liggett of Grosse Pointe Shores broke three school records for indoor track at the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey.

April

University Liggett School's baseball team was ranked second in the state in Division IV after winning four of its first five games...Grosse Pointe North's Nick Cullen hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Norsemen an 8-7 victory over Grandville in the championship game of the Milan Invitational...Mark Riashi had a perfect suicide squeeze bunt to drive in the winning run in Grosse Pointe South's 2-1 victory against Stevenson, that gave the Blue Devils the championship in their invitation...The ULS girls soccer team took over first place in the state Division IV rankings...The North and South girls soccer teams played to a 3-3 tie. North earned the tie on Olivia Stander's penalty kick goal with 4:03 remaining in the second half.

May

Grosse Pointe North's softball team won the 54-team Michigan State tournament with a 5-2 win over Tecumseh. Brittany Bate pitched all six victories for the Norsemen, allowing only 18 hits...Matt Koppinger hit walk-off homers in two games in a row for North's baseball team, which opened up a three-game lead in the MAC White Division with a 4-2 victory against Grosse Pointe South...North's girls track team improved to 5-0 in the MAC White with an 82.5-54.5 victory over South...South's tennis team won a Division I regional championship...North and

University Liggett School won league baseball championships...North won the boys and girls track regionals...Robbie Fisher and DeRon Pines each won two events in the boys meet, while Betsy Graney led North's girls with four gold medals...North also won the boys and girls portions of the MAC White division meets...South's girls golf team qualified for the state meet with a third place in the regional...ULS's girls soccer team completed a rare perfect season in the Metro Conference...The North and ULS baseball teams won district championships...North's girls soccer team beat Royal Oak 3-0 in the district championship match...South's Ben Hartman won the No. 1 singles championship at the Division I state meet.

June

University Liggett School's girls soccer team lost 3-2 in a shootout against Ann Arbor Greenhills in the Division IV regional championship match...North's girls soccer team beat Stevenson 5-1 to win the regional championship...Nick Cullen threw out two Detroit King runners at the plate and North's baseball team held on for a 6-3 victory against the Crusaders in the regional championship game...ULS's baseball team beat two Catholic League squads to win its Division IV regional...The state quarterfinals were the end of the line for the baseball teams at North and ULS. North lost 3-1 to Farmington, while the Knights bowed 14-4 to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

July

Grosse Pointe rowers Jason Koch and Lauren Shook qualified for the Junior World Rowing Championships in Beijing, China...Grosse Pointe South tennis players Ben Hartman, Jimmy Dixon and Matt Halso made the Division I All-State team...University Liggett School's Jessica Leonard and Grosse Pointe North's Olivia Stander each made the soccer Dream Team...Two Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League teams won District 6 baseball championships.

August

The Grosse Pointe Farms-

City 10-year-old All Stars won the state championship with a 3-2 win against South Portage...The Grosse Pointe RedHawks had a perfect season in the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation under-13 division...The Lochmoor Club won the Michigan Inter-Club Swim Association championship for the sixth straight year...Grosse Pointers Sarah Stanczyk and Jessica Leonard were members of the Birmingham Force soccer team that took first place in the US Youth National Soccer Championships...Former Grosse Pointer Brekan Kohlitz was MVP of the Berlin Open lacrosse tournament...Although they were both delayed by electrical storms, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South won their football openers.

September

Grosse Pointe North's football team set a school record with six interceptions in a 19-0 victory against Sterling Heights...Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team started the season with an invitational victory for the 18th time in 19 years...North's volleyball team took first place at the Marine City Invitational...Grosse Pointe South's football team took state-ranked Cousino into overtime before losing 20-14...South's boys cross country team won the first MAC Red jamboree meet...North's volleyball team won the Dakota Invitational.

October

Grosse Pointe North beat Grosse Pointe South 20-14, clinching a berth in the state playoffs...South ended the football season with a 47-13 victory against L'Anse Creuse for a 5-4 record under new coach Tim Brandon...North's football team lost its playoff opener to Detroit King 31-6. The Crusaders went on to win the state Division II title...University Liggett School's boys soccer team lost 3-1 to Oakland Christian in a state regional semifinal...South's girls cross country team qualified for the state meet for the 28th straight year, while the South boys qualified for the 17th straight year.

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November

Grosse Pointe South's field hockey team lost 1-0 to Ann Arbor Pioneer, the eventual state champion, in the semifinals...South's girls swimming team won its seventh straight MAC Red championship. The Blue Devils 147-point margin over runner-up Eisenhower was the largest in the history of the meet. Grosse Pointe North's Jenny Rusch was voted Most Valuable Swimmer...North defeated an improved South team to win a district volleyball championship...St. Paul's girls cross country team won the CYO championship, led by Haley Meier, who set a course record for the meet...University Liggett School's Curtis Fisher made the Division IV All-State soccer first team...North's volleyball team beat Utica in the regional semifinals, but the Norsemen lost in the final to Fraser...South tennis player Angela Chupa signed a letter of intent to play for Wisconsin...ULS's Curtis Fisher signed a letter to play baseball at Michigan State and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Leah DiCristofaro will play softball at Oakland...North basketball player Kelly DeFauw signed a letter of intent for Northwood University...South's hockey team won the Big Rapids tournament.

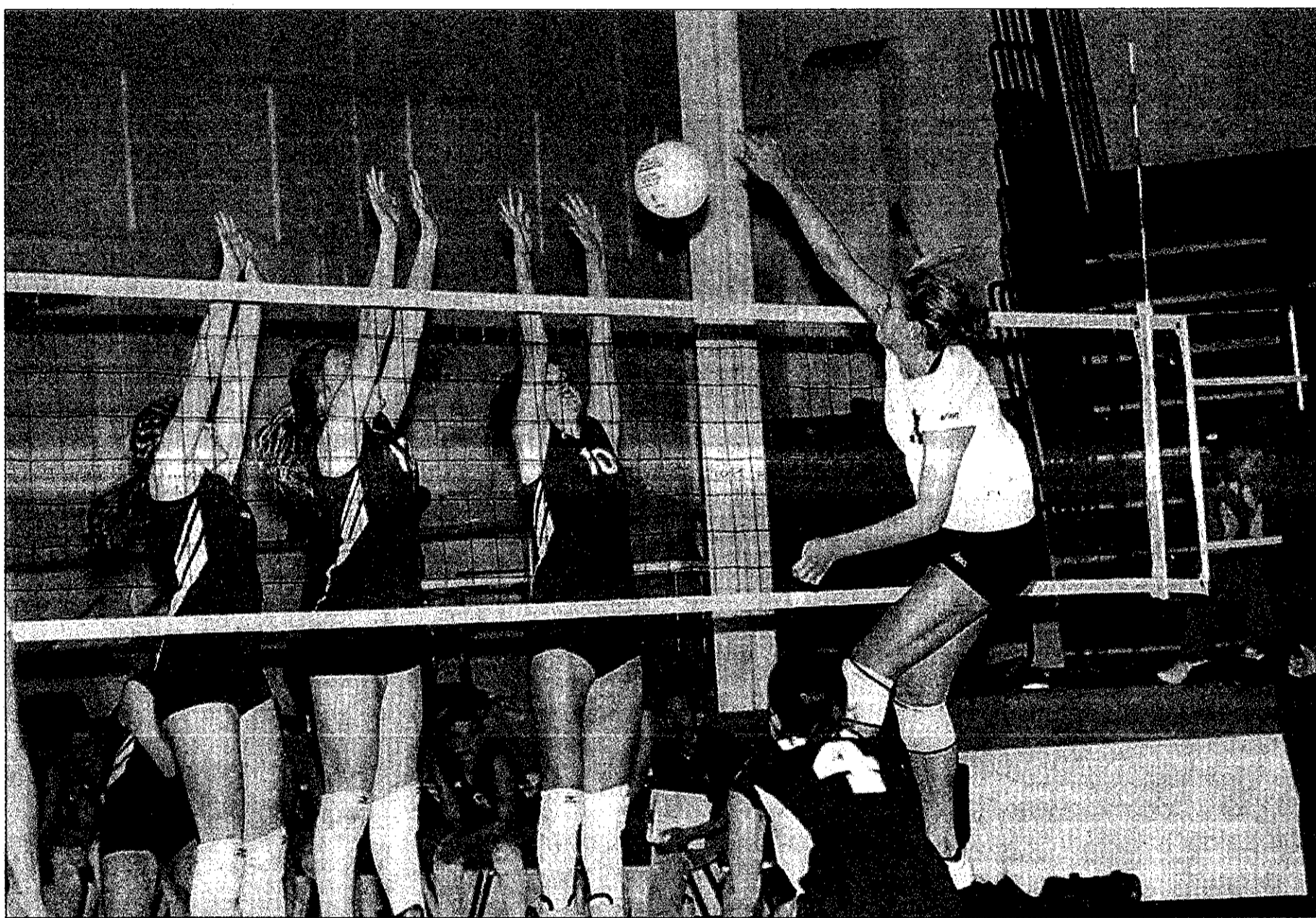
December

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team repeated as champions of the ULS tournament...North's girls basketball team opened the season with victories against state-ranked Ladywood and Detroit Renaissance...South's Jimmy Saros was named to the Associated Press All-State football first team for the second year in a row...North's hockey team's second victory of the season was a memorable one. The Norsemen beat Livonia Churchill, the No. 1 ranked team in Division I, 6-3...North's girls basketball team ended the first month of the season with a 7-0 record...South's girls basketball team close out 2007 with one-point victories against Lakeview and St. Clair.



PHOTOS BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

The play of goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer and defensemen Arthur Griem (77) and Trevor John (2) was instrumental in Grosse Pointe South's run to its first state boys hockey championship.



Grosse Pointe North's Christine Klein spikes the ball against Grosse Pointe South in the Norsemen's district championship volleyball match.

HOCKEY: Shield scores two goals

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foot because those weren't good penalties that we took in the third period. They're a good team and they took advantage of our failure to do some things on the penalty kill, like getting the puck out of our end.

"They kept their composure while we were getting penalties. They did all of the right things."

Bopp gave credit to his veteran players for setting the tone in a game that's always charged with emotion.

"So many of my players played well, really, everybody on the ice," Bopp said.

"Griem is such a physical presence and he does that without taking penalties. Tim Shield is going to leave as one of the best players ever to wear a South uniform. He has scored so many big goals for us."

Shield scored twice against North. His first goal, at 5:46 of the second period, came 31 seconds after Michael Neveux had pulled the Norsemen into a 1-1 tie.

Mott and Griem assisted on Shield's goal, which was a wrist shot that beat the goalie

on the glove side.

Shield gave South a 3-1 lead at 8:10, when he deflected Mott's shot from the point during a power play.

North cut the lead to 3-2 with 53 seconds remaining in the second period. Jimmy Tocco passed from behind the net to Kevin Gibson, who scored on a one-timer.

The Norsemen nearly tied the game in the first minute of the third period when Tocco's shot hit the goalpost. Then North started its parade to the penalty box and the Blue Devils took advantage.

"I thought after the second period that we could play better," Bopp said. "During the intermission we talked about using our speed and keeping our feet moving."

Sklarski made it 4-2 at 2:26 when he scored off the rebound of Griem's shot. Lucas found an open corner after North goalie Eric Rohrkemper stopped Griem's initial shot at 4:43, and Jimmy Morris completed the scoring at 7:36, assisted by Nick Cinqueranelli and Michael Blazoff.

Neither team had many scoring chances in the first period, although the Norsemen had a couple of good opportunities late in the period. Blue Devils goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer made a good save on a hard shot by Gibson, then Brandon Brundige made a brilliant defensive play to knock the puck away from hot-scoring Dante

Deserrano, who was breaking in alone on Sattelmeyer.

After South took a 1-0 lead on Mott's goal from Brian Auty and Morris at 14:14 of the first period, Sattelmeyer robbed North on two more excellent chances before the period ended.

North finally capitalized on one of its chances at 5:15 when Neveux tied the game, assisted by Gibson.

One of the things that Bopp and his assistant coaches stressed was to keep firing the puck at the North net.

"We knew they had two good goalies, and no goal would come easy," Bopp said. "We wanted to keep shooting and hopefully we'd get some rebounds."

Although Bopp was pleased with the way the Blue Devils have been playing, he thinks the team is far from reaching its peak.

"I think we'll continue to get better as the season goes on," he said.

"We played three very good teams in our last three games (Wyandotte, Trenton and North) and finished 1-1-1, but we felt we played well enough to have won all three of them."

South took a 7-1-1 record into last weekend's Alpena tournament. North, which had a four-game winning streak snapped, is 4-4-1. The Norsemen's next game is Jan. 9 against Brother Rice at the Oak Park Ice Arena.

South beats St. Clair in a thriller

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The folks at St. Clair are beginning to hate seeing Kevin Richards bring one of his girls basketball teams into the Saints' gym.

Lately, he's been nothing but bad news for them.

Last year, when he was coaching at L'Anse Creuse North, the Crusaders handed the Saints their first Macomb Area Conference White Division loss in several seasons.

Now that Richards has taken over as coach at Grosse Pointe South, the results haven't changed.

On a night when St. Clair unveiled its banner for finishing runner-up in the state in Class B last season, Richards and his team spoiled the evening again as the Blue Devils came away with a 35-34 victory.

"We really wanted to get out to a good start, and we knew from scouting their game with (Grosse Pointe) North, that we

could give St. Clair trouble if we got after their guards," Richards said. "We came out with a pressure zone and a half-court trap and caused some turnovers."

South went ahead 8-0 but then the Blue Devils ran into some foul trouble and at halftime the game was tied at 20-all.

In the second half, it was the Saints who committed some fouls, and in order to protect its 6-foot-4 center, Sarah Davis, St. Clair went to a zone.

"We could have broken the game open, but we had three or four three-point shots go in and come back out," Richards said. "We were executing the offense perfectly. The shots just didn't fall. You can't do much about that."

St. Clair led by four points with 23 seconds remaining. Megan DeBoer hit a three-point shot from nearly 22 feet out to bring South within a single point. Richards called his final timeout with 19 seconds left and set up a pressure de-

fense that forced the Saints into a traveling turnover.

South's Chloe Sbernak made a nice entry pass to Aisha Rodney, who was fouled by Davis with five seconds remaining. Rodney made the first free throw to tie the game, then hit the second to win it.

"That was a lot of pressure for a freshman, but Aisha came through," Richards said. "She also did a good job of holding Davis, who's one of the best big girls in the state, to only 14 points."

South still had to make sure St. Clair didn't get a good shot off in the final five seconds, and the Saints' desperation attempt was off the mark.

Kate Pangori led South with 10 points, including three three-point baskets.

"I thought Clare Conway played her best basketball of the season in the second half," Richards said. "She made some big shots down the stretch, and Megan DeBoer played her usual great defense."

Fitness Firm aerobics classes begin on Jan. 7

The Fitness Firm will begin an eight-week series of low-impact aerobics classes on Monday, Jan. 7 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse

Pointe Woods.

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