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◆ Ben Henri will direct all Grosse Pointe North High School choirs at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and children under five are admitted free. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, Posterity: A Gallery or at the door. Gold cards are welcome. For more information, call (313) 882-7774.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

◆ Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Men's Ecumenical Breakfast Association meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. The Rev. Peter Smith of the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church will be the speaker. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

◆ The Rev. Smart Msinkhu will talk about the Tabita Program in Ntchewu, Malawi, his home town, at 1 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

◆ The Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra presents "To Eastern Europe and Back" at 7:30 p.m. at South Lake High School, 21900 E. Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students and \$5 for children kindergarten through high school. For more information, call Lillian at (586) 777-8944.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park children are invited to "Halloween in the Park" at Windmill Pointe Park from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Advanced tickets are on sale for \$5 at the outside gate house of the park. Tickets purchased on Oct. 24 by 2 p.m. are \$10. All children must be in costume and accompanied by an adult.

MONDAY, OCT. 27

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

What's in a name?

Village says 'no thank you' to state and keeps moniker

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Legal arbiters who asked the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores to doff thy proposed new name are being told, essentially, to brush up on their Shakespeare.

What's in a name? According to members of the Shores charter commission, that which they proposed calling their community would by any other name smell as sweet.

The commission, charged with renaming the community in conjunction with its switch from village to city status, has proposed, "The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City."

Here's the rub: "The state attorney general's office is not enamored with our

proposed name," said Mark McInerney, Shores attorney. "They have not been able to come up with any statutory basis, they just don't like it. They think its confusing."

"Absent any statutory or regulatory authority for their position," said Commissioner Patrick McCarroll, "we should respectfully tell the attorney general, thank you very much, but if you can't come up with a legal basis for this, its not your job in Lansing how to tell villages to name themselves."

Commissioners voted unanimously Oct. 16 to resubmit the name and charter, including corrections recommended by state officials, for state review.

The name change coincides with Shores voters last spring supporting a switch from village to city status. Reorganization is expected to save money by eliminating two townships and attendant redundancies.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Ready to debate

A small pre-election battle will play out at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Thursday, Oct. 30.

Michigan Republican Party Chairman Saulius "Saul" Anuzis will debate Michigan Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer. Their 7 p.m. discussion will cover local and national races and will feature Lansing political insider Tim Skubick as moderator. The event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News and is free to the public.

"This event is a first-of-its-kind for the Grosse Pointe News, and we are excited about bringing it to town," said CEO Bruce Ferguson.

"Politics is alive in Grosse Pointe, and politics matters to Grosse Pointers. I expect Saul, Mark and Tim to provide a lively and challenging examination of the issues and the upcoming election, and our community will be the winner."

Brewer is the longest serving Michigan Democratic Chairman since the 1950s and is the senior Democratic state party chair in the country.

A 1973 graduate of Mount Clemens High School, Brewer obtained his A.B. with Honors from Harvard College in 1977 and his law degree from Stanford University Law

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PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Medley

Molly DeWald is one of four swimmers who achieved a state qualifying time in the 200-medley relay for the Grosse Pointe South High School team which continues to climb to the top of the rankings. For the story, turn to page 3C.

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Candidates want PAC to back off

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A liberal group based outside the 1st District is taking heat from both candidates racing to represent Grosse Pointe in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Tim Bledsoe, Democrat contender for the seat, and his Republican opponent, Mary Treder Lang, want the Michigan Coalition for Progress to back off.

The well-heeled political action committee

was founded in 2006 by a Kalamazoo billionaire to unseat Republicans and put Democrats in their place — literally.

During the Oct. 14 League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe candidate forum in Grosse Pointe Woods, the coalition came up in a question challenging Bledsoe's claim of not accepting money from lobbyists.

Bledsoe, in his second run for the House, is reprising his policy of refusing contributions

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fall fun

Jack and Leah Glover had just finished raking their Grosse Pointe Park neighbor's leaves when they decided the pile was too neat. Jumping into them was more fun than raking.

POINTER OF INTEREST

'When you are doing things you love to do. You just make it work.'

Erin Maday

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 33
Family: Husband, Matthew; sons, Benjamin, 8; and Jack, 5.
Claim to fame: Painted a jungle-theme mural in Monteith Elementary lobby
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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

DRYER BLAMED IN SHORES FIRE: Grosse Pointe Shores firemen extinguished a gas-fed basement fire on Roslyn after battling swirling smoke and flames.

The fire, started by a defective dryer which ignited several pieces of clothing, caused the gas meter pipes to melt and the meter to fall to the floor. Gas shot through the entire basement, adding fuel to the flames.

The damage to the house and contents was about \$10,000.

BUILDING QUASHED IN FARMS: The Michigan Bell Telephone company came out second best during a public hearing in front of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council. Residents of Moross, Maison and surrounding areas protested an amendment to a zoning ordinance.

Michigan Bell petitioned the council to rezone land at the northeast corner of Mack and Moross from residential to commercial. The company wanted to erect a two-story office building on the site.

SECOND HOLDUP IN WOODS:

An armed bandit carrying a nickle-plated revolver held up the Aladdin Cleaners on Mack Avenue, taking a small sum in cash after tying up the clerk, according to Woods police.

This was the second armed robbery in the city within a week. A lone bandit stole about \$80 from The Mack-Prestwick gas station five days earlier.

1983

25 years ago this week

CITY SAYS NO: The Grosse

Pointe City Council will not issue any tavern licenses this year, but will instead study the issue for a year before putting it to a vote in November 1984. The action was in response to requests from three Village merchants wanting to serve beer and wine in their businesses. The City of Grosse Pointe has been a "dry" city since Prohibition.

ROBBERY SPREE ENDS IN FARMS BEDROOM: A string of eight armed robberies in a period of two hours ended in the master bedroom of a Grosse Pointe Farms home after a high speed chase.

The first robbery took place at the Burger King restaurant at East Eight Mile Road and Gratiot. Subsequent robberies took place in Detroit, Harper Woods, Warren and Grosse Pointe Woods.

A Grosse Pointe Woods detective monitoring police broadcasts spotted the criminals' vehicle and called for backup. The driver of the vehicle spotted the officer and accelerated to a high rate of speed.

Farms police joined the chase which wound through both the Farms and the Woods until the driver lost control of his car, traveled across a couple of front lawns, careened through landscaping and a berm and into the master bedroom of a home on Lexington.

Three of the four occupants of the car took off and a warning shot was fired into the air. All four — three juveniles and an 18-year-old — were taken into custody.

STOCK STOLEN: Grosse Pointe Woods police said it would have been just another auto theft, except for one thing: \$225,000 worth of common stock certificates in the trunk of the car.

A 76-year-old former Pointe resident told police she stopped at the Farmer Jack on Mack. Her 1982 yellow Cadillac was missing when she exited the store about 15 min-

utes later.

According to police, the woman had stopped at a local bank and cleaned out her safe deposit box to move the contents to a bank closer to her home. The stock was in the trunk of her car along with a few personal items.

1998

10 years ago this week

WOODS RESIDENTS NOW IN HARPER WOODS: On Oct. 4, 38 residents went to sleep in Grosse Pointe Woods and awoke the next day in Harper Woods.

On Oct. 5, 16 households were notified by the Grosse Pointe Woods city clerk's office that their voter registration and residence were transferred to Harper Woods.

The houses were on lots that were located in both cities.

According to a legal opinion from the attorney general's office, a citizen can claim residency in a particular city if the house's master bedroom is located in that city.

WOODS TEEN GETS 4 1/2 MONTHS: The final phase of the Grosse Pointe North rape case began with the sentencing of a Grosse Pointe Woods teen to 4 1/2 months in jail, two years probation and 200 hours of community service.

Originally charged with criminal sexual conduct in the third degree, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison, he pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor, which is a misdemeanor.

DOWNSPOUTS MUST BE DISCONNECTED IN FARMS: All downspouts in Grosse Pointe Farms must be disconnected by Sept. 30, 1999.

An ordinance to disconnect downspouts was passed



FROM THE OCT. 23, 1958 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1958: Nimrods sharpen eyes at Farms trap site

Farms residents who have neither the time nor the urge to kill game, are spending weekends sharpening their eyes at the expanded trapshooting layout recently completed. At the far right is the trap house from which clay pigeons are mechanically thrown and at the left is the warming house where shooters await their turn on the firing line.

in the Farms to put the city in compliance with a provision of the Federal Clean Water Act.

Downspouts carry storm water away from a building. By directing storm water from downspouts away from paved areas and to vegetated areas, water can soak into the ground instead of running into sewers and possibly cause sewer overflows and contribute to the pollution of Lake St. Clair.

2003

Five years ago this week

LIBRARY A GO: The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved revised site plans for a \$9.5 million, 26,500-square-foot library. Library leaders approached the Woods nearly three years ago about plans for a new library.

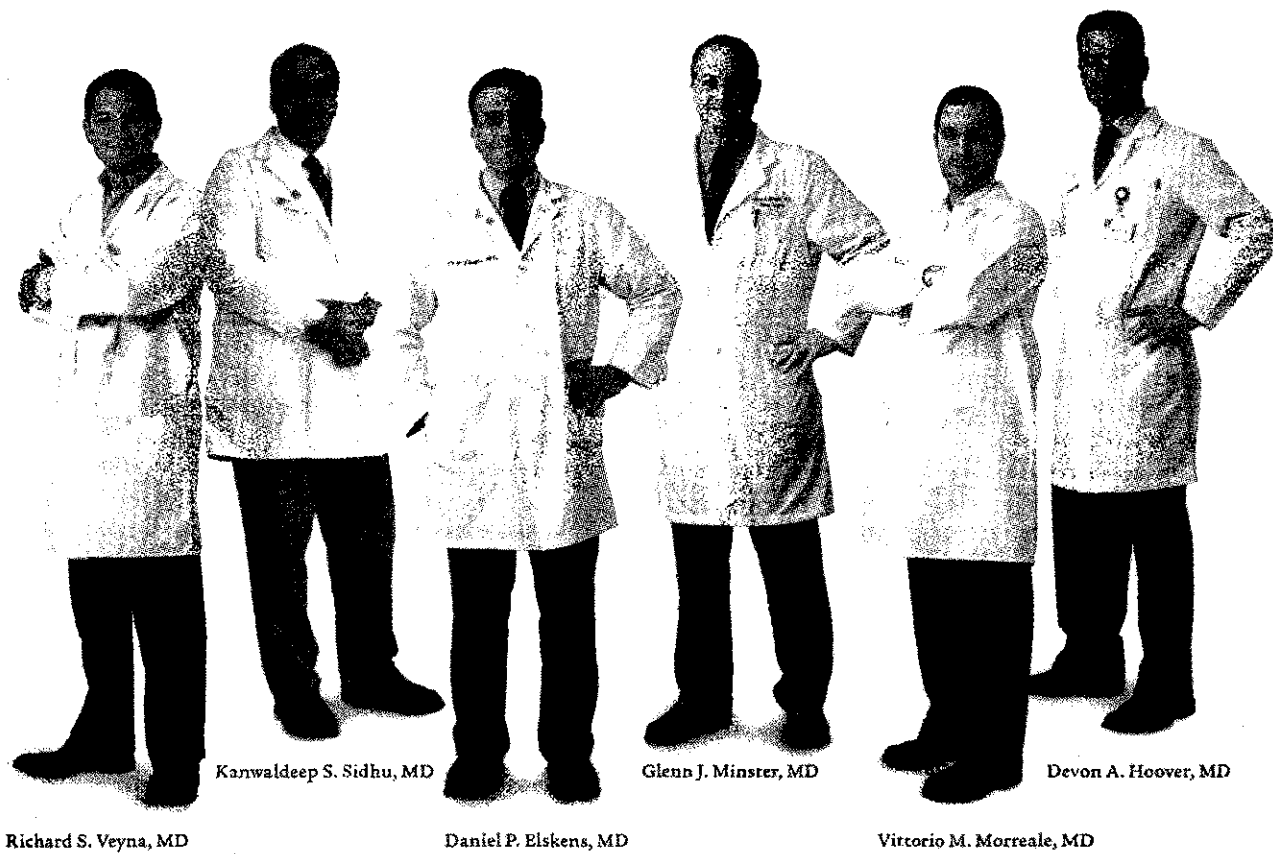
BITTEN: A Grosse Pointe

Shores public safety officer was bitten in the hand by a driver taken into custody. Police stopped the Southfield man for speeding and tailgating. He had three driver's license suspensions and was wanted on a child neglect warrant.

PLAYOFF BOUND: The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils football team beat L'Anse Creuse North 49-35 insuring a playoff berth for the second time in four years.

By Karen Fontaniye

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MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House candidates stake their claims

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Contenders to represent District 1 in the Michigan House of Representatives landed body blows but no knockouts last week at the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe campaign forum.

The 1 1/2-hour question-and-answer session at Grosse Pointe Woods city hall is being broadcast at 7 p.m. through Oct. 26 on Grosse Pointe War Memorial cable television WMTV Channel 22.

The forum Oct. 14 was between Democrat Timothy Bledsoe, a City of Grosse Pointe resident and political science professor at Wayne State University, and Republican Mary Treder Lang, a certified public accountant from Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lang and Bledsoe sat side-by-side fielding about two dozen questions submitted in writing by members of an audience numbering upwards of 100.

Throughout the forum, Bledsoe pledged that his citizen-funded campaign would let him go to Lansing and focus on solving "monumental challenges" facing the state instead of owing political favors.

"I'm not a political insider,"

he said. "To the extent that you want someone with a new voice, a different perspective in Lansing, I would be the better choice."

Lang stressed her business experience and financial acumen.

"I am clearly the best qualified candidate to provide economic stimulation to Michigan and our district," she said. "In order to provide long-term solutions to our state economic woes, we need more people in state government with financial and business backgrounds. It is essential that we bring 21st century industry to Michigan."

The candidates differed on many topics.

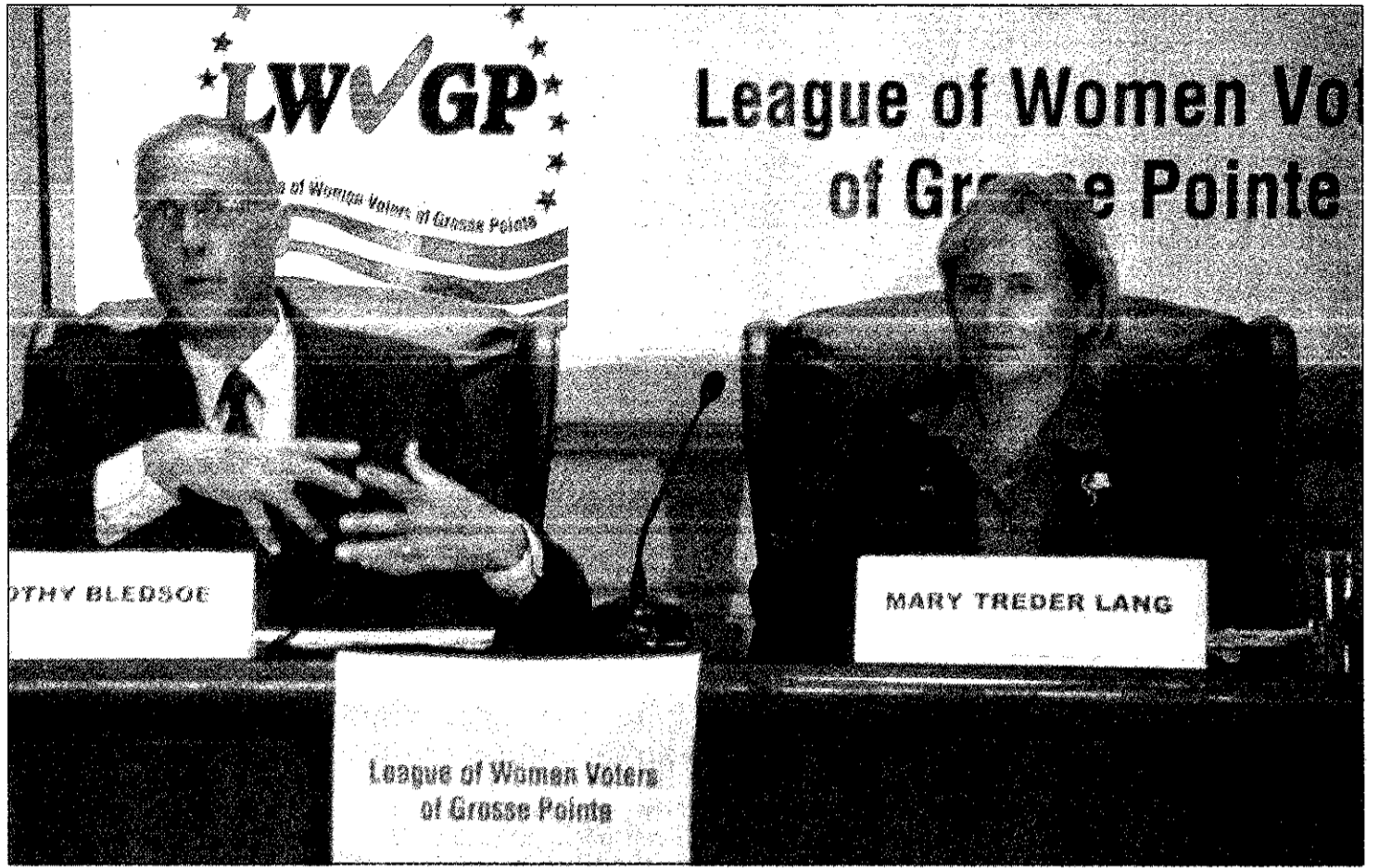
◆ Term limits:

Bledsoe said limits are a "bad idea" that result in a House of inexperienced legislators subject to the influences of veteran lobbyists and state administrators.

Lang said term limits should be "redefined" and, for House legislators, doubled to 12 years.

◆ How to plug Michigan's drain of bright, young adults seeking better futures in other parts of the country:

Lang recommended attracting high-tech jobs and companies involved with renewable



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Democrat Tim Bledsoe, left, and Republican Mary Treder Lang, right, square off.

energy.

Bledsoe prescribed a diverse mixture of new businesses to attract young and talented employees.

◆ Experience in elected office:

Lang mentioned being college student body president.

Bledsoe smiled and said, "In

terms of holding prior office, Ms. Lang and I are equally unqualified."

◆ Michigan's 20 percent business tax surcharge:

Bledsoe said, "No tax should be lethal. We must revisit that law."

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Woods 'Hauntaholic' shares Halloween scare

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Jim Wieme is a self-described "hauntaholic."

Anyone who visits his Halloween display in front of, in back of, on the side of, and on top of his house at 19947 Doyle Place West, Grosse Pointe Woods would be hard pressed to disagree.

There are witches, skeletons, ghosts and gargoyles. There are bubbling cauldrons, bats and even some very tame pumpkins and black cats, which by any measure make it a huge Halloween display. But once caskets, a hearse, a synchronized computerized light show and an FM channel that broadcasts spooky music through visitor's car radios as they approach, it becomes evident this is the work of someone who loves Halloween and all that goes with it.

"Ok, it's an obsession," Wieme said with a laugh. "It takes about a month to set up, but I really work on it all year round. I go to trade shows and Halloween conventions and I'm always looking for something new to add."

It turns out he's not alone in the quest for the scariest of the scary when it comes to Halloween decorations.

As a member of the Motor City Haunt Club, Wieme and about 70 other Halloween devotees meet monthly to ex-



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

There's something to scare everyone at the appropriately named Grosse Pointe Woods Cemetery Halloween Display on Doyle Place West.

change ideas and news of the latest Halloween products. They also host parties.

One of the biggest begins at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 in the Parcels Middle School parking lot where Wieme kicks off the Motor City Haunt Crawl, a

tour of some of the biggest Halloween displays on the eastside. The public is invited and are asked to check in with Wieme. He'll be the one driving the hearse.

While Wieme's display and haunt crawl have long been a

fixture in Grosse Pointe Woods, he has added something this year.

He's asking for donations for the family of a friend who's suffering from an aggressive cancer.

"He was also the first to lend

a hand to others. This way I'm hoping to lend a hand to him," Wieme said.

For more information, visit motorcityhauntclub.com, call (313) 886-2392 or drop by Wieme's house after dark on weekends up to Halloween.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

A legacy for her children

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Sometimes artist Erin Maday forgets to sign her name to the murals she paints.

"I paint for the love of it, not to get credit," said the 33-year-old mother of two boys.

But she made sure she signed the one she did for Monteith Elementary School.

She did it for her sons, Benjamin, 8, and Jack, 5, who are students at the school.

"It was one of the coolest parts of painting the mural," Maday said. "My kids will have my legacy. It's an indescribable feeling."

She especially hopes Josh, who started all-day kindergarten this year, will find solace in it.

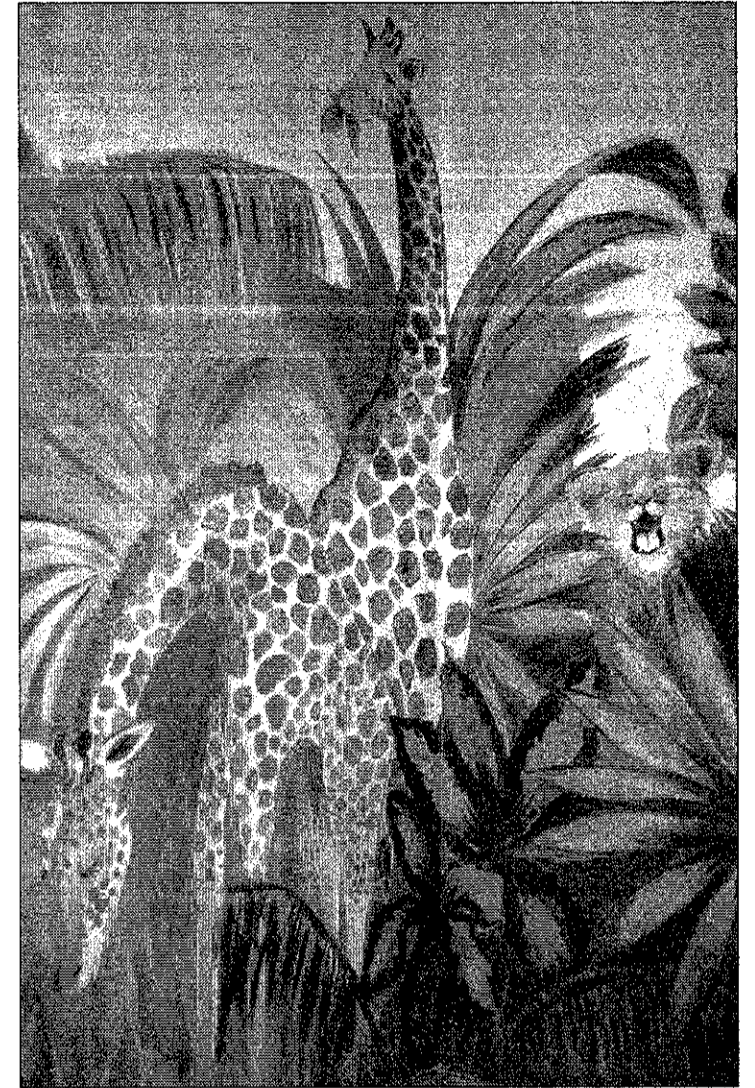
"I was worried about the transition for him," she said. "I hope when he walks through the hallway he will know I am thinking of him."

Painting the mural was her



PHOTOS BY BETH QUINN

Monteith mom and artist Erin Maday spent her Saturdays and Sundays this past summer painting a jungle-themed mural in the school's massive lobby. Now students, staff and visitors are greeted by friendly animals when they enter the school.



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"I chose to paint the mural at Monteith because, I'm sure other working parents feel it too, I am limited on how much time I can spend with my children and how much I can be involved in their school life," Maday said. "I wanted to give back and leave something there for my boys to be proud of."

Maday approached Monteith's principal and PTO late last spring about painting a mural on the school's massive 27-by-41 foot entry foyer.

"They knew they wanted a jungle theme centered around the school's mascot, Monty the Tiger," Maday said.

After researching different animals and plants online and doing a rough mock up, Maday embarked on a project that took eight weeks to complete.

Since the hallway had 12-foot ceilings, she found the work to be very physically demanding. To help speed up the process, her husband, Matthew, helped paint the background.

Even though Maday works full time as an art director for Flagstar Bank in Troy, she found the energy to work seven to eight hours most Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer.

"When you are doing things you love to do," she said. "You just make it work."

She found she lost track of time while she was painting the mural.

"I found I would get into the zone," Maday said. "Once you get in that mode, you just keep going. I would look at my watch and think 'Oh, my gosh, I've been here 7 1/2 hours.'"

And the mural was worth the effort. Maday has transformed the once institutional beige walls into a jungle wonderland filled with oversized flora, fauna and friendly animals welcoming people to the school.

"I looked forward to painting it," she said. "I missed it when I was finished."

Art has been an integral part of Maday's life ever since she was young.

"Ever since I can remember, I was always creative," she said, "whether it was making little projects out of what I found around the house, or creating more than what was required in my art classes at Maire, I was always 'in love' with painting and drawing."

She tells the story of when she realized she wanted to be an artist.

"When I was in 6th grade, my Dad's mom — my grandmother — passed away in Ohio," Maday said. "Upon clearing out her home, my aunts, uncles and parents were 'choosing out of a hat' who would have the next choice of what they would like to bring home with them. I entered a room that my grandmother used to put her overly excited dog in when we would visit. Typically, this room was off limits, and being a curious child, I wanted to see what was behind the door."

"I was not prepared to encounter a beautiful array of paintings that my grandmother herself had painted. She was a self taught artist and ever since I found out for the first time that she was extremely talented and had an exceptional eye for painting, and see something extraordinary in the ordinary, I knew that was what I wanted to do with my life."

Maday added that she chose to take all of her grandmother's paints and paint brushes.

"From that day forward, I began to embrace even more, my need for a creative outlet," she said.

Throughout middle and high school, she started taking art classes inside and outside of school. She even sold hand-painted sweatshirts and pants to her mother's friends.

Even while in high school she planned on being an artist, she came to realize she needed a more reliable source of income.

"My practical side kicked in and told me to have something to fall back on so I went on to the Savannah College of Art & Design and majored in graphic design in hopes of achieving a balance between work and creativity," Maday said.

She later transferred to Wayne State University where she earned a bachelor's in graphic design.

Maday quickly landed a job in graphic design after graduation.

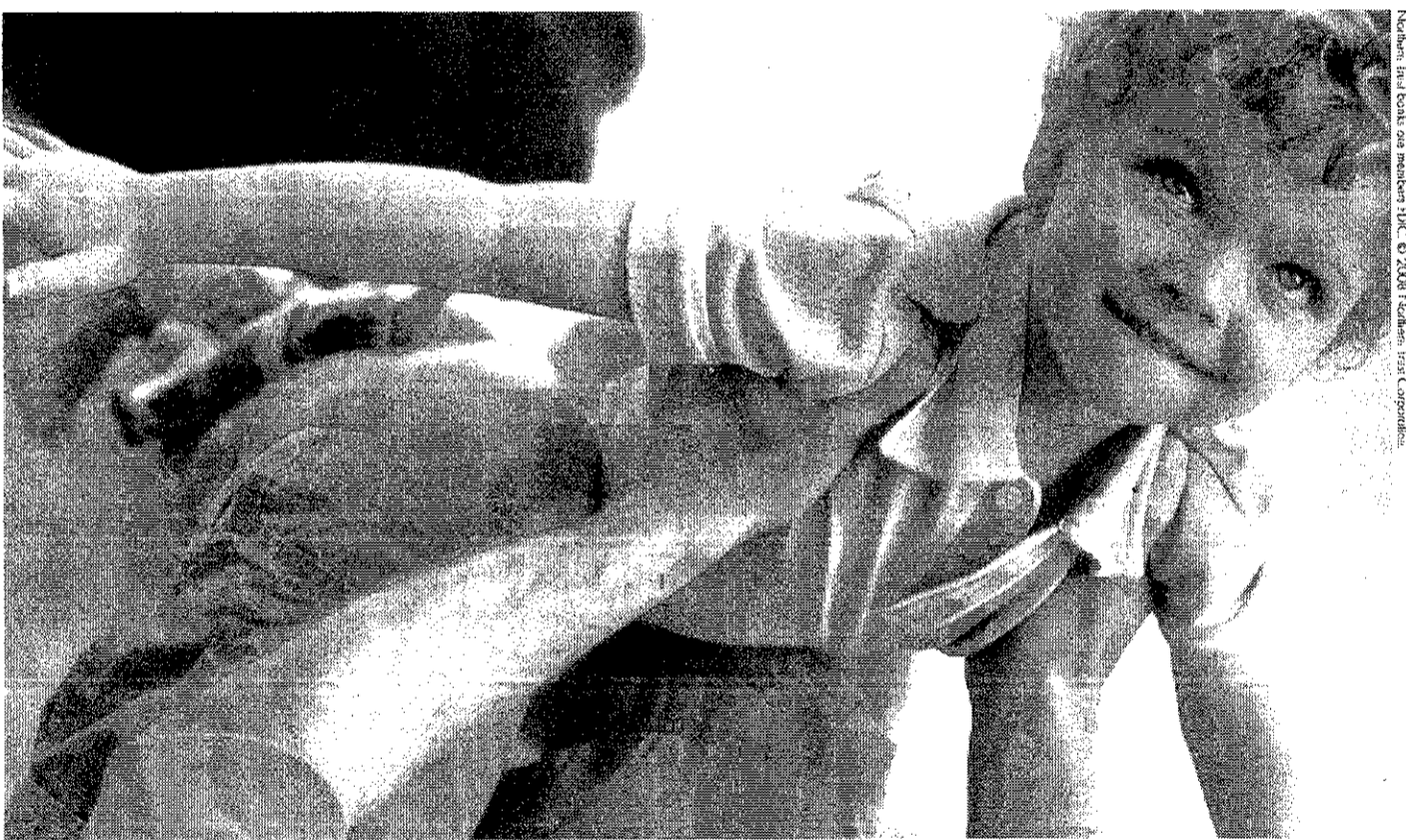
While she loves design, she missed not painting.

"I also found that painting from my heart was by far more gratifying than painting or creating to sell and make money," she said.

She started looking for ways to volunteer her time as an artist. Her first endeavor was painting murals and other pieces of art for the Children's Home of Detroit. Next she painted some paintings, created a logo and designed the three-dimensional art of Jack's Treehouse at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

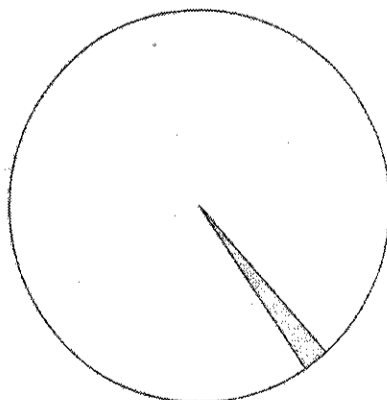
"Volunteering gave me such a wonderful feeling of being able to share my love of art with children," Maday said.

By painting the jungle mural at Monteith she is able to share that love with more children.



Maday's two boys are students at Monteith Elementary School.

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DEBATE: State chairmen coming to Grosse Pointe

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School in 1981 where he served on the law review.

He started in politics as a summer intern for Congressman David Bonior in 1977 and was involved in every re-election campaign for Bonior until 2000. From 1984 until 1993, Brewer served as president of the Clinton Township Democratic Club.

Among his other accomplishments as chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, state Democrats have carried the state for the Democratic presidential candidate in 1996, 2000 and 2004 and elected Sen. Debbie Stabenow in 2000 and re-elected her in 2006, elected Gov. Granholm in 2002



Anuzis



Brewer



Skubick

and re-elected her in 2006, won nearly 75 percent of all statewide education board races, worked to elect scores of county and municipal officials, used ballot questions as part of

their campaign strategy and developed innovative programs to turn out absentee and young voters. Brewer was also the principal author of the MDP's 1996, 2000 and 2004

Delegate Selection Plans, the latter two of which included a vote by mail feature which allowed Michigan Democrats to

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Robber needs to speak up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The first man to enter Staples the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 14 wasn't a customer. He robbed the place.

He got away with less than \$100. Later that day, City of Grosse Pointe police think, the man that they suspected appeared on a security video robbing a dollar store on Eight Mile in Warren.

"He was wearing the same shirt as at Staples," said City Detective Sgt. Ron Wieczorek.

City police received a 911 call at 8:03 a.m. from Staples reporting the robbery.

An employee said the suspect ran across Mack into Detroit. Another witness saw him running on northbound Woodhall and Guilford. City officers set up a perimeter but he got away.

A 26-year-old female clerk told investigating Officer Thomas Martindale that she was stationed at the customer service desk when the man entered, picked up a pen and approached her cash register.

According to Martindale's investigation, the man whispered:

"Take everything out of your register." "What?" replied the clerk, not having heard.

"Be quiet and take everything out of the register." She did and he left.

"He knew exactly how much money was in the drawer," Wieczorek said.

Police think he was armed.

"The store video shows him putting his right hand into his right pocket or under his shirt during the robbery," Wieczorek said.

The man's long sleeve polo-style shirt with a white collar and horizontal stripes showed up clearly on a security tape provided by Warren police.

"Our photos match their photos," Wieczorek said. "He was seen getting into a vehicle with two other men and heading into Detroit."

Detroit police have joined the investigation.

"They've had a few robberies and want to see pictures from Staples to see if our suspect is involved," Wieczorek said.

NAME: State rebuffed

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Commissioners have been working for months on drafting a framework for the new system.

Commissioners understand their duty includes coming up with a new name for the city that retains the word "village," a grammatical tie to its 97-year-old heritage.


The governor must approve the charter. If the charter and name goes through, Shores residents will have their city and keep their village, too.

"Conversations I've had with two representatives of the attorney general's office have been very pleasant, very businesslike, not contentious at all," McInerney said. "They think the best solution would be 'The City of Grosse Pointe Shores.' There's no statue that says what you can or can't call yourself."

Now all Shores officials can do is wait and see if all's well that ends well.

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DEBATE: Skubick moderates free event

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cast votes by mail to select the party's presidential nominee. The 2004 plan also successfully used an Internet voting option.

He was elected president of the Association of State Democratic Chairs in June 2003 and re-elected in February 2005 and February 2007.

An active Republican since college, Anuzis was unanimously elected Chairman of the Michigan Republican Party in 2005 and again in 2007. That

same year, he was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee. He served on the Committee on Arrangements for the 2008 Republican National Convention.

In 1980, Anuzis was elected as the youngest delegate to the Republican National Convention. He attended President Ronald Reagan's first inaugural ceremony in January of the following year. Soon thereafter, he was elected Third Vice Chair of the Michigan Republican Party. Other highlights of his MRP career include, serving six years as a member of the State Committee and two terms as a Congressional District Chairman.

Anuzis landed one of his biggest political opportunities when in 1982 he became the manager of Dick Posthumus'

first Senate race. He then worked closely with Posthumus throughout his rise in Michigan politics. During that time, Anuzis worked for the House Republican Campaign Committee, the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, and later as Chief of Staff to then Majority Leader Posthumus.

In 1990, Anuzis took a break from politics to focus on his family and business interests. He co-founded Coast to Coast Telecommunications. The business was sold in 2000, and in 2001, Anuzis co-founded Quick Connect USA. Anuzis serves as chairman of the company but is currently on a leave of absence and maintains no day-to-day responsibilities. He also owns Anuzis Capital LLC.

Skubick has anchored the weekly public TV series "Off the Record" since 1972 and is

the longest serving member of the state capitol press corps. "Off the Record" is seen on Michigan public television stations and has an audience of 100,000 viewers each week.

Skubick covers the state capitol for a variety of other media outlets including 66 radio stations through the Michigan Radio Network. He writes a weekly political column for 22 statewide newspapers.

Skubick holds bachelor's and master's degrees in broadcast journalism from Michigan State University. He has been covering Michigan government and politics since 1969.

He recently authored his first book, "Off the Record, which was named a 2004 "Michigan Notable Book." He was recently installed into the Michigan Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Skubick said he is excited about next week's debate.

"Grosse Pointe voters will get a chance to see the two guys who are on the front lines of the presidential battle here as Mark Brewer and Saul Anuzis have become the Hannity and Colmes of Michigan," Skubick said. "Don't miss this. We'll make news."

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

CANDIDATE: Thanks, but no thanks

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from lobbyists so that, if elected, he isn't beholden to them.

Yet, he's one of at least eight Michigan Democrat legislative candidates championed by the coalition, according to its Web site. The political action committee was founded by John Stryker, a billionaire scion of a family medical supply business founded by his physician grandfather, inventor of the mobile hospital bed.

"Here's the situation," said Bledsoe. "Like the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, the Coalition for Progress is an independent organization that focuses on legislative races to try and shape the outcome of those races. I have absolutely no control over it."

"I have tried calling them to discourage them from participating in my race. I have talked with an election law expert to seek what legal options we

have to stop them from participating in my race.

"We are told there is absolutely nothing we can do because they have an absolute First Amendment right of political expression that gives them the opportunity to spend their money as they see fit. There are nine other Democrats out there who welcome their participation. I do not."

A few scoffs came from the nearly 100-member audience.

Lang, in her first run for office, said, "I respect that Tim says he's attempted to have the Coalition for Progress stopped, which dedicated \$250,000 to his campaign as well as nine other state reps, to unseat Republicans."

"(Stryker) is on a mission to buy votes. If you're unable, Tim, to stop him now, how effective are you going to be in Lansing to carry out other things?"

Rules of the forum forced the candidates to move onto other questions.

"Bledsoe's legal advice was correct," said Ben Miller, coalition executive director. "We are organized under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act as a po-

litical action committee. We do not make direct contributions to candidates. We act as an independent expenditure committee. The law is very clear. We are not to coordinate or communicate with candidates or their campaign staff."

Miller said the organization has more than 30,000 members. "Our mission is educating and empowering voters," he said.

The group on its Web site takes partial credit for outcomes of the 2006 Michigan election: "Our work in Michigan helped elect a Democratic majority in the State House of Representatives, including a couple new progressives."

The coalition's site also links to video endorsements of eight Democrat Michigan House candidates.

All videos share the same format and language, except for the candidate's name inserted in the tag line.

In Bledsoe's case, a narrator says, "If you're fed up with Republicans' standing in the way, Tim Bledsoe will fight for Michigan workers and to move Michigan forward."

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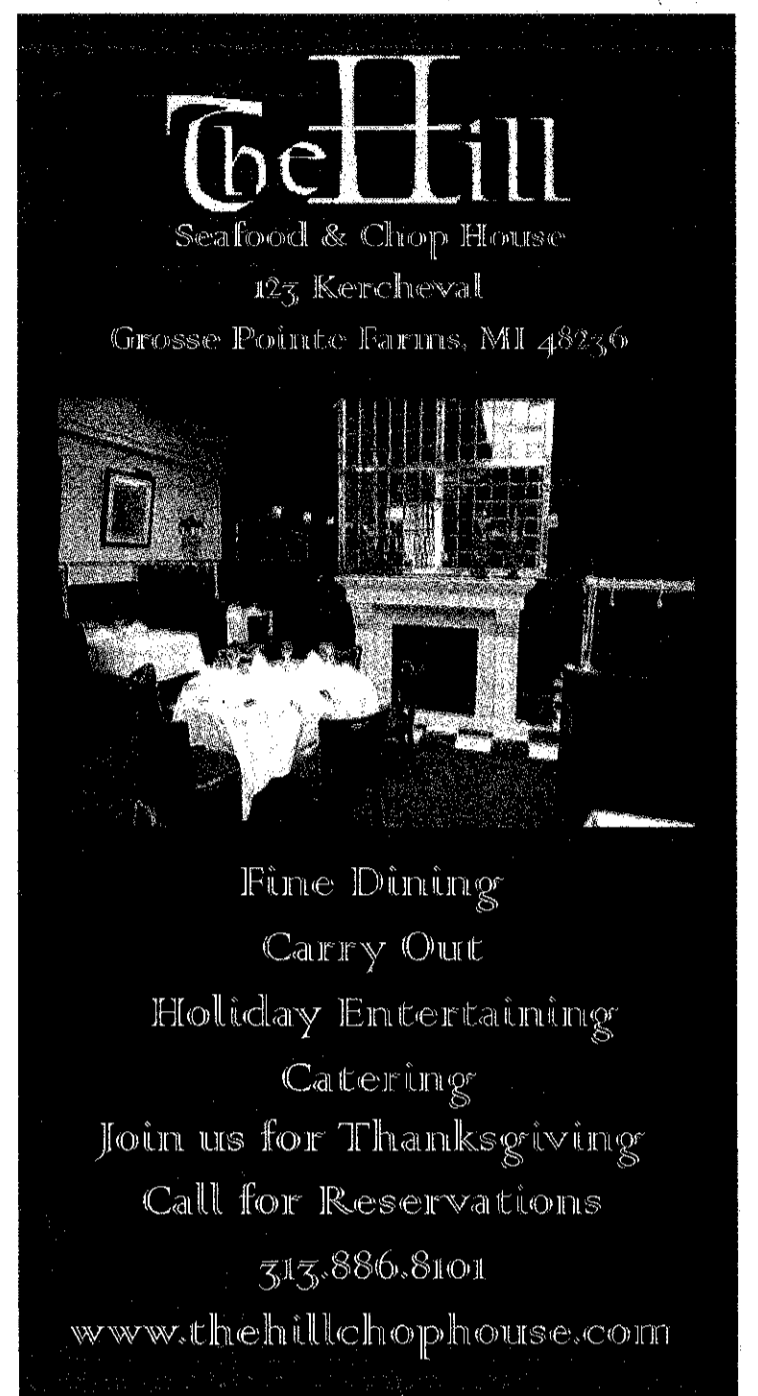
◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meet at 7 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The agenda is available at gp.lib.mi.us.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

◆ A panel discussion about "Real Issues Facing Young Adults Today" during the "Planned Choices for Successful High School to College Transition" will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The event is presented by The Family Center and co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointe North Parents Club and the Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

◆ Dr. Michael Seidman of Henry Ford's department of otolaryngology will be the 7 p.m. speaker at a free wellness seminar at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. He will talk about vitamins, nutrients and essential oils needed to protect bodies affected by lifestyle, pollution, environment and aging.



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EDITORIAL

We need leadership

We will witness a thousand polls before election day. The only one that really counts is on Nov. 4 - when the ballots are counted and the winners declared. While we've witnessed the debates and even more attack ads, the question remains the same.

Which candidates do we trust to lead us out of the toughest times we've ever experienced? The toughest times across America, across Michigan, and in Grosse Pointe.

For President, we support John McCain. He believes in working across the aisle to make government accountable with bipartisan legislation. He believes in a strong national defense and offers a pro-growth, pro-jobs strategy to stimulate the economy. He served his country with pride, carrying on a tradition set by his father and grandfather. He's qualified to be the commander in chief of our armed forces and lead our troops to resolution in Iraq.

He understands that economic recoveries are built on tax reductions, not tax increases. He was one of the few Washington voices warning us of the looming mortgage crisis as early as 2006. And he understands that a growing government is a true threat to our freedoms.

By contrast, Sen. Barack Obama has brought an alarming lack of experience to the campaign. He is easily the most liberal major party candidate for the White House we have ever seen.

His agenda of government growth and takeover, of tax increases and re-distribution of wealth, and of trade protectionism, spell disaster for our fragile economy. Perhaps most alarming, his lack of foreign policy experience represents true danger to America's safety. He was a deer in the headlights during Russia's invasion of Georgia earlier this year, an ominous look into his potential performance as commander in chief.

For all the right reasons, we endorse John McCain for President.

He has worked to separate himself from the Bush White House, and he has chosen a strong running mate in Gov. Sarah Palin. Since her election as governor of Alaska, she has made energy development, health, public safety, workforce development and education her priorities.

We need proven leadership at the top. John McCain and Sarah Palin will lead the way.

In the 1st District state representative race, our support goes to Republican candidate and Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Treder Lang. Lang, a certified public accountant with 26 years of experience in the business world, believes the keys to a strong Michigan are quality education and a pro-business climate.

Her opponent, Grosse Pointe's Timothy Bledsoe, teaches political science at Wayne State University. Neither candidate has past political office experience, but we believe that Lang's business experience will be best for the residents of the 1st District.

"Maybe it's because I'm a conservative CPA, but I don't spend money if I don't have it," Lang said in an election profile on Page 1E of this issue. "I don't go further into debt just to have a higher standard of living. That's what government is doing right now."

We need accountability in Lansing. We trust Mary Treder Lang to represent this district.

(Next week, our choices for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and the 13th Congressional District, along with more general election information. Several election-related stories are printed in this issue of the Grosse Pointe News).

GUEST OPINION By Dale McFeatters

Recession fix

Here's sort of good news: You and the Federal Reserve Board don't have to worry about inflation for the time being.

After dropping slightly — 0.1 percent in August — the Consumer Price Index, the most popular measure of inflation, was flat in September. As recently as June, the Fed was worried about inflation when the CPI spiked 1.1 percent in one month.

The annualized inflation rate is still running at an uncomfortable rate of 4.5 percent but for a variety of reasons, not all of them good, that rate seems likely to abate.

The biggest reason for the fall off is energy. Oil is down 50 percent since July; thus, energy fell 1.9 percent in September, after a steep decline of 3.1 percent in August. Natural gas and electricity fell 3.2 percent, a record for one month.

Another reason is that people have less money. Weekly wages fell for the 12th straight month, down 2.5 percent from September a year ago.

Still another reason is that a lot of workers don't have jobs. Jobless claims fell 16,000 to a seasonally adjusted 461,000, not as bad as the 475,000 forecast but nonetheless still at levels considered recessionary.

It's one of those good news, bad news things.

The boat may be taking on water but at least it's not on fire. Dale McFeatters is a writer for Scripps Howard News.

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Please call your friends and encourage them to vote Tuesday, Nov. 4, and remember it's free.

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of negotiations that directly impact that trustee's present and future financial wellbeing.

Voters have every right to wonder whether a self-interested trustee could remain unbiased and whether a trustee and teacher-spouse could avoid all contractual discussion during months of negotiations.

The trustee could recuse himself from negotiations with the union, but that, too, could create problems.

If one of seven trustees recuses himself, the usual majority of four votes no longer applies. Instead, a super-majority of five votes is required, potentially putting pressure on fellow trustees.

If the teacher union were to get more than two or three such candidates elected, it is questionable how the school board could plausibly and effectively carry out negotiations.

That is not yet the case, but this first step is enough to give taxpayers pause before casting their ballots.

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By-law reversal

To the Editor:

Voters in Grosse Pointe may be unaware of the recent reversal of a long-standing school board by-law that restricted who could serve as a Grosse Pointe Board of Education member.

The brand new by-law permitted Darryl Miller, who is married to a teacher employed by the Grosse Pointe school system, to register as a school board candidate.

The by-law reversal in Grosse Pointe does not necessarily raise legal questions, but it does raise some practical and ethical questions given that the school board conducts contract negotiations with the teacher union at least once, and generally twice, during a trustee's four-year term of office.

As a Stanford professor recently wrote, teacher unions have a strong vested interest in influencing an election with candidates who will promote their causes: Higher salaries and benefits, restrictions on managerial control and more resources. If the union and teachers "can wield clout at the polls, they can literally choose the very management they will be bargaining with."

Taxpayers understand that a trustee married to a teacher employed by the same school district clearly has a vested interest in teachers' salaries, benefits and pensions.

Taxpayers also understand the inherent conflict of interest

are human, we are constitutionally permitting the death of humans for research purposes if this proposal passes.

Stem cells cannot be taken from embryos without killing the human. Is that any different than Hitler's use of his enemies for experimentation?

Once killing humans for experimentation is permitted, it's only a matter of extending the time frame from 14 days to some other arbitrary threshold to kill more of us.

Stem cells do not come only from embryos. Umbilical cords, placentas and amniotic fluid provide stem cells; marrow from hip bones, neural stem cells in the nasal passage, and even fat cells from liposuction all provide adult stem cells without destroying life.

Brain tissue from cadavers up to 20 hours after death will yield viable stem cells.

Using adult stem cells from these sources, researchers have developed cures for more than 90 diseases and ailments including several forms of Leukemia, anemias including sickle cell, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's disease, neuroblastoma which is a type of brain cancer usually in infants, severe combined immunodeficiency (when a baby is born with no immune system at all) to name a few.

Bone marrow transplants are a stem cell cure that has been around for more than 50 years.

The stem cells from the olfactory bulb in the nasal passage can treat spinal cord injuries such as afflicted Christopher Reeves, the actor Adult stem cells: 90 plus cures. Embryonic stem cells: 0. There is no need to destroy babies to harvest stem cells.

Years ago when Congress decided to protect the bald eagle from extinction, Congress made it a crime to not only kill the eagle but the same penalty applied to anyone destroying eagle eggs.

A human egg, a forming child, is more important than our national symbol. You were that human egg, that stem cell, at one time.

While the proposal itself does not mention taxes, public research is funded by our taxes. That's just a fact of life. Your state and federal taxes will pay for this.

Please vote against Proposal 2, and if you wish, pass this on to a friend. Remember, we all started from a stem cell.

Psalm 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.

PHILLIP MATOUS
Grosse Pointe Park

Proposal 2 literature

To the Editor:

At my church I received some literature on Proposal 2 that was quite disturbing in its inaccuracies about the proposal.

In this day and age I guess we have come to expect lies

from politicians. Sadly it seems to happen all too often with the lies spread about Obama and McCain, about the candidates for Grosse Pointe School Board, and the lies from the recent Detroit mayor.

I am severely disappointed, however, to see my church doing the same.

While not taking a position on the proposal, I think it important that voters understand the realities presented in the proposal so that they might vote in an informed fashion.

Following church, all received blue sheets of paper about Proposal 2 regarding embryonic stem cell research. There were four statements made and I looked at them originally and thought they might be misleading. Upon further review I find all four are outright lies.

If the only opposition to this proposal is a pack of lies, it must be pretty good.

As to that blue sheet of paper, the statements made are as follows with an explanation of the actual proposal following each:

◆ Invites taxpayer funding. The proposal does not ask for or even discuss any taxpayer funding. Indeed, in deceitful ads opposing the proposal the opponents claimed as much. They have been called on the issue and have admitted that they lied; there is no suggestion in the proposal of taxpayer funding.

◆ Allows buying, selling and killing human embryos. The proposal actually prohibits the buying or selling of human embryos. It also makes clear that the only embryos to be used are those that are to be discarded. Those to be used are the "extra" embryos that have been created in fertility treatments.

When a woman is trying to bear children she might have several eggs fertilized with some to be discarded. We can certainly question the appropriateness of fertilizing more eggs than needed. But this proposal itself does not authorize the killing of embryos. It merely allows those being discarded to be utilized for the purposes of research.

◆ Sets stage for human cloning. Again this is a concern directly rebutted by the proposal. The proposal specifically states that, "Nothing in this section shall alter Michigan's current prohibition on human cloning."

◆ Is about unrestricted research on live human embryos. To the contrary, this proposal, while allowing research permitted by federal law, places additional restrictions on embryo research. For example no stem cells may be taken from an embryo more than 14 days after cell division has begun.

This Proposal is clearly not about unrestricted research on human embryos.

The truth seems to be that Proposal 2 has been narrowly crafted to address a multitude of concerns to allow embryonic stem cell research, while prohibiting the very actions complained of on the foremen-

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

A sky full of Hawks



For me, the high point of watching aircraft at Selfridge Air National Guard Base was when it hosted F-4 Phantoms and A-7 Corsairs.

The former flew with the 171st Fighter Interceptor Squadron; the latter with the 107th Fighter Tactical Squadron. F-4s were primarily a fighter. A-7s were tactical bombers.

Some Phantoms were painted gray with the squadron's famous black and yellow checkerboard tail markings. Other Phantoms were painted camouflage green. Corsairs were green and looked like grasshoppers.

Both aircraft were replaced by the wildly versatile F-16 Falcon, which can intercept, bomb and do anything in be-

tween.

Also during my golden age of sight-seeing on the shoulder of M-59 at the north end of Selfridge's main runway, a Lockheed T-33 trainer would occasionally do touch-and-goes.

T-33s were straight-winged jet trainers based on the P-80 Shooting Star, one of the nation's first jet fighters dating to before the end of World War II.

Don't forget the base's C-130 Hercules and Navy PC-3 Orion propeller aircraft. Orions are the military version of the Lockheed Electra passenger liner.

One day, while standing by my car parked at the side of M-59, a Hercules came in so low it blew my hat off. Excellent. Vortexes created by the big plane's big wing tips would cause the air to snap, literally, as the planes sometimes passed lower than a three-story building.

Wouldn't it have been great, to have stood at the same spot during the early 1930s and have seen the best decorated military aircraft in history, the

Curtiss P-6E Hawk.

Selfridge's Hawks had the best paint job of all.

A biplane, the Hawk's two yellow wings, stabilizer and tail stood out against its olive drab fuselage.

At the ends of the top and bottom wings a red disk within a five-pointed white star on a circular field of blue represented the United States flag.

The engine cowling was accented with four black elongated ovals overlapped by four white ovals of the same drawn-out shape.

It was as though the ovals had once been circles, but had been stretched out due to the aircraft flying so fast.

The overall impression was speed.

Best of all, the two main wheel fairings were painted like talons.

The scheme mimicked the squadron's insignia on both sides of the fuselage: A stylized hawk at the point of pouncing on prey, wings outstretched, feathers flared and talons drawn.

There was no question that this fighterplane was a Hawk.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Curtiss P-6E Hawk in colors of the circa 1932 17th Pursuit Squadron at Selfridge Field.

And it flew out of Selfridge. In the same skies as now.

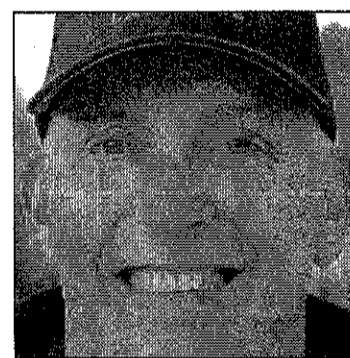
Of all the P-6E Hawks made, only one remains. It is dis-

played at the U.S. Air Force Museum near Dayton.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

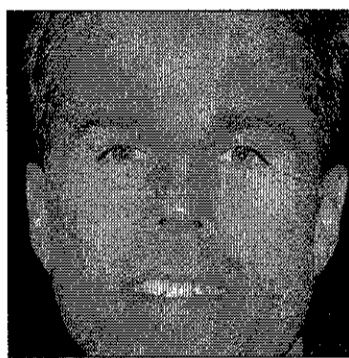
How do you feel about a water plant in Grosse Pointe Park?

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



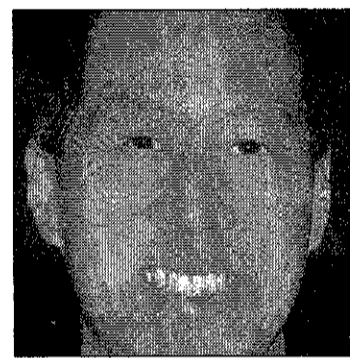
'Our park space is so precious, why would we want a public utility plant there when there are other commercial options available?'

MIKE TRUDELL
Grosse Pointe Park



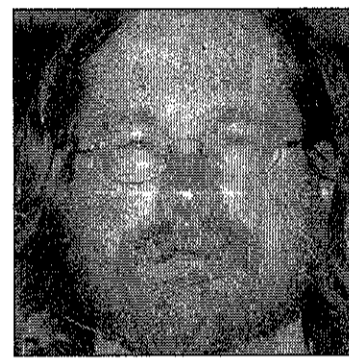
'We would hope the city would involve the community, especially the residents that are most closely affected.'

DAVID LANDUYT
Grosse Pointe Park



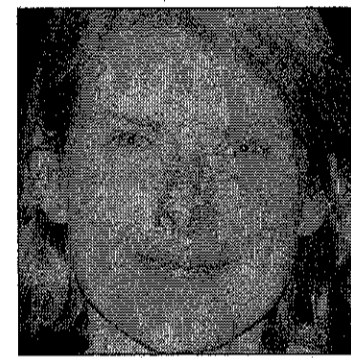
'I do not support it. The city needs to do more due diligence to inform residents of the advantages of having a water treatment plant in their neighborhood.'

HERMAN WANG
Grosse Pointe Park



'It is disappointing that the city would rather use the residential space instead of utilizing commercial space on Jefferson or Mack.'

JAMIE LOFFREDO
Grosse Pointe Park



'I wish there was more transparency in the process and many of us feel the city could have been more up-front.'

JENNIFER LOFFREDO
Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Edited By Suzy Berschback

Legends of Grosse Pte.: La Loup Garou



Many years ago, a French-Canadian trapper named Simonet settled on the lake shore of Grosse Pointe. His young wife died in the early years of their marriage.

But as if in exchange, she had left the little babe, Archange, to coax him from his grief and comfort his loneliness.

The strong, hardy Simonet, with his sunburnt face and powerful arm, was devoted to his child.

He learned to soften his rough manners and soothe her like the gentle ways of a woman.

He later taught her to skin the beaver, muskrat and deer he brought home and to stretch their skins on a drying frame. He bragged no one could outdo Archange's cooking.

In the long winter evenings, Archange's skilled fingers would weave straw into hats. The hats sold quickly and added to the money she made by selling her knitted socks and dried corn.

Pierre La Fontaine, a young farmer, fell in love with her and she returned his affection. Simonet gave his approval and blessed the couple, celebrating the happiness of his child.

On bright moonlit nights, Pierre would take his fiancée

out for a row in his canoe. The couple would talk about their wedding and the new cabin Pierre was building for his "bonnie bride."

One evening as Pierre said goodnight to Archange on the beach near her home, she followed him with her eyes as he rowed out of sight. She was soon startled by a rustling sound nearby.

Looking up, a wild shriek escaped her, for a monster with a wolf's head and an enormous tail, walking erect as a human being, crossed her path.

Quickly the cabin door was thrown open by Simonet, awakened by his daughter's scream. Archange flew into her father's arms and pointed to the spot where she had seen the monster. Simonet's face grew pale as Archange described the monster, since he had recognized it as the dreaded Loup Garou. Simonet calmed her and soon she pushed the experience out of her mind and dreamed of Pierre and her wedding.

Long after Archange went to sleep, Simonet sat thinking.

He lit his pipe seeking comfort in his thoughts. He did not doubt it was the Loup Garou, or werewolf, Archange had seen.

He recalled the stories of his youth and how the dreaded monster had stolen young children.

Sometimes a young man would be lured into the forest and never heard of again. It was for young women Loup Garou showed the greatest fondness and it was a bad sign to her whose path he crossed. Several attempts had been made to kill the beast, yet all

failed.

Simonet recalled the story of one adventurous hunter who, determined to try his skill, made a bullet from a silver coin and waited for his victim "to cross his path."

The cursed bullet sped toward the Loup Garou and only severed his tail, which was found, then dried and stuffed. The remains were the wonder of the region and adored for years by the Indians as a good luck piece.

Simonet hoped all would be well. Still a strange feeling came over him like a premonition, which in vain he tried to shake off.

Archange and Pierre's wedding day at last dawned. Archange, dressed in her simple white gown, was a charming picture of innocence and beauty.

Going into the woods to gather her bouquet of wildflowers, the Loup Garou again crossed her path.

This time she put aside her fears and almost laughed at the beast, who had robbed some habitant of his coat and hat and had carefully tucked the remains of his tail away.

When she did not run off in terror, Loup Garou was encouraged to give her a lovesick look showing his wolfish teeth. Scattering her flowers, Archange fled and arrived breathlessly home just in time to slam the door on the wolf, which had chased her.

Later that day she joined Pierre. Hand in hand, they entered the little church and knelt in front of an altar decorated with flowers, arranged by loving hands.

Father Freshet, who had

baptized them both and prepared them for their first communion, now came to unite them in the holy bonds of marriage. After the ceremony they hurried off to Pierre's new house, where the celebration was to take place.

While the merrymaking was at its height, the dreaded Loup Garou rushed like the wind into their midst, seized Archange and escaped with her into the forest.

All were paralyzed by the sudden, daring deed. But Pierre ran after them guided by the despairing cry of Archange, followed by all the men, while the women and children said their prayers and cried out for her.

Long after the shadows had fallen on the day, they returned to report to the anxious, trembling crowd, but their sad, discouraged faces spoke of the fruitlessness of their search. The monster had baffled them.

Pierre was found by his friends wandering around a swamp, clutching a piece of her white gown.

When his friends asked how he had obtained this clue, he returned a horrifying stare and with a blood-curdling scream, tried to jump into the swamp. He was stopped by his friends.

He would often return there and for hours gaze expressionless in the mysterious reflections of its slimy, stagnant waters, until a friend led him home.

About a year later, at his sister's wedding, Pierre, numb to the outside world, seemed to be excited by the preparations. Immediately after the ceremony, he rushed into the woods and was not seen until nearly

sunset when he was spotted chasing Loup Garou to the very edge of the lake. Loup Garou, seeing no escape, stood on one of the boulders strewn along the shore and stretched out his arms as if summoning to some mysterious being. A large fish was seen to rise on the surface of the water and opening its mouth, the Loup Garou vanished!

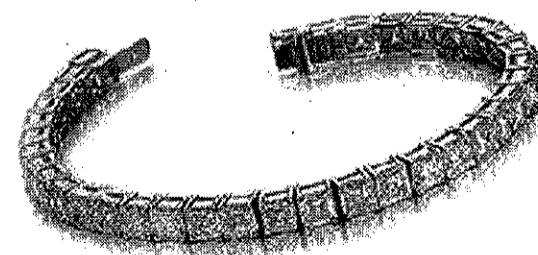
But the footprint of the wolf can still be found in Grosse Pointe forevermore on one of the boulders on the lake shore.

Historical note: This rock, formerly located on the beach at the foot of Provencal Road, is now at the corner of Chalfonte at Kerby Road. On it can be found the footprint of this legend.

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LETTERS: Proposal 2 disputed

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tioned blue sheet. I urge voters to listen to political advertising with caution and make certain to read the actual proposals on the ballot for a better understanding of what is proposed.

The League of Women Voters typically presents excellent information on these proposals.

DAVID J. SZYMANSKI
Grosse Pointe Park

Used book sale

To the Editor:

A community thank you from the Grosse Pointe American Association of University Women

The AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch 46th Annual Used Book Sale is over for another year. A barrel of thanks goes out to all who made this event a huge success.

We thank all our committee chair people; the marking team; those who donated or collected books and those who distributed flyers, made phone calls, set up, broke down or worked at the sale. Your tireless, hard working dedication is much appreciated.

To Diana Howbert and Priscilla Burns and the Grosse Pointe Library staff, who helped make our co-sponsored appraisal night at the Ewald Branch a success: We are grateful for your collaboration and for this unique partnership.

Thank you also for displaying our flyers and bookmarks

to help publicize our events. To John King, used book dealer and expert, as well as his assistant Tom Heitjan: We thank you for donating your time and talent to our special evening.

Thank you for the laughs as you declared a book trash or treasure and for sharing your enjoyment of your work and the interesting life in the world of used and rare books.

Thank you to the Grosse Pointe News, including Ruth Cain's lovely article, "Years of volunteering add new chapters in her life," Sept. 11 Grosse Pointe News, about Kay MacKay, our book sale, and AAUW's mission; the Detroit Free Press; the Grosse Pointe Times; and the other newspapers that printed our articles publicizing our event.

Thank you to Fran Schoenberg for devoting a segment on her Grosse Pointe Cable SOC show to our organization and book sale with the interesting interview of Joanne Muallem, our fundraising chair. We know the importance of getting the particulars of our sale to the public.

To Mr. Dan Ruffi of Kroger, who year after year allows us to place our collection barrels in the Marter store in St. Clair Shores: Thank you so much. It helped us collect nearly 500 boxes of books, CDs and DVDs.

To the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, and St. Joan of Arc Church: Thank you for helping to publicize the book sale by distributing our flyers. Your smiling acceptance in spite of the busyness of the first week of school was very much appreciated.

To the merchants, who agreed to display our flyers, we

are grateful for your help in publicizing this annual event.

And finally to all those in our wonderful community, who browsed, shopped and bought items at the sale: We are most grateful. Without you there would have been no sale. The proceeds from your purchases will be used for scholarships.

For more than 125 years the AAUW has examined the fundamental issues of the times — educational, social, economic and political — and taken courageous positions, often far ahead of popular opinion.

The AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch is committed to supporting the AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Thank you for helping us accomplish our goals.

MARGARET ALBER
BARB BERTELSEN
MARGARET WOODFORD
AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch
2008 Used Book Sale

No bad dogs

To the Editor:

As an owner of a boxer dog and a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, I would like to thank Public Safety Director David Hiller for his assurances to city council that breed specific designations were not needed in the revised vicious animal ordinance.

I do question why the Grosse Pointe News felt it necessary to list the dog breeds that council considered to be potentially dangerous rather than indicate that "a number of breeds were to be specifically targeted."

Listing the specific breeds can cause nothing but concern for the owner of the listed dogs and fear among citizens who will now view the breeds as vi-

cious because they read it in your newspaper.

Further, I would hope that our City Attorney Dennis Levasseur, who I am sure is being paid a very good wage, would do a little more homework than simply copy the Harper Woods list of so called "vicious dogs."

The Center for Disease Control has a special report on their Web site entitled "Breeds of dogs involved in fatal human attacks in the United States between 1979 and 1998."

The article indicates that 30 breeds have been responsible for fatal attacks on people, including dachshunds, a yorkshire terrier and a Labrador retriever. The boxer is on the list, but its stats are lower than the Labrador.

The article addresses communities that attempt to enact legislation and gives alternatives to dog specific legislation.

Additionally, the CDC has a second article entitled "A community approach to dog bite prevention." Two of the items addressed in the article are singling out breeds for control results in a false sense of accomplishment and legislating responsible dog ownership is the key to control.

Too bad Mr. Levasseur didn't bother to educate himself and others with the valuable information offered by the CDC.

I cannot speak to the characteristic of the other breeds, but as for the boxer they are described as follows: One of the breed's most notable characteristics is its desire for human affection, especially from children. They are patient and spirited with children, but also protective, making them a popular choice for families.

The boxer is known as a clown of the dog fraternity canines' answer to vaudeville. A laugh a minute, lives life to the fullest and a maximum velocity version of canine slapstick. They are a sympathetic soul, a shoulder to cry on and a confidante. They are all that is good in a dog.

Lastly, it has been stated, "There are no bad dogs, just bad owners."

THELMA MAYNARD
Grosse Pointe Park

CarFit free evaluations

To the Editor:

I was happy to see the article in the Oct. 16 Grosse Pointe News regarding CarFit, which is sponsored by AAA.

It is a wonderful program since it is so helpful and informative to the people who participated, of which I was one. I learned how to adjust my seat belt so it would be more comfortable, my head rest, and my side view mirrors correctly.

The staff was most courteous and helpful in their expla-

nations. It was obvious they were concerned about our safety over all.

I urge your readers to take advantage of this program to make sure their car is a perfect fit.

MARION MC CARTHY
Harper Woods

Bank investing

To the Editor:

The banks around the world need an infusion of cash.

Our government need not bail the banks out for \$700 billion. All that is needed is for the banks to give each CD holder 15 percent on their certificate.

Presently CD holders receive only 4 percent per year and the cost of living is 4 percent. Some savings.

People around the world would be taking their money from their mattress and investing that money in the bank.

JAMES R. REED
St. Clair Shores

October lake levels in seasonal decline

The following lake levels as of Oct. 17 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Currently, every one of the Great Lakes are above their levels of a year ago, ranging from 3 to 9 inches higher than what they were at this time last year. All of the Great Lakes are in their periods of seasonal decline and are predicted to drop over the next 30 days.

Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron are predicted to drop 2 inches, while lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are projected to drop 4 to 5 inches. Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and Ontario are forecasted to remain

above their levels of a year ago over the next several months. Lake Erie is projected to remain at around last year's level.

In September, the outflows through the St. Mary's, St. Clair, Detroit and Niagara rivers were below average while the outflow from the St. Lawrence River was above average.

Alerts: Users of the Great Lakes, connecting channels and St. Lawrence River should keep informed of current conditions before undertaking any activities that could be affected by changing water levels. Mariners should utilize navigation charts and refer to current water level readings.

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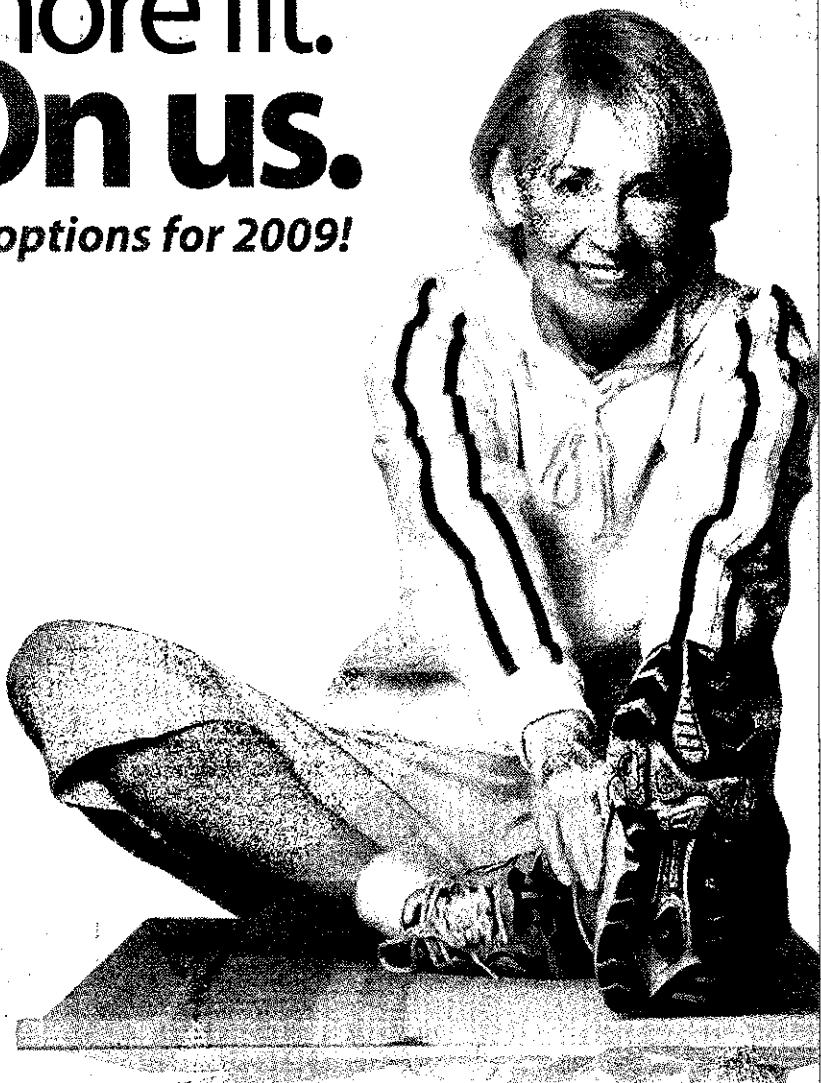
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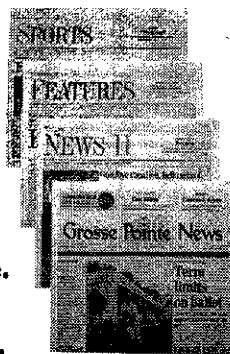
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THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS

Cancer fundraiser set for Oct. 27

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Even people Paul Monarch doesn't know have responded to a fundraising drive on behalf of his wife, Kathi's, incurable cancer.

"It makes Kathi feel grateful," Paul Monarch said.

The fundraiser was organized by members of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department.

Monarch works at Farms city hall as communications direc-

tor of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods police and fire radio system.

"We all know the economy is not the best, but individuals are still out there willing to donate what they can, not even knowing the Monarch family or having much contact with the police department," said Rick Good, a Farms detective.

Kathi and Paul Monarch, 47, have been married 1 1/2 years.

Kathi learned a month ago that she has pancreatic cancer.

The couple lives in St. Clair

Fundraiser

Date: Monday, Oct. 27

Time: 4 to 9 p.m.

Place: Lakeland Banquet and Event Center

Address: 21801 Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores

Cost: \$20

and has two children at home from previous marriages. They are a daughter, 14, and son, 15. A 22-year-old son is in Army

basic training.

Paul said his wife's main concern is providing for her children's future.

Farms public safety officers have scheduled a pasta dinner fundraiser from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 at the Lakeland Banquet and Event Center, 21801 Nine Mile, between Harper and Mack in St. Clair Shores.

A minimum \$20 donation is requested.

Good said people who can't attend but want to donate may



From left, Andrew Neisz, Matthew, Paul and Kathi Monarch and Jacqueline Neisz.

send checks payable to Paul Monarch, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department, 90 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms,

MI, 48236, or call the department at (313) 885-2100.

"The response has been positive," Good said.

DEBATE:
Candidate
forum

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Lang wants the surcharge repealed. "It is strangling us," she said. "We are driving businesses out of the state."

◆ Nuclear energy:

Bledsoe said, "I am open-minded about the potential for nuclear power." He cited success along those lines in France and Germany.

Lang said, "I lean toward the same philosophy."

◆ Real-world business experience:

Lang said, "I've been in the business world for 26 years (and) held many senior management roles."

Bledsoe said, "I'm an academic. I've never had any real-world business experience."

◆ Both candidates said Proposition A and the pop-up tax need revision. The pop-up refers to uncapping property taxes on property when it changes hands.

Bledsoe said the tax is, "to some extent, a self-correcting problem. Housing values in Grosse Pointe have declined in the past few years. Instead of popping up, at some point



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Candidate debate was hosted by the League of Women Voters.

these taxes are going to be popping down as our homes are reassessed at a lower value. It's a diminishing problem."

Lang wants to cap Proposition A and freeze the pop-up tax to help stimulate the real estate industry and economy.

"I have not heard of anyone reassessing the value of a house and consequently reducing property taxes," she said. "That is not going to happen. Let's even out taxation of all homes. Property taxes continue to rise when values are going down. It doesn't make sense."

◆ Detroit economic development:

Both candidates recognized

economic ties between the Pointes and Detroit.

Lang said, "Our future in our district is dependent upon the economy of Detroit. I will work hard to strengthen that."

Bledsoe said, "Our prosperity depends on the prosperity of Detroit. If Detroit has a robust economy and is creating jobs, our housing values in the Grosse Pointes will be strong. We are in this together."

◆ Right to work laws and mandated union membership:

Lang said, "It's not that I'm totally against unions, I am against unions forcing their members to belong."

Bledsoe said, "I do not support right to work laws. We need to attract good-paying

jobs, not low or minimum wage jobs created, typically, in right-to-work states. If a majority of members of a workplace vote to have a union, everyone in the workplace is required to pay his share of the cost of maintaining that union."

◆ Ballot proposals to allow the medical use of marijuana and to allow human embryonic stem cell research:

Lang opposes both proposals. "No, no," she said.

Bledsoe supports both. "Yes, yes," he said.

◆ During closing statements, each candidate summarized their cause.

Lang maintained her support of business as a solution to improving the state's economy.

"Michigan needs more leaders who are experienced with economic development," she said. "I am the qualified candidate to deliver sound financial stimulus for our district."

Bledsoe pledged to "protect our communities, our jobs and our schools."

"We need someone (in Lansing) who is able and willing to reach out to all parts of the diverse 1st District, who sets aside partisanship and does the right thing for the community."

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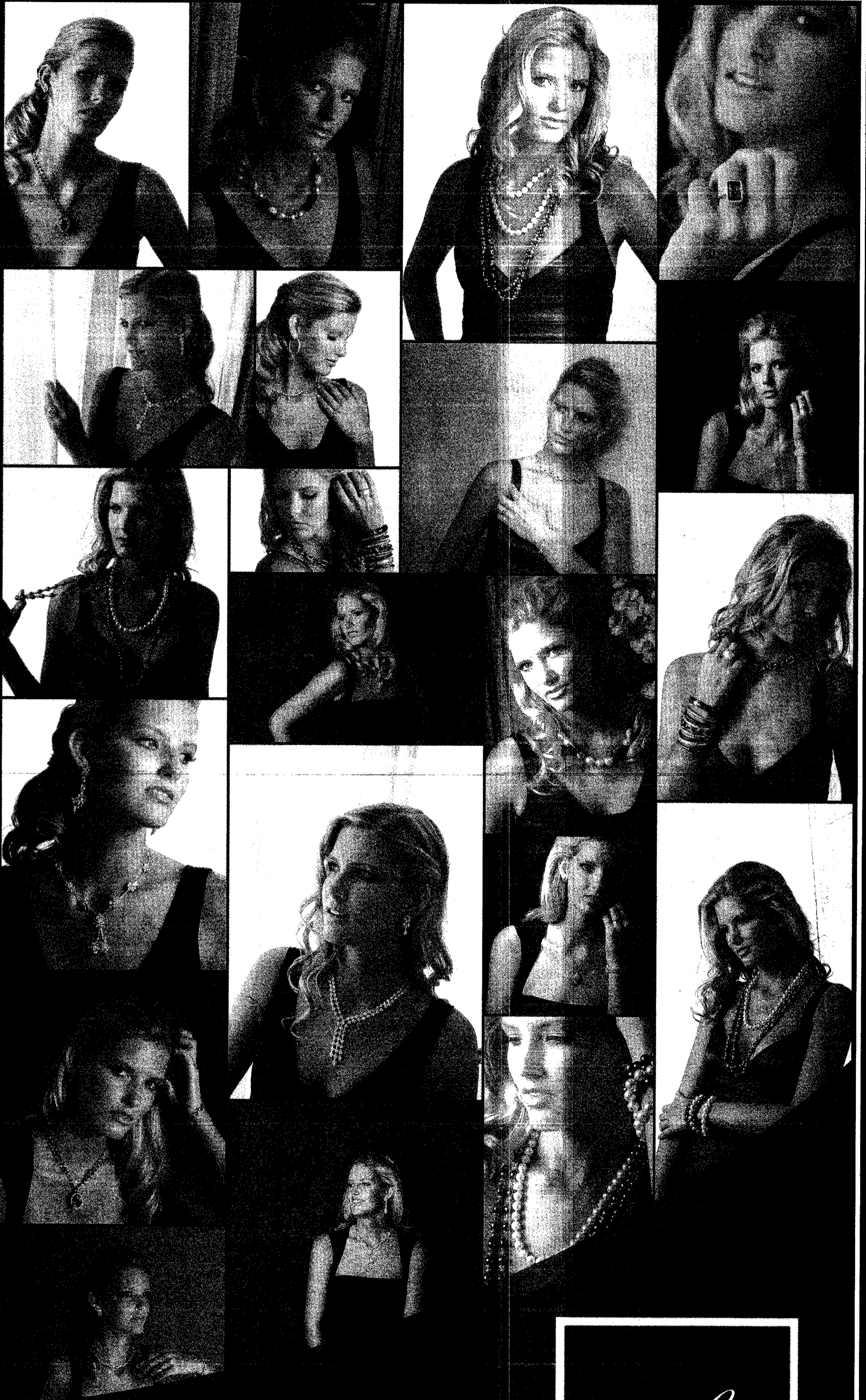
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Looking beyond themselves

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

This is not a story about students winning awards, games or competitions, yet this group of Grosse Pointe South High School students are winners.

Every Thursday after school, 30 to 40 students flood into teacher Kevin Cox's room for a meeting of Interact, the school's volunteer club.

It is immediately apparent that the group has an open membership policy. Every type of student — from jocks to geeks to freaks — is represented. The only requirement is the desire to help others.

The reasons the students join and stay with Interact are as different as the students themselves.

"I learned about the group when I was in Mr. Cox's class," said senior Colin Nugent, club treasurer. "Getting out and helping other people has really been good for me. It has made me realize there is something bigger than myself."

Interact secretary Sara Hess joined as a freshman to get involved in the school, but found she personally benefited from the group.

"I am usually a shy person," said the seemingly outgoing and gregarious senior. "If I hadn't gotten involved with Interact, I might still be focusing just on myself. Helping other people has been really good for me."

Then there's senior John Conway, the club's president,



Many Grosse Pointe South High School students give back to the community as members of Interact, the school's volunteer club. Through the year, members help others by raising money with a car wash, planting a garden in downtown Detroit, raking leaves and doing yard work for senior citizens and participating in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk.



who admits he originally got involved by default.

"When I was a freshman, my brother, Billy, was the president and he was my ride home," he said. "Since I was hanging out at the school anyway, I decided to check out the meetings. It seemed like a nice group of kids and it was a good way to get involved in the school in addition to playing

lacrosse, so I kept coming back."

The group is totally student run, Cox said. The students decide which service projects they'll do.

"They do a great job of finding a nice variety of things to do," he said.

"We are always looking for ideas," said Conway. "Many times we hear about projects



during our meetings when someone says they heard about something interesting."

Club members can pick and choose the projects they want to participate in — making it very flexible for students with other commitments, he said.

Over the past year, Interact

participated in numerous non-profit organizations' efforts throughout metropolitan Detroit such as Habitat for Humanity, Juvenile Diabetes and Defer Elementary School's Fall Fest.

They pulled weeds and planted vegetables last spring

at Earthworks Community Garden in Detroit.

Others were tutors in a reading program at Grace Community Church during the summer.

They helped at the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, the Sunrise Rotary Grosse Pointe Run and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Run/Walk.

The students regularly work with Services for Older Citizens. During SOC's Make a Difference Day in October, they rake leaves and do yard work for elderly residents.

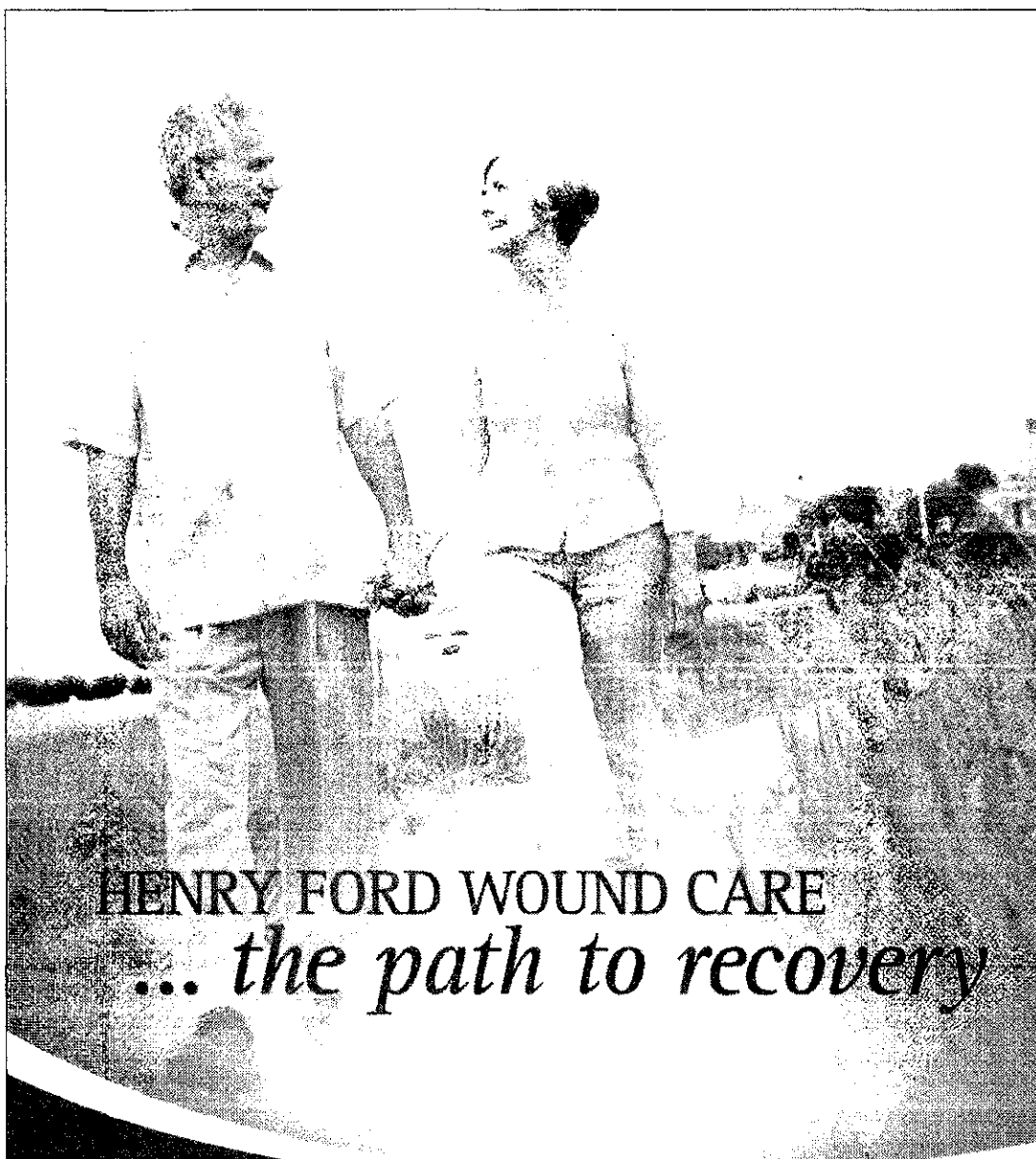
The students also help SOC make holiday and Valentine baskets for those others have forgotten.

While most projects are hands-on, the students also raise money for other organizations. Their biggest fundraiser is a two-day car wash held annually in September.

"It is our biggest fundraiser," said Hess, club secretary. "We completely organize it. We completely set it up."

They gave the money they raised to the Rotary International PolioPlus Program and Heifer International through which they bought a cow for a third world family.

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'Laramie Project' is thought provoking

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Shortly after midnight Oct. 7, 1998, outside Laramie, Wyo., 21-year-old college student Matthew Shepard was robbed, pistol whipped, tied to a fence and left to die.

Two young men, Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, later confessed to killing Shepard for being gay.

The crime threw the small Western town and hate crimes against homosexual people into the national spotlight.

Ten years later, Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Players will perform a play about the tragedy — "The Laramie Project" — at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 and



Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Players Alexis Mabry, Katie Gilbert, Michael Gilbert, Billy Finkenstaedt and Jon Manganello are rehearsing for their upcoming performance of the play "The Laramie Project" to be held in November at the school's auditorium.

Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 in the school's auditorium.

The play is an account of what occurred following the murder when the Tectonic Theater group of Denver, Colo., went to Laramie to interview local townspeople. It is a dramatization of the more than 200 interviews during which residents talked about what they saw the night of the murder, how they felt about what happened and how their lives were impacted.

"It is a very moving and interesting story," said Lois Bendler, director of the Pointe Player's production. "As literature, it is just stunning."

Aside from the play's aesthetic qualities, Bendler said it covers a subject worth addressing.

"We need to educate people that gays are disrespected in the same fashion that black people were treated 20 years ago," she said. "Shepard's death was purely a hate crime. His killers did it 'just because he was a fag and they could do it.'"

Bendler said she hopes the school's production of "The Laramie Project" will increase people's awareness of their own biases against gays.

"I think it is healthy to look at an issue from all sides," said Bendler. "We are not trying to change people's minds, but just to expose their thinking to others' ideas."

She particularly hopes young people will attend the play.

"Young people need to recognize the jokes and the subtle things they say and do make gays out to be less than human."

In the Pointe Player's production, 10 student thespians will portray multiple Laramie residents who were interviewed. They are Sean Buckley, Katie Whitney, Lara McCann-Moran, Jon Manganello, Billy Finkenstaedt, Katie Gilbert, David Krueger, Charlie Magee, Alexis Mabry and Michael Gilbert.

The minor roles are played by Nick Robinson, Dante Wildern, Alex Pappas, Eddy Harvey, Paula Friedrich, Austin Montgomery, Amanda Harvey, Lily Parker, Spencer Sullivan, Zack Sparrow and Greg Pappas.

Playing different personas is very challenging for the students but, boy, are they good," said Bendler.

Bendler said she has interrupted a number of rehearsals to discuss different issues tied to "The Laramie Project."

"Just last Thursday we talked about Shepard's mother being on the news — on the 10th anniversary of his death — asking for the federal hate crimes law to be passed. We had a long discussion," she said.

The students and Bendler have also discussed how to handle comments they might get from others about the play being about homosexuality.

I told them "You are going to get negative reactions. Some families cannot talk about it at all. They never sat down and thought about why they feel the way they do. Be strong and know you are on the right side. This is art with a message," Bendler said.

The Players have the opportunity to take their message to an even larger audience after the curtains are drawn on their production at South as they were recently selected to perform "The Laramie Project" at the Michigan Thespian Festival in December.

"There will be hundreds of troupes and thousands of students there. It is one out of four plays to be performed," said Bendler. "We are all so thrilled to be selected."

Tickets for South's production are \$12 per person and \$10 for students and seniors. Seating is reserved. Tickets are available online at seatyourself.biz/pointeplayers.

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The magic of Disney

Grosse Pointe North High School instrumental music students performs "The Magic of Disney," at their annual Pops and Pastries concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the school's gymnasium.

The evening will feature North's orchestra, symphonic, concert and jazz bands.

During the concert, North band and orchestra boosters will sell coupons for pizza, pastries and beverages.

Attendees may purchase spirit wear, Kroger cards and the jazz band's latest CD as well as order DVDs and CDs of the concert. Admission tickets will be sold at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, and at the door. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, and children 10 and under are free. North students, from the left, Dana Koeppel, Minna Song, Sean Kelly and Anna Meda prepare music for the chamber strings, "Music from Fantasia."



Catch me if you can

During Grosse Pointe Academy's seventh annual fun run Friday, Oct. 3, students in grades one through five raised a total of \$642 for Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals, a nonprofit organization founded by Sparky Anderson in 1987.

Each student paid \$5 to run two times around the perimeter of the soccer field to the cheers of other students. This is the eighth year the academy has participated in run.

This year, CATCH Executive Director Jim Hughes asked seventh graders, Allison Mobley and Josh Gray, to help emcee at CATCH Night of Champions held Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Ritz Carlton Dearborn, said Sasha Murphy, the school's community service coordinator.

Above, a group of fifth graders, who participated in the run, gather around Hughes and the school's bulldog mascot.



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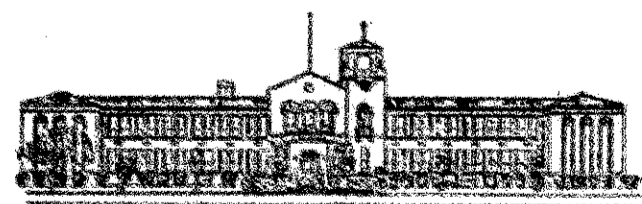
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North, South AP scholars awards

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

The College Board recently announced that 164 Grosse Pointe South and 94 Grosse Pointe North high school students have earned Advanced Placement Scholar awards in recognition for their achievement on AP exams.

The AP placement program gives students the opportunity to take college-level courses while still in high school. Students who take the exam at the end of the school year may earn academic credit or advanced placement in college.

Approximately 18 percent of the 1.6 million students worldwide who took the exam earn an AP Scholar Award.

The board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

Fifteen South and eight

North students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

The North students are: James Caruso, Jamie Ding, Yi Dong, Andrew Lamont, Brian Like, Corey Rapala, Michael Remenar and Gillian Seaman.

The students from South are: John Barbour, Bryan Cenko, Alexander Cha, Kevin Fennell, Daniel Firl, Charles Fisher, John Hessburg, Nikolaus Jost, Katherine Lichtenstein, Michelle Marais, Gabriel Moss, Samuel Mott, Nicholas Schmidt, Timothy Shield and Caroline Weipert.

Sixty-eight South and 35 North students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken,

and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

The students from North are: Jennifer Barger, Christopher Bill, Kathryn Brennan, Rachel Brusstar, James Caruso, Andrew Charnesky, Nicholas Cullen, Kyle Dettloff, Katharine D'Hondt, Jamie Ding, Yi Dong, Allison Everett, Adam Gaglio, Victoria Jennings, Thomas Jones, Robert Kempton, Andrea Koueiter, Andrew Lamont, Brian Like, Brian Lockhart, Abigail Lundy, Nathan Masserang, Daniel Plouffe, Janine Plourde, Heather Poole, Corey Rapala, Michael Remenar, Robert Rickel, Amanda Schneider, Gillian Seaman, Bobby Seidarabi, Amy Surmont, Katelyn Vargo, Matthew Vengalil and Quinn Wulf.

The South students are Kyle Baird, John Barbour, Kelly Barry, Lee Baumgarten, Lyle

Baumgarten, Molly Berg, Zofia Berkery, Daisy Bledsoe-Herring, Eliisa Bojanic, Bryan Cenko, Alexander Cha, Hyunje Cho, Michael Chrumka, Robert Collison, Michael Connolly-Ng, Joshua Creighton, Kaitlin Dodge, David Dombrowski, Eva Dou, Elizabeth Dzul, Amanda Elskens, Kevin Fennell, Rachel Fentin, Daniel Firl, Chad Fisher, Charles Fisher, Stephanie Garbarino, Marissa Gawel, John-Francis Gies, Jeffrey Gloss, Edmund Grady, Kimberly Grambo, Tessa Hapanowicz, Dana Hauck, John Hessburg, Jared Howell, Nikolas Jost, Katherine Kosinski, Katherine Lichtenstein, Kevin Lynch, Cale Mannesto, Michelle Marais, Thomas Marini, Kathleen McDonald, Nicholas Meyer, Peter Miller, Ivan Moshchuk, Gabriel Moss, Samuel Mott, Timothy Muhich, Joshua Nosedá,

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Thirty-nine South and 17 North students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

The North students are: Christina Costakis, Paul Dwaihy, Dana Grimm, Julianne Hong, Courtney Kohler, Rhochelle Krawetz, Emalee Manns, Karinne Marcolini, Brianna McDonald, Nikila Ravi, Anthony Raymond, Carolyn Reich, Matheus Simoes, Chelsea Smialek, Emily Theis, David Ulmer and Amy Velri.

The students from South are: Jordan Browne, Alana Burke, Melanie Capuano, Christopher Clement, Tyler Conlan, Rachel Cook, Brianna Costello, Rian Dawson, Anne Devine, Clarissa Dice, Mary Dosch, Alexandria Dulchavsky, Kendall Effinger, Laura Faiver, Carrie Fisk, Dylan Glenn, Lisa Hamm, Lars Hamre, Jackson Hartman, Mary Hayden, Michael Heide, Dexter Kennedy, Mynda Krato, Janice Kulik, Alex Langton, Patricia Lawlis, Ryan Leslie, Mary McNally, Margaret Roa, Sabrina Roberts, Jasmyn Samaroo, Spencer Sheldon, Sarah Siwak, Scott Stevenson, Ashley Thibodeau, Marybeth Train, Rebecca Walker, Michael Willemain and Emma Williamson.

Fifty-seven South and 32 North students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP

examinations, with grades of 3 or higher.

The North students are: Mark Balle, Mark Boctor, Sean Bourke, Robert Briski, Paul Chabot, Mark Ciaravino, David Court, Michael Doyal, Luke Freeman, Sheila Geraghty, Raheeb Hasan, Jonathan Howlett, Maxwell Hunt, Raiada Lanier, McKenzie Largay, Katie Latimer, Olivia Lewis, Samantha Matthew, Veronica Menaldi, Erin O'Keefe, Elizabeth Rewalt, Brady Savage, Alyssa Scalvini, Benjamin Schneedecker, Paul Schreiber, Stephanie Schucker, Alexis Stepanek, Daniel Surmont, Andrew Tomaszewski, Colleen Victor, Chau Wong and James Woods.

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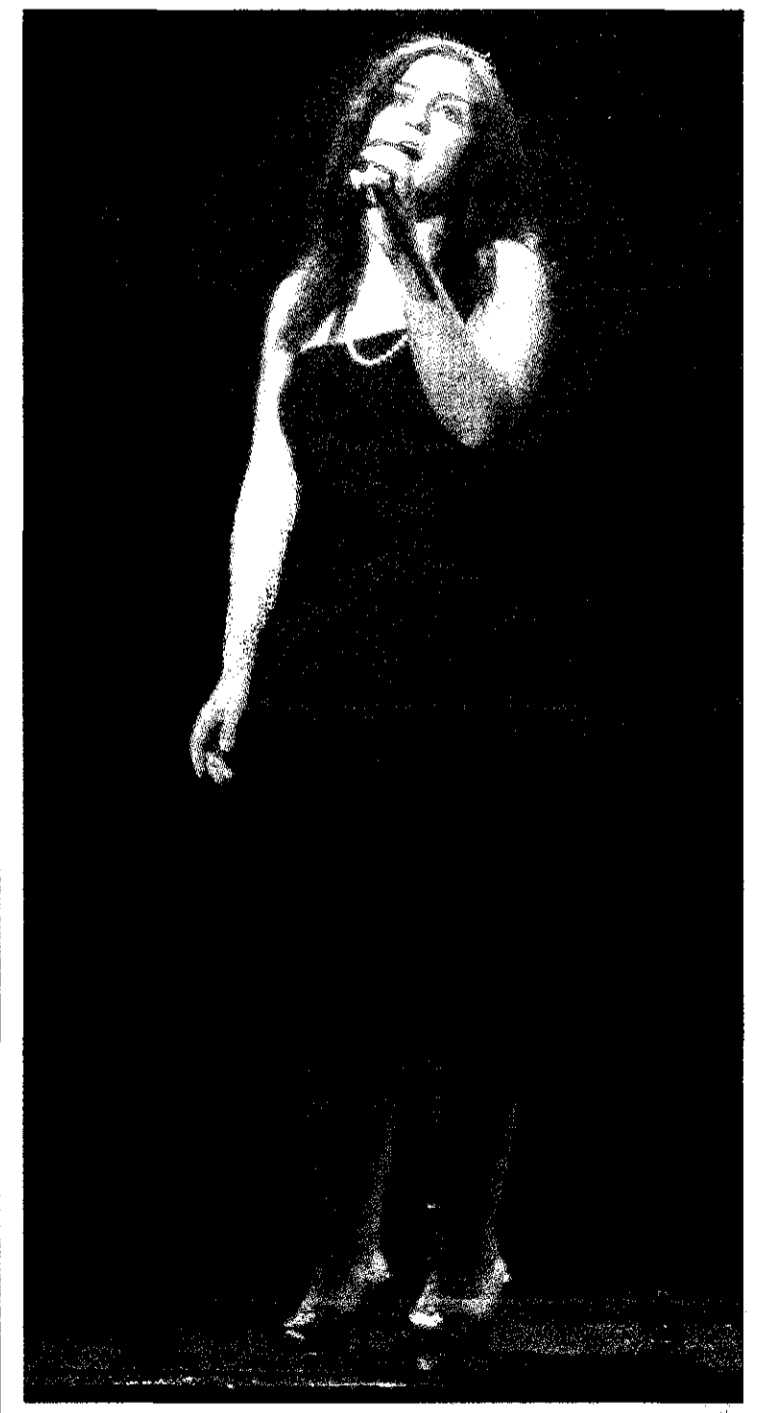
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Two foundations work together to help libraries

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

The nonprofit M.G. Scott Foundation recently donated \$1,000 to the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the libraries at Grosse Pointe South and North high schools.

The donations were made possible through a gift to the Scott Foundation from the Joanne Nicolay Foundation.

"The generosity of the Joanne Nicolay Foundation's gift is truly outstanding," said Michigan State Senator Martha G. Scott, D-Highland Park, president and founder of the M.G. Scott Foundation.

"During this time of deep budget cuts, our libraries and

schools need support from the community as never before. I am delighted that the foundation was able to provide this needed help."

Scott and Joanne Nicolay of Grosse Pointe Shores share a mutual interest in supporting local libraries and promoting a love of learning, said S. Gary Spicer of Grosse Pointe, attorney and trustee for the Nicolay Foundation.

"Joanne had two specific interests — one was assisting libraries and the other was coordinating efforts to support other foundations," said Spicer, who arranged the donation between the two foundations.

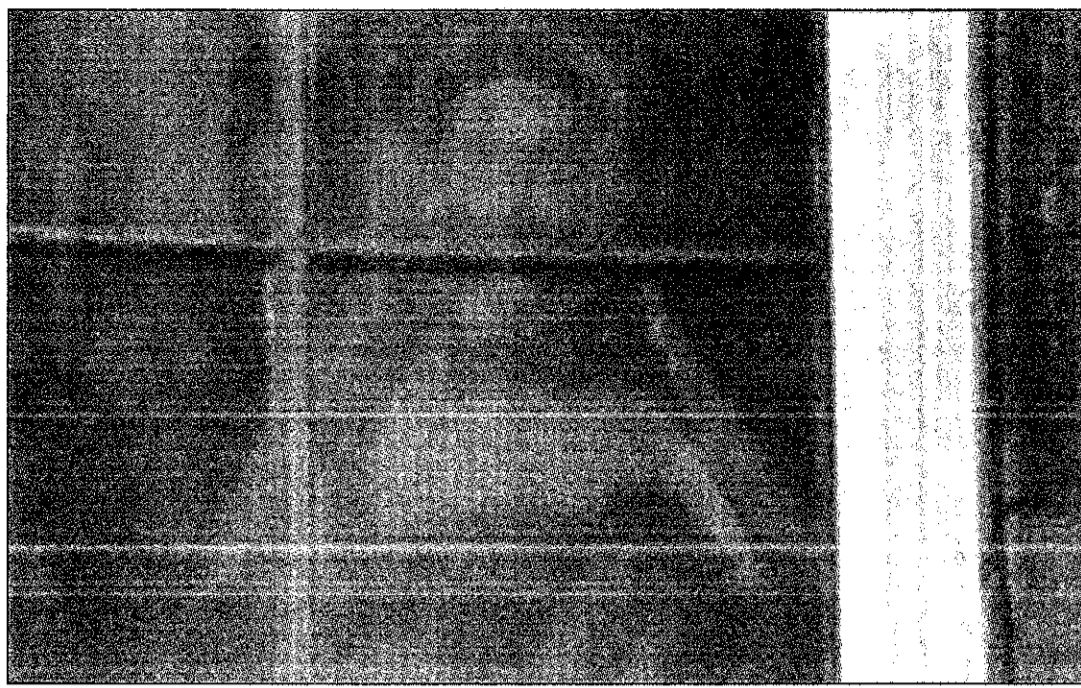
He added it has become a common trend for foundations

to join forces and pool their financial resources.

"It is an efficient, organized way to support the interest of two foundations," Spicer said.

Through the Nicolay Foundation, the Scott Foundation has given a total of \$24,000 to local public and school libraries over the last two years.

"Ms. Nicolay and Mr. Spicer have my deep gratitude for making this remarkable gift possible," Scott said. "An informed citizenry is the cornerstone of a democracy, and our libraries, public and school, are essential to creating that informed citizenry. I know that these donations will be put to excellent use."



A room with a view

Grosse Pointe resident James Hosteny rides his bike with a camera in tow along Lakeshore nearly every day. Over the years, he has taken photographs of flowers and other sights that interest him.

He recently noticed a figure of a woman looking out from an attic window of the Grosse Pointe Academy's main building. It is a statue of Madeleine Sophie Barat, founder of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. Nuns of the religious order previously occupied and ran an all-girls school on the property. It was unclear who put the statue in the window but an academy administrator said it could have been the building engineers displaying a sense of humor.

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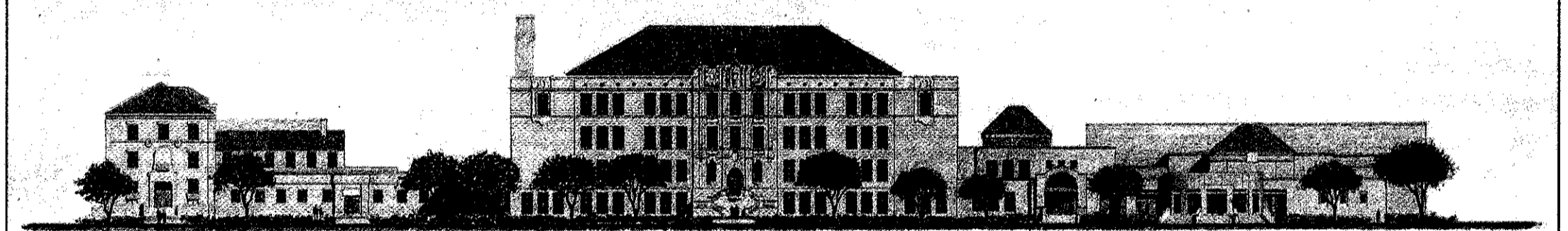
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Expert discusses going global

During his recent lecture at University Liggett School, education expert Peter Cobb addressed educating children to succeed and lead in the global marketplace.

Cobb said the idea of preparing today's students for the world they will inherit involves revamping the educational system.

"That classroom as we experienced it — is that going to be the classroom 5, 10 or 15 years out; or is it going to be radically different? Yes, it will," Cobb

said.

Schools should be focused on making sure students receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for the workplace and their place in the world, he said.

Students have traditionally been assessed by grades, SAT and AP scores in specific areas, but there needs to be an interdisciplinary approach to education in the classroom, Cobb said.

Many colleges and universities are changing the under-

graduate experience to match what is needed in the global marketplace, and schools that are preparing students for college should do the same, he added.

"We need to think about how we assess students as they walk across the stage and receive their diplomas," he said. "Is it going to be how they did in math, science and social studies or is it going to be something more interdisciplinary? I think it has to be."

Cobb said the change will



Education expert Peter Cobb recently spoke at University Liggett School about preparing children for a global future.

not just occur in the classroom, but also at home. Students need to be prepared to be competitive in and contribute to the world as it evolves and takes shape.

He said Detroit is a good example of this interconnectedness and students in Detroit can learn from those in business and government in this region.

Cobb suggests schools use project-based learning, teamwork approaches and, possi-

bly, adjunct professors to provide students with unique educational opportunities.

"Kids need to experience being the architect of problem solving from an early age and it can be if we design education that way," Cobb said.

He added that children need to have the confidence to thrive in a complex and changing world as global citizens.

"Citizenship is more than volunteerism," Cobb said. "It's standing in an uncomfortable

situation in a position of advocacy and activism."

Cobb said he doesn't have a template for how this should be done, but administrators, teachers and parents can work together to develop the educational opportunities that are best for the children.

He said the measure of success would be "whether in fact, at the end of their lives, we would have enabled our children to be architects of repair in a world that is broken."

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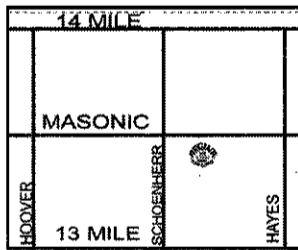


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The Rome reader

On a trip to Rome, Rev. Msgr. Patrick F. Halfpenny visited St. Paul Basilica, built over the tomb of the apostle. The Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches are marking the 2,000th anniversary of St. Paul's birth during 2008-09. Halfpenny is the pastor at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. 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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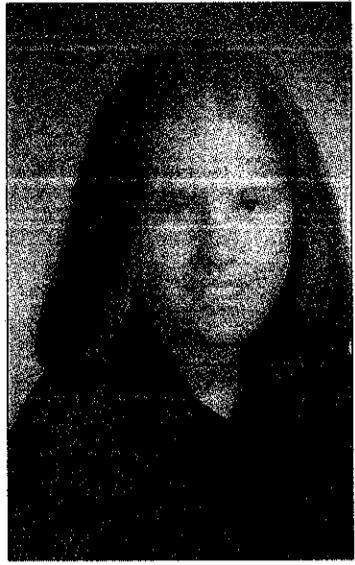
Wayne State University staff member, Emil Lozanov, Ph.D., recently demonstrated the magic of chemistry in everyday life to middle schoolers at Star of the Sea Catholic School.

The students were introduced to different scientific concepts through hands-on experiments such as producing a flammable gas from potato soup and using dry ice to show chemical interactions.

Lozanov manages the university's chemistry solution room, advises teaching assistants on lab content, presents demonstrations during chemistry lectures and maintains nine undergraduate chemistry labs.

OBITUARIES

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



Christine Marie Berg

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Christine Marie Berg, 25, passed away Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Miss Berg was born at St. John Hospital in Detroit, May 16, 1983. She graduated from Boulder Creek Academy in Bonners Ferry, Idaho in 2001. She attended Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. where she studied marine biology and was a member of the varsity sailing team.

Later she attended Macomb Community College and Wayne State University where she studied chemistry to become a chemical engineer.

Miss Berg spent most of her life in Grosse Pointe. She also spent three years in Idaho, one in Florida, one in Vermont, and recently resided in Holly.

She was a lover of dogs and nature and enjoyed sailing, skiing, running, rock climbing, biking and many other outdoor activities. She ran the Coeur D'Alene Marathon and loved Mackinac Island and Florida.

She also loved to travel, visiting Alaska, Mexico, London, Paris, Yosemite National Park, and the Olympic Peninsula in Washington.

She is survived by her parents, Dr. Richard and Mary Berg, her brother, Jonathan Berg, and many loving friends and family.

She was the loving granddaughter of the late Dr. J. Robert Berg, Hazel Berg and

Bert and Betty Powers. She will be missed by her family and many friends near and far.

A funeral service was held Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to The Children's Center, Development Department, 79 W. Alexandrine, Detroit, MI 48201.

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Leo A. Cooney

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Grosse Pointe resident Leo A. Cooney, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2008. He was 78.

Mr. Cooney was born in Saratoga, N.Y. to Agnes Marie (nee Seney) and Earle V. Cooney.

He was the president of Charge Card Association in Detroit.

Mr. Cooney enjoyed classical music, opera and gardening.

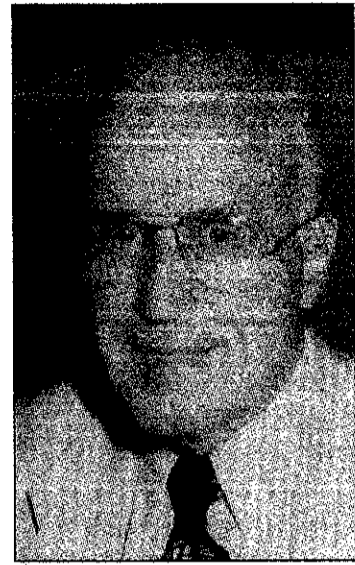
He is survived by his sister, Dolores Cooney Holtman; and his brother, Carl Cooney

Mr. Cooney was predeceased by his wife, Eleanore; and son, Ronald.

Interment is in the Church of Notre Dame in Schuylerville, N.Y.

Memorial donations may be made to the Leo, Eleanore and Ronald Cooney Fund, c/o Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan, 333

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Frank J. Hull, M.D.

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Frank J. Hull, M.D., 79, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, in New Brighton, Minn.

Dr. Hull was born in Detroit to Robert and Frances Hull. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Hull, a radiologist, was employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Mount Clemens and Professional X-Ray Clinic in Grosse Pointe.

He is survived by his wife, Kitty; son Ronald Hull; daughter Kathleen Hull; and sisters, Frances Hull and Sally (Richard) Toenjes.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 17 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in St. Paul, Minn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Benedictine Health Center at Innsbruck, 1101 Black Oak Drive, New Brighton, MN 55112 or Fairview Hospice, 2450 26th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55406.

Susan K. Rodgers

Susan K. Rodgers, 98, passed away Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008.

She was the wife of the late Dr. Mortimer W. Rodgers. She is survived by her daughter, Audrey R. Holley of Grosse Pointe; stepson, John S. Rodgers of New York City;

grandson, Stephen C.R. Holley and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Rodgers served as chairman of hospitality of New York City's Department of Public Events during the administration of Mayor Robert F. Wagner. During World War II, she created medical artwork for teaching purposes at Lenox Hill Hospital and The Academy of Medicine in New York. Paris was one of her favorite travel spots and writing poetry and painting were high on her list of interests.

Mrs. Rodgers relocated from New York City to be near her daughter in Grosse Pointe.

Memorial donations may be made to The Milton B. Rosenbluth Foundation, 912 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10021 or Lenox Hill Hospital, 100 E. 77th St., New York, NY 10021.

Gail Marie Shepard Smith

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Gail Marie Shepard



Gail Marie Smith

Smith, 70, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008.

Mrs. Smith was born June 20, 1938 in Lansing to Homer and Gertrude Shepard and graduated in 1956 from East Lansing High School.

An active participant in the Rainbow Girls, she achieved the status of Worthy Advisor. Mrs. Smith graduated from Wayne State University in 1960.

Her college experience included residence in Asher

House at Michigan State University.

Mrs. Smith was a teacher in the Lakeview school system from the early 1960s to 1990, earning Teacher of the Year honors at Greenwood Elementary in 1982.

She is survived by her husband F. Gerald Smith. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December.

She also is survived by her children, Cheryl, Douglas and Gordon; grandchildren, Daniel, Evan, Austin and Faith; brothers, Joe, Bill and Don; and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Smith left a legacy of caring, kindness and an insatiable love of learning.

Her friends and family will miss her gracious spirit and love.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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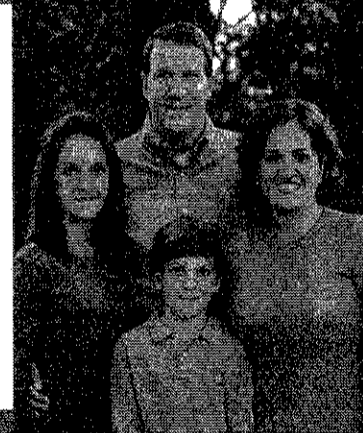
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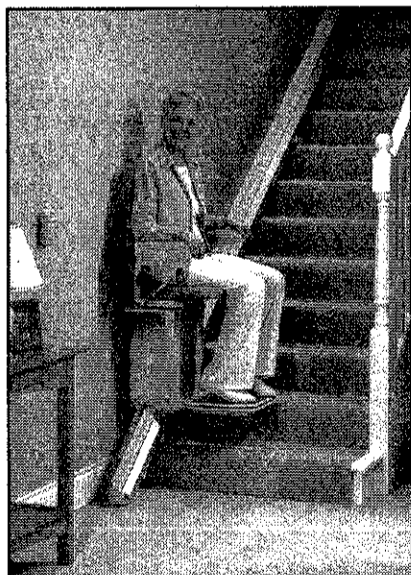
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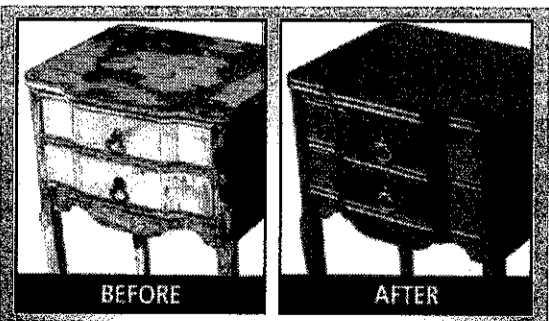


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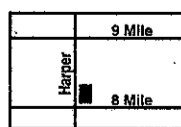
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Moving up on the Hill

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

From top to bottom, things are looking up for the office building at 63 Kercheval. While its expansion continues, a new tenant has committed to occupying third-floor office space that is still being constructed.

Meanwhile, in the basement, the owner of a restaurant that has become a local staple despite near invisibility is planning a move to street level.

Ed Russell, building owner and Hill businessman, is expanding the two-story structure with a third floor of 8,000-square-feet of usable space. "We've received a letter of intent from a tenant for most of the third floor," Russell said last week.

In the basement, Jumps Restaurant owner Chad Stewart looks forward to an expansion of his own. He said Jumps will move above ground and nearly double in size to seat 70 customers. A liquor license will provide greater dining options.

"Jumps has been here 18 years on the lower level with zero exposure and no liquor license," Stewart said. "To come to Jumps is a destination. You come here because you're coming here. You don't walk by and stumble upon it."

Stewart described the move last week while standing in the hallway outside the restaurant shortly after the lunchtime rush. As diners filtered out, most spoke to him using his first name.

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Large windows on the third floor being added to 63 Kercheval will provide a great view of the Hill. Also moving up — to the first floor — is Jumps restaurant, currently in the basement.



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It begins with bringing his customers signature variations on diner classics. It continues to involvement with area charitable activities and supporting area businesses by purchasing his bread locally. He's now expanding his business into a catering venue that stays in step with the lifestyle needs of his patrons.

Clements found the right spot at 18584 Mack Ave. for his upscale diner.

"I wanted to take every day diner foods, tweak them and turn them up a notch," said Clements.

When asked about the name Mack Daddy's, he said, "I was

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MOVING: Third floor will allow businesses to grow

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"We have a lot of loyal customers," Stewart said. The move upstairs should be complete by March. "The biggest advantage will be having a presence at a street level," Stewart said. "A Class-C liquor license, for beer, wine and spirits, allows us to expand

dinner hours and clientele. Now, we have guests at breakfast and lunch who won't come for dinner because they want a glass of wine with their meal." The building's third floor expansion was built on top of the old roof. "We purchased the building two years ago at the encouragement of The Private Bank

so we could expand their services in the Grosse Pointe area," Russell said. "The third floor is dressed in a mansard-style roof to give the building a lower profile that blends well with other buildings on the Hill. The total value of the finished product will be \$9 million." Workers during the summer

reclad the facade with brick and stone accents. Last week, crews installed windows and copper flashing. "The building was built in the early 1960s," Russell said. "It had an antiquated heating and cooling system and inefficient windows. Truthfully, it wasn't one of the stellar designs in Grosse Pointe."

The third-floor expansion adds about 8,000 square feet of space. Owner Ed Russell said he had a letter of intent for most of the space.

DINER: Mack Daddy's gives back to community

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pretty much at a loss for a name and then a friend came over one evening and after a few adult beverages, he said, 'How about Mack Daddy's?' The name had a ring to it and it just stuck." His "Signature Sandwiches" are inspired by Pittsburgh and include a choice of meats and cheeses, French fries, coleslaw and tomato all piled high on a ciabatta roll he purchases fresh from The Breadsmith, a local bakery. What started in Pittsburgh has now become a Grosse Pointe tradition. Clements' best sellers are his "true steak burgers" that start with a half-pound of ground fillet tenderloin and come in four variations.

Sandwiched into his busy restaurant schedule are charitable activities. Most recently Clements cooked at the backyard barbecue at this year's Junior League Show House to help raise funds for low-income families in the area. With food being his forte, he said he enjoys supporting the St. Ambrose Oyster Fest, cooking up fare at this food tasting event to help raise funds for charity. These days he is sinking his teeth into is the expansion of his catering business. It started six months ago with bringing Bob Butson on board as executive chef. Butson, a Michigan native, came to Mack Daddy's with 25 years of restaurant experience,

having his culinary training through the Ritz Carleton Hotel Company. He took his degree on to the C.A. Muer Corporation, the Marriott Hotel Company and most recently to Tom's Oyster Bar. "This is the next phase of Mack Daddy's," says Clements. "We brought Bob in to crank up our menu to a unique culinary level that includes food you could find at a four or five star restaurant." But he hasn't ignored the opposite end of the food spectrum, staying true to Mack

Daddy's inception. Listed on the new catering menu is basic barbecue and deli items to mini beef wellingtons and chicken marsala puffs. With the expertise that Butson has brought, Mack Daddy's may cater backyard picnics, to multi-course formal sit down dinners. Mack Daddy's is currently building its Web site to include updated menu and catering options. Visit mackdaddys-restaurant.com or call (313) 417-9000.

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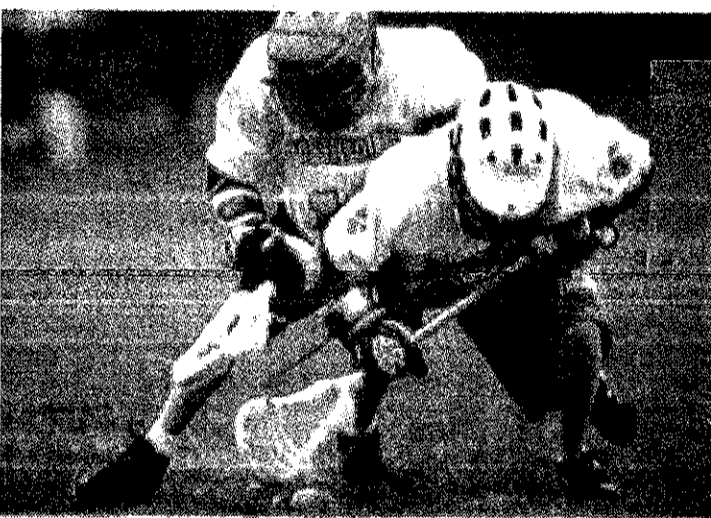
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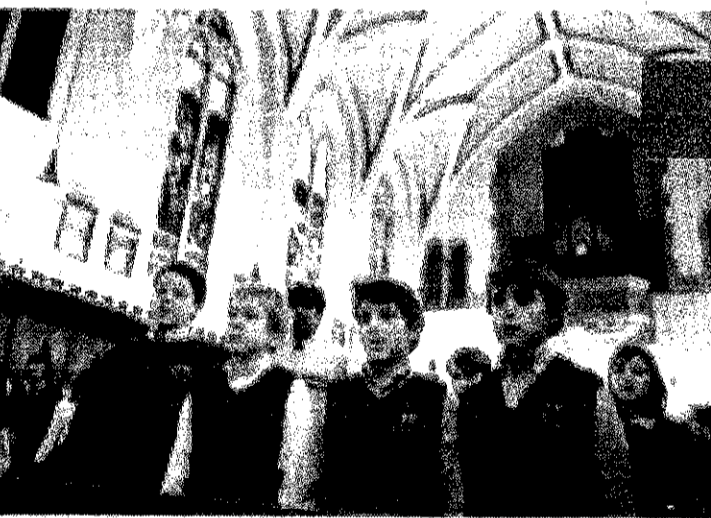
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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Hello MONET TO Dali

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DETROIT — You're in good company if you imagine people in paintings are alive.

Pierre-Auguste Renoir wanted it that way.

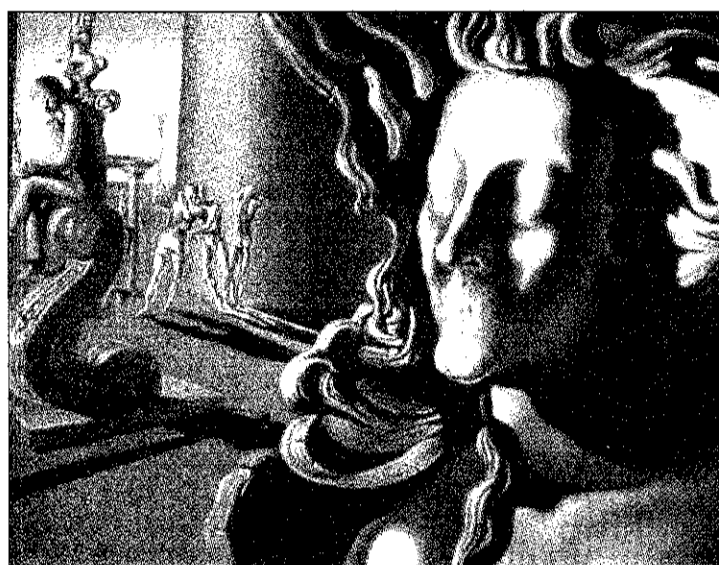
"I never think I have finished a nude until I think I could pinch it," he said.

"In a way, they are alive!" said William Robinson, curator

of European modern art at the Cleveland Museum of Art. "The artists who made them are, in a way, physically present."

So, too, even great masters produced works that fly under the radar.

Like Renoir. His "Danseuse" was part of the first Impressionists exhibition in 1874. His portrait of the child, "Romaine Lacaux," a work he



Painted 10 years earlier while an art student, didn't make the show.

Yet, "Lacaux," oil on fabric, more than holds its own among Cleveland's flesh and blood masterworks.

"Her painting is well over 100 years old, but she is here with us," Robinson said. "It's not only a personal favorite of mine, it's one of the most popular paintings in our museum."

The work is among the first

displayed in an exhibition of Cleveland's superstars at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Monet to Dali, Modern Masters from the Cleveland Museum of Art," runs through Jan. 18.

The show has proven to be an artistic scirocco that blasts viewers' hair back and makes their eyelids flap.

"When I proposed (to our board of directors) sending a collection of our greatest

PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG
Clockwise from top: Claude Monet, "Wheat Field," 1881; Salvador Dali, "The Dream," 1931; and Pierre Auguste Rodin, "Romaine Lacaux," 1864.

works from the modern collection, there was an audible gasp," Robinson said. "We had never, ever sent these works as a group on tour before. I don't think we'll ever do it again."

Cleveland lent the works while it closed for a major expansion due for completion in June. Detroit is "Monet to Dali's" last stop.

The exhibition of 75 paintings and sculptures by the likes of Monet, van Gogh, Rodin and Picasso was the first of its type to be shown in Beijing, China.

The show busted blocks in Vancouver, British Columbia, which bodes well for Detroit, where high attendance could take a bite out of the museum's deficit.

"It was, in terms of attendance and admissions, the most successful exhibition in the gallery's history," said Dana Sullivan, director of marketing and communications at the 77-year-old Vancouver Art Gallery. "Major

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Impressionist exhibitions typically enjoy tremendous popularity with the public. 'Monet to Dali' exceeded expectations. We had about 220,000 visitors at the gate, not including school tours and programs."

"We were drawn to this exhibition," said Graham Beal, DIA director, "because we have a very strong modern collection.

It is the story of modernism, starting with Impressionism right up to conceptualism when post-modernism finally established itself."

The DIA a couple of years ago expanded and reinstalled its galleries according to themes, not historical timelines. The same goes for "Monet to Dali."

"We have tried with this exhibition to get away from the classic, art historical chronology, and instead try to cast a loose gestalt of the times," said MaryAnn Wilkinson, DIA curator of modern art. "We're trying to get people to think about the conditions under which these great works of art were

made." The exhibition has been divided into five loose themes. The intent is to give visitors a sense of what was going on at the time the artworks were created.

Themes carrying visitors through the exhibition are:

- ◆ inspiration of landscape,
- ◆ anxiety at the turn of the century,
- ◆ spirit of experimentation,
- ◆ burgeoning emphasis on psychology and
- ◆ exuberance of city life.

"We think it's a fresh look that parallels other works we've done in the gallery that we know visitors respond to," Wilkinson said. "Our main goal



Above. James Tissot, "July: Specimen of a Portrait," c. 1878.

is to engage visitors in the experience of looking at art."

Wilkinson wants visitors to realize that modern art isn't just a linear progression, but that there are creative cross-influences that inspire artists to do what they do.

"Monet to Dali" expresses the modern period's complexity. Works run from pre-Impressionists to totally abstract. There's Monet's "Water Lilies" and the apotheosis of Picasso's blue period, "La Vie" (Life).

Dali's "The Dream," is one of the show's freakier portraits. It presents a woman with ants for a mouth. A man with a bloody face and severed left foot sits in the background. "The Dream" appeared in the world's first Surrealists ex-

hibition in London, 1936. Dali gave a lecture during the exhibition wearing a deep-sea diving suit. Silly bugger.

Renoir's 1864 work, "Romaine Lacaux" is an example of artists learning from each other.

"It's his earliest signed and dated painting," Robinson said.

"You can see in the painting that he's struggling and looking at lots of different artists," Wilkinson said. "We see a little of Corot in the bright palette, even some of the angling of the face. This is one of the first works in which Renoir brightens his palette."

Robinson said the girl's hair shows the influence of Rubens: "It's the technique — it is light, feathery, transparent, brown."

Robinson said the show pre-

sents viewers a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"It would be impossible today to assemble these great collections," he said.

The Detroit exhibition is sponsored by Bank of America.

"Especially during times of economic uncertainty, the business community should step forward and demonstrate support of the cultural arts," said Keith Cockrell, bank president.

"Monet to Dali" runs at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Jan. 18. Tickets, which include an audio tour and museum admission, cost \$18 for adults and \$8 for ages 6-17. For group rates, museum hours and more information, see dia.org or call the box office at (313) 833-4005.

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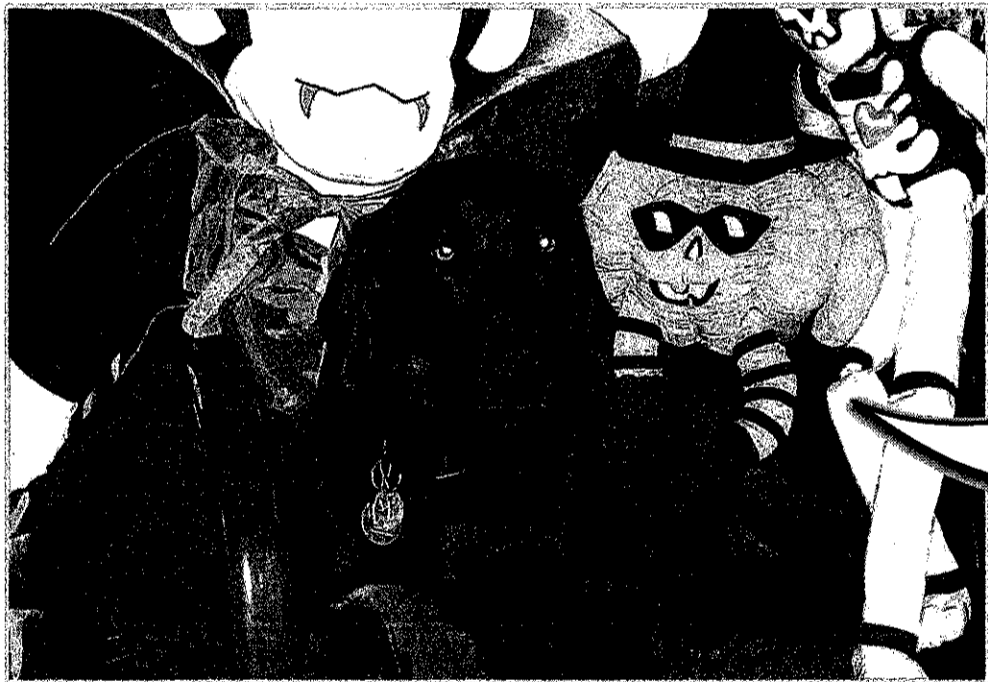
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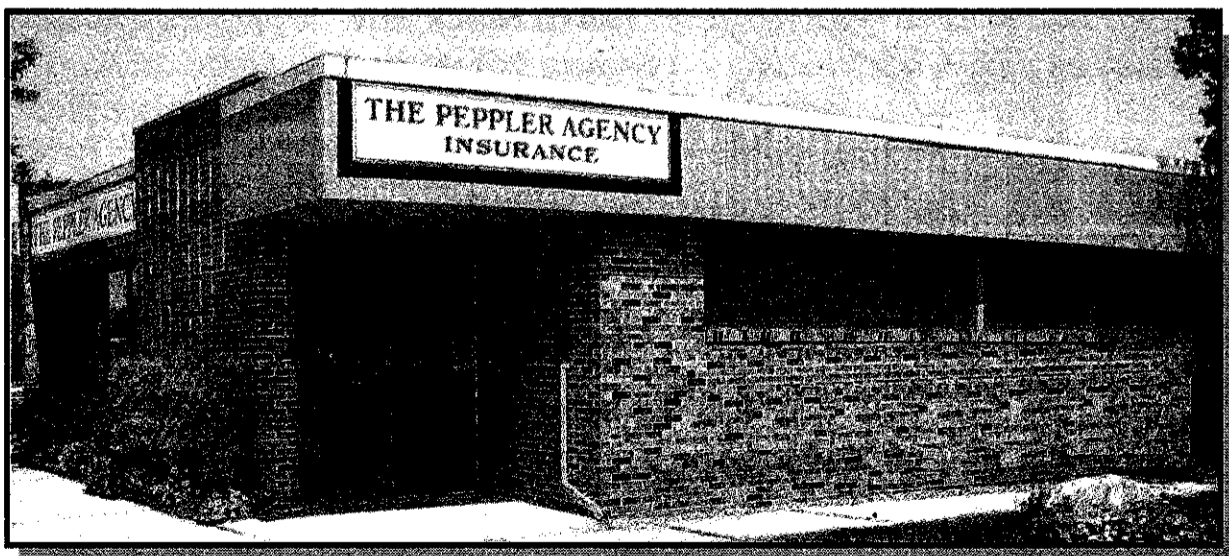
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It now features 455 guestrooms, including 35 suites. Rooms average 475 square feet and offer views of the Detroit River and city skyline. Each has

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The Italian-Renaissance style hotel was built by the Book Brothers and is included in the National Register of Historic Places. The hotel hosted presidents, and top entertainment and sports personalities. Nearly \$200 million was spent to restore the historic hotel that now features 455 guestrooms and 60 luxury residences above the guest floors.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Study pumps up the Village's hotel

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A marketing study shows more demand than expected for construction of a hotel in the Village.

The forecast, commissioned by developers of the proposed project, predicted that a small, upscale "boutique" hotel would appeal to business travelers in addition to weekend guests.

"The study showed significant demand from lots of small businesses in the area for Monday through Thursday traffic," said Tom Welling, director of development services for Lamar Construction Company, based near Grand Rapids. "We always anticipated, with weddings and visitors, that weekend demand would be high."

Welling is the liaison between The Village Inn of Grosse Pointe and the City of Grosse Pointe. The Village Inn people are considering construction of a City Flats Hotel, a chain based in Holland, Mich.

The 50-to-60-room, five-story hotel has been proposed for construction on Notre Dame above Kercheval.

The site currently is the western half of a municipal parking lot.

Hotel representatives last May proposed paying the City \$1 for the property and nearly

\$1.8 million for rights to build a \$12.5 million structure.

Features include conference rooms and a 100-seat, rooftop restaurant.

Benefits to the city include the creation of 50 to 70 jobs and projected 10-year property revenues totaling nearly \$840,000.

"That money would be used by the downtown development authority, a city entity, to fund the city's responsibilities for public improvements related to the project," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Developers offered to provide 100 parking spaces by adding another level to a parking deck proposed by another set of builders eyeing the other half of the parking lot.

"We're still working through getting the hotel's position on the site and how it interfaces with the parking structure," Welling said.

The marketing study took about six weeks to complete, twice as long as expected. The delay had a cascading effect on related preparations and is partly why city officials this week granted City Flats an ex-

tra 90 days to complete a site plan.

The company's six-month pre-development agreement with the city was due to expire this month. The new deadline is Jan. 17.

"They asked for an extension so they can do due diligence," said Mayor Dale Scrace. He said the request came prior to the credit crunch and stock market fall.

Welling said, "We're still working through getting the hotel's position on the site and how it interfaces with the parking structure."

An environmental assessment of the site, a routine requirement to test the soil for contaminants that may have to be cleaned up prior to construction, should be finished this week.

"They were very pleased with results of the marketing study and are now moving forward and putting the financing in place, which today is a challenge, of course," Scrace said.

"We're still working through due diligence items required to get us to the development agreement," Welling said. "One of the biggest pieces of that is the financing plan."

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TOM WELLING,
Lamar Construction Company

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

To be held
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County and Lake Township-Macomb County on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time qualified registered voters may vote for the following:

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Justice of Supreme Court - Vote for not more than 1
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001	Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard
002	Richard Elementary, 176 McKinley
003	City Hall Fire Station, 90 Kerby Road
004	Kerby School, 285 Kerby Road
005	Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

PRECINCT	LOCATION
All Precincts	Maire School Gymnasium, 740 Cadieux

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PRECINCT	LOCATION
001	Trombly School, Beaconsfield & Essex
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003	Municipal Building, East Jefferson
004	Pierce School, Kercheval & Nottingham
005	Defer School, Kercheval & Nottingham
006	Defer School, Kercheval & Nottingham
007	Pierce School, Kercheval & Nottingham

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

PRECINCT	LOCATION
001	Ferry School, 748 Roslyn Road
002	Mason School, 1640 Vernier Road
003	First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Road
004	City Hall Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza
005	Montieth School, 1275 Cook Road
006	Barnes School, 20090 Morningside

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All	Municipal Building, First Floor, Council Chambers, 795 Lake Shore

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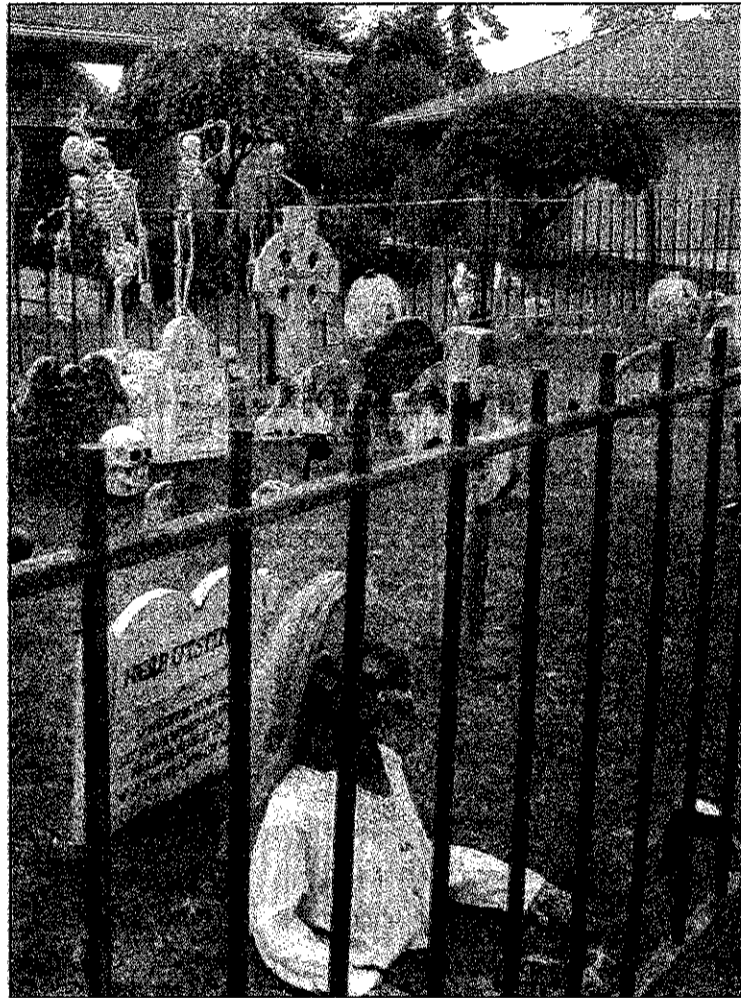
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Spooks are on the loose all over Grosse Pointe. You'd think it was Halloween or something.



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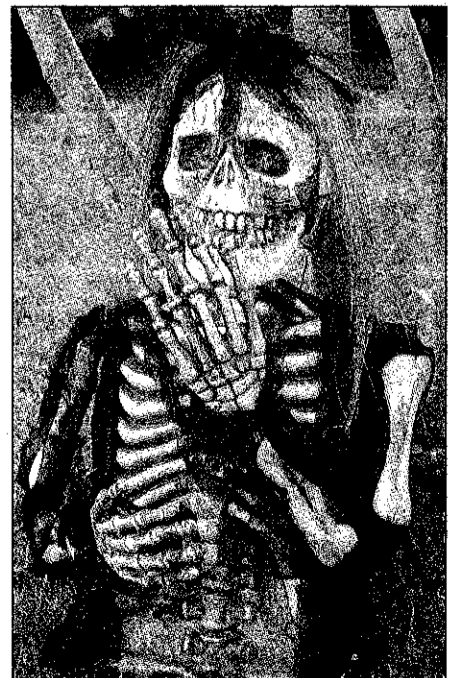
The spiders are big but they don't scare these children, from left, Brittney Miller, Kate Bessert, Lauren Miller, Brian Bessert and Michael Marshall. This house is located in the 500 block of Saddle Lane in the Woods.



ABOVE LEFT: On Doyle Place West in Grosse Pointe Woods, gravestones sprout like daisies, or lilies. RIGHT: The Wilson family in the 1600 block of Anita in Grosse Pointe Woods decorate their lawn with props made for horror movies. Some have names, such as the Maniac, Hillbilly Boy Gone Wrong, the Grave Digger and the American Gothic couple. On the porch is a fortune-teller who speaks, a haunted chandelier that shakes and a gunslinger who was killed for cheating at cards. Dominick Wilson, 10, built the fence with help from his dad, a carpenter. LEFT: Having spooky thoughts? So does this skull. Beware of the dark in the 500 block of Pemberton in Grosse Pointe Park. RIGHT: This chair is occupied in the 1100 block of Bishop.



This house is located in the 15000 block of Trombley.



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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Smashed open

Someone smashed the driver's side window of a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Lincoln and stole nearly \$3,000 worth of electronic gear and cash.

The incident happened between 6:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, and 3:30 p.m. the next day.

Stolen items consisted of a laptop computer, two iPods, an AT&T computer router and

\$1,000 cash.

Second OWI

A 30-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, who City police said was "slow and clumsy in his movements" during the initial stages of being arrested for drunken driving at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, refused orders to exit his black Jeep Grand Cherokee.

"He put both hands on the steering wheel and both feet inside the vehicle," said the arresting officer. "I reached to

pull him out, but he pulled his wrist back and would not exit."

The incident occurred in the Mack alley between Cadieux and Harvard in Grosse Pointe Park. A City patrolman had spotted the man speeding 50 mph on Mack.

The man stopped struggling when faced with a Taser stun gun. Police said his blood was drawn at a local hospital for testing for alcohol content. They said he'd been arrested once before for drunken driving.

Takes towels

A 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man allegedly stole \$50 worth of towels and washcloths from Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe during the early hours of Wednesday, Oct. 15.

"This is an ongoing problem with this suspect," police said they were told. "He comes to the hospital on a weekly basis."

A security guard said the man entered the hospital shortly before midnight. Shortly after 2 a.m., a guard saw the man leaving the building carrying a blue hospital bag containing eight towels and seven washcloths having a combined value of \$50.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

CSC alledged at middle school

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The mother of a 12-year-old girl told Farms police she'll press charges against her daughter's 13-year-old male classmate arrested last week for criminal sexual conduct, second degree.

The victim is reportedly shaken up over the alleged attack, which police were told happened between 11 and 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, amid approximately 25 students in an unsupervised Life Skills classroom at Brownell Middle School.

The girl is from the City of Grosse Pointe. The boy lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"(Assistant Principal Chris Clark) stated that the suspect has been suspended for two days pending the school investigation with the possibility of a long-term suspension," said Officer Keith Colombo.

Criminal sexual conduct,

second degree, pertains to forceable contact, not penetration.

The girl and fellow students were in classroom C7 when the boy allegedly approached the girl, reportedly encouraged by another girl.

The boy reportedly started groping the girl.

"The victim told the suspect to get off her (and said), 'Don't touch me,'" Colombo said. "Other students in the classroom yelled at the suspect to leave her alone at which time (he) let (her) go. Approximately seven students admitted to observing the assault."

District penalties for such crimes are clear.

"If a student is involved with criminal sexual assault, its mandatory expulsion," said Clark this week. "If it were not necessarily criminal conduct, but was sexual harassment, it

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Grosse Pointe Farms


Car B&E

Two iPods and a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses were stolen out of an unlocked car parked overnight Friday, Oct. 17 in the 200 block of Merrifield. The

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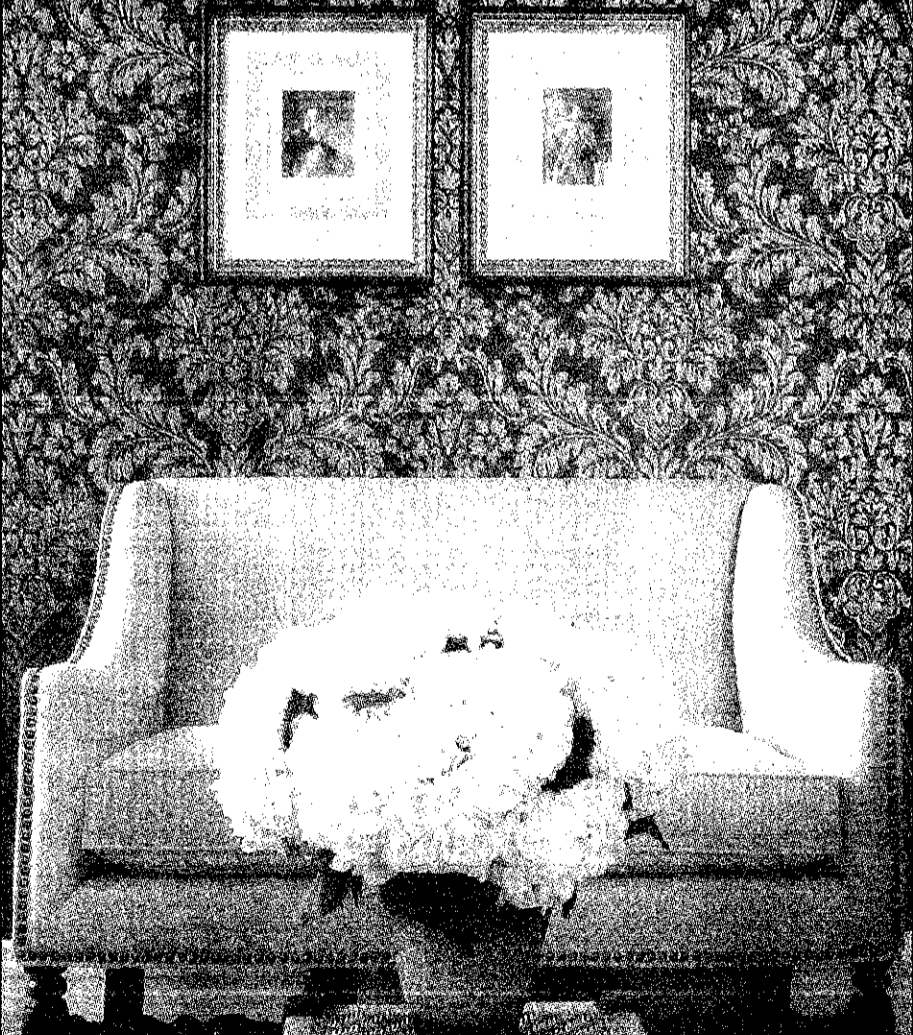
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SAFETY: Do the crime, do the time

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victim reported total losses exceeding \$750.

Absolutely wrong

A 15-year-old City girl reportedly offered to pay for a bottle of Absolut vodka that the manager of the Rite Aid on the Hill said she tried to shoplift at noon Friday, Oct. 17.

"(The girl) admitted taking the liquor on a dare," police said. "(The manager) wishes to prosecute."

The manager said the girl appears on a security video placing the bottle in her purse and walking toward the exit.

The store is heavily monitored with multiple cameras.

Shot in hand

A lesson in handgun safety went bad shortly after 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, when a 43-year-old Farms man mistakenly shot himself in the hand.

The man drove himself to Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, where staff called police.

"(He) stated he was showing his (18-year-old) daughter how to handle the firearm safely when he accidentally shot himself in the (left) hand (with a 9 mm pistol)," said an officer. "(He) said the incident took place on the back porch of his residence (in the 200 block of) Chalfonte."

Owes another's bill

A 51-year-old Farms man was surprised last week when he was met at his house by a process server. The server presented a summons regarding a nearly \$27,400 debt including penalties.

The money was owed on an account the man said didn't exist. Police logged the circumstance as identity theft.

Car stolen

A red 2000 Dodge Intrepid was stolen overnight Sunday, Oct. 12, while parked in the 400 block of Colonial Court.

Man run into

A man born before the automotive era took hold was nearly taken out by a car while walking on Level 3 of the parking garage across from Henry Ford Cottage Hospital on the Hill at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13. The impact knocked the man to the pavement.

Medics transported the 96-year-old Roseville resident to the hospital.

The man was hit by a 26-year-old Harper Woods woman driving a gray 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix.

"(She) stated she did not (see) the man when she turned off the ramp due to his dark clothing," said Officer Frank Zielinski.

A male witness told Zielinski that the woman "was driving too fast through the parking structure and was talking on a

cellular telephone."

Copper caper

A man and his two sons were arrested at 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12, for stealing copper gutters, drainpipes and flashing off a house in the first block of Kenwood.

The sons, ages 19 and 25, live in Roseville. The father, 49, is from Virginia.

The house is unoccupied. Its owner, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, told police he hadn't authorized anyone to take down or remove copper elements from the property.

Officers arrived at the house moments before the elder son tossed a copper gutter into a Dumpster. An officer said it made a "loud, hollow metal sound."

The father claimed "he was given \$20 gas money to drive his sons to (the house to) meet a contractor that owed them \$160," police said.

The oldest son told police a different story.

"(He said he) came to the location to see how the job was coming along and to finish cleaning up the rear yard," said an officer.

Police found evidence to the contrary.

"(I) saw a claw hammer on the ground near where a downspout had been pried away from the house," said a patrolman.

The younger son also was wanted on two warrants in Warren for forgery and writing bad checks.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Thefts from garages

A window was pried open and a miter saw was taken from a garage on Maryland Monday, Oct. 13.

A gas edger and two bikes were taken from a garage on Barrington overnight Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Tires taken

All four tires and accompanying wheels were reported missing from a 2007 GMC Yukon parked on Balfour the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Attempted theft

The ignition was damaged on a 2001 Dodge Intrepid parked on Kensington Wednesday, Oct. 15.

—Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

Popped

A 59-year-old St. Clair Shores man didn't seem to know if he was on land or sea last weekend when pulled over on Lakeshore for drunken driving.

"(He) handed me a boat registration for (a Dodge Ram pickup)," said Officer Terrance

that afternoon.

"As the victim was leaving school at approximately 3:20 p.m.," Colombo said, "she was approached by the suspect in the hallway. (He) grabbed her by her backpack she was wearing and threw her into the wall."

Good said he expects to finish his investigation this week.

"I'll forward my report to the juvenile court," he said. "They take it over from that point."

Colombo said administrators called police to the school after students had gone home for the day.

"The school was empty," Colombo said. He said he based his report on information from Clark.

"(I) did contact the mother of the victim, who stated (her daughter) is having a difficult time with this," Colombo said.

The assistant principal learned of the alleged attack and contacted the girl's mother and boy's grandmother.

Brown.

Brown had noticed the man stop his vehicle for no reason near Fonanta.

"The driver's door opened and closed and then the vehicle proceeded north on Lakeshore," he said.

The man registered a .208 percent blood alcohol level.

"He stated he had a couple of pops this evening at a party," Brown said.

It's Halloween

That thing that goes bump in the night this time of year did it

a few times during the early evening of Thursday, Oct. 16, in the 500 block of Sheldon.

At 7:41 p.m., a 42-year-old female resident called police to report her doorbell rang several times but no one was there.

"Each time she looked out, no one was around," said a dispatcher.

A patrolman sent to investigate solved the mystery without incriminating the headless horseman, a Martian or ghost.

The officer on the front step found a bag of candy placed there for the woman's children

by children living next door.

Wallet found

On the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 13, a 13-year-old Farms boy found a St. Clair Shores woman's wallet, driver's license, credit cards, but no money near Grosse Pointe North High School.

"(She) reported that her purse and camera had been stolen out of her vehicle approximately six months ago at her parents' house on Lochmoor in Grosse Pointe Woods," said a Shores officer.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods


Check fraud

The owner of rental property on Anita reported to police

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would be detention up to expulsion."

School officials are restricted on what they can say about these types of incidents.

"There are limitations on what we can share and what we can't even if we'd like to clear the air and explain to everybody every detail," Clark said. "We also don't want to violate anybody's rights regardless of their situation."

"Anytime someone lays their hands on someone else in a sexual way without permission, it is very serious," said Detective Rick Good, in charge of the case.

Colombo said the girl and boy had a second encounter

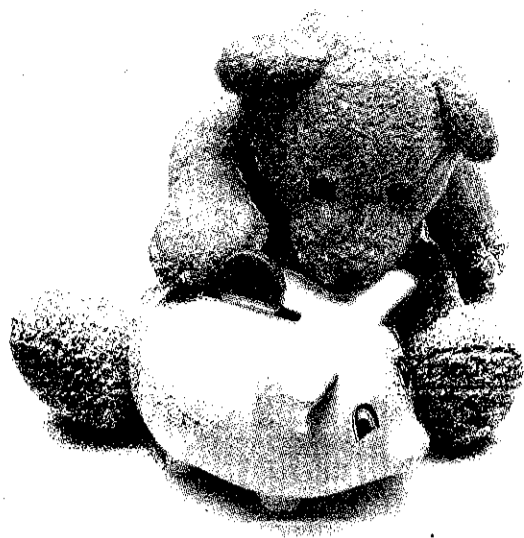


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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Attempted purse snatching

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Jackals aren't the only animals that prey on the weak.

A 14-year-old boy bent on romance faces a charge of attempted armed robbery for trying to snatch a 79-year-old woman's purse last week in the Village.

"He was trying to steal \$200 to \$300 to buy his girlfriend a pair of shoes," said Detective Sgt. Ron Wiczorek of the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department.

Wiczorek said the Detroit teenager made things worse by pretending to have a gun. Otherwise, charges may have topped out at unarmed robbery.

Once the boy was in custody, it took a while to confirm his name.

"He lied about who he was,"

Wiczorek said. "After fingerprinting him, we were able to determine his identity."

A confession followed. "His confession is taped — how and why he did it," Wiczorek said. "He showed us how he put his hand under his shirt in back of his pants as though there was a gun to scare the woman."

The victim was unhurt, police said.

Grosse Pointe Park Officer Keith Anderson was off duty when he noticed the suspect and a 13-year-old male friend, also of Detroit, shortly before 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. The pair was reportedly looking in cars parked in a lot off St. Clair near Kercheval.

The two teens allegedly approached the woman on St. Clair, where the older boy demanded her purse.

"When at first she didn't un-

derstand, he repeated, 'I want your purse,'" Wiczorek said. "His buddy was telling him, 'No, no.' He didn't want him to do this to the woman."

She kept her purse. The boys ran away. Anderson captured the 14-year-old near Cadieux and Waterloo. City Officer Lisa Monticciolo and a Park patrolman caught the younger boy running on Lorraine toward Detroit.

Wiczorek wanted the 14-year-old held in custody at the Wayne County Youth Home.

"They couldn't accept him at this time, so we were told to release him to his parents pending a hearing before a referee in Wayne County Juvenile Court," Wiczorek said. "I don't think we'll press charges against the 13-year-old, because he was telling his friend to stop."

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Man's wife dies on way to hospital

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A woman died last week on Lakeshore.

She was in a Chevrolet Impala at about 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13, being driven by her husband to St. John Hospital from their home on Detroit's lower eastside.

The husband said she'd suffered an asthma attack triggered by his breaking up a fight near home between his pit bull and a neighbor's dog.

The 39-year-old man said his 38-year-old wife stopped breathing en route to the emergency room.

"He did not have a cell phone, (so) he stopped (near Lakecrest Lane) and flagged down motorists (to) call 911," said Officer Keith Colombo.

The first officers on the scene pulled the woman from the front passenger seat and determined she didn't have a pulse. Officers performed CPR until medics arrived and resumed rushing her to St. John.

Officers in all available Farms patrol cars kept intersections free of traffic along the way.

A Grosse Pointe Woods officer helped clear the intersection of Mack and Moross.

"At the ER, they said there were no signs of foul play," said Detective Rick Good.

The woman had an enlarged heart and died of cardiac arrest, according to a preliminary report.

"There will be an autopsy, which is standard procedure because she was a young lady," Good said.

At the hospital, officers asked the husband why his shirt, pants and left shoe were splattered with blood.

"He stated that he came into contact with blood trying to separate the dogs," Colombo said. "(He) stated that the incident caused (his wife) to have an asthma attack."

Good plans to speak with the husband.

"I want more details of what took place," Good said.

SAFETY: All the crime fit to print

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Thursday, Oct. 16, a check presented by a new tenant was drawn on a nonexistent account.

The check, written to cover the security deposit and first month's rent was returned by the bank. Police continue to investigate.

Unfair fight?

Alerted by yelling on the street, neighbors on Wendy Lane called police at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19.

When officers arrived, they found three young teens, one with a bloodied nose. The trio

said they were confronted by at least six males between 17 and 18 years old who told them to empty their pockets. The sextet escaped in an older model car.

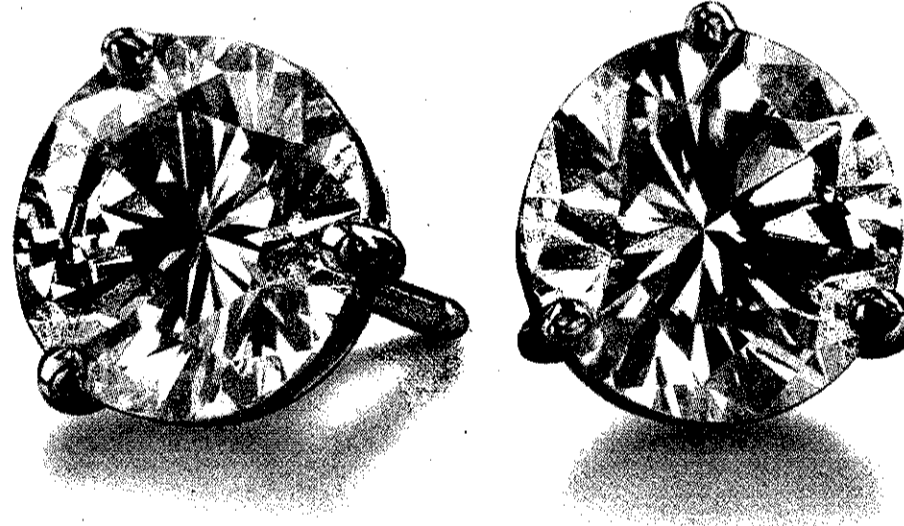
Identity theft

A resident of a senior living facility on Mack was notified by a check cashing service in Roseville Thursday, Oct. 16 that someone was attempting to cash checks written in her name.

The senior citizen informed the service that she did not have an account at the bank the check was written on.

Further investigation revealed the person attempting to cash the checks was out on probation for check fraud and has a history of forgery, counterfeiting and embezzlement.

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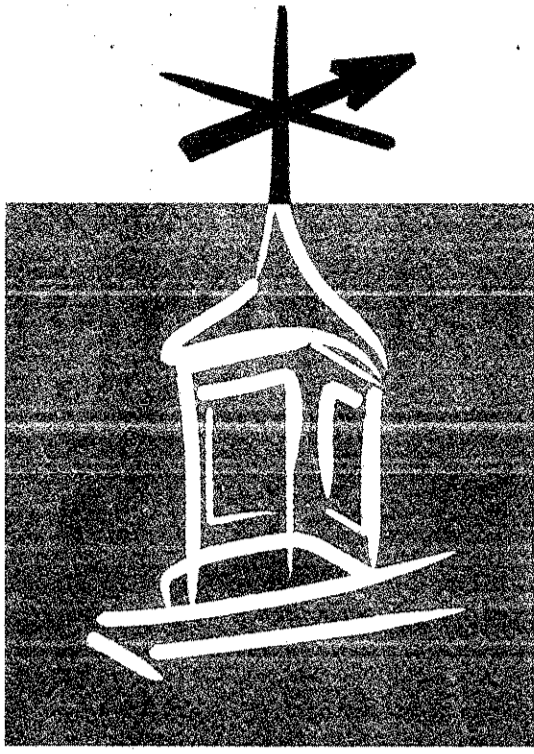
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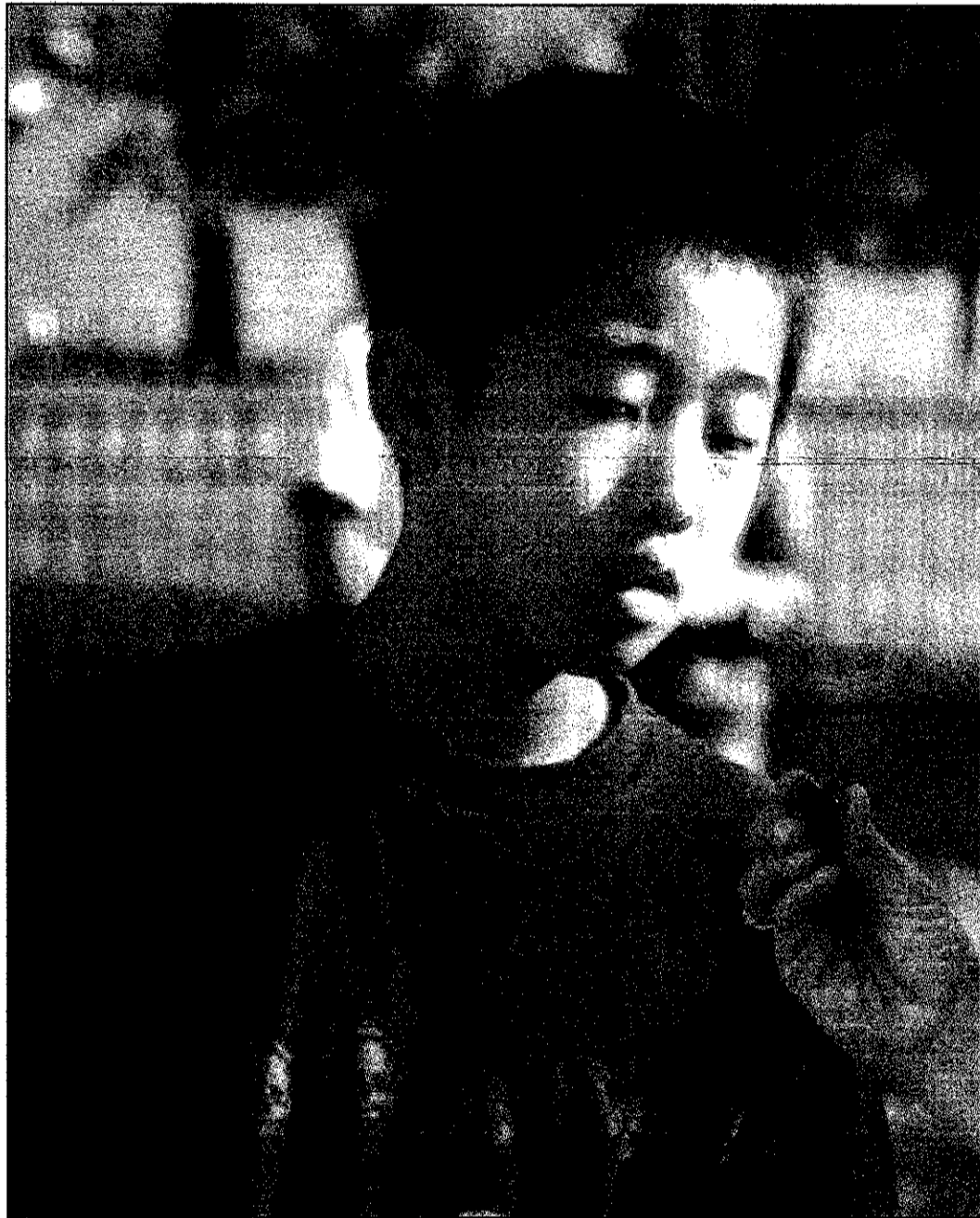
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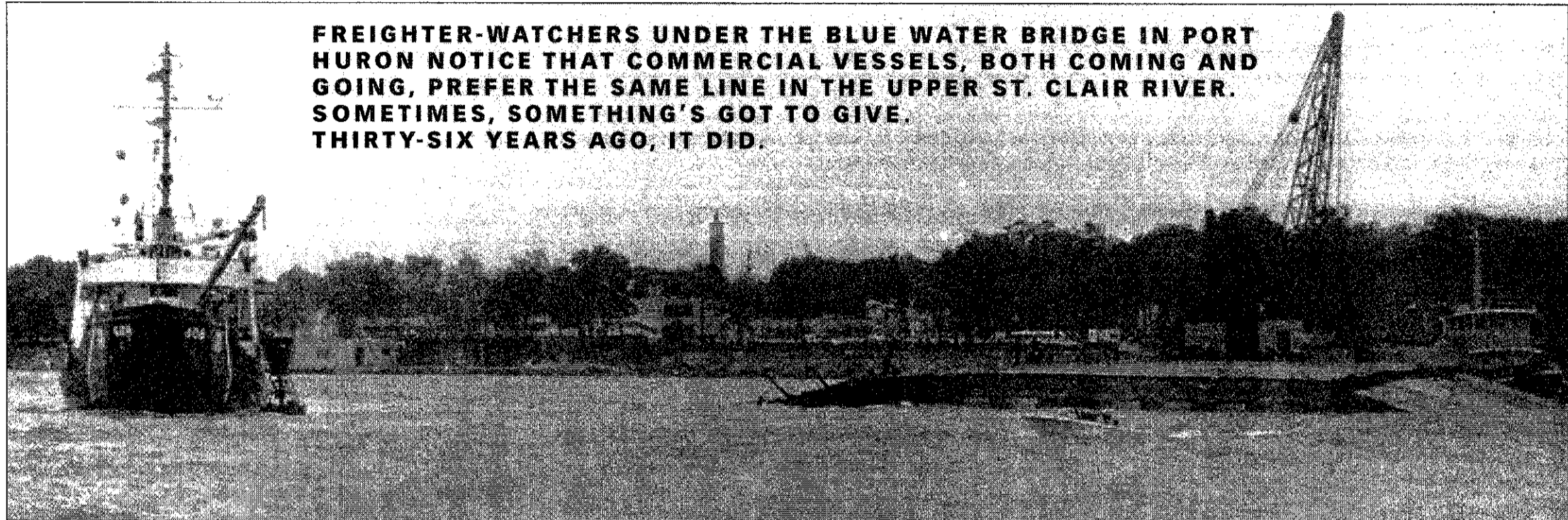
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Picturing a hero

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Collision under the bridge

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HISTORICAL PHOTOS FROM "COLLISION UNDER THE BRIDGE"

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Sidney Smith, rammed by the Parker Evans, took less than 15 minutes to sink in about 40 feet of water in the upper St. Clair River, just below the Blue Water Bridge off where the Thomas Edison Inn now stands.

PORT HURON — Some ships pass in the night. Others crash and sink in the night.

For the 500-foot freighter Sidney E. Smith Jr., the night of June 5, 1972 proved that sometimes what goes up the St. Clair River, must go down. To the bottom.

On that night at 1:30 a.m., the Smith had the bad luck to cross bows under the Blue Water Bridge with the larger steamer, Parker Evans, a one-rudder wrecking crew.

"The Parker Evans is the only ship we were able to find in the history of the Great Lakes that totally sank three other ships without one loss of life," said Jon Paul Michaels, coauthor of the book, "Collision Under the Bridge."

The 86-page, illustrated softcover recounts the crash, the less than 15 minutes it took the Smith to sink, a five-month salvage operation and consequences that forever changed how

freighters handle tricky waters at the head of the St. Clair River.

The Smith, a huge gash in her starboard side, rolled over in 40 feet of water and dropped like 5,200 tons of riveted steel loaded with coal.

The Evans survived with the shipwright's equivalent of a broken nose. Soon after the wreck, she discharged her cargo of grain across the river in Sarnia, Ontario, and headed downriver for repairs in a Lake Erie dry dock.

Michaels, 52, wrote the book with his older brother, Brenton, 56. Both brothers were Great Lakes mariners.

Jon Paul worked for Cleveland Cliffs until it lost its Republic Steel contract and sold the fleet.

"I sailed until 1980," he said. "On my last ship, I was wheels-

man on the Charles M. White."

Brenton spent 22 years in the U.S. Coast Guard. He retired a lieutenant commander. He served on many ships, including as chief engineer of the ice breaker, Mackinaw.

Shortly after the crash, Brenton was on duty off Agonac trying to intercept the Smith's fuel from floating farther downstream.

"We were pulling oil booms for 1 1/2 days and then were sent up to the salvage area for traffic control," he said.

The unexpected

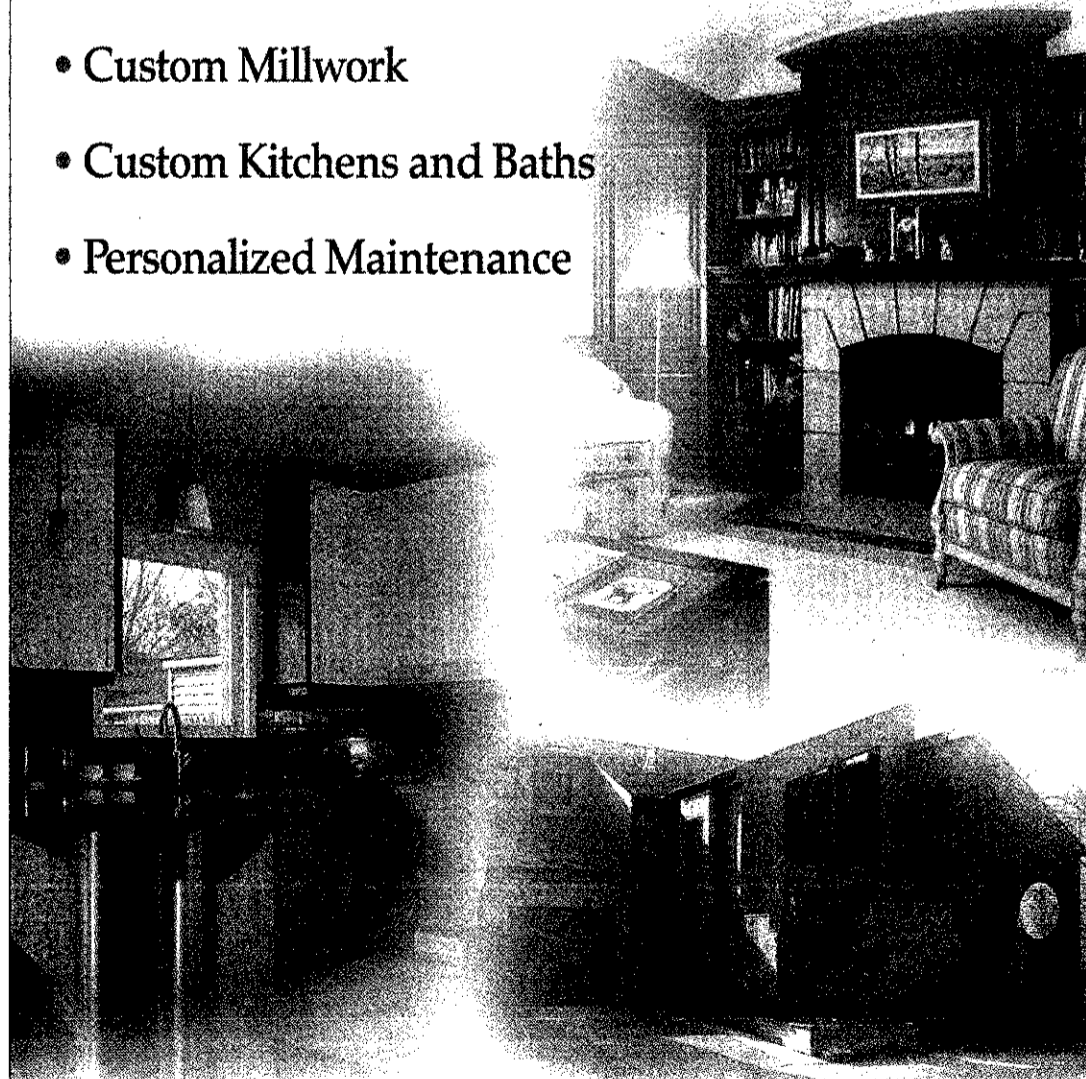
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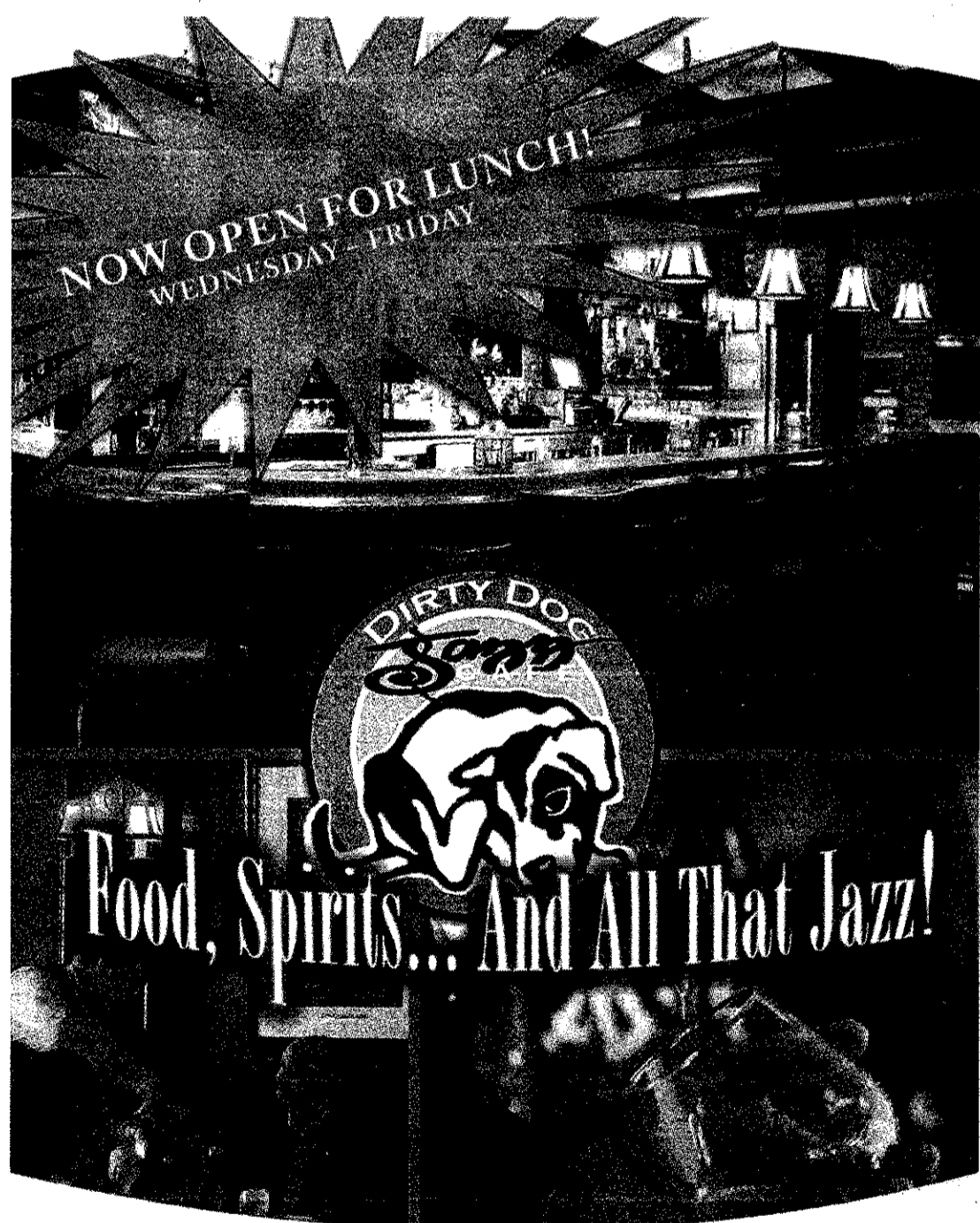
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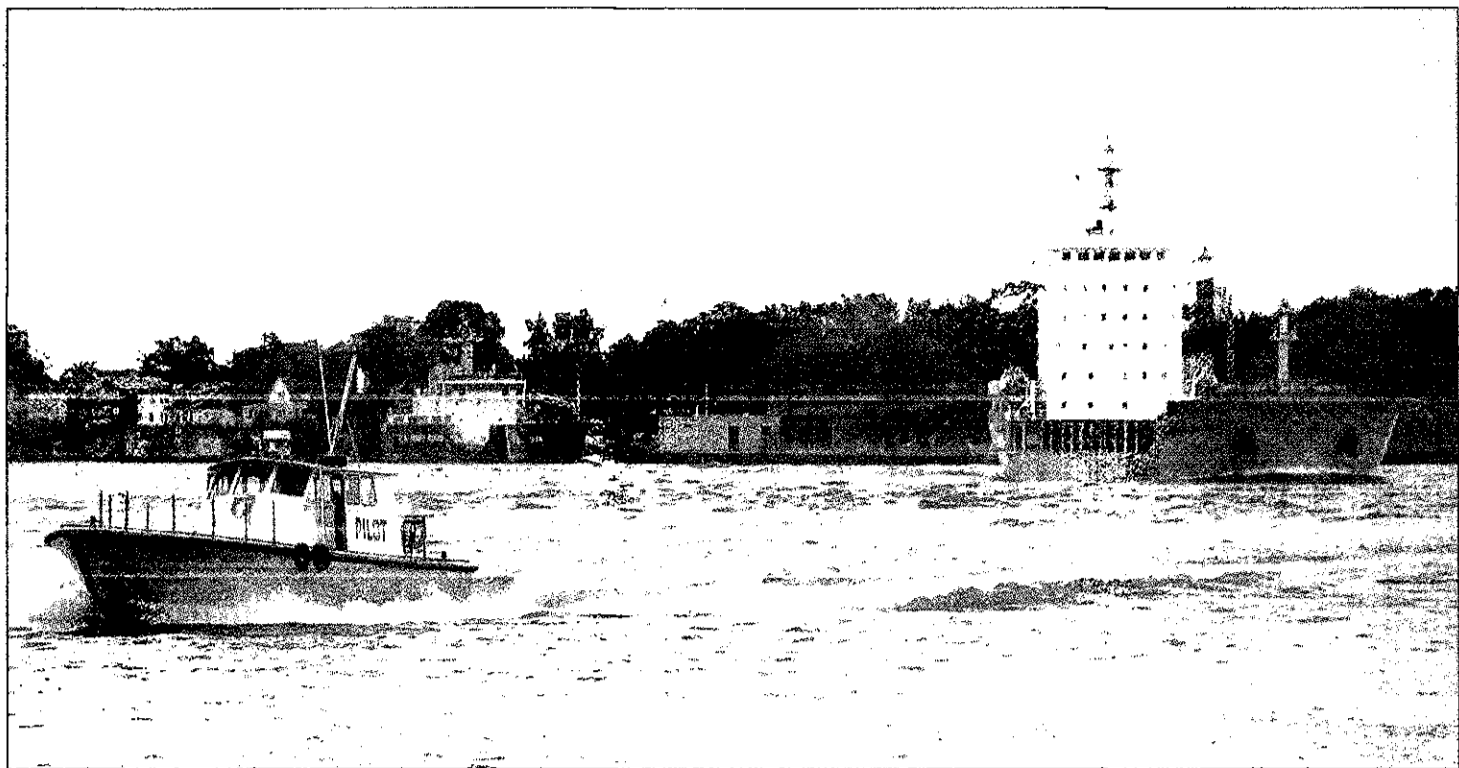
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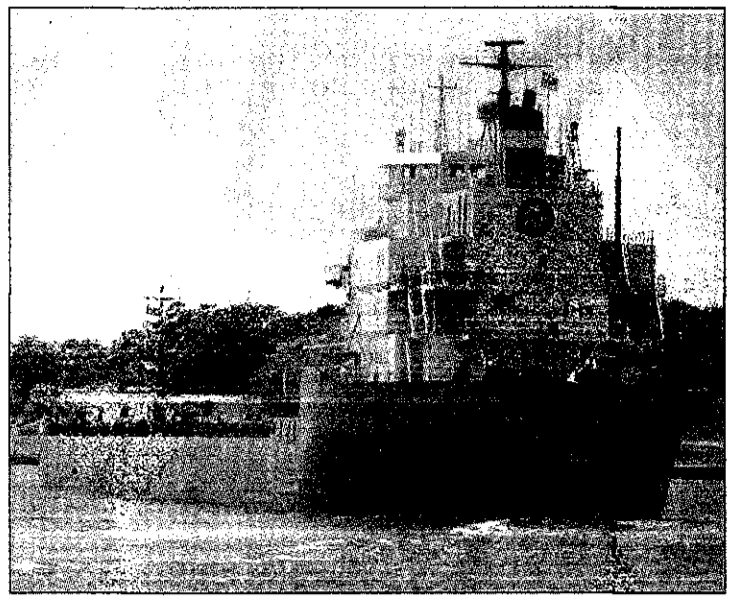
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The upbound Hans Lehmann, above, an ocean-going timber carrier, follows a pilot boat using the same course in the upper St. Clair River as the 730-foot freshwater bulk freighter Capt. Henry Jackman, right. The Lehmann drew international attention in May when seized by pirates in the Gulf of Aden and held 41 days for ransom off Somalia.

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SINK I: Going bump in the night

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Smith and Evans.

"We've been careful to do this fairly," Jon Paul said.

The official coast guard investigation found no one at fault.

Accidents are often caused by a series of small circumstances that, independent of each other, wouldn't matter. Often, these gremlins cascade into something insurmountable.

For the Smith, launched in Wyandotte in 1905, and the Evans, built in Ecorse in 1909 by the same company that constructed the Edmund Fitzgerald in 1958, that troubling sequence began in the off-season prior to their collision under the bridge.

"The Smith had just been converted from coal-fired to oil-fired," Jon Paul said.

Oil-fed fireboxes don't burn as evenly as coal and can take longer to produce steam.

"Capt. Arn Kristensen of the Smith talked with us, reluctantly at first," Jon Paul said.

"He mentioned that one of the problems with her was sometimes she didn't have get up and go."

One of the worst times and places for a loaded Great Lakes cargo carrier to lollygag is at 1:30 a.m. upbound on the St. Clair River approaching the Blue Water Bridge, where strong currents funnel into an east-to-east crescent around Ontario's Point Edward.

The 23,000 square mile Lake Huron dumps water into the river at rates of up to 232,000 cubic feet per second.

The area is described as a rapids in the U.S. Coast Pilot, a commerce department publication no Great Lakes freighter captain would let out of his chart room. The hulls of five shipwrecks remain in the Blue Water area, where currents of 7 to 12 knots can yank the masks off divers.

Comin 'round the bend

"To understand this story," Jon Paul said, "you have to understand how different traffic on the Great Lakes was in 1972 as compared to now."

A generation ago, there were more than 400 freighters on the lakes. Yet, there was no traffic control in the narrows

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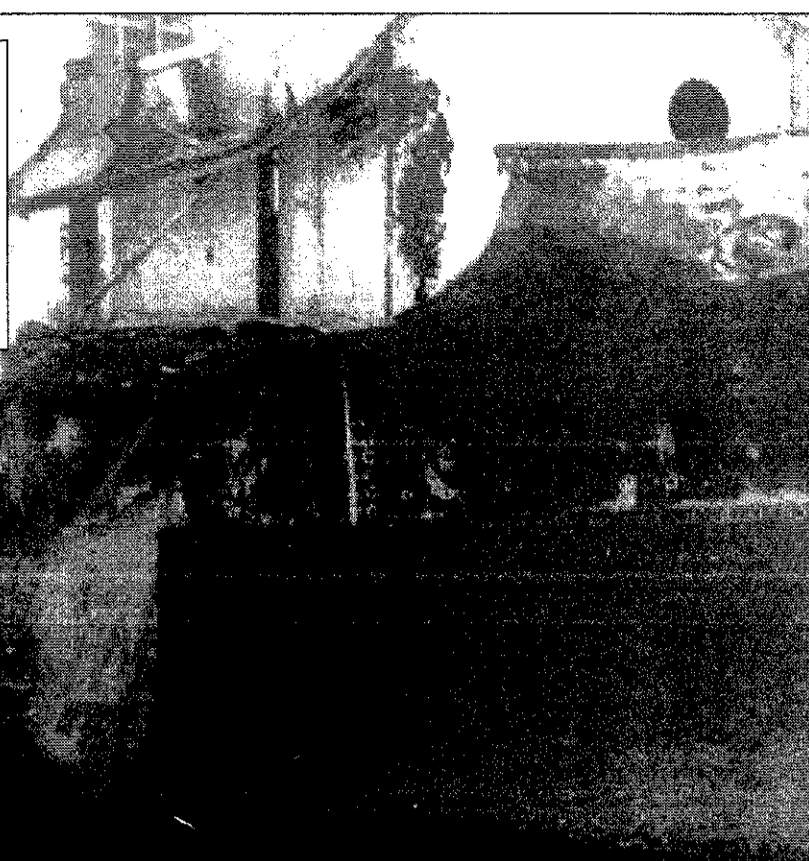
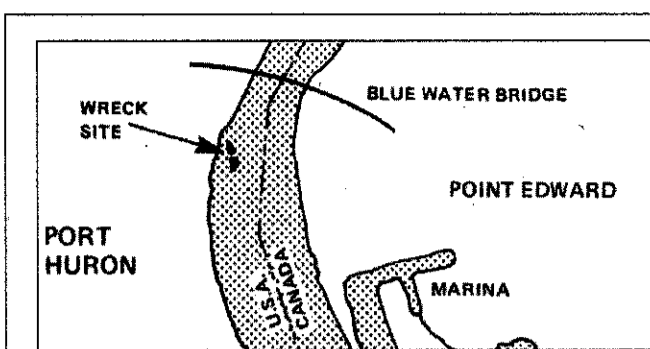
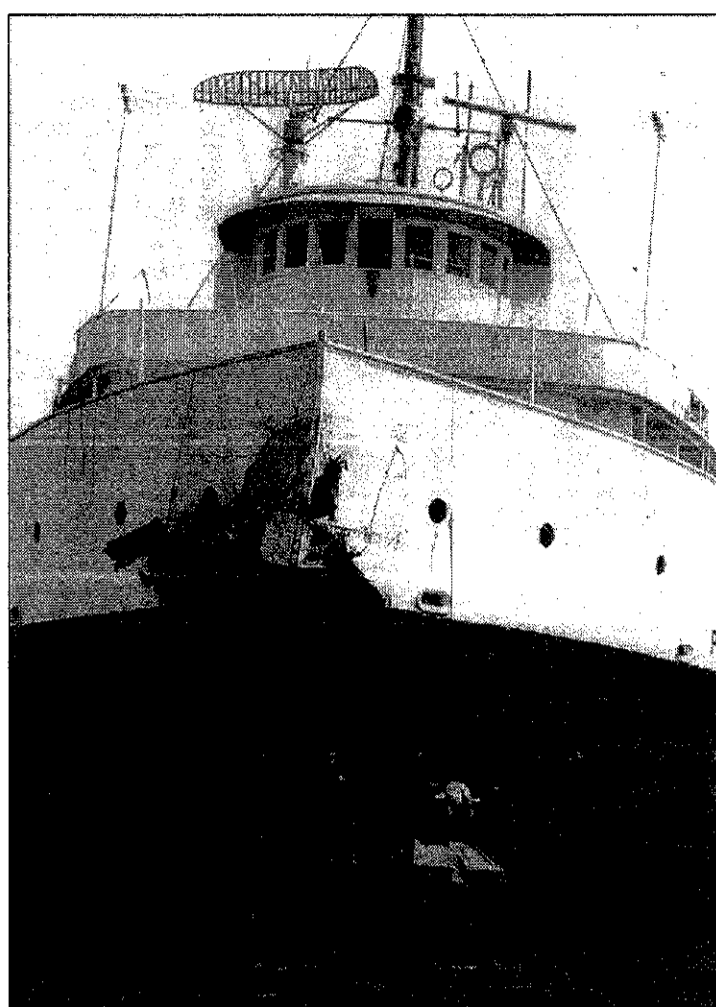
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The Parker Evans, left, had minimal damage. The Smith couldn't handle a huge hole in her starboard side.

SINK II: Smith had no chance

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between Port Huron and Sarnia. Freighters passed up and downstream without advance notice.

The night of the crash, Kristensen had been on duty for almost three days straight. Steaming upriver to Port Huron, he went to his cabin for a few minutes, leaving in charge Second Mate Harry Gaskins, a licensed captain himself. In addition, a wheelsman and bow watchman were on duty as the ship approached the curve around Point Edward.

"Gaskins told the wheelsman to bring her 25 degrees right rudder, which is almost hard over," Jon Paul said.

"When Gaskins noticed he was coming close to the Canadian side, where now there's a casino, he advised the wheelsman to take off five degrees rudder. When he did that, the current caught the bow and swung him sideways. By the time he tried to remedy by going full over hard right again, it was too late."

"The wheelsman assumed there was nobody between him and open water," Brenton said. "All of a sudden, he makes this turn and somebody is right in front of him."

"Capt. Kristensen said if the Evans hadn't been there, he could have continued his left turn, gone back downriver, turned around and come back up again," said Jon Paul.

Instead, the 566-foot Evans punched a hole in the Smith's starboard side at the back of the forecastle.

"Third Mate Bud Clegg, whose room was at the point of impact, had just settled into his

bunk after getting off watch at midnight," the book reads.

"Suddenly, this quiet rest was interrupted by a startling jolt that bounced his head off the metal wall at the end of his bunk. He quickly got to his feet as the now visible white forecastle and black hull of the Evans slid out of the gaping hole in the side of the Smith and proceeded to bounce along the side of the Smith towards the stern."

Kristensen ordered abandonment ship. He was the last man off.

Tight squeeze

Jon Paul, having steered ships through that passage, knew what his counterparts that night were up against.

"Coming down river is a lot easier than going up," he said. "Coming down, you're going with the current. You've taken a lot of weight off the ship entering the river. But, you have to start slowing the ship miles before you want to stop. Upbound is much more difficult. The current hits the shoreline and makes a diagonal run across the river. Anything com-

ing up is going to hit that current on the bow.

"The last ship I wheeled had 10,000 horsepower," he said. "If you wanted to turn, you turned. But, when you have a ship with 1,600 horsepower, and half of those horses are lame, it's a whole different dynamic."

Brenton wrote the book's chapters about the salvage operation.

"The river was blocked for about 12 hours," he said. "By 4 p.m., one-lane traffic was allowed to start. From that point on, there's never been two-way traffic allowed under the Blue Water Bridge."

River traffic now is controlled much like aircraft at an airport. Downbound ships have the right-of-way, even if it means an upbound vessel has to effectively tread water in a designated waiting area off Vantage Point at the Black River on the southern edge of downtown Port Huron.

To salvage the Smith, divers entered the hull and filled empty spaces with foam to lighten the load. The U.S. Navy hauled

it upright and to shore using winches anchored near where the Thomas Edison Inn stands today.

"After the ship sank, it broke in two," Brenton said. "They salvaged two parts instead of one, which probably made it easier. The coal cargo fell out."

Separate ways

Three weeks after being repaired, the Evans returned up the St. Clair River. She rounded Point Edward and sailed past the Smith's fractured hull sticking a few feet above water.

A few minutes later, the Evans did it again. She hit another ship in lower Lake Huron about 10 miles from where the Smith lay ruined. Nothing sank this time.

The Evans remained in service, albeit under a new name and owner, until 1981. She floundered in heavy seas off Chesapeake Bay under tow to Mexico as a grain storage barge.

The Smith's leaking bunker oil has long since washed away. Yet, her black hull remains a silent fixture on the

Sarnia shoreline, not far from where she settled.

"She lives," Jon Paul said: "The Sidney Smith is sitting on the Canadian shore as the Sidney Smith Dock. Her self-unloading boom is the only thing remaining on the bottom."

The Michaels brothers dedicated the book to their late father, Paul.

"Our dad had a fascination with Great Lakes shipping," Jon Paul said. "My father and I came over that morning and took photographs of the accident scene. We decided that we'd document the salvage. My dad's dream was to write a book about it. He typed out a rudimentary story, but never finished. In his later years he was quite ill. When he passed away (in) 2000, we started the idea of writing this book as a memorial to our dad."

"Collision Under the Bridge" costs \$20 plus \$3 shipping and is available at bullheadpublishing.com. A 100-count limited edition print of the two ships just before impact costs \$20.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 2009 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Harper Woods Michigan will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.
TO BE HELD
IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF CITY HALL
19617 HARPER AVENUE
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The purpose of the this public hearing will be to receive public input and comment on the proposed 2009 Budget for the City's General and various other operating funds. The proposed levy upon the 2008 Tax Rolls for each \$1000 of Real and Personal Property State taxable valuation is as follows:

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Library Operations	0.9168	0.9168	0.0000
TOTALS	22.7899	22.7899	0.0000

Summaries of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the 2009 budgeted funds are as follows:

General Fund	\$12,319,450
Major Street Fund	\$688,000
Local Street Fund	\$452,900
Storm Drainage Fund	\$1,817,850
Refuse Collection Fund	\$1,097,000
Library Fund	\$470,700
Debt Retirement Fund	\$1,320,850
Self - Insurance Fund	\$100,000
Separation Pay Fund	\$100,000
Municipal Improvement Fund	\$250,000
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$22,500

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the proposed 2009 Budget is available for public inspection between the house of 8:30A.M. and 5:00P.M. weekdays in the office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2095 (Telephone 313/343-2510). All interest persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

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Sarnia readers

Don and Marilyn Stanitzke of Grosse Pointe Farms, Anita and Don McCarty of the City of Grosse Pointe and Jack and Nancy Renick of Grosse Pointe Shores took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited Sarnia to watch the start of the Mackinac boat races.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Crown Vic reigns in this town

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Charger is in retreat. The Chrysler product, bought by Grosse Pointe Farms police last month as a test bed in case Ford Motor Co. stopped making Crown Victoria police interceptors, is being traded in for an icon of the blue oval.

"We have agreed to trade the Dodge for a Mustang," said Dan Jensen, Farms director of public safety.

The swap will be even-steven.

"It won't cost any additional money," Jensen said. "The Mustang is a beautiful car and great PR for the city. Harper Woods has one. Officers say they can't keep people away from it. Kids want to see it. It increases bonding opportunities between officers and members of the community."

Until the Charger stuck its grill under the tent, the Farms had always been Ford territory. "We've never had any cars

here I can remember except Fords," Jensen said. "The Ford family has always been great to the community. Their cars have always exceeded our demands."

More than 80 percent of cruisers nationwide are Crown Vics, including three bought this month recently by the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department.

Last June, however, Farms officers attending a national police car exposition learned that a high-ranking Ford spokesman wasn't sure the company would continue producing Crown Vics past 2012.

"He couldn't guarantee what would happen with the product," Jensen said. "I couldn't wait until the last minute and be caught empty handed. I have to be prepared. We decided to try the only other police car that meets our needs."

When word spread that the Farms six-car fleet of marked cars would include a non-Ford brand, some residents spoke up.

"There was some concern in the community," Jensen said.

In addition, Jensen said the Ford spokesman from the expo assured him that the company would maintain production of a car outfitted for police work, although that car may not be a Crown Victoria.

"They've guaranteed us there will be a vehicle," Jensen said. "That's all I was looking for. We're going to stick with what we have because we've been assured that there will be a police package vehicle."



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Curator chat on heroes and villains

Detroit Historical Society Curator Joel Stone leads a discussion on Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23.

He will be joined by local historians David L. Good and Dr. Thomas Klug as they discuss the Detroit Historical Society's latest exhibit which focuses a critical eye on 16 key people from the region's 300-plus year history, including historical figures from the political, sports, business and religious communities.

Individuals featured include Antoine Cadillac, Chief Pontiac, Augustus Woodward, Henry Ford, Ty Cobb, Dr. Ossian Sweet, Fr. Charles Coughlin, Walter Reuther, Jimmy Hoffa, Orville Hubbard and Coleman A. Young.

Participants will learn how the exhibit began, its purpose, the people involved and the research behind it.

Stone is also a member of the Historical Society of Michigan, the Algonquin Club of Detroit, the Marine Historical Society of Detroit, and is a board member of the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History.

Klug is an associate professor of history, assistant provost and director of the Institute for Detroit Studies at Marygrove College.

Good is a former Detroit News reporter and editor and author of "Orvie: The Dictator of Dearborn: The Rise and Reign of Orville L. Hubbard."

The event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$20 for guests. For more information or to register, call (313) 833-1801 or visit detroithistorical.org.

The museum is at 5401 Woodward in Detroit's Cultural Center area.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Easy-pay for village parking structures

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An automatic payment card is making it easier to use the Village parking structure.

The card, the initial edition of which pays for \$10 worth of parking, is sold at cost at City of Grosse Pointe City Hall.

Anyone can buy one. "We want to encourage garage use," said Peter Dame, city manager.

The city-owned structure, located behind Kercheval Place which contains Trader Joe's, can be entered off Notre Dame or St. Clair. Parking in the structure costs 50 cents per hour.

The cards are essentially debit cards that let cardholders bypass the ticket process.

The card system is more automatic than the current automated self-service cashiering process.

The cashiering process requires motorists entering the structure to take a ticket from a ticket machine. The motorist keeps the ticket handy until

ready to leave.

Upon returning to the garage but before getting back in the car, the motorist inserts the ticket into a pay station, then pays by cash, credit or debit card.

That's not the end of it.

In exchange for payment, the machine returns the paid ticket. When driving out of the structure, the motorist inserts the paid ticket into another machine at the exit. Viola.

"We've added an easier way to park at the structure," Dame said. "When you enter the garage, instead of pulling out a ticket, you insert your card. When you leave, insert it at the exit and it automatically

deducts the fee for parking. You can check the balance on the Internet."

HOLDERS DON'T HAVE TO TAKE tickets when entering and pay at the automatic fee machine. If demand warrants, the \$10

card amount will be increased. "We wanted to see if people were going to use the \$10 ones before we buy \$20 ones," Dame said. "Once your \$10 is gone, come to city hall and buy another one."

Still time to get an absentee ballot

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds voters of the absentee ballot option in next month's election.

"The absentee ballot option gives those who qualify the opportunity to participate in the election and to vote the ballot at their convenience," Land said. "You still have time to get an absentee ballot for the November election if you qualify, but the deadline is fast approaching. Simply contact your local clerk for more information."

Registered voters may obtain an absentee ballot for the following reasons:

- ◆ age 60 or older
- ◆ physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another
- ◆ expecting to be out of town on Election Day
- ◆ in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- ◆ unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- ◆ appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Voters wanting to receive an absentee ballot by mail have until 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 to submit their absentee ballot application to their city or township clerk. Voters must include their name, address and the qualifying reason for requesting the ballot. An absentee ballot application is available at any local clerk's office or online at Michigan.gov/vote.

A request can also be submitted in a letter or on a postcard.

Registered voters may also visit their city or township clerk's office for an absentee ballot through 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Those who request a ballot in person on Nov. 3 must vote the ballot while in the clerk's office.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by hand or by mail by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters who have registered to vote by mail or via a voter registration drive and have never voted in Michigan, are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their first election. They must vote in person at their precinct instead. However, this restriction does

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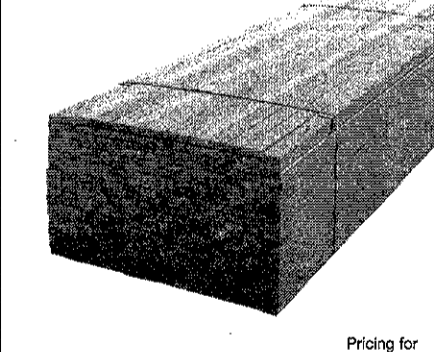


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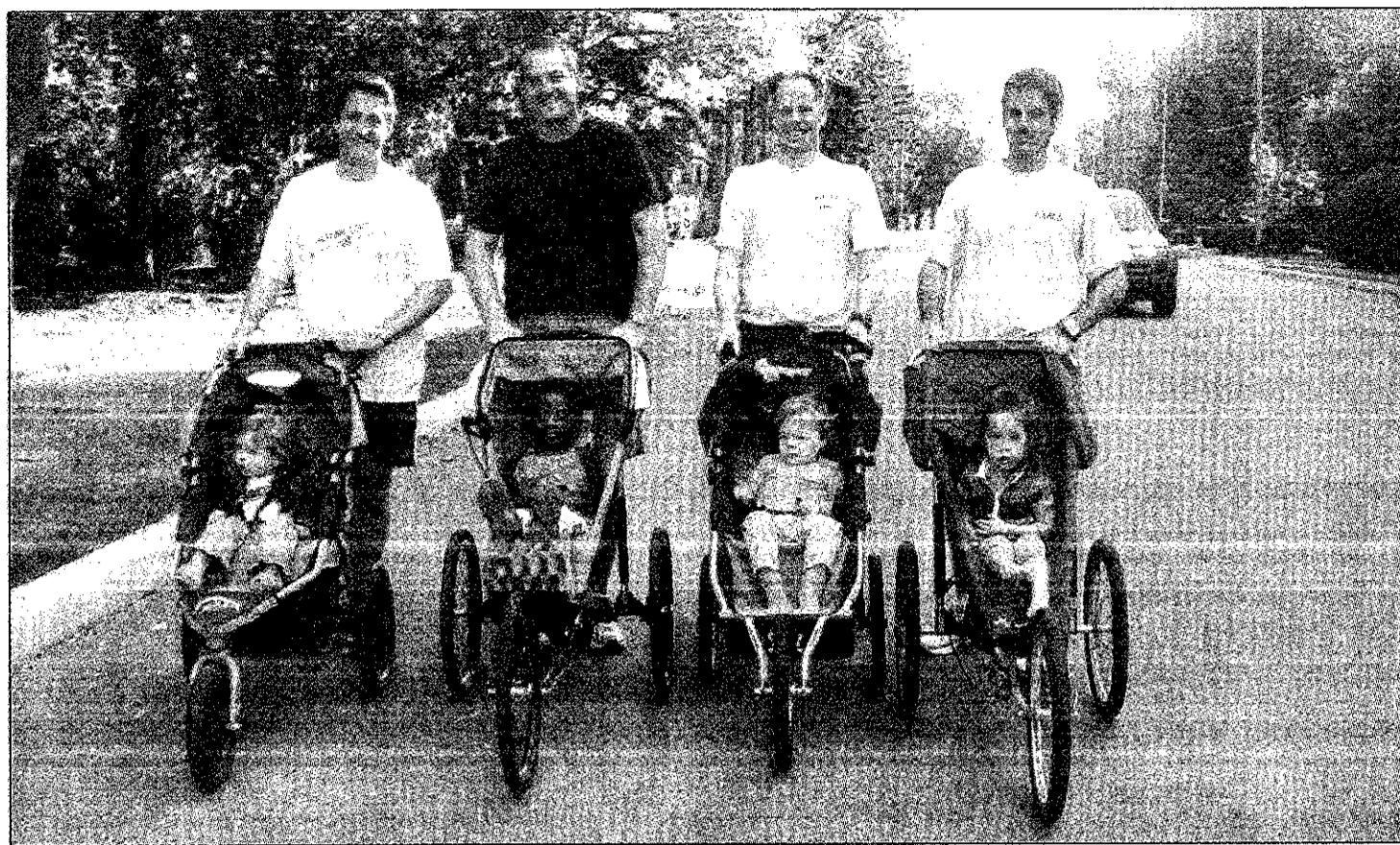


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Daddy-daughter jog

The jogging dads and their daughters have become a fixture along Grosse Pointe Blvd. for the past few months. The dads are training for a half marathon and their daughters enjoy the ride. The dads, longtime friends and neighbors, run five miles three or four days a week, usually following the same route that includes a stop at the candy store. Sharing the run and the fun on a sunny autumn afternoon are Dan Spitz and Addison of Grosse Pointe Farms, Roger Eger and Melissa of Grosse Pointe Farms, Cliff Grabowski and Quin of Grosse Pointe Farms and John Secco and Sophia of Grosse Pointe Park.

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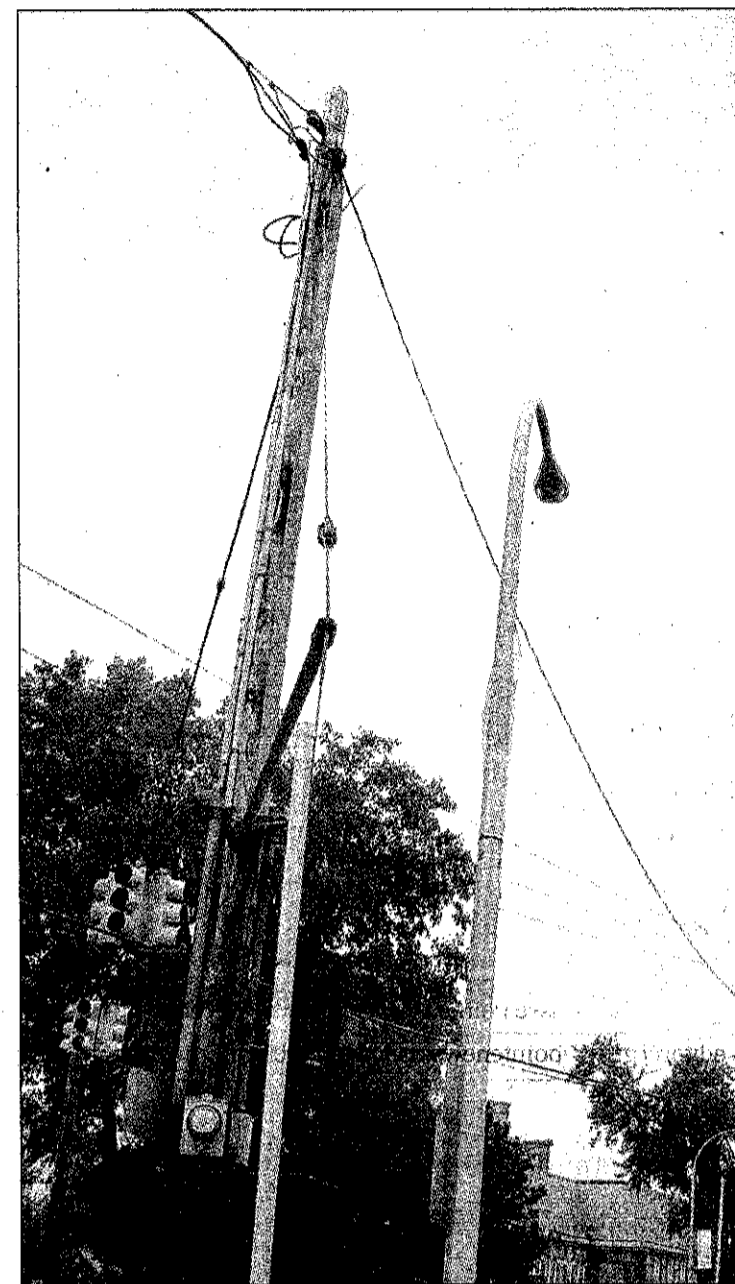


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Cables crisscrossing the sky over Kercheval and McMillan on the Hill are slated to be taken underground.

Utility lines being buried

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

No matter what the weather, there'll soon be clear skies above Kercheval and McMillan on the Hill.

A tangled web of utility lines over the intersection it scheduled to be put underground.

"We'd like to get it done before the frost," said Shane

Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager.

Construction by directional boring won't damage sidewalks, he added.

Results will be measured by what is no longer there — utility poles, support cables and transmission wires crisscrossing the corner. Traffic lights will remain.

"I see it as a major improvement to that corner, the gateway to the Hill," said Councilman Doug Roby.

Municipal officials approved relocation after conferring with representatives of AT&T, DTE Energy and Comcast, all of which have wires or poles at the intersection.

Ed Russell, a Hill businessman and owner of an office building being expanded at the intersection, will contribute half of \$150,000 needed to unclutter the surroundings.


The other half will be paid by the Farms and Fifth Third Bank, located on the corner opposite Russell's three-story project at 63 Kercheval.

Reeside said the city's share will be drawn from a parking and utilities account established for Hill improvements.


Russell said, "We want to see this corner cleaned up. We want a pleasing look on Kercheval, along McMillan and in the alley. It is the first step in enhancements we'd like to see on the Hill in the future."

In related action, Farms officials are seeking county permission to hang a sign from the traffic light directing motorists to the municipal parking lot north of Kercheval.

Councilman Terry Davis proposed installing the sign. He wants to make it easier for people who aren't familiar with the area to park and shop on the Hill.



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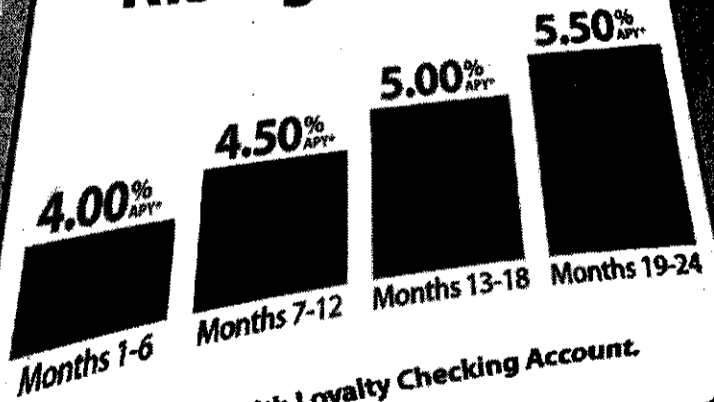
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The B.C. reader

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The WWII memorial reader

Retired Capt. John Bruneel of Harper Woods visited the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. in May and took along his Grosse Pointe News to read. With another WWII veteran, Raymond Frank, they reminisced about campaigns in North Africa and Italy. 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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Pointer honored as hero by National Park Service

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

It wasn't the best day to be camping at the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

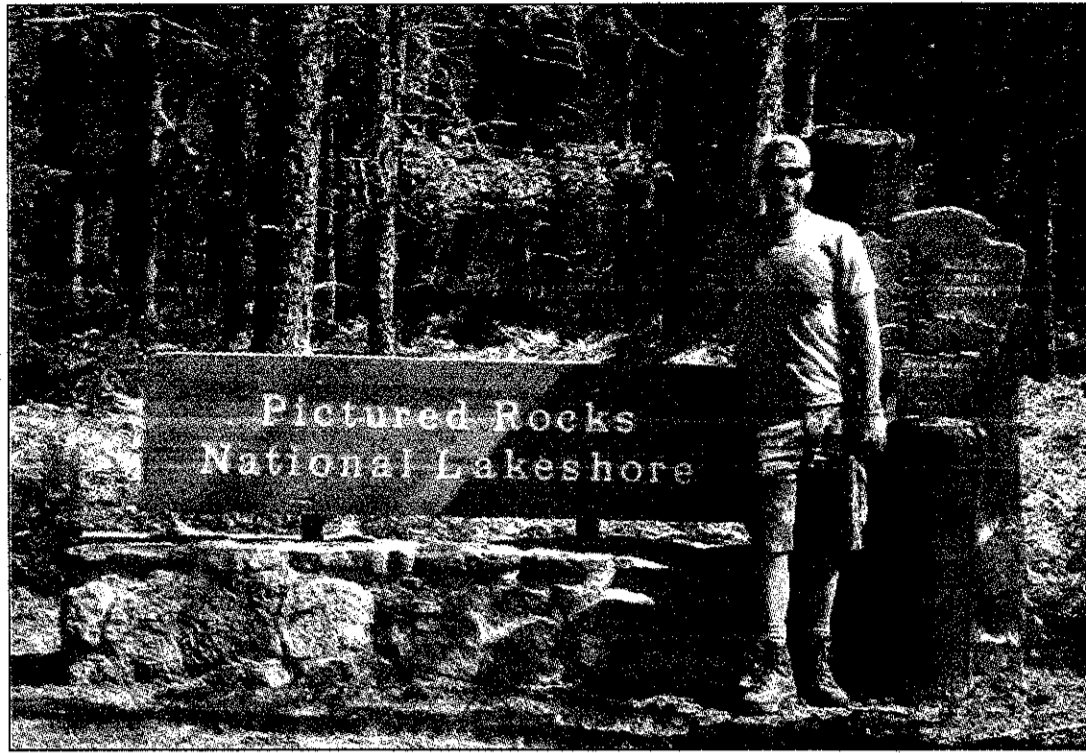
It was cold and overcast, and just downright dreary for a mid-August morning. Winds were gusting to 25 mph and the waves were breaking on the beach at about six feet.

Michael Cron Teranes, 36, of Grosse Pointe Park, walked to the edge of a bluff from a campsite he was sharing with his girlfriend, Julie Gilbert. He looked down and saw a man in the water, fully clothed, and moving in and out with the huge waves offered up by a frigid Lake Superior.

"I thought it was odd," Teranes said. "It was such a cold morning. I didn't know why anyone would want to go near the water. I realized that he was from the campsite next to us, so I walked back and mentioned to his wife that he was in the water. She went down to check on him and the next thing we heard were cries for help."

Teranes and others ran down to the beach where the wife was attempting to swim out to her husband who had been carried about 175 yards offshore by a strong rip current.

"The adrenaline just kicked in and I just snapped," Teranes recalled. "I stripped off my clothes and dove in. I was able to grab an inflatable from his



Michael Teranes is being honored by the National Park Service with a Regional Award for Civilian Valor at a luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Detroit Yacht Club.

wife and I swam out to him. I tried to get him to hold on, but he grabbed on to me instead. He pulled us both under. I kept yelling at him to help me, we're both going to drown if he doesn't. But he kept pulling me under. Then a wave came and pulled us both under. By now we were about 300 yards offshore.

"I looked at his face and saw his eyes glazing over and I begged him to help me because I knew we were both going to drown."

Teranes knew he had to

make a decision. "It was at this point that I had to let him go because I thought I was going to die. But I had at least gotten him to the edge of the rip tide and he was able to escape it. At this point, a fresh swimmer had come out and was able to help him as he was floated back to shore. Then I was able to get myself back to shore."

"I was exhausted and freezing, with mild hypothermia. All I could think of was my mom and girlfriend as I crawled onto the beach and I was so thankful

to be alive." The rescued man, a resident of Traverse City, was taken by ambulance to a local hospital before being moved to the medical center in Marquette, where he spent three days recovering.

For his actions that August morning, Teranes is being hon-

ored by the National Park Service with a Regional Award for Civilian Valor at a luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Detroit Yacht Club. He has also been nominated for the park service's national award, with the recipient to be announced early next year.

The Detroit Yacht Club may be the perfect place to hold the luncheon, as Teranes swam on the DYU swim team for several years when he was in grade school and high school.

"I was a fairly strong swimmer and I had some lifeguard training, but nothing prepared me for this, to suddenly realize that I'm 300 yards offshore trying to keep a 250 pound man afloat," he said. "I really thought I was going to die."

Teranes grew up in Grosse Pointe and is a 1990 graduate of Grosse Pointe South. He spent several years as a turnaround specialist for night clubs across the country before deciding that law was his calling. He returned to Michigan and enrolled at Michigan State University to finish his undergraduate degree. At 36, he's not a traditional student and hopes that bodes well as he applies to law schools next year. He will graduate from MSU with a degree in pre-law in

December. Family connections are driving Teranes toward the law. His uncle, Paul Teranes, is a retired Wayne County Circuit Court judge. His mother, Marcia Cron of Grosse Pointe Park, was the owner of the now-defunct Woodbridge Tavern, a longtime fixture in downtown Detroit.

"My uncle inspired me to go into the law, but it was watching what my mother had to go through with the city of Detroit and the deal to buy up land along the riverfront for casinos several years ago that motivates me. I decided I wanted to go back to school, to have a voice, so that something like that won't happen again."

What does happen again and again for Teranes is that event at Pictured Rocks.

"I think about it every day," he said. "But I just did what I thought anyone would do who was there. I don't think of myself as a hero."

But one little girl does. "The fellow's 11-year-old daughter left me a note at my campsite," he said. "I found it under a rock at our fire pit. It said, 'Thank you so much for risking your life to save my dad.' That will always be something so special to me."

Senior housing approved

Construction on 124-unit begins in the spring

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Construction of a 124-unit senior independent living apartment complex on Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods is expected to begin this spring.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, removed the final obstacle in the battle over what to do with the Vernier Terrace Apartments property. On Monday, it granted a parking variance to Beztak Companies of Farmington Hills. The developer can now proceed with construction of All Seasons of Grosse Pointe.

Both the city's planning commission and council approved the project, contingent on a parking variance being granted by the ZBA.

Based on the number of units in the complex, the city's housing code requires 298 off-street parking places. The developer however, asked to plan for 154 based on the needs of seniors who live in similar developments.

"The median age of our residents is 85 years old," said Robert Salomon, executive vice president of Beztak.

"Even in two-person households, there is usually only one car, if that. We provide our residents with van service, so many don't even see the need to keep a car. Councilman Joe Sucher said seniors today have very active lifestyles and two cars are the norm with many couples.

"That tells me that the number of spaces you want will not be enough," he said.

Councilman Pete Waldmeir echoed Sucher's concerns.

"If at some point these apartments were changed to regular multi-family apartments, how do you address the parking then?"

Councilman Al Dickinson said he found the variance reasonable.

"I can't see that there would be any benefit to pushing for more concrete," he said. "It is my view that we have a competent building department, a competent legal department and an extremely competent planning commission. They have all recommended ap-

proval of this variance and this project and I have to agree with

I'm pleased with the action taken tonight and we look forward to making All Seasons of Grosse Pointe a development that the community can be very proud of.

ROBERT SALOMON,
Vice president of Beztak

them." The variance passed 4 to 3 with Sucher, Waldmeir and Lisa Pinkos Howle dissenting.

Salomon said he was pleased with the decision.

"It's been a long road. I am pleased with the action taken tonight and we look forward to making All Seasons of Grosse Pointe a development that the community can be very proud of," he said.

Rent is expected to be about \$3,000 per month and construction is expected to cost \$20 million, he said.

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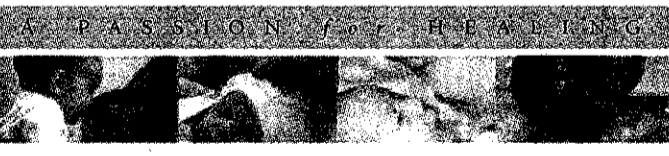


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Popular = Bargains at Upscale Resale

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Flush with success from its fancy dress sale and with an eye on the calendar, the Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop will be offering bargains on designer winter wear.

But to ensure a full line of inventory, the nonprofit organization that benefits the Association for Retarded Citizens is seeking donations. New and gently used fall and winter coats, jackets, sweaters and accessories for men, women and children can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts Building.

If Full Circle's 1,000 Fancy Dress event was any indication, the community will step up with both donations and purchases to benefit this venture between the Grosse Pointe Public Schools and ARC.

Organized as a training program for students and young adults with developmental disabilities, Full Circle's business plan shoots for the basics with expansion in the future.

"The one thing I realized from looking at other businesses like this is to start small," said Mary Fodell, a retired Grosse Pointe teacher and volunteer coordinator for Full Circle. "Everything we do is part of the learning process.



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Staff members of the Full Circle Upscale Resale are busy sorting inventory for the winter wear sale. From left, Sarah Jean Babcock, Amy Fodell, Adam Tibaud, Erica Knill and Wendy Cope. The shop is open for both buying and donations from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (313) 884-2886 or check the Web site fullcirculeresale.org.

We can't afford to make mistakes, so we're proceeding cautiously.

"But we are encouraged by the response we've received

from the community, and we are looking forward to our winter wear sale. We hope to concentrate on just one thing at a time for right now. We'll

do winter coats, jackets and sweaters now, then we'll start looking for spring clothes to start selling in February."

While Fodell is the driving

force behind Full Circle, the idea originated with special education classroom assistant Nancy Salassa, who died last year.

"This was a dream of Nancy's for years," said Fodell. "She thought it would be the perfect setting for students with special needs to receive job training — and it would also benefit the community. This was really her idea and I think she would be very happy with its initial success."

Before approaching school officials with the idea, Fodell studied the business plans of similar organizations.

"I knew that in order for this to succeed, we needed to start small, and we needed the full support of the school system and the community," she said.

The Grosse Pointe schools not only supported the concept, but offered the use of a portion of the Performing Arts Building at Grosse Pointe North as a temporary home while Full Circle searches for a permanent one.

"We obviously need a place that is secure with a reasonable rent," said Fodell. "We have had a couple of leads, but nothing has worked out so far. But by being able to use North for the next couple of months, we are able to save money. Every dime we make goes right back into the business."

Fodell said various district's schools have organized clothing drives to provide inventory and the special education department plans to use the program as a training ground for students.

"This is such a wonderful opportunity for our students," said Cynthia Manetta, transition services coordinator for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. "This gives our students an opportunity to gain experience in a retail setting. Our goal is to give them as many skills as we can to allow them to work in the private sector."

But even more importantly, Manetta said it develops an awareness of special needs students and programs.

"Our students are important to the community," Manetta said. "And just like all of our students, they need to be able to work and live in the community. This program shows the community what our students can do. We're so pleased with the success of the 1,000 Fancy Dresses sale, and we look forward to building the program and the business."

And the first step in that process is putting together inventory.

"We're stressing upscale," said Fodell. "We hope to collect name brands like North Face, Moosejaw or Patagonia. Fleece, coats and sweatshirts for men, women and children are being collected.

"Everything will be priced from \$5 to \$20. Our whole point is to move the merchandise," Fodell said with a laugh.

Fodell added several formal dresses are still available.

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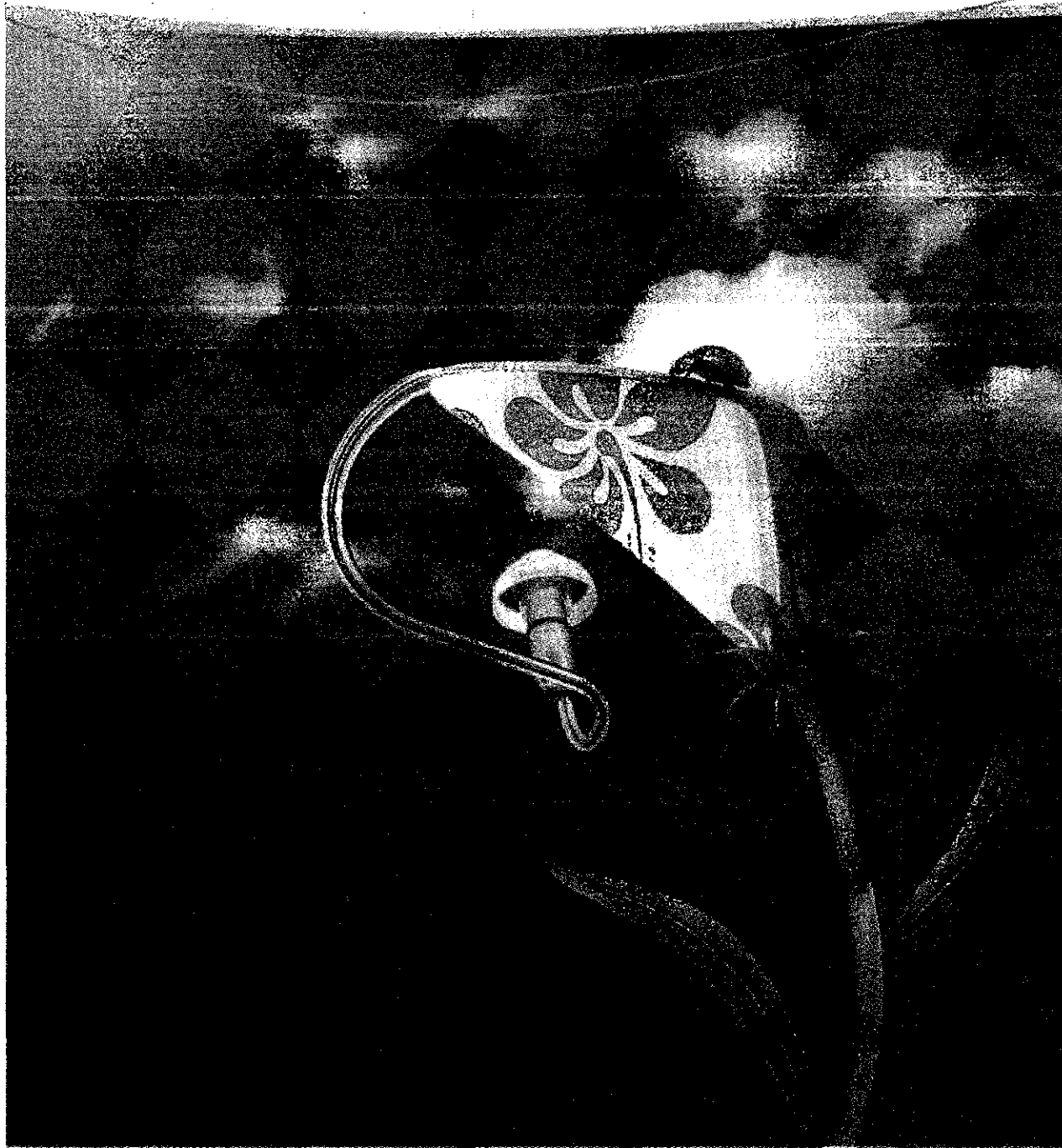
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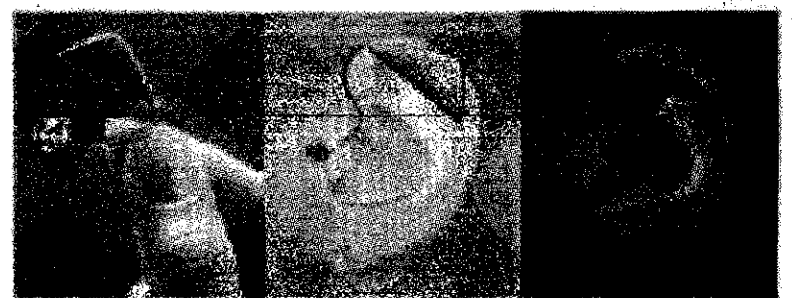
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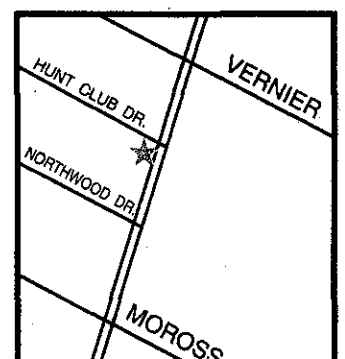
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There is a jewel of a service organization in the midst of the Grosse Pointe community and it is observing its **30th anniversary** with senior citizens heading the invitation list.

Diamond anniversary

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

Somehow it's fitting that the modern anniversary gift that marks 30 years is a diamond.

As Services for Older Citizens marks three decades of service to area seniors, Grosse Pointers have come to recognize what a gem this organization is for what it gives back to members of the community regardless of age.

SOC's mission statement describes it as an organization dedicated to helping seniors maintain independence and dignity. A review of all that SOC offers to seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is the only way to understand the extent the organization goes to ensure that mission is accomplished.

SOC's beginnings were modest, though its vision was not. Originally called Seniors Onward for Change, Inc. it was established in 1978 to coordinate a nutrition program and a minor home repair program. The food program evolved into what today is called Meals on Wheels, and the minor home repair program is still a corner-



Enjoying fun and a great meal at SOC's annual Octoberfest celebration are Eugenia Hozis, Patricia Kafcas and Dwayne X. Riley.

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stone of SOC's mission. Older Citizens, it found homes in church basements, empty school classrooms, and com-

of Grosse Pointe. But more importantly, through those years of tumult and uncertainty, it continued to grow and evolve into the thriving organization it is today.

Just as today's seniors are active and involved, so too is SOC. It maintains a full calendar of activities, keeping clients, volunteers and employees busy throughout the day, the month and the year.

A check of SOC's daily calendar shows that lunch is served both to the homebound through Meals on Wheels, and also through the Food and Friendship program, a daily gathering for lunch, conversation and the occasional card game. Thursday is road trip day, with excursions to plays, musical events, and seasonal attractions. This month featured a trip to the cider mill and the Dakota Inn. A special Octoberfest luncheon featuring knockwurst and sauerkraut, and a Halloween party will mark the date.

While the Food and Friendship program fills a senior's social calendar, other programs tend to members physical, intellectual and emo-

tional well-being.

Flu shots are given in the fall, and the last Monday of the month blood pressures are checked. Exercise classes are offered throughout the week, along with visits from nutritionists. Computer classes are taught, keeping seniors connected to both current events and their tech-savvy grandchildren and peers.

A major focus of SOC is ensuring a senior can maintain the independent lifestyle they have enjoyed for so many years. Mature driver workshops are offered, helping seniors maintain alert driving skills. Independent living is also a major focus of SOC, including assisting those seniors who wish to remain in their own homes with the challenges that home maintenance often brings.

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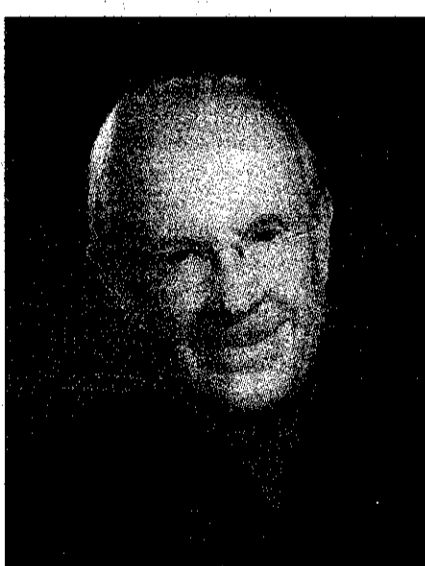
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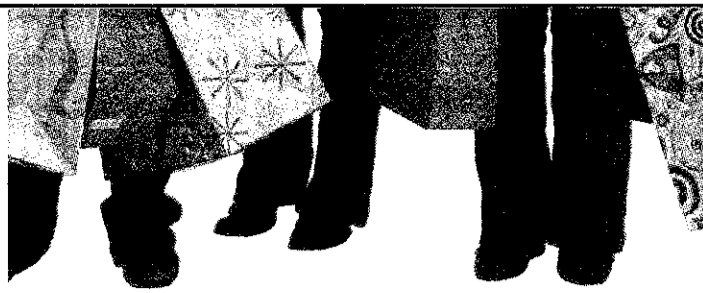
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Volunteers of all ages contribute to the success of SOC. Here some young artists from Maire Elementary's Girl Scout troop make hearts and flowers for the Valentine wishes that were included in Meals on Wheels, delivered on Feb. 14. "It's the little things like this that children in our community do that mean so much to so many of our seniors," said Mary Rose Nelson, SOC's volunteer coordinator. "We'll go into a home and find the Christmas card or the Valentine the senior received from last year. It's these little things that they look forward to."

SOC: A happy 30th birthday

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those seniors who qualify. Jobs handled through the Home Repair program include small plumbing problems like leaky faucets, simple electrical work and small carpentry jobs, as well as some maintenance jobs like grass cutting, snow removal, and gutter cleaning.

SOC administers the Home Repair program through funding from the federal department of Housing and Urban Development. Residents 60 years of age and older and meeting a set income criteria are eligible, as well as the disabled.

Diane Bezy, SOC's Housing Rehabilitation coordinator said she will be happy to help assist any senior in figuring out if they qualify for the program, which pays up to \$100 in labor costs for minor home repairs. The homeowner is responsible for the materials cost.

"We handle all types of home repairs and home maintenance jobs," she said. "We have a list of experienced people that we can call. We have already checked out their references, and we know they are trustworthy and honest. Oftentimes a homeowner needs something repaired and is reluctant to call someone because they don't know if they can trust them. If you call us for a referral, you know that we've done that checking for you."

SOC also maintains a medical loan closet for seniors who may need certain pieces of medical equipment for an in-home recuperation period from a recent hospital stay or injury.

It's not just senior themselves who benefit from SOC, but their families as well. With families oftentimes spread out all over the country, it's not always easy to make sure an older relative is getting the care they need. A call to SOC can alleviate a family's concerns. They can speak with social workers trained in elder care issues, who will coordinate the services seniors need, and work with the family in providing peace of mind to everyone involved.

"The work that SOC does is so vitally important to the community," said Sharon Maier, executive director. "With so many cuts in spending programs, seniors don't always have a safety net, and we know we can't rely on government funding. What's so special about SOC is that our support comes from regular people, one person at a time, be it financial contributions or volunteer time.

"The community has done a wonderful job of supporting us and keeping our needs and our services out there."

The staff at SOC is ready to assist seniors and their families, but there is another component of SOC that has stepped up and endured through its 30 years and contributes untold skills, resources and time to ensure SOC's success.

"SOC would not be here without its volunteers," said SOC's volunteer coordinator, Mary Rose Nelson. "They put in thousands of hours, and they step up to help every single time I ask. We have the best volunteers in the world."

Volunteers at SOC range in age from 3-year-olds who help Mom with Meals on Wheels deliveries to high school kids who help with special deliveries on Saturdays, to senior citizens assisting their peers.

"Our volunteers show that SOC is not just for the benefit of seniors," Nelson said. "Young people gain so much from their interaction with our seniors. I have had young people who have developed real friendships with the seniors they have met. They come back again and again to help. I had one student who used to come with his sister before he could even drive. Now that he has his driver's license, he takes one lady to her doctor's appointment every week."

One of the biggest volunteer days of the year is coming up Saturday, Oct. 25, with the nationally recognized Make A Difference Day.

Under Nelson's watchful eye, scout troops, church groups and just a group of friends who band together will be out in the community doing fall cleanup and leaf raking for area seniors. Volunteers will also assist members of the Sunrise Rotary Club that is distributing smoke detectors and batteries.

As fall turns to winter, Nelson and her volunteers begin to collect items for holiday baskets.

"We accept donations of just about anything," Nelson said. "Shampoo, paper products, cleaning supplies, canned goods like tuna and soup, anything that will help our seniors stretch their budget. We haven't seen the impact of the rise in home heating costs as yet, but we know it's going to be bad, coupled with the bad economy. These baskets can make a difference."

Making a difference, though not part of its formal mission statement, is something SOC has been doing for 30 years.

SOC is a 501 (c) (3) corporation, and all donations are tax deductible.

For additional information on services or to volunteer, call SOC at 313-882-9600.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Veterans Day

Col. David L. Augustine, vice commander of the 127th Wing, Michigan Air National Guard at Selfridge Air National Guard Base will speak at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's annual Veterans Day Breakfast.

The event begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 in the Fries Crystal Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Augustine, a Grosse Pointer, is a fighter pilot, with more than 3,100 flying hours in numerous aircraft including the A-10A/C, F-4D/E, RF-4C, KC-135 A/E/R, T-38 and T-37 aircraft. He is a combat veteran, having flown 24 combat sorties during the opening air campaign in Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving six months at Ahmed al Jabar Air Base, Kuwait.

He won innumerable major awards and decorations — including the Bronze Star — and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1989.

Doors open at 7:45 a.m. for ticket-holders and entertain-

ment includes The Mel Stander combo. A complete hot breakfast will be served.

General admission tickets are \$10 and complimentary to Grosse Pointe veterans. Reservations must be made in person at the War Memorial and are required by Friday, Nov. 7.

Seating is limited.

Indian heritage

Michigan State University Regent Sharon Hopkins will give a presentation, "My American Indian Heritage," at a 10:30 a.m. brunch Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Detroit Historical Museum.

The event is sponsored by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Following the presentation, participants may visit the Louisa St. Clair Chapter exhibit celebrating America's journey to independence and the contributions of patriot ancestors in the Alger Gallery of the museum.

For more information or reservations, contact Linda Benson at (313) 863-1015.

Meetup group

The Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup Group meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, in the Village's Caribou Coffee.

For more information, visit meetup.com.

Dames with Brains

The final in the series "Dames With Brains" begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at the artée Spa & Café, 20559 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$25. Survival tips for this economy will be discussed. For more information, call (313) 423-0087.

Festival of Tables

The sixth annual Festival of Tables is Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The first viewing is from 2 to 4 p.m. and costs \$10. Proceeds will be given to the Liggett Breast Center.

The second viewing begins

at 4:30 p.m. and costs \$50 and includes dinner at 6 p.m., a fashion show and silent auction.

Tickets may be purchased at artée Spa, 20559 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods and La Moda Salon, 20091 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Improv class

An improv workshop for teens, 13 through 17, will be from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The cost is \$19. To register, call (313) 885-2418 or visit neighborhoodclub.org.

Chamber music

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music presents a recital at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Grosse

Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Violinist Marla Smith, clarinetist Laura Schwanitz, cellist Karen Wingert and pianist Joan Haggard will present the "Daweswood Suite" by American composer Rick Sowash. The program concludes with the "Sonata for Cello and Piano in G Minor, Op. 19," by Serge Rachmaninoff.

Grosse Pointe cellist Judith Vander Weg will perform the sonata with guest pianist Dylan Perez.

Tickets are \$12 at the door; those under 18 are admitted free. Annual membership is \$30.

For more information, call (313) 885-4633.

Rotary

Roger Hull will be the 12:10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, speaker

at the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club which meets in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial ballroom, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. He will discuss Rotary membership.

For more information, call Bob Bashara at (313) 670-3461.

Symphony orchestra

In observance of the beginning of the 56th season of the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, a "Conductor's Chamber Music Concert" is set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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From left, Mary Parsigian, governor of the Midwest Soroptimist, Diana Langlois, president of the Grosse Pointe Soroptimist, Suzy Manning, speaker and author promoting heart health for women.

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◆ **Violet Richardson Award** — \$500 to the recipient and \$250 to her volunteer organization. Guidelines: A young woman aged 14 to 17, who regularly volunteers in her community.

Winners will have their applications submitted to the district and/or region level for consideration for additional financial awards.

For more information and an application form, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org.

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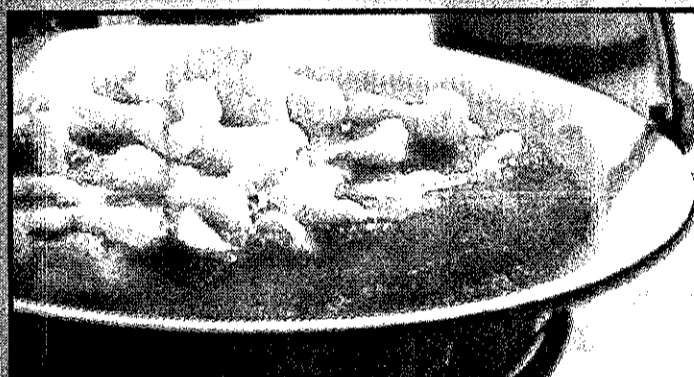
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Capuchin Soup Kitchen

A special wine unveiling will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Andiamo Banquet Center, Warren, and benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Joe Vicari of the Andiamo Restaurant Group said the Celani Family Vineyards will

unveil its newest wine, "Tenacious." "This is a premier event for those who enjoy fine wine and who want to help the soup kitchen," Vicari said. "We are also uncorking a new vintage of the winery's CFV Chardonnay." Tickets are \$100 and can

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Panel on Prayer

Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a panel on prayer from 7:30

to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3.

The panel will be comprised of religious leaders from various backgrounds to answer: What is Prayer? How do You Pray? How do You Help Others Pray?

The panel's speakers will be the Rev. Brad Whitaker, rector of Christ Church, Grosse Pointe; Sally McCuen, campus minister,

Schoolcraft College; Elise Moore, Christian Science practitioner and teacher; and the Rev. Kevin Piecuch, a Presbyterian minister, formerly of First Church of the Brethren in Harper Woods.

The event is free. Following the panelists' remarks, the audience may ask questions and continue the discussion.

America Sings

The Detroit Concert Choir presents "America Sings" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tenor James Moore Jr. will be the featured soloist. The program includes clas-

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Oysterfest

Community members have been flocking to the St. Ambrose Oyster Fest for 18 years. This year 800 adults and more than 130 children were able to sample food from 22 restaurants ranging from chili to ribs, burgers, pasta and oysters. Within the first hour, 15 cases of oysters had been consumed. Proceeds benefit the church.



Board members

Lay Theological Academy includes, front row from left, board member the Rev. Bonnie Stekete, Marianne Endicott and president Karen Winninger; in the back row from left, the Rev. Morsall Collier, Marian A. Impastato, the Rev. Fred Harms, Debbie Voohees, Michael Maris, Judith Jones, the Rev. Peter Smith, Waynette Hostetler and the Rev. Walter Schmidt. Also members of the academy are the Rev. Canon Ron Spann, Genevieve Casey, Doris Brucker and treasurer George Port. Collier, Maris, Jones, Casey, Brucker and Hostetler are on the curriculum committee and Impastato and Voohees are in charge of public relations.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Tim Tyler

Witnessing God's grace manifested

It was a warm summer day when we gathered to hear the one we believed to be the Hope of Israel. I got there early so I could see him up close and personal.

As he began to speak, it seemed that the heavens opened and we were hearing God's own words. He spoke with clarity and simplicity that pierced our hearts and caused us to yearn for more.

We could have sat there into the night if our stomachs had not ached from hunger. His compassion for our needs beckoned bread from his disciples but they had none. All they had were five small loaves of bread and two fish from a young boy's lunch. The disciples seemed troubled as the people were ready to wander off for food.

Jesus simply took what they had and blessed it. He handed the bread and the fish to his disciples and told them to pass it out among us. I thought this was foolish because he could only feed the first three rows at best and then this group would turn into an angry mob. I didn't think he knew what he was doing at this point. He may be a good teacher but it seemed he wasn't a good provider. I thought I would take my fill and watch this drama unfold into disaster. At least I was in the second row to get my food.

Jesus told his disciples to pass out the food so that everyone could have their fill. His disciples looked apprehensive and tense. How were they going to handle this failure waiting to happen?

As they looked to Jesus he had confidence in his eyes, so they went about feeding the people. As the basket passed by me it seemed as if no one had taken much food, so I took a small portion to help Jesus as

best I could. I thought for sure I would begin to hear rumbling. As I finished my fish and bread, another basket passed by with more fish and I was actually full. It was wonderful. I don't know about the rest of the people but I was filled. I lay back on the grass as the sun shone on my face and I was filled to satisfaction. What a beautiful afternoon as I pondered the words of Jesus and began to doze off.

Then it struck me, what about those in the back. Here I lay satisfied but what about the other 5,000 plus people?

As I looked back it seemed that the simple supply of food was somehow multiplying. The disciples were making it back further and further into the crowd. They had smiles on their faces as they laughed at what was happening. The people in the back had no idea that these men only started with five loaves and two fish. I quickly turned to look at Jesus and he

smiled with satisfaction. It dawned on me that I could help. I got to my feet and grabbed a basket. I thought to myself, I will go to the farthest rows in the back to reach those who had not yet been fed.

As I ran to the back, the people greeted me with praise because of their hunger. I began to laugh. If they only knew the miracle that was happening for them. I returned to the front of the crowd to grab more baskets and ran to the back corners of the crowd again. Yes, it was happening for me as well, they were being fed with the few baskets I delivered. It was multiplying even by my hand. I began to laugh and praise God. I ran forward again with such joy and as I did I caught the eyes of Jesus; he was looking right at me. I felt his joy and approval.

"Yes, Jesus, yes, I understand," I thought to myself. If I could get more people to help me, we could reach them

so much quicker. I went to the front rows where the people had been fed and beckoned for help.

"Please, come help me feed the people."

Many of them had their fill and had fallen asleep in the sun as I had.

"Please, get up, help me," I exclaimed. "You won't believe what is happening."

They did not seem interested. They said, "Let his disciples take care of it."

I went back to work feeding the people, the attention of others and a few joined me. I told them of the miracle and they saw it with their own eyes. What joy filled our hearts.

We ran and laughed as we fed the 5,000. When we were done there were 12 baskets left

over. With a sense of joy and honor we gave each disciple his own basket so he could eat.

This was a day I would always remember; we didn't just hear the word of God but it manifested among us and lived in its power and saw its provision.

Truly Jesus fed us the bread of life.
Tyler is affiliated with Christ Community Church, Roseville.

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Her topic is about "are children being brainwashed by a pagan culture?"



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Animal blessings

For the past five years, the Rev. David Dieter of Christ Church in Grosse Pointe has been blessing pets in recognition of the Feast of St. Francis, who was an animal lover. Some 300 people and their pets, including horses from the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, gerbils, dogs, ferrets and cats have come to Christ Church. Copper, who recently had surgery, came via wagon pulled by his master, Blair Osborn. Nancy Osborn brought Otto,

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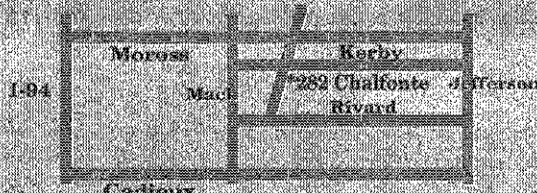
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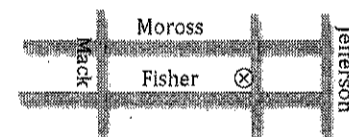
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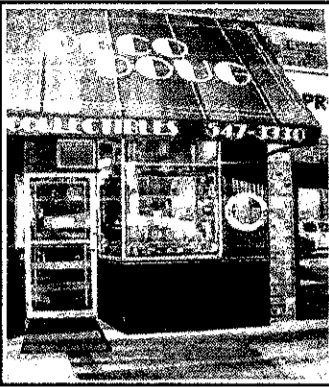


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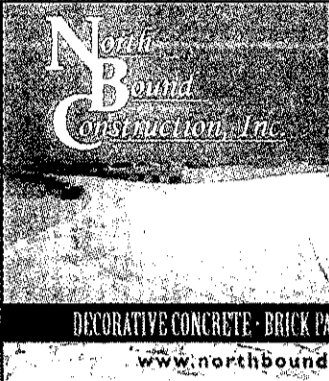
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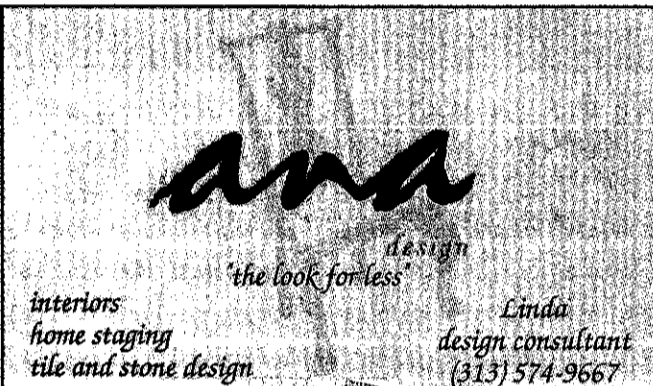
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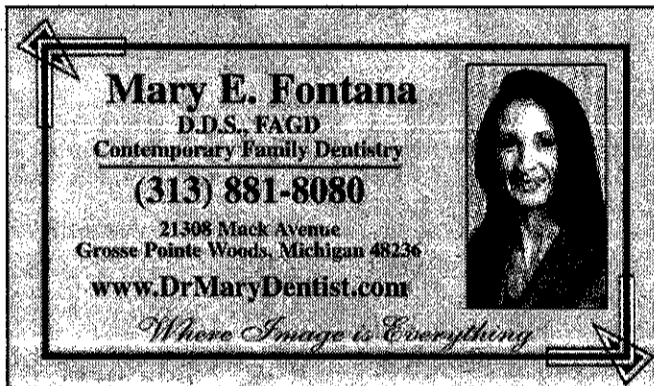


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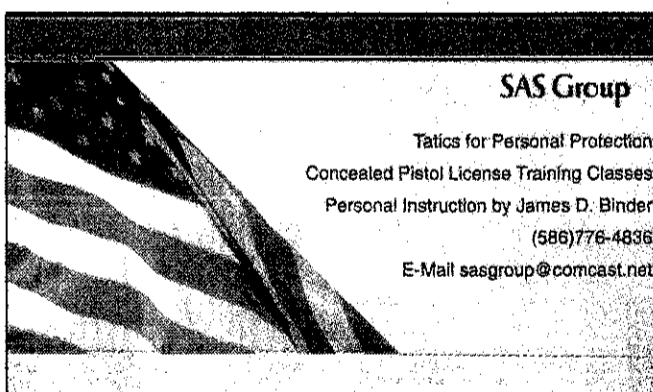


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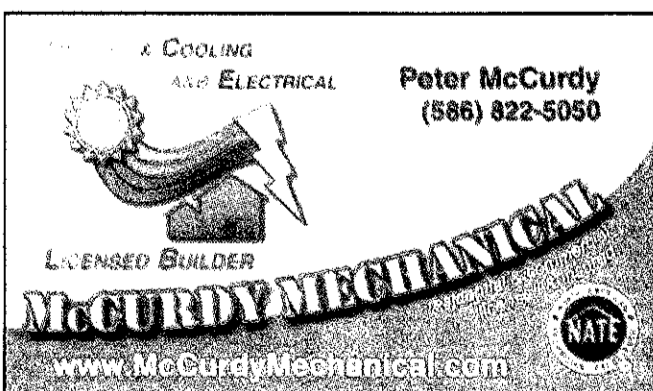
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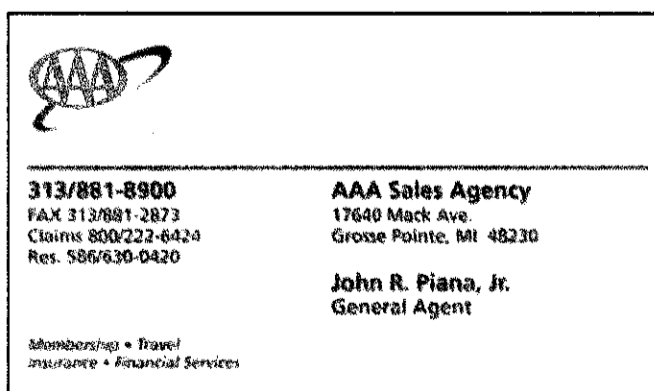
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High school students are learning there is more to a hospital than a medical staff through the student volunteer program at **Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.**

Joy of volunteering



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By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Beaumont Hospital's student volunteer program wears an enthusiastic face.

Just ask Anna Schulte. "The best part is helping," she said.

Grosse Pointe North senior Brad Scherer agrees: "Helping people is the best, and listening to people who have been volunteers."

Since his participation in Beaumont's Student Volunteer program, Scherer is considering a career in medicine.

"I had no idea there were so many places to work in a hospital," said Scherer, who is a front desk escort and also helped out in the pharmacy since he joined the program a year ago.

The students, Schulte, Scherer, Ana Harris and Sarah Blake, were part of a summer program that started with 70 students. Since school began, student volunteers number 60. Assignments depend on interest and may include assisting departments with tasks such as escorting patients to procedure areas, helping collate, stuff or copy material, inputting data and assisting patients in various departments, such as emergency care, the surgical lounge, front desk information, patient escort volunteer, birthcare, human resources, endoscopy, lab, pharmacy and radiology.

Betsy Schulte, director of volunteer services



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Sarah Blake has been assigned to the surgical lounge and birthcare.

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Katherine Corden, Anna Schulte and Ana Harris packaged Meals for the Homebound during the summer and continue their hospital volunteering into the fall.

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Brad Scherer works as the front desk escort and has helped in the pharmacy.

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for Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, said since the program began more than 50 years ago as the candy stripper program, volunteer's career paths have been tracked. A great majority have gone into the medical profession.

"A lot stay in medicine. It's a positive experience," she said.

"Student volunteer programs support the organization in its mission of patient care, research and education," Betsy Schulte said.

"We are committed to providing qualified, dedicated and compassionate volunteers who understand developmentally appropriate practices and who respond to the changing needs of the hospital, neighborhood locations and community outreach centers."

Having worked in the pharmacy, Grosse Pointe South High School senior Anna Schulte said the experience presented medical career options to her.

It was her job this summer to collect data on how quickly pharmaceutical orders were filled and delivered.

Ana Harris, who packaged Meals for the Homebound and worked in birthcare, is also thinking about a medical career after she graduates from South in 2010.

"It's cool to see so many people working," said Katherine Corden, who volunteered at

the front desk, the lab and packaged Meals for the Homebound.

Working at Beaumont is definitely not the medical life portrayed on television, the volunteers say.

They found the entire staff works hard and the volunteers are there to support the professionals.

"You get a better sense of who and what work is done in different departments," Anna Schulte said.

While they say the volunteer hours gave them something to do during the summer and contributed to community service hours required for National Honor Society during the school year, they all look forward to spending a few hours week at the hospital.

Scherer said he enjoys the interaction between the volunteers, no matter the age.

"The relationships with the other volunteers" are the best.

"The joy of giving back," he said.

Student volunteers have the opportunity to work four-hour shifts Saturday or Sunday upon completion of an application, interview and orientation process.

Scheduling is flexible and volunteers may chose an assignment that has a lot or no patient contact.

Blake, who is a junior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, worked in pediatrics and the surgical lounge.

"I've learned people skills. I like peds (pediatrics) because I love kids."

"Volunteering is one of my favorite things. I would recommend working here."



Dinner and auction

Pregnancy Aid board members are preparing for the annual dinner and auction 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Oct. 24, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. This year's speaker is Laveren Santangelo, assistant director of Woman & Unborn Baby Care in Lathrup Village, who will share her post-abortion testimony. Items to be auctioned include gifts from Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, The Grand Hotel, the Atheneum Detroit and Edwin Paul Salon and Spa. Tickets are \$100. The board includes, from left in top row: Lynette Mikula, Suzanne Walker, Cecile Block, Dolores Blohm; from left in bottom row: Nancy Anter, Mary Baratta, Julie Hage and Maria Nederhood. Also on the board but not pictured are Jennifer Evans, Betsy Getz, Kathy Getz, Carrie Hartz, Kirsten Frank Kelly, Carolyn Maniaci, Helen Roarty, Madeleine Scranton, Margaret Smith, Suzy Stockmann and Michael Waitkus.

Study explores effect of marriage on cervical cancer survival

Data from 8,000
women analyzed

Can marriage affect survival outcomes for patients with cervical cancer?

That's the question researchers at Henry Ford Hospital explored by analyzing data on survival outcomes comparing single and married patients with cervical cancer.

According to Mehul Patel, M.D., radiation oncologist at Henry Ford Hospital and lead author of the study, 8,000 women diagnosed with the disease from 1992 to 1996 were followed.

Results indicated married women were more likely to have early stage tumors than patients who were single. However, survival rates were statistically equivalent for both married and single patients.

The reason why married women presented with earlier stage disease was not explored in this study.

However, Patel said research suggests in general married women may present earlier, as they are more likely have medical insurance through their spouse, which

may improve access to care.

"In addition, they may have someone in the home who is prompting them to go to the doctor if they become ill which may result in more frequent screening in this population," he says.

"There have been a number of studies looking at cancer survival rates comparing married and single individuals," adds Benjamin Movsas, M.D. Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, Henry Ford Health System and senior author of the study.

"It is interesting to note that an earlier study on head and neck cancer patients found that survival rates for married men were higher than single men with the disease."

"Because cervical cancer is the second most common cancer of females worldwide, these findings give researchers and clinicians important information on survival outcomes and potential associated factors that may or may not influence outcomes," he added.

The results of the study were presented in September at the annual meeting of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology.

Resource center offers help

The American Cancer Society, Metro-Detroit Area Service Center has opened a local Cancer Resource Center at Van Elslander Cancer Center. The free service for pa-

tients and their families makes dealing with cancer a bit easier.

American Cancer Society resource volunteers are available to provide educational pamphlets, show patients the society's Web site, assist with questions and refer patients to local community resources.

The Van Elslander Cancer Resource Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Volunteers will be available to work with patients and their loved ones on issues such as transportation to treatments, help with financial and insurance questions, provide information on clinical trials and lend a supportive ear.

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HEALTH COLUMN By Joseph M. Beals, M.D.

Managing diabetes with continued education

Whether a patient is newly diagnosed, or has managed their diabetes for years, there's always more to learn.

Many patients struggle to maintain blood sugar levels, and others just aren't sure how to make a meal plan that works for their lifestyle.

For my diabetes patients, I highly suggest a diabetes education program and recommend the one offered at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Upon completion, patients are much better able to handle the daily needs of their diabetes.

The program is generally covered by insurance.

Patients first meet with a certified diabetes educator to talk about their unique circumstances, focusing on what they can immediately do to make changes.

This gives patients hope and a renewed enthusiasm in their

health.

After the first session, patients attend group sessions led by a nurse educator that feature special speakers, including pharmacists, podiatrists and others. Later they meet individually with a dietitian to develop a meal plan.

The majority of my patients feel their diet is fine...until they talk to the dietitians. Some are being too restrictive and could enjoy more food and more variety.

Some fight taking insulin, but learn how to use it properly and later find their lives vastly improve.

Patients tell me that they finally understand how all the pieces of diabetes management fit together; how medications work, the importance of timing, how to make meal plans that work with their schedule and contain foods they love. They often lose weight and feel dramatically better.

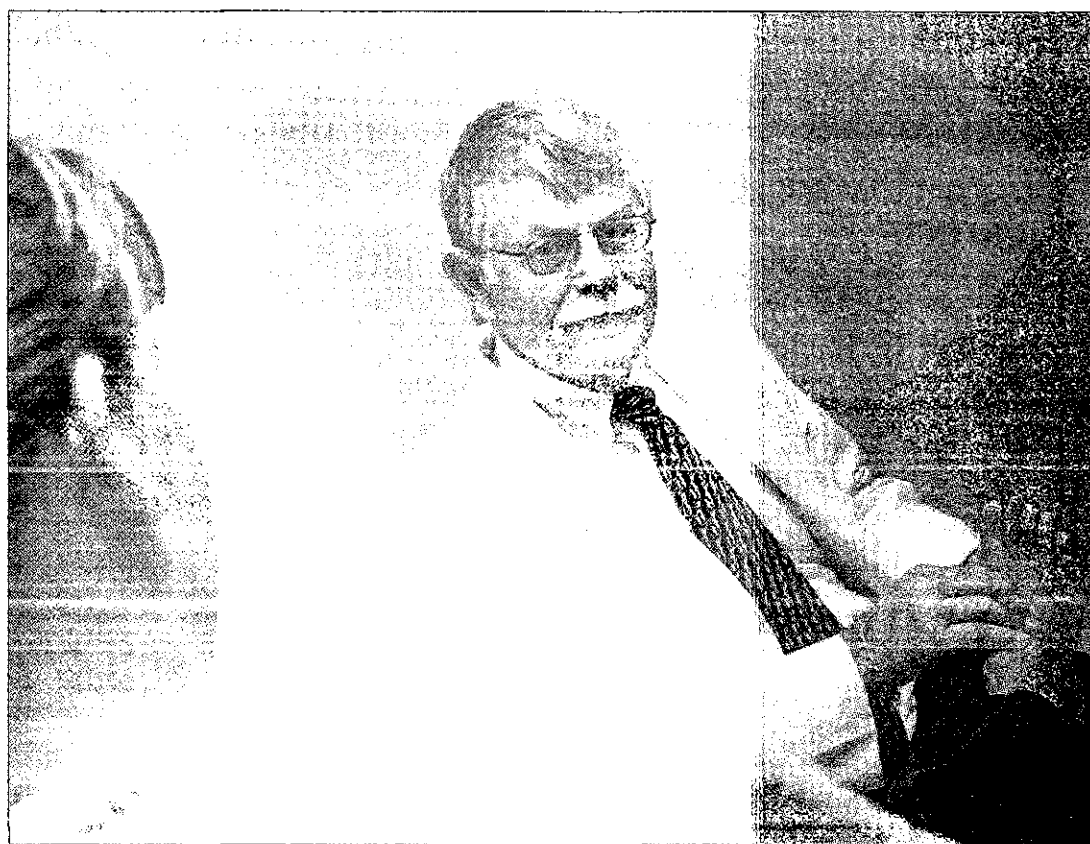
The diabetes educators fol-

low up with patients at set times after they complete their education program to make sure their meal plans are working and to address any obstacles.

More than half my patients are on dialysis with end-stage kidney disease due to diabetes. I see patients with diabetic retinopathy or lost limbs, which limits their independence. Others have had heart attacks or stroke. It is heart-breaking. But the freedom and renewed health that comes with education and managing diabetes properly is beautiful to watch.

If you have diabetes, talk with your physician about a referral to a diabetes education program. For more information about St. John's program, call (313) 343-6830.

Beals is a nephrologist and internal medicine specialist at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. He is also CEO of St. Clair Specialty Physicians in Detroit.



Dr. Joseph M. Beals examines a diabetes patient's foot.

Acupuncture reduces side effects

Acupuncture has been shown to reduce the side effects of breast cancer treatment, according to a recently released study.

The study, presented at the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology's 50th Annual Meeting, revealed acupuncture is as effective and longer-lasting in managing the common debilitating side effects of hot flashes, night sweats, and excessive sweating (vasomotor symptoms) associated with breast cancer treatment. It also has no treatment side effects compared to conventional drug therapy.

Findings also show there were additional benefits to acupuncture treatment for breast cancer patients, such as an increased sense of well-being, more energy and in some cases, a higher sex drive, that were not experienced in those patients who underwent drug treatment for their hot flashes.

"Our study shows that physicians and patients have an additional therapy for something that affects the majority of breast cancer survivors and actually has benefits, as opposed to more side effects," said Eleanor Walker, M.D., lead author of the study and a radiation oncologist at the Henry Ford Hospital Department of Radiation Oncology in Detroit. "The effect is more durable than a drug commonly used to treat these vasomotor symptoms and ultimately is more cost-effective for insurance companies."

The reduction in hot flashes lasted longer for those breast cancer patients after completing their acupuncture treatment, compared to patients after stopping their drug therapy plan, she said.

Walker added 80 percent of women treated for breast cancer suffer from hot flashes after being treated with chemotherapy and/or anti-estrogen hormones, such as Tamoxifen and Arimidex. Although hormone replacement therapy is typically used to relieve these symptoms, breast cancer patients cannot use this therapy because it may increase the risk of the cancer coming back. As a treatment alternative, patients are generally treated with steroids and/or antidepressant drugs.

These drugs, however, have additional side effects, such as weight gain, nausea, constipation and fatigue, she said.

The antidepressant, venlafaxine (Effexor), a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, is one of the most common drugs used to treat these hot flashes.

However, Walker said many women decide against this



Dr. Eleanor Walker

want to take any more medications.

The randomized clinical trial compared acupuncture treatment to venlafaxine for 12 weeks to find out if acupuncture reduced vasomotor symptoms in breast cancer patients receiving hormonal therapy and produced fewer side effects than venlafaxine.

The study involved 47 breast cancer patients who received either Tamoxifen or Arimidex and had at least 14 hot flashes per week.

Results show that acupuncture reduces hot flashes as effectively as venlafaxine, with no side effects and also provides additional health benefits to patients.

The study was funded by the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Pointer earns award for contributions to seniors



Grosse Pointer Esther Howell is the winner of this year's Claude Pepper Award. The award, named in honor of the late Florida senator who was a lifelong activist for the nation's elderly, recognizes outstanding Michigan seniors who have helped improve the lives of the elderly.

It was established by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. In reading about her lifelong accomplishments, I was astounded not only by the enormity of her contributions, but that she continued her education to achieve what she envisioned as her mission.

Howell graduated from college in 1953 with a degree in sociology and spent two years as a social worker for Wayne County.

"I made visits to some of the poorest neighborhoods, often entering their homes," said Howell. "The experience was invaluable in teaching me firsthand what being poor means."

After the birth of her two sons, Howell became a full-time mother and wife and continued volunteering at her church, the children's school and community organizations.

After her sons were grown, she thought at great length how to spend the rest of her life. "I identified that my primary interest would be to help women, especially older women who often had few resources whether emotional, physical or financial

to support them," she said. "A good friend urged me to apply for an advanced study scholarship offered by the Grosse Pointe American Association of University Women for middle aged women who wanted to return to the work force. I applied and I was awarded the scholarship."

She was accepted to the University of Michigan's Masters Program and received a degree in higher education with a specialist certificate in gerontology.

Now that she had the tools, she approached Wayne County Community College District administrators and convinced them to begin an associate degree program in social gerontology to train students to work with the elderly.

This was a pioneering effort for Howell. Because few such programs existed, she, along with health professionals, social scientists and law professionals, developed the curriculum. She then hired faculty, recruited students and directed and taught the program for the next 14 years.

The program served as a model for other community colleges in Michigan. Howell consulted with them to set up their own gerontology programs.

On her own time she sought and received two federal grants to educate volunteers and professionals to work with the elderly.

Her proudest moments, she said, are seeing former students heading or holding management positions in social agencies serving the senior popula-

tion. Howell's accomplishments did not go unnoticed.

She was appointed to the State of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging as a commissioner, a position she held for more than 14 years.

While there, she helped seniors living in rural areas get the same quality of service provided to their counterparts in urban areas.

After completing her work as a commissioner, she was recruited to

serve on the Board of Visitors for the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University. The board serves as the development and public relations arm of the institute.

After two years, she was appointed executive chair.

Soon after, her husband, Dave, a retired CPA, was appointed co-chair to help establish a successful business model and approach to fundraising.

The couple's partnership was rare in academic circles but generates nearly \$500,000 in donations each year, leading the institute to financial health.

Their efforts won them the 2008 Community Champion Award for Volunteerism from Molina Healthcare of Michigan.

Esther Howell credits her successes in life to her father, a physician.

He was still seeing patients up to his death at the age of 89, she said.

"He had great expectations for me and taught me by example to always be involved and never to let fear of failure keep

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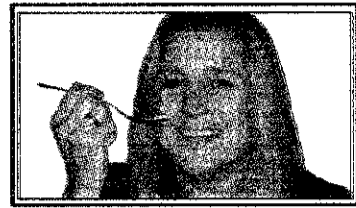
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Mid-week meal made with ease



Quick and easy mid-week meals don't have to come from a box or bag to which you simply "add water and simmer."

In the same amount of time, you can prepare a hot and hearty entree that will please the whole family — without all the added sodium.

My recipe for pasta with peas and cheese was inspired by a dish my gal pal, Antoinette, makes for her children. It's really good.

Pasta with Peas and Cheese

1 lb. small shaped pasta (bow tie, shells or penne)
 1/3 cup olive oil
 1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced
 2 tablespoons chopped garlic (about 6 to 8 cloves)
 1 15-oz. tub ricotta cheese
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 1 teaspoon dried basil
 1 10-oz. package frozen peas, thawed

Bring a large pot of water to a boil and cook the pasta according to the directions for al



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

A quick and easy mid-week meal can be made by the chef in less than 30 minutes, using ingredients on hand.

dente. Reserve one cup of the cooking water before draining the pasta.

Meanwhile, slice the onion and chop the garlic. Heat the olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for five minutes. Stir in the garlic and cook for another five minutes or so. Stir often so the onions

and garlic don't burn.

When the onions are beginning to brown, lower the heat and add the ricotta and Parmesan cheese. Stir well. Add basil and peas. Taste the sauce and season with salt and pepper.

Carefully add the cooked, drained pasta and toss and stir until all the pasta is coated with the creamy cheese and peas

sauce. Add about 1/2 cup pasta water while tossing the pasta. Serve hot.

This yummy pasta is a lot like mac and cheese, only not so heavy. The sweet from the peas pairs nicely with the mellow cheese combination.

You'll have dinner on the table in less than 30 minutes, for sure.

'Shaken Not Stirred' returns to War Memorial Nov. 6

The memory of teacher, philanthropist and volunteer Frank Sladen will be honored during Shaken Not Stirred from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Shaken Not Stirred was conceived three years ago to "toast" Sladen's achievements, give thanks for the

hours he devoted to local organizations and to highlight the work of the groups he supported, including Services for Older Citizens, Grosse Pointe Rotary and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Because Sladen is known to have "loved a party" and making new friends, the event is designed to encourage people

to do just that.

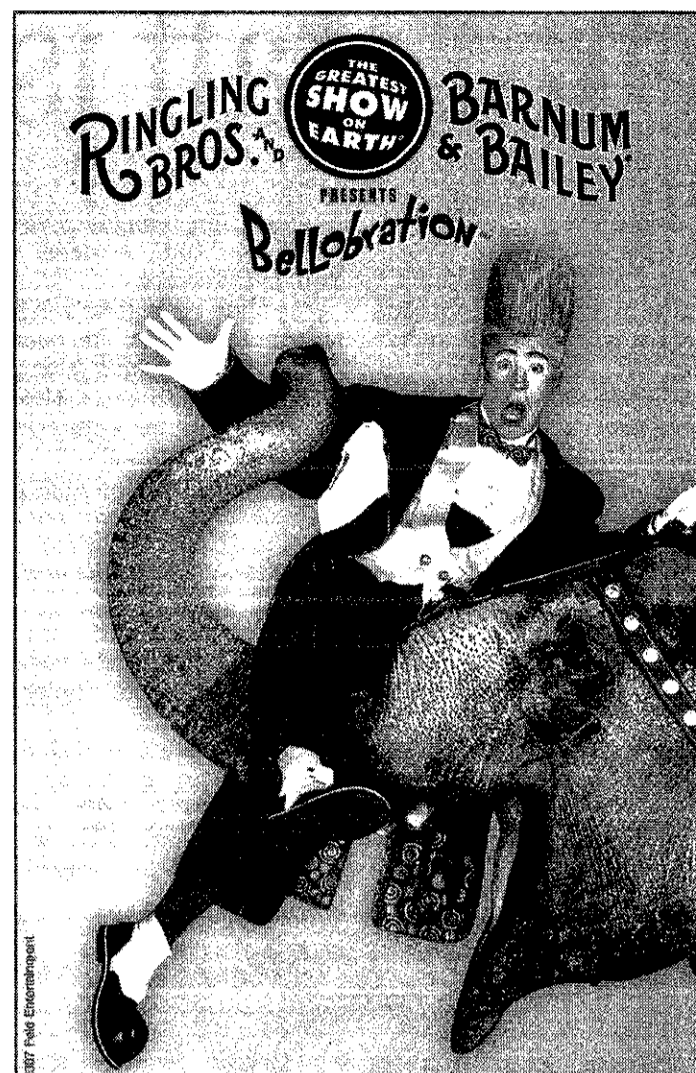
This year, persons named Frank get in free when they bring a friend who pays the regular price of \$50.

A cash bar, food, including pasta and mashed potato bars, live music by Sladen's former University Liggett School student Jodi Jennings and several raffles are fea-

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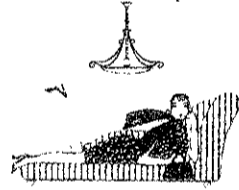
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Ford staff is looking beyond the gate

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Layers of history, philanthropy, education and experiences lay waiting for the casual and the observant visitor to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

"We are opening the gates to establish a sense of community ownership," said Kathleen Stiso Mullins, the new president of the site in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A native of Michigan, Mullins has a background in history. She said honing and setting into motion the house's short and long term goals was a challenge she couldn't pass up. Mullins moved back to Michigan from Indiana. Her

husband, Jim, remains in West Lafayette, Ind., a dean at Purdue University.

The short term goals will be apparent next year. The board has hired a consultant to work on the long term goals. Those changes will be appearing over the next five years.

"There is a tremendous amount of energy with board support. There is a new path to a long term vision moving forward. There is a short term initiative. Our goal is to have a number of things completed by July 1," she said during a lunch in the tea room.

The tea room is one of the first initiatives. It will be renamed Bistro at Ford's Cove and updated with fabric that will also help improve

acoustics.

The ground's hours will be extended into the evening to accommodate those who come out for their walking exercise.

"There is a dedicated group who come out at 6:30 a.m.," said Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of external relations at the Ford house. With the additional evening hours, more community members may take advantage of this local historic site and witness the landscape change from week to week and season to season.

"You can come in every week and the gardens look different," she said.

However, there is more to see than the house and grounds.

"The house is a piece of the experience but it's not the entire experience," Mullins said.

The Play House is a popular spot for visitors. Its roof is slated to be replaced and there are plans on the drawing table to make it a more interactive experience.

The Tudor-like house was built on a two-thirds scale in 1930 as a birthday present for Edsel and Eleanor's daughter, Josephine.

Another hot spot on the Ford grounds tour is the garage. Kept in pristine condition, it, too, is to receive a makeover to highlight Edsel's contributions to the Ford line.

"How do we interpret Edsel's designs (and) his personal collection," Mullins said is a question to be answered in the renovation.

The challenge is to blend various technology options and produce a teaching model.

"We are looking at demographics. Who is coming? What would they like to see? We are open to community ideas. We are opening the gates," she said.

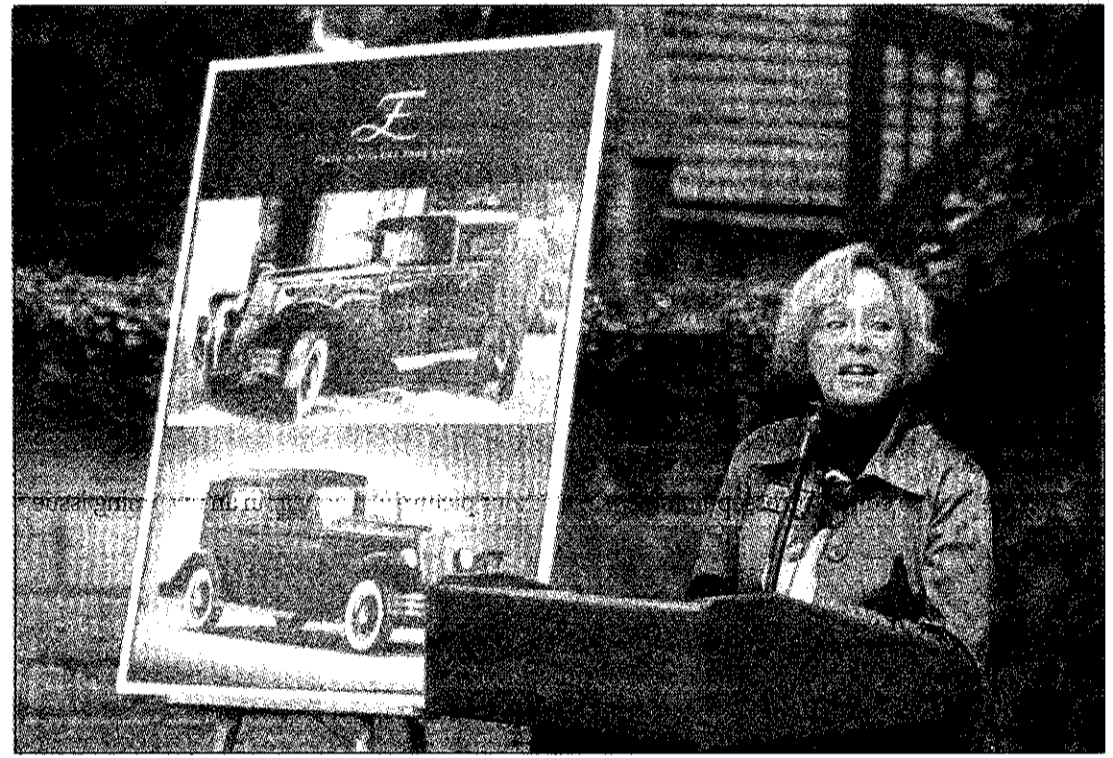
In that sense, the Ford house and grounds can be used as part of a developing middle school curriculum, not just in the social sense of the Ford's being part of Detroit's movers and shakers. The nature trails on the grounds may also be used for science and environmental lessons.

The Ford's philanthropy work can be incorporated as well, Mullins pointed out.



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The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Hours to walk the grounds at the Ford house will be extended into the evening.



Edsel & Eleanor Ford House President Kathleen Stiso Mullins said the garage will be renovated to incorporate Edsel's design contributions to the Ford line.

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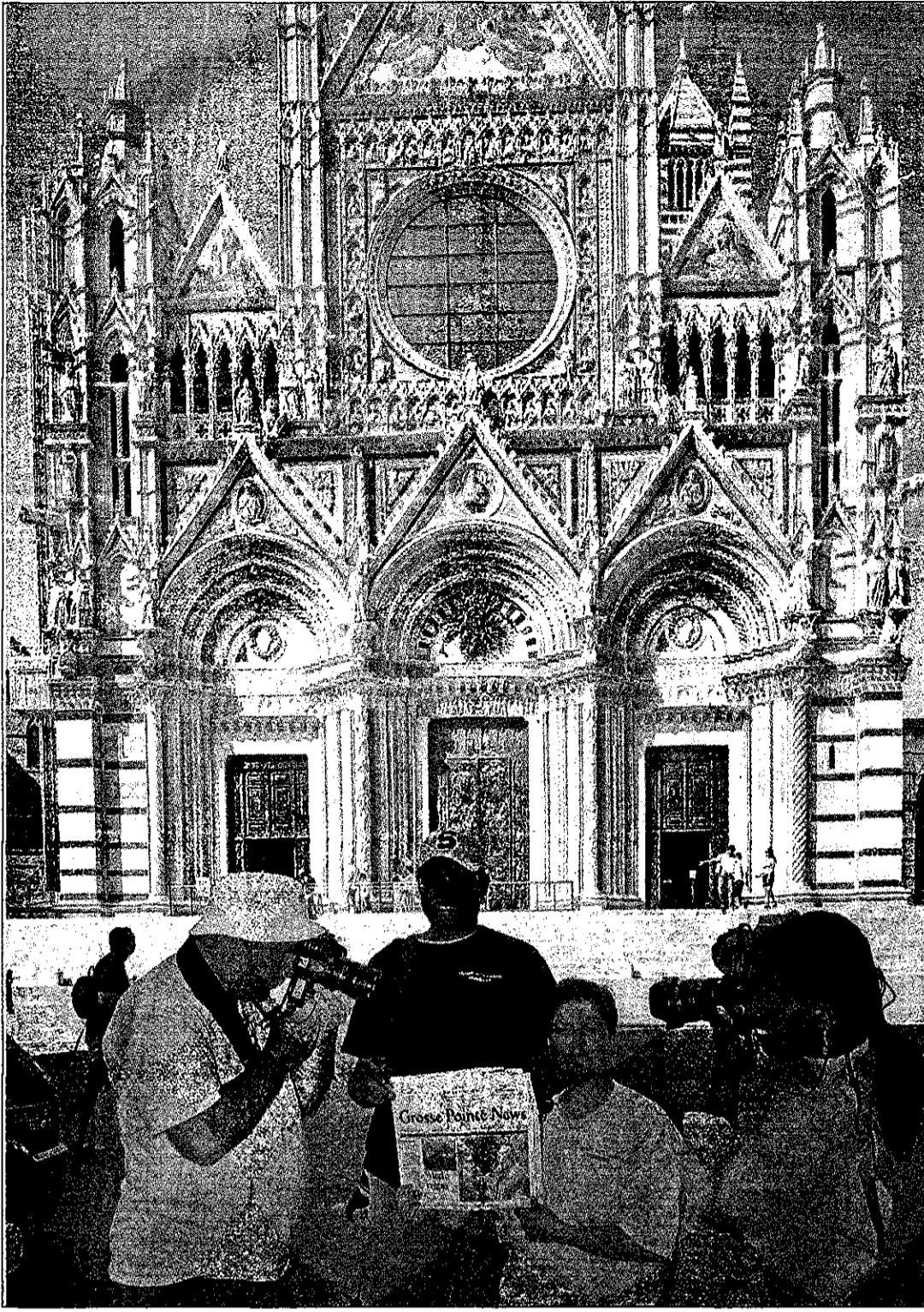
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you from trying something new," she said.

Esther Howell said she is also grateful to her husband of 54 years.

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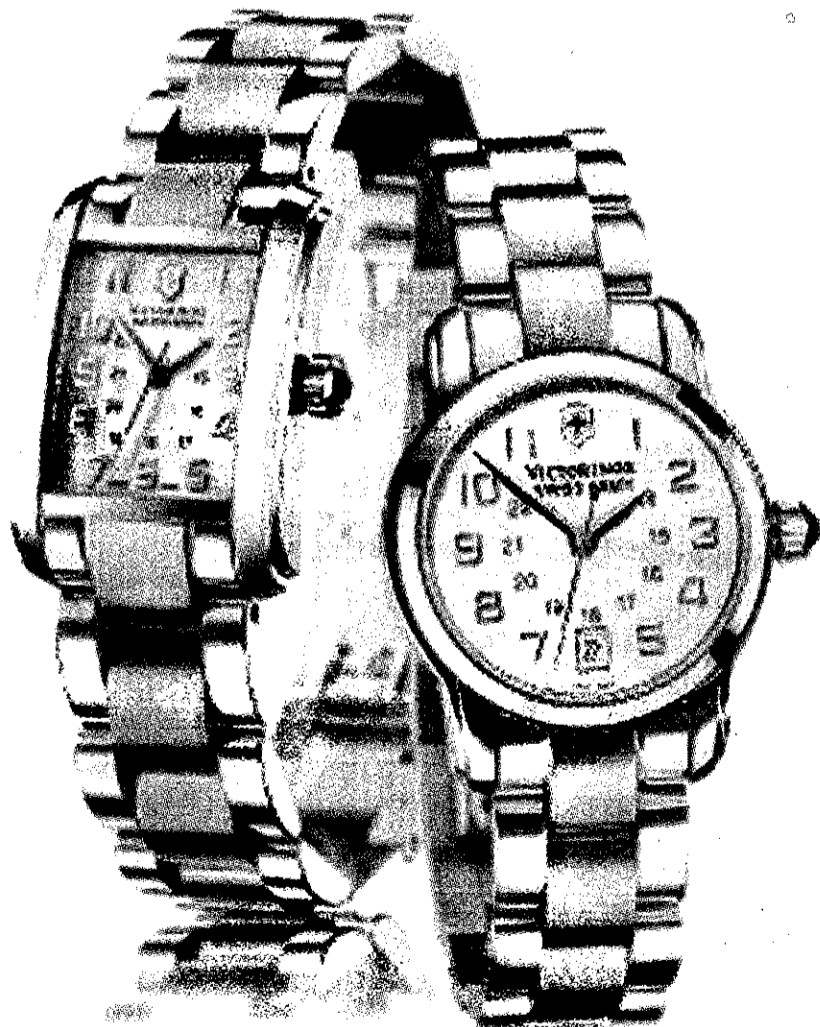
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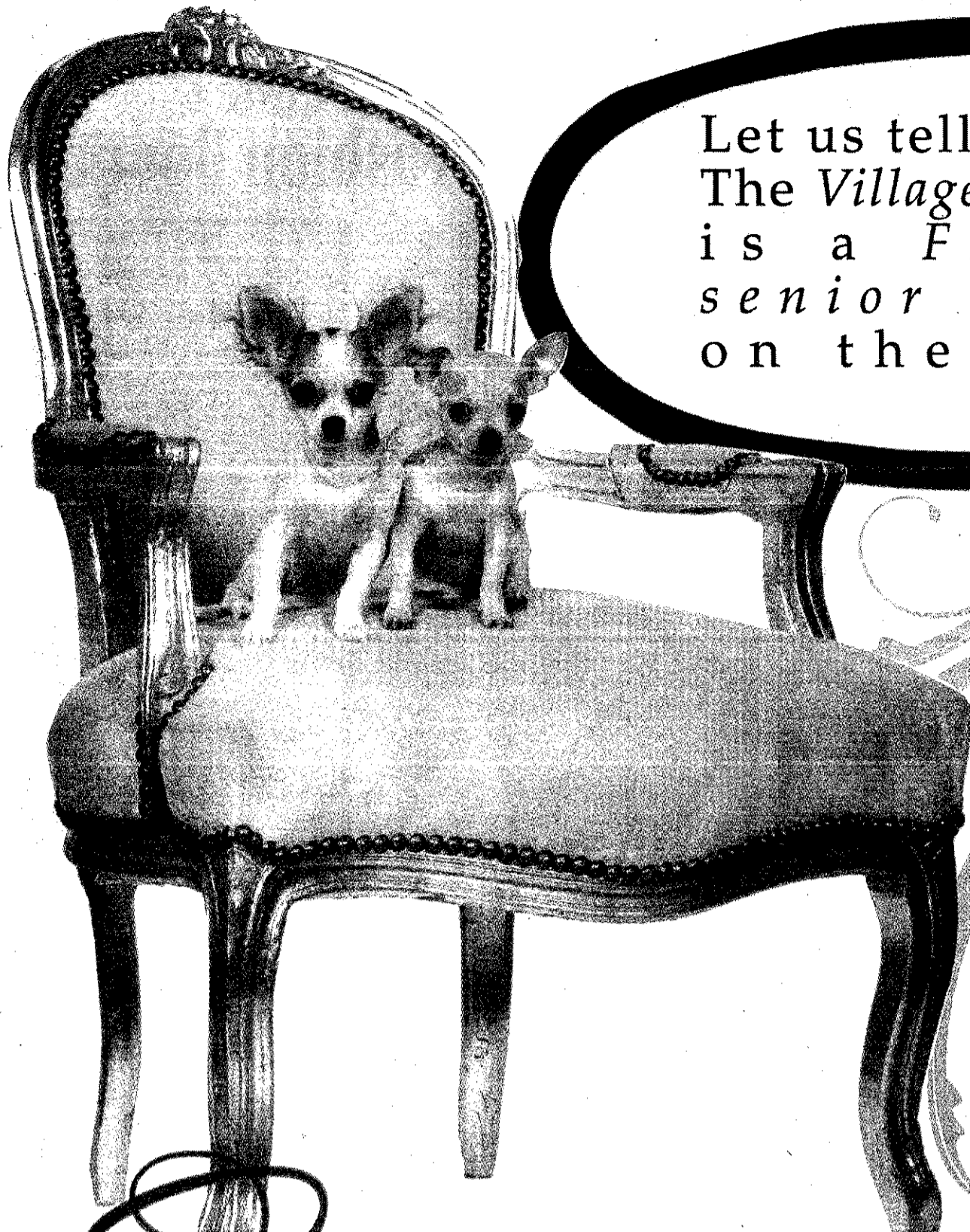


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BOYS SOCCER

ULS celebrates district championship

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the third straight year, University Liggett School boys soccer team can boast of being district champions.

The host Knights battled for nearly 80 minutes before junior Dan Zukas scored the game's lone goal with 1:27 left in the second half in a 1-0 victory over Royal Oak Shrine.

"We knew it would be a tough, physical game and it was just that," head coach David Backhurst said. "We dominated the game, but luckily we were able to get the goal to win it."

"I have to give Shrine a lot of credit because they played us tough."

The Knights opened the 2008 season with a wild 5-3 win over Shrine, but Backhurst warned this would be a tighter contest, and he was right.

Senior Jack Fisher, the Knights' leading scorer, had several opportunities to score, but several big saves kept the game scoreless.

The first half was mostly played in Shrine's zone, but it was scoreless. ULS goalkeeper Mark Ghafari came up with a good save late in the half to keep it scoreless.

Throughout the second half,



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See KNIGHTS, page 7C. The University Liggett School boys soccer team displays the Division IV district championship trophy it earned by beating Royal Oak Shrine 1-0 in the finals.

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I hope these voices, as diverse as they are, help you make your voting decision on November 4th.

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Boys Tennis State Finals

North comes up short in bid for state title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys tennis team finished tied for sixth with 13 points in last weekend's Division 2 state finals at Kalamazoo College.

East Lansing won the state title with 26 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm with 24, Birmingham Groves with 21, Midland Dow with 17, Grand Rapids Christian with 14, and Grosse Pointe North, Rochester Adams and U-D Jesuit with 13.

Head coach Drew Mascarin said, after his team won a regional title, his Norsemen could contend for the state crown if they played solid tennis.

Unfortunately, the Norsemen could only get one player, junior Joe Scott, through to the semifinals.

Scott, playing at No. 4 singles, beat Grand Rapids Christian's Jordan Zandee 6-2, 6-0 in his first match and defeated U-D Jesuit's Michael



Grosse Pointe North junior Joe Scott reached the semifinals of the No. 4 singles flight in the Division 2 state finals.

Wilson 6-4, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

His run to the finals ended with a tough three-set loss to Midland Dow's Jonathan Gurnee, the No. 2 seed.

The Norsemen's No. 1 singles player, Doug Zade, beat Wyandotte Roosevelt's Kevin Golowic 6-1, 6-0 in his first match, but lost a three-setter to Portage Central's Tyler Richmond in the quarterfinals.

David Ryda, No. 2 singles, beat Andy Struble of Okemos 6-4, 7-5 in his first match and lost in the quarterfinals 6-3, 6-3 to Adams' Jesse Chen.

At No. 3 singles, Dean Butts defeated Battle Creek Lakeview's Will Pearl 6-2, 6-3 before bowing out of the tournament with a 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 loss to U-D Jesuit's Andrew Bituin.

David Adelman and Kevin Zak, playing No. 1 doubles, cruised to a 6-0, 6-3 win over Roosevelt's Tim Berez and Nolan Gage and then lost 6-0, 6-1 to Seaholm's Edd Benda and Tucker Blake in the next round.

Jimmy Coon and Kevin Irving breezed to a 6-1, 6-1 victory in their first match in the No. 2 doubles flight. Their tournament ended in the next round, losing 6-3, 6-4 to Grand Rapids Christian's Neal VanAllsburg and David Huan.

Mascarin's No. 3 doubles squad of Eric Kiska and Ryan Mann were victorious in their opening match, beating East Lansing's Thomas Maxwell and Vik Gupta 7-5, 6-2. They dropped their next match 7-6 (5), 6-4 to Grand Rapids Christian's Ryan DeVos and Brendan Stafford.

The Norsemen's No. 4 doubles team of Dan Amato and Tommy Bajis also won their opening match, taking three sets to beat Okemos' Justin Brereton and Nick Finan. They lost their next match 6-0, 6-0 to No. 1 seed Scott Covey and Hank Carpenter of Seaholm.

Mascarin loses five seniors from the squad, but it should be a title contender again next season.

South ties for 7th at state championship

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys tennis team finished tied for seventh with 14 points in last weekend's Division 1 state finals at Midland Tennis Center.

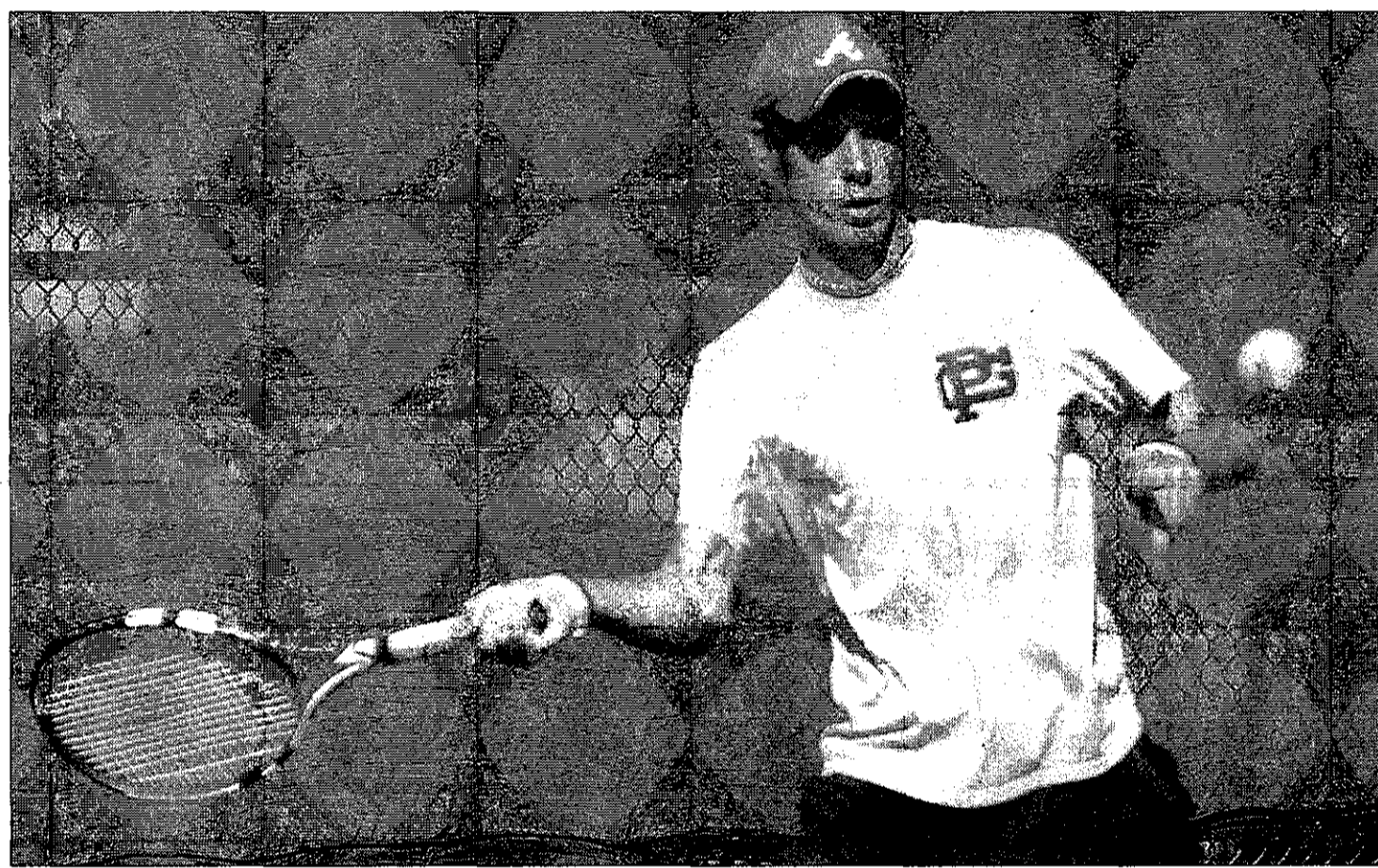
The top finishers were Ann Arbor Huron with 29 points, followed by Detroit Catholic Central and Port Huron Northern with 22, Ann Arbor Pioneer with 19, Novi with 17, Birmingham Brother Rice with 16 and Grosse Pointe South and Grand Blanc with 14.

"I was very pleased with my players," head coach Tom Berschback said. "Our kids played some tough matches, winning some of them."

"It was a great experience for all of us and it will be tough to see the seniors leave."

Senior Alex Parker played one of the finals' longest matches, beating Novi's Mani Mahadevan 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-4 in three hours and 20 minutes. He had only 40 minutes to rest before playing his quarterfinal match, which he lost 6-3, 6-2 to Port Huron Northern's Mike Basha.

"Alex played a great match to get to the quarterfinals," Berschback said. "Alex's parents were very proud of him and he held his own playing in front of some college scouts."



Grosse Pointe South senior Alex Parker had a good tournament, winning an epic match that took more than three hours to complete before falling in his next match.

The Blue Devils' top team was the No. 2 doubles squad of senior Reid Dixon and sophomore Charlie Miller, who made it all the way to the semifinals before losing 6-0, 6-2 to Port

Huron Northern's Aaron Adams and Corey Tynan.

Senior Matt Halso and junior Robert Montgomery won their first match 6-3, 6-4, but lost in the quarterfinals 6-4, 6-2 to

Novi's Justin Farooq and Ameya Sohani.

The No. 3 doubles team of senior Caleb Neumeyer and sophomore Max Galvin won their opening match in impres-

sive fashion, 6-0, 6-0, but fell in the quarterfinals, losing 6-3, 6-3 to No. 2 seed Daniel Hansen and Taylor Zdanowski of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Senior Adam Brewster and

junior Weston Kalogeridis also won their first match before bowing out in the quarterfinals, losing 6-3, 6-1 to Huron's Phil Berkaw and Daniel Lehman.

Senior Kevin Jones lost his first match to Grand Blanc's C.J. Krimbill at No. 2 singles, and sophomore Matt Keane defeated Livonia Churchill's Ziwin Deng 6-2, 6-2 in his opening match before falling 6-3, 7-6 (5) to West Bloomfield's Andrew Cahn, the No. 1 seed.

At No. 4 singles, sophomore John Willard cruised to an easy 6-0, 6-2 victory over Traverse City Central's Colton Cartwright in his first match, but lost in the quarterfinals to Huron's Spencer Jogikyan 7-6 (3), 6-3.

"We had a very rewarding season and ended it with a nice showing in the state finals," Berschback said. "Huron went into the tournament as the team to beat and it went ahead and won the title."

Berschback loses six seniors, but a majority of his team returns.

"We're going to be in a donkeybrook with Port Huron Northern and Grosse Pointe North in next year's MAC Red Division," Berschback said. "We should have some close matches between the three of us."

ULS nets top 10 placement in state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Chuck Wright wanted his University Liggett School boys tennis players to soak up the experience of competing in last weekend's Division IV state finals at Jenison High School.

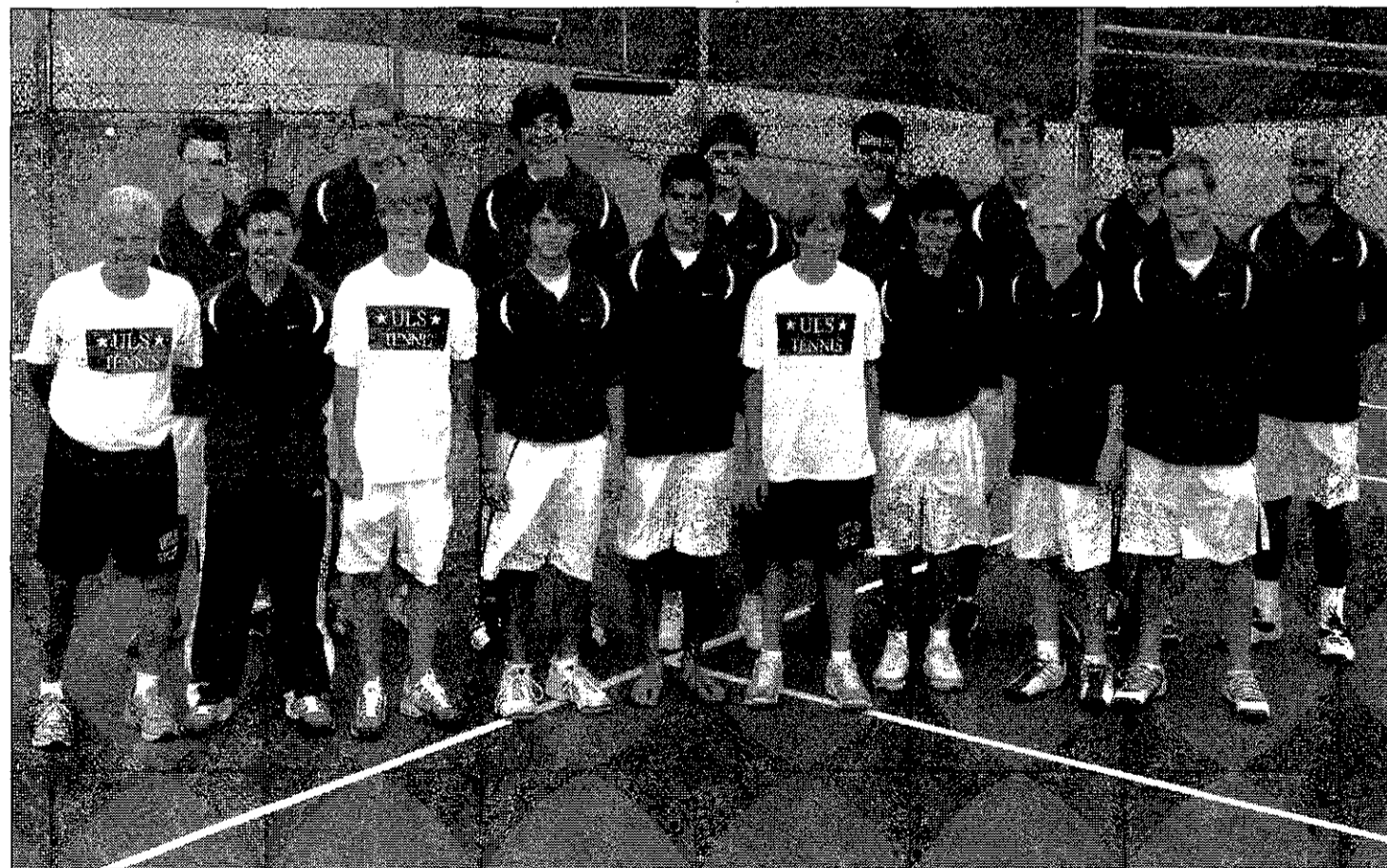
The Knights enjoyed the trip and played some strong tennis to finish tied for eighth with 10 points.

Ann Arbor Greenhills won the state championship with 30 points, followed by Lansing Catholic with 28, Jackson Lumen Christi with 26, Williamston with 24, Grosse Ile with 18, Essexville Garber with 16, Traverse City St. Francis with 12 and ULS and Whitehall with 10.

"All seven of our seniors were sad that the season ended because they truly enjoyed being a part of this team," Wright said. "I think that is a compliment to our program and I'm excited about our chances for next season."

Six of the Knights' eight flights won a match, including seniors Drew Amato and Aziz Jan at No. 1 doubles.

They drew a first-round bye and beat Buchanan's Grayson



The University Liggett School boys tennis team accomplished its goal to make the state finals and finish in the top 10.

Oake and Tyler Siebert 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 before losing in the quarterfinals 6-4, 6-4 to Lumen Christi's David Riley

and Anthony Roe.

Seniors Mike McLaughlin and Andrew Malaski, No. 2 doubles, won their opening

match, beating Brandon Smith and Joseph Koehler of Bridgman 6-2, 6-2. They lost in the quarterfinals 6-2, 6-3 to

Lansing Catholic's Adam Parker and Peter Murray.

At No. 3 doubles, seniors Christian Redding and Blake

Chouinard slammed Elk Rapids' Dan DeRosha and Billy Wolfington 6-1, 6-0, but lost 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to Greenhills' A.J. Gay and David Goldfarb in the quarterfinals.

The Knights' No. 4 doubles squad of sophomores Ian Quinlan and George Park beat Garber's Colin Buday and David Hyland 6-3, 6-0, and bowed out of the tournament with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 loss to Williamston's Benno Pueppke and Ryan McGuire.

Freshman Peter Eckrich, who spent half of the year as Amato's doubles partner, ended the season at No. 4 singles and fared well.

In the finals, he won his first match, beating Matt Bacon of Berrien Springs 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, and lost 6-2, 6-1 to Garber's Jordan Scherzer, the No. 1 seed, in the quarterfinals.

Junior Skippy Faber won his opening match, beating Caro's Drew Parsell 6-1, 6-1. His tournament run ended in the next round when he lost 6-1, 6-2 to Garber's Alex Davila.

Senior Billy Costello and sophomore Garrett Redding lost their opening rounds at No. 2 and No. 3 singles.

Grosse Pointe South

GIRLS SWIMMING

South nabs 8th straight dual meet title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls swim team continues its climb to the top of rankings under head coach Todd Briggs.

The Lady Blue Devils recently beat highly ranked South Lyon and scored well at a prestigious MISCA meet where most of the best swimmers in the state competed.

"The girls, for the first time, are starting to step up in the big meets and not just settle for beating the smaller teams on our schedule," Briggs said. "It's nice to see the girls do so well, even after some of our tougher practices."

Last week, the host Lady Blue Devils beat Berkley 195-119 and smothered Chippewa Valley 222-89, which earned them an unprecedented eighth consecutive Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet championship.

"The girls have worked hard to earn this title and now we're focusing on swimming well in the division meet," Briggs said.

They got off to a fast start when the 200-medley relay team of junior Tori Bruce, junior Molly DeWald, senior Kendall Effinger and sophomore Ellen Henrichs won with a state-qualifying time of 1:57.17.

They also placed third as sophomore Kyla Cools, junior Abby Constant, freshman Jessi Kaminski and junior Kacey Murphy had a time of 2:04.99.

In the 200-yard freestyle, junior Lindsey Phillips and sophomore Caroline Wilkinson placed second and third with times of 2:05.59 and 2:07.47, while sophomore Leah Baker was fifth at 2:10.59.

Freshman Ali DeLoof won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:23.84 and senior Jackie Stevens followed with a third-place time of 2:27.64.

DeWald and Murphy helped the home team earn more points in the 50-yard freestyle, taking first and third



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Sarah Fentin tucks into position during one of her dives in the Lady Blue Devils' home meet last week. Fentin finished third.

with times of 26.02 and 27.25. Freshman Megan Brooks and senior Michelle Champane placed fourth and fifth with times of 27.82 and 27.94, respectively.

Chippewa Valley won the diving competition and placed second. The Lady Blue Devils finished third, fourth and fifth as freshman Sarah Fentin earned 160.55 points, junior Katie LeVan had 136.15 and freshman Madison Kaiser had 135.75.

South widened its lead by taking second, third and fifth in the 100-yard butterfly. Junior Bailey Powell was second with a time of 1:05.90, while Kaminski was third at 1:09.69 and sophomore Brook Champane was fifth at 1:12.43.

Stevens won the 100-yard freestyle by less than a second over Chippewa Valley's Brianne Shock. They had times of 57.42 and 58.06, respectively.

In the 500-yard freestyle, junior Nora Oliver won with a time of 5:29.46 and Effinger was third at 5:42.16.

The Lady Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Murphy, Henrichs, Brooks and Effinger took second with a time of 1:47.98, and their teammates, freshman Allyson O'Connell, sophomore Leah Baker, senior Jeanne Frisby-Zedan and Powell, took third at 1:52.70.

DeLoof took another first place, winning the 100-yard backstroke with a state-qualifying time of 1:00.65, and Bruce was third at 1:07.66.

DeWald and Constant placed first and third in the 100-yard breaststroke, posting times of 1:09.49 and 1:14.51, respectively.

In the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, South's team of Stevens, Oliver, Powell and DeLoof edged out Berkley with a time of 3:53.45 to the Bears' 3:53.89.

Grosse Pointe South finished 4-0 in Red Division dual meet and improved to 6-1 overall.

Coming up for the Lady Blue Devils is the final regular season meets Tuesday, Oct. 28, at home against Fraser, and Thursday, Oct. 30, at home against three opponents.

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BOYS RESULTS

South dominates meet, North takes 3rd

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys cross country team continued its run of league meet titles last weekend after it won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship meet at Metropolitan Beach.

South won with 37 points, followed by Sterling Heights Stevenson at 73, Grosse Pointe North at 78, Macomb Dakota at 92, L'Anse Creuse North at 121, Utica Eisenhower at 141 and Utica at 143.

Blue Devils head coach Tom Wise watched his runners, Edwin Gay, Dan Holley, Jack Davies and Colin Nugent, finish first, third, fourth and 11th with times of 15:54, 16:23, 16:37 and 17:03, respectively.

In addition, Dan Dickson was right on their heels, posting a time of 17:14 to round out the Blue Devils' efforts.

South's squad did not lose a Red Division dual meet this season.

"The differential of 80 seconds between the first and the fifth runner means this team is really coming together," South head coach Tom Wise said.

In the junior varsity race, Mike Bellovich, Marty Fleszar, Chris Langenburg, Adam Bolton and Pat Rennell had nice performances.

"We had our best run of the year," North head coach Dan Quinn said. "We had a tremendous day individually as 26 of the 33 athletes who competed posted personal best times.

"We had 20 runners under 20 minutes for the seventh year in a row and took 16 of the top 25 places in the JV race."

Mark Balle was the Norsemen's top finisher, taking second with a time of 16:07. Matt VanEgmond was seventh with a time of 16:43 to earn All-League honors with Balle.

"Leading the way again was senior Mark Balle who popped a personal best time of 16:07 to finish second in the entire MAC, only losing to South's

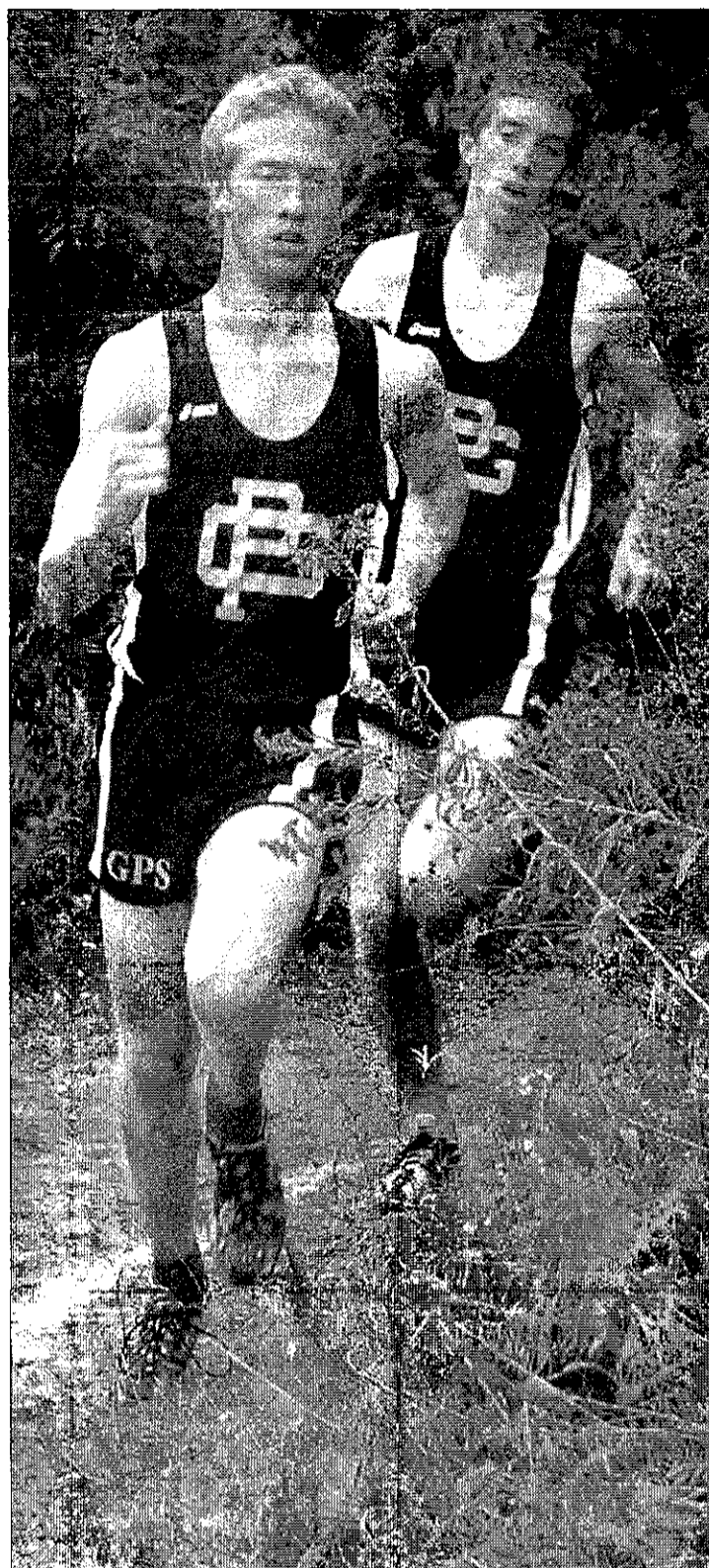


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Grosse Pointe South's Edwin Gay, left, and Jack Davies led the Blue Devils' drive toward a top-notch finish in the annual Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet last weekend.

all-world runner Edwin Gay," Quinn said. "Balle passed three

final 300 meters. He moves up the senior list and the all-time Norsemen list to No. 4, behind

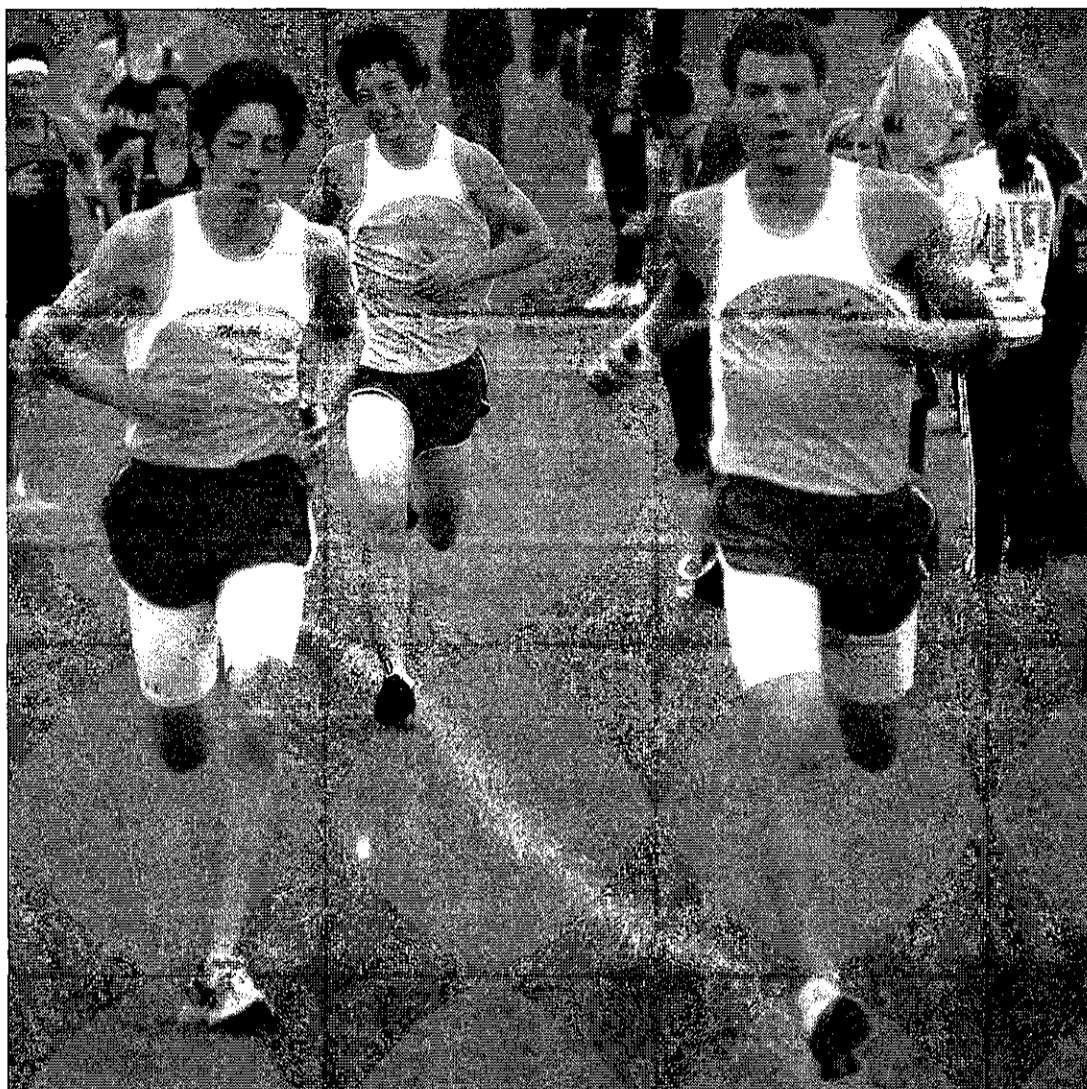


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Grosse Pointe North's, from left, junior David Padalino, senior Alex Kopacka and senior Andrew Charnesky, have turned in a solid season, which included last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet at Metropolitan Beach.

only Robbie Fisher (2007), Scott Collins (1991) and Bill Stevenson (1995)."

Quinn also pointed out the solid running of VanEgmond.

"He continued his string of good races," Quinn said. "Matt has now run six times under 17 minutes this season and is ready to pop a good one at the regional or state meet, which I expect Matt to have a breakthrough performance."

Other Norsemen who posted good times were Andrew Charnesky and Paul Joseph at 17:28, Mike Seago at 17:35, Kyle Lacey at 17:38 and David Padalino at 17:49.

"Our big priorities in the race

were to keep South close up front, which we did, beat Dakota, which we did, beat St. Clair, which we did, and finish second in the MAC meet, which we didn't," Quinn said.

In other recent meets, North finished 28th out of 40 teams in the Portage Invitational Oct. 4.

In the meet, Balle earned a medal, improving his best time by 20 seconds with a 16:34, and VanEgmond had a time of 16:56.

North also ran in the Hanson's 9/10 Invitational as John Gryniwicz led the team, followed by Spencer Schott, Dan D'Hondt, Peter Romanelli and John Balle.

South competed in a dual meet against Warren Mott, winning 16-41 as Dickson, Nugent, Bellovich and Marty Fleszar helped the Blue Devils finish first, second, third and fourth.

Other scorers were Rennell, Mike Mulier, Bolton, Vince Dusina and Dan Dou. It was the Blue Devils' 39th straight dual meet victory.

Coming up for North and South is a Division I regional meet Saturday, Oct. 25, at Metropolitan Beach.

"On paper, DeLaSalle is the favorite, but the boys have as good a chance as anyone to pull the upset," Wise said.

GIRLS RESULTS

South takes 2nd, North 5th in division meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South finished second and Grosse Pointe North fifth in last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship girls cross country meet at Metropolitan Beach in Harrison Township.

Four South and two North runners earned All-League honors.

Sterling Heights Stevenson, the regular season champ, won the meet with 43 points, followed by South with 56, Utica Eisenhower and Utica with 92, Grosse Pointe North with 102, L'Anse Creuse North with 145 and Macomb Dakota with 165.

The Lady Blue Devils' top runners ran season-best times and placed among the top 14 medal positions. They were Natalie Gay, 19:27; Jane Harness, 19:45; Ivana Kakos, 20:17; Kelly Langton, 20:32; Margaret Levasseur, 20:33; and Sydney Burke, 20:51.

"The conditions were perfect at Metro Beach," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "It was amazing how well our girls ran. Between the 49 varsity and junior varsity runners, we had 40 PRs."

North's All-League performers were Kailey Sickmiller, who was 11th with a time of 20:00, and Cristina Bruno, who was 13th with a time of 20:27.

"Sickmiller has had a goal to break 20 minutes all season and had the perfect plan to get there today," North head coach Scott Cooper said. "She finished with a time of 20:00 flat. It was a fantastic race for her and hopefully gave her the motivation next week to go after that goal, again, hopefully breaking it by a lot."



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Earning All-League honors for South were, from left, senior Jane Harness, sophomore Natalie Gay, freshman Ivana Kakos and freshman Kelly Langton.

Other Lady Norsemen who scored were Sam Patterson, Rachel Gimpert, Francesca Bruno, Zyanya Wright-Servais and Katy VanEgmond.

"I was extremely impressed with the race by Francesca Bruno," Cooper said. "She is absolutely a terrific kid and a

hard worker every day in practice and the kid you can't help but root for. She looks like she will finish off her senior season with a great finish."

South dominated the junior varsity race, taking 10 of the top 15 places. More than 200 MAC runners competed in the

event. The Lady Blue Devils were led by Bethany Cavanagh, Chloe Kirchner, Hannah Wheller, Tess Sheldon, Nanette Motschall, Ellen Muniga and Molly Robinson.

North's top junior varsity finishers were Becca Gimpert,

Haley Abessinio, Kamille Hamzey, Kelly Seago, Steffi Shenouda, Christina Embree and Kelsey Richards.

Cooper also noted the girls who earned "Barrier Breaker" shirts for their terrific efforts. They were Feven Berhane, Alex Brennan, Elizabeth

Brown, Cristina Bruno, Francesca Bruno, Amy Cooper, Embree, Aretha Frazier, Amanda Fresard, Becca Gimpert, Alex Hysick, Paige Monforton, Liz Osborn, Patterson, Kelsey Richards, Sickmiller, Alyse Victor and Gigi Wong.

South completed the dual meet season with a perfect shutout score (15-50) against Warren Mott to finish 11-2 on the season. More than 200 spectators were on hand at the teams' parent day. South runners took the first 10 places and 50 of the top 60.

Leading the way was Katie Steen (19:21), followed by Gay, Harness, Langton, Kakos, Levasseur, Elise Corden, Burke, Cavanagh, and Katie Lanza.

South had 18 season best performances. Among those with PRs were Robinson, Jordan Sally, Jessi Aboukasm, Elizabeth Connolly-Ng, Kiki Fox, Nancy Blake, Jacqueline Reno, Katharine Schmidt, Lexi Fountain, Abby Reimer, Leah Turner, Faith Sheldon, Aly Hryciuk, Kerrie Monahan, Meredith Bury and Robin Cook.

Coming up for South and North is a Division I regional race Saturday, Oct. 25, at Metropolitan Beach. The top three teams advance to the state finals Saturday, Nov. 1, at Michigan International Speedway.

"We have a new region this year which is tougher than it has been in the past," Cooper said. "There are several teams that will be vying for one of those three spots and we're hoping to secure one. We are hoping to take the positive race from this Saturday and improve on that for the regional."

Grosse Pointe South

GIRLS GOLF

Lady Blue Devils runner-up in state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls golf team put its 2008 season in the school record books.

Unfortunately, it ended with a second-place finish in last weekend's Division I state finals played at Forest Akers East at Michigan State University.

"The kids had a great time and they played some fantastic golf both days of the finals," head coach James Cooper said. "After the first day, winning the title was kind of an afterthought because of Rochester's great score."

Rochester posted a state finals record score of 296 the first day and a 311 the next to claim the championship.

South was second, its best-ever finish, with a 661, followed by Northville at 664, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek at 670, Holt at 678, Grand Blanc at 688, Ann Arbor Pioneer at 688, Traverse City West at 697, Flushing at 709,



PHOTO BY LILY PENDY

Grosse Pointe South's girls golf team took second in the Division I state finals. Team members are, from left, freshman Claire Boyle, head coach James Cooper, senior captain Charlotte Park, senior captain Kelsey Burgess, junior captain Carey Farley, freshman Ella Pendy and assistant coach Chris Bouda.

Walled Lake Central at 719, Temperance Bedford at 726, Saline at 729, Grand Haven at 737, Brighton at 739 and

Hudsonville at 747.

Senior Charlotte Park shot her best-ever 18-hole score during the second day of the finals, posting a 75 to go with her 78 from day one, giving her a 153, which was tied for eighth place.

Park's 75 also broke her own school record by one stroke.

Amy Meier of Rochester won the overall honor with a 141 and Devon Compton of Stoney Creek was a close second with a 143.

"I'm very proud of Charlotte and all of our girls who put in a lot of time this summer, practicing to get better and better," Cooper said.

The other scorers for the Lady Blue Devils were Ella Pendy, 81, 84 - 165; Carey Farley, 83, 86 - 169; Kelsey Burgess, 88, 86 - 174; and Claire Boyle, 100, 89 - 189.

"We, as coaches, are faced with tough decisions and this year was no different," Cooper said. "We had a wonderful group of girls who deserve a lot of credit."

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

South rocks to tourney title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

In the blink of an eye, Grosse Pointe South's girls volleyball team blasted Port Huron to win its own tournament, 25-11, 25-12.

"Port Huron is a good team and I can't believe how well our girls played in the title match," head coach Ryan Welser said. "The girls were great today, hitting, serving, serve receiving, digging and blocking."

"It was a great team effort because everyone contributed. Winning this tournament put us back on track after the tough league loss a couple of nights ago."

In the title match, the Big Reds had no answer for the hitting of senior Nikki Stratelek; juniors Jessica Bashara and Chloe Srebernak; and sophomores Sally Dixon, Mary Kate Kramer and Karen Schumann.

Seniors Christa Bertakis and Kate Graham-McNeil played well in each of the Lady Blue Devils' matches, while senior Ellen Switalski, freshman Somers Brush, sophomore Jenny Stratelek and sophomore Ann Buslepp chipped in with solid play.

The Lady Blue Devils had no trouble advancing to the finals. They crushed Richmond and Harper Woods in the semifinals and quarterfinals, respectively, winning each match in two straight games.

In both matches, Srebernak displayed her left-handed rocket jump serve that earned aces nearly half of the time.

In pool play, South beat Eastpointe East Detroit, Marine City and Algonac.

"Our younger girls stepped up in pool play because several of our players missed the matches to take their PSAT," Welser said. "Everyone chipped in with a positive note."

Earlier in the week, South lost 26-24, 19-25, 20-25, 21-25 to Utica Eisenhower, dropping one game behind Sterling Heights Stevenson for the top spot in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division.

"We got off on the right foot, but then didn't do the little things it takes to win," Welser said. "It was a tough loss, but we still can win this division if we take care of business."

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team is 6-2 in the division and 30-9-1 overall.

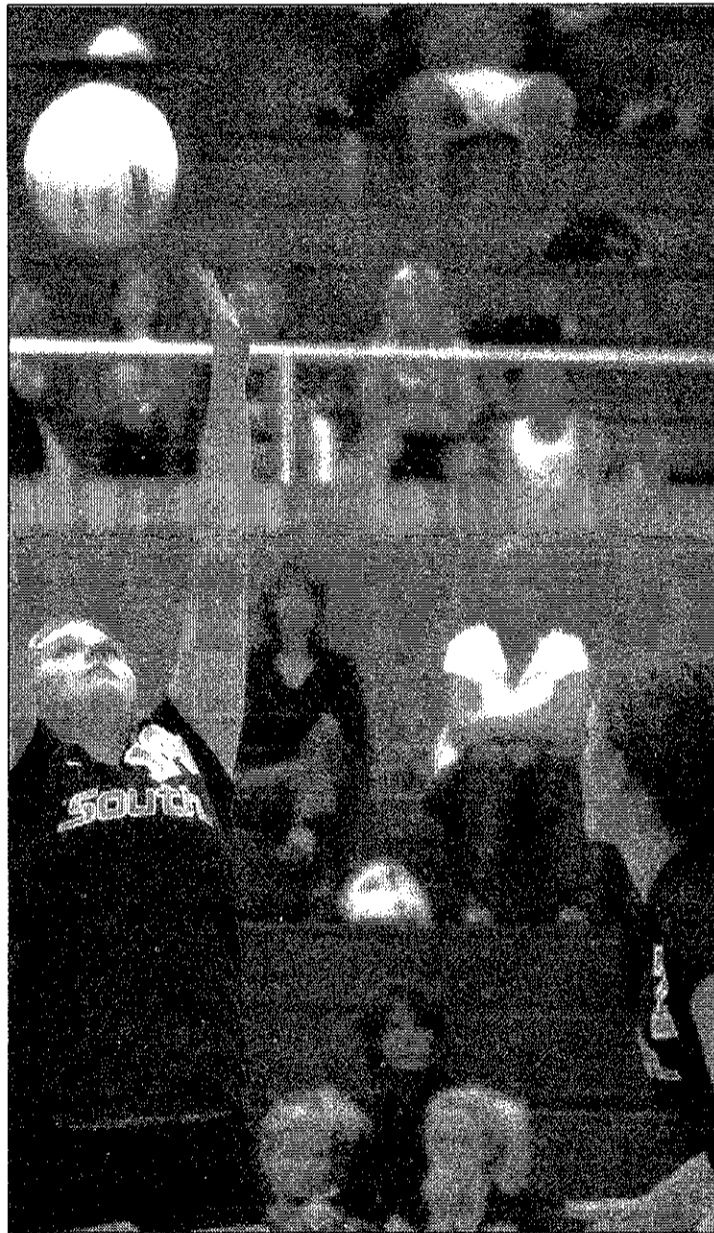


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Grosse Pointe South senior Kate Graham-McNeil, left, gives a perfect set to junior Chloe Srebernak during the team's league match against Eisenhower.

BOYS SOCCER

South falls to DLS in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team pulled off a stunning upset over Warren DeLaSalle a couple of years ago in a state playoff game.

Last weekend the two squads squared off in a Division I district championship game at Ultimate Soccer in Pontiac.

After playing a scoreless first half, the state power Pilots scored three goals to beat the Blue Devils 3-0, claiming a 23rd district crown.

"We can beat any team in the state if we play our game," South head coach Gene Harkins said following his team's district first-round win

over East Detroit.

His Blue Devils played well, but not well enough to pull off another upset.

They advanced to the finals by beating another Catholic League foe, U-D Jesuit, 4-0 in a semifinal contest at Ultimate Soccer.

South ended the 2008 season 13-4-3 overall, which included a second-place finish in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and a district runner-up placement.

Harkins loses Brian Auty, James Boettcher, Austen Brooks, Klejdi Cano, Mike Cunningham, Steven Haberkorn, Marsen Kocllari, Justin Grobbel, Greg Posada and Chris Thomas to graduation.

FOOTBALL

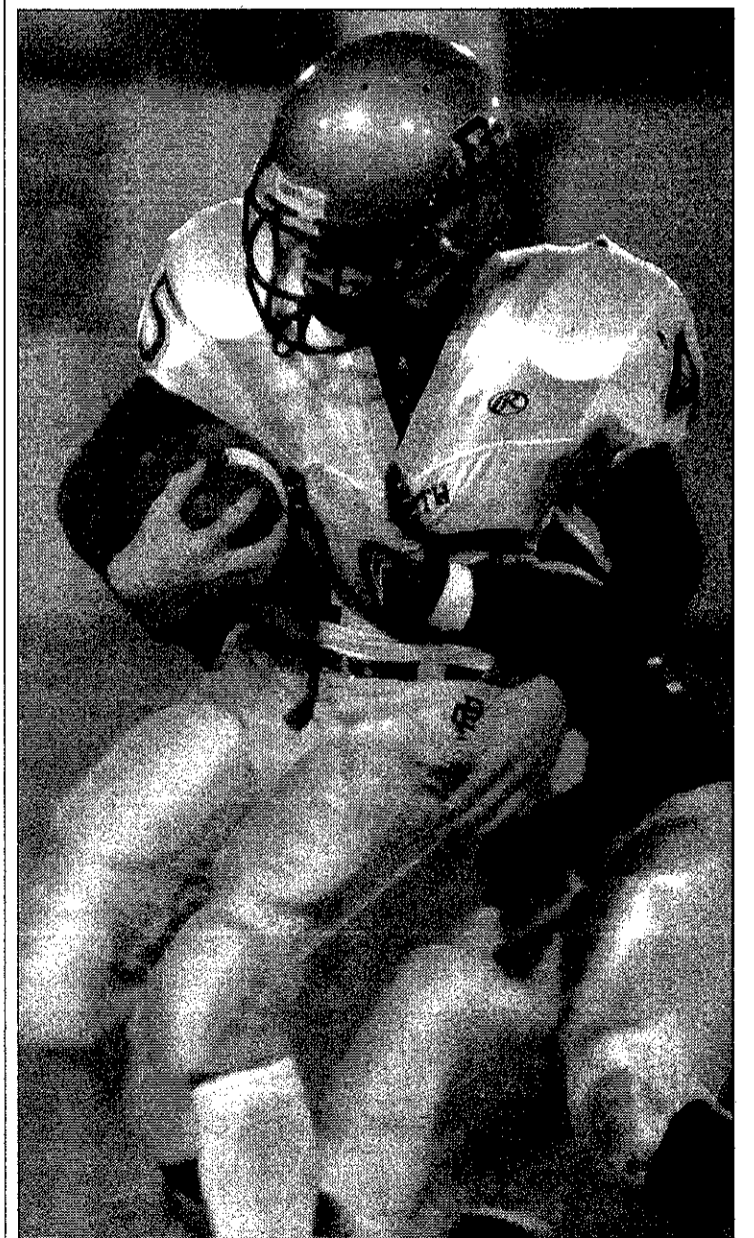


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A tough defeat

Grosse Pointe South's football team is clinging to a thread in its bid to make the state playoffs after losing 33-7 to host Port Huron last week. The loss dropped the Blue Devils to 4-4. It takes at least six wins to qualify for the playoffs and a few 5-4 teams make it. Pictured above is South's Spencer Ray, No. 45, catching a pass.

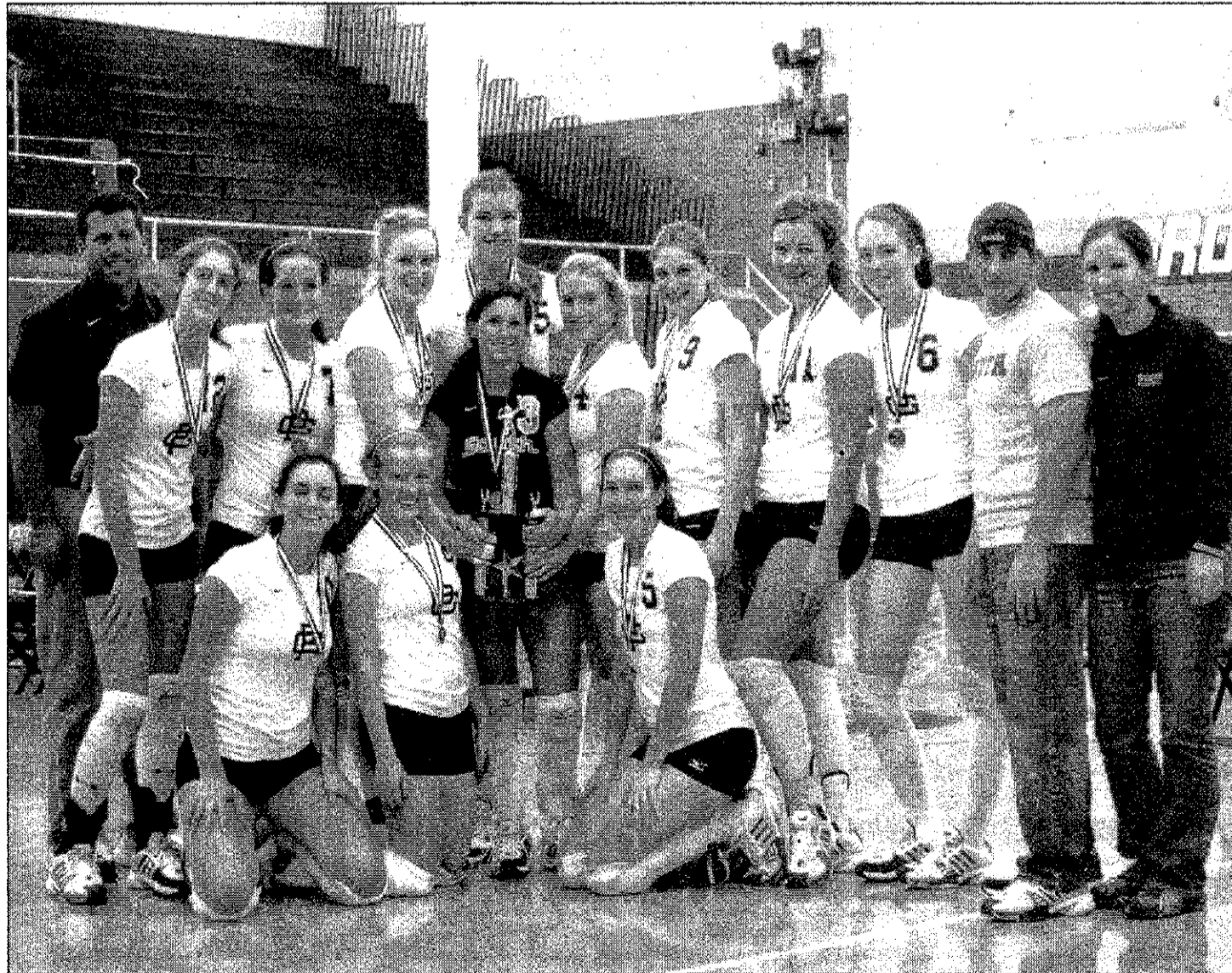


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Grosse Pointe South's girls volleyball team won its own tournament, blasting Port Huron 25-11, 25-12 in the title game.

Grosse Pointe North

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Lady Norsemen capture division title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in recent memory, the Grosse Pointe North girls field hockey team are division champions.

The Lady Norsemen needed to beat or tie Saline and defeat Novi to achieve the Division IV of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

Head coach Jen Nadeau's squad achieved the goal by tying Saline 3-3 and blanking visiting Novi 2-0.

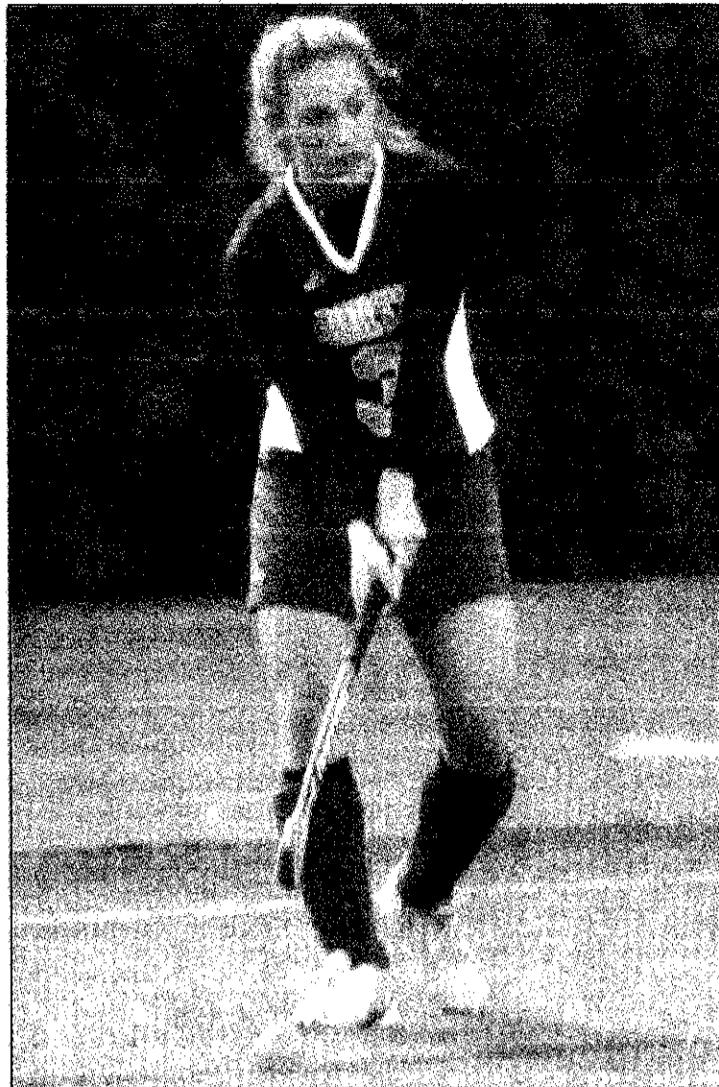
"It's a wonderful feeling, but we're not done yet," Nadeau said. "Winning this division title means a lot to us, but we want to do well in the state playoffs."

The Lady Norsemen fought back from a 3-0 deficit to tie Saline, 3-3.

Both teams entered play with a tie against each other in the Division IV standings of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

"The defense held us for the last 30 minutes," Nadeau said. "The midfielders were pivotal by their physical play and the offense responded to the team's desire to come back and hold strong, which is a difficult thing to do."

Senior Alexa Quinlan scored twice and senior Alyssa Zizio



Senior Alexa Quinlan scored two goals to help Grosse Pointe North tie Saline 3-3.

PHOTOS BY WILL HARRAH



Senior Alexa Lucchese was strong on defense during North's title-clinching victory over Novi.

tallied once to help the host Lady Norsemen storm back and earn the tie.

Junior Ansley Semack and her defensive partners made a few adjustments at the half, which resulted in a tighter for-

mation, limiting Saline's offense to six shots in the second half.

"We had six opportunities in the last five minutes to go up, but we couldn't finish," Nadeau said. "We can live with the tie."

The Lady Norsemen finished the regular season 8-0-2 in Division IV and 9-4-2 overall.

North has a week off before hosting a playoff first-round game. The time, date and opponent are yet to be determined.

FOOTBALL

North wins, makes playoffs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team shook off two weeks of subpar play to deliver a 21-0 win over host Anchor Bay last weekend.

The win clinched a playoff spot for the Norsemen for the fifth straight season. It was also the team's fourth shutout of the year.

"We controlled the line of scrimmage and had things under control," head coach Frank Sumbera said. "We were able to put the ball in the end zone and our defense came through with a solid effort."

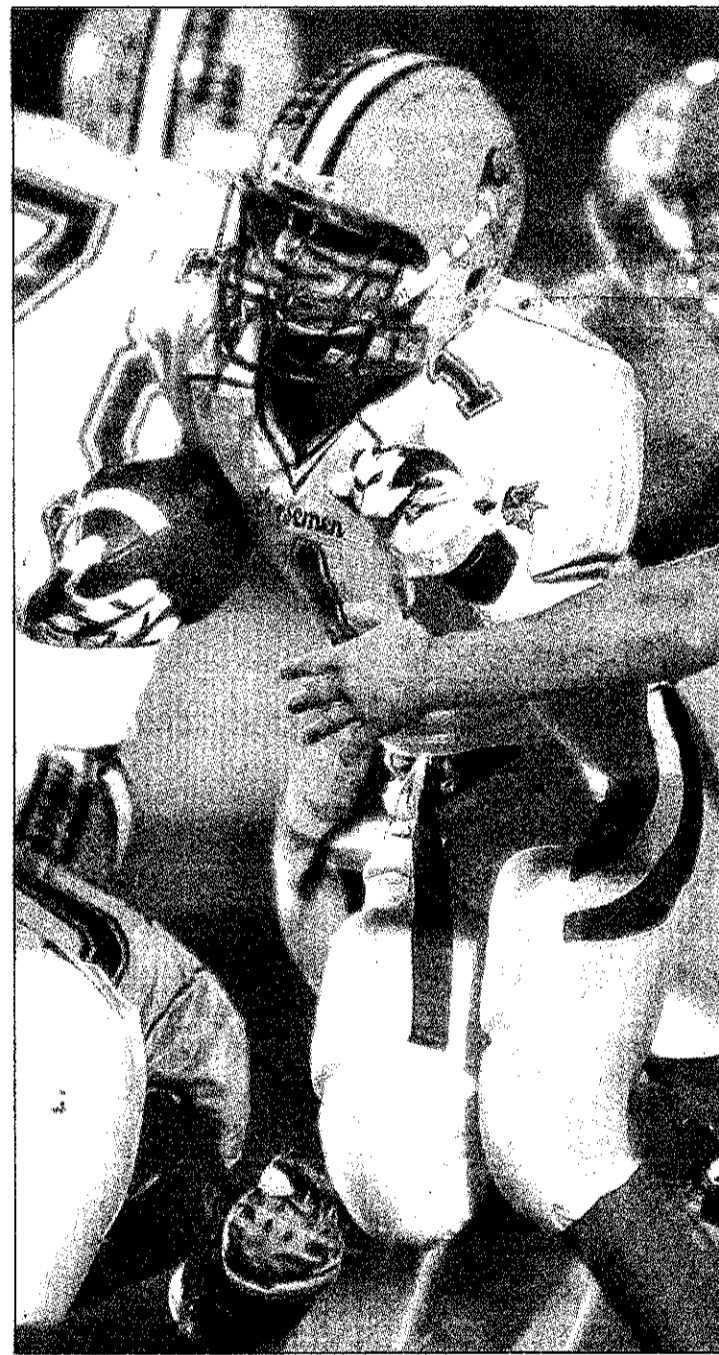
After two straight tough losses, the visiting Norsemen came out with authority, scoring in the opening quarter when senior running back Darin Willis ran in from seven yards out. Senior Andrew Doetsch kicked the extra point.

In the second quarter, the Norsemen blew the game open, scoring twice on big plays.

Senior wide receiver Theron Carter caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Aaron Cisco and ran 19 yards for a score.

Doetsch kicked both extra points to account for the final scoring.

"We were able to get a lot of guys into the game during the second half," Sumbera said. "Everyone who played contributed to this win and it was a



Grosse Pointe North senior Darin Willis, No. 1, took on more of a load rushing the ball since starting fullback Tommie Watkins missed the game with an injury.

PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

big one because we're back in the state playoffs for a fifth straight year."

Carter, playing fullback for the injured Tommie Watkins, had 125 yards rushing on only seven carries with one touchdown and caught one pass for a 30-yard score.

Willis carried the ball 15

times for 100 yards and one score, while senior Mike Rahaim had six carries for 69 yards, subbing for Watkins.

"We had several guys carry the ball and they all did a nice job," Sumbera said. "As I said, we controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball."

Defensively, seniors John Neveux, Aaron McCoy and Rahaim had 10 tackles apiece, while Doetsch had seven tackles. Junior Greg Cox had a solid game, collecting seven tackles and three quarterback sacks.

North finished in second place in the Macomb Area Conference White Division at 4-1 and it improved to 6-2 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen is the regular season finale at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Utica Ford.

"We can host a playoff game if we beat Ford, so this is a big game for us," Sumbera said.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Despite loss, Lockhart's squad still in the hunt

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls volleyball team is smack dab in the middle of a division title.

Last week, they stayed a game behind the leaders after losing 23-25, 22-25, 25-19, 25-10, 9-15 at Macomb Dakota.

With two matches left in the regular season, L'Anse Creuse, Marsyville and Fraser are tied for first in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with

a 5-3 mark, while Grosse Pointe North and Dakota are one game back at 4-4.

The Lady Norsemen host Marysville, Thursday, Oct. 23, and L'Anse Creuse, Tuesday, Oct. 28, in their matches.

This is the last go-around for seniors Teresa Nagel, Allison Liddane, Jillian Kulka, Krysta Schroeder, Jasmine Kennedy and Madie Kent in their quest for the Red Division championship.

Head coach Kim Lockhart

recently watched her players get out of their funk after winning six matches to take first in the Groves Tournament.

However, they couldn't sustain the momentum as host Dakota grabbed an early 2-0 lead.

The Lady Norsemen battled back to send the match to a fifth-and-deciding game, but they ran out of steam, losing 15-9.

The loss drops North to 21-7 overall.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Ladies lose close meet

The Grosse Pointe North girls swimming and diving team lost a close meet to host Utica Henry Ford II last week, falling 96-90.

Senior Jenny Rusch was a double-winner, taking the 50-freestyle and 100-freestyle with times of 25.28 and 55.60, respectively, while Jackie Shea won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:22.79.

Jenna Simon won the diving competition with 197.80 points and the 200-medley relay team of Emily Turnbull, Shea, Hannah Everett and Rusch took top honors with a time of 2:00.79.

Head coach Mike O'Connor also noted season-best performances were recorded by Samantha Scoggin and Courtney Rusch in the 200-

yard freestyle; Scoggin and Carly Mellos in the 500-yard freestyle; Shea and Kara Toma in the 100-yard breaststroke; and Alyssa Mammen and Simon in diving.

The Lady Norsemen finished 1-3 in dual meets in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and are 3-6 overall.

—Bob St. John

YOUTH SOCCER



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAUL KANIA

Saves the day

Anthony Frasier makes a last-minute save to help the Stars edge the Cosmos 1-0 in a Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Under 10 league game played Saturday, Oct. 4, at Grosse Pointe North. The lone goal was scored by Daniel Hessberg, assisted by Lauren Kramer and David Sweggles. The head coach is Rich Voytowich.



MAC WHITE DIVISION

Standings

School	Conference		Overall	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
Warren Mott*	5	0	6	2
Grosse Pointe North	4	1	6	2
Warren Cousino	2	3	3	5
L'Anse Creuse North	2	3	3	5
Anchor Bay	2	3	2	6
Utica	0	5	0	8

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KNIGHTS: One goal just enough

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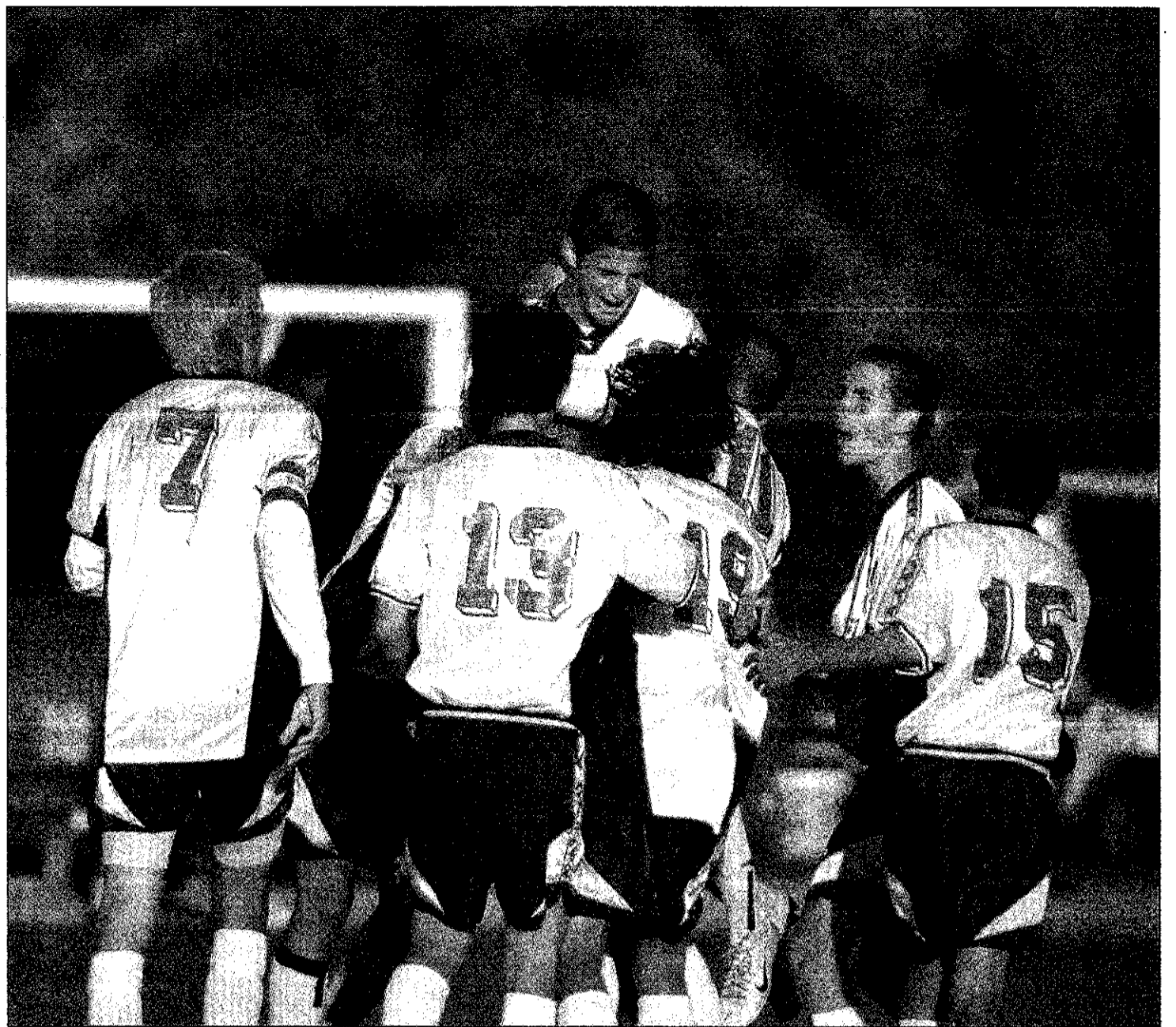
the Knights sent wave after wave of offensive pressure at Shrine with nothing to show for it.

Finally, Jake Goldberg sent a pass into the middle of the field to Zukas, who was right next to Fisher. Zukas got a good foot on the ball and it found the back of the net. The Knights swarmed Zukas at midfield.

"We played as a team and we needed every one of us to win this game," Zukas said. "I was glad to score the goal, but it was a team effort. It feels great to be district champs."



Junior Dan Zukas gets ready to launch a shot on net, which turned out to be the district-title winning goal.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Teammates lift Dan Zukas after he scored the lone goal during the Knights' win over Royal Oak Shrine.

Shrine didn't get a shot off during the final 87 seconds.

It is the Knights' 13th district title in the past 15 years and they improved to 11-7-1 overall.

Backhurst applauded the effort of all of his players as his forwards had more than a dozen shots on net, while his defenders did a great job of smothering Shrine's offense.

Coming up for the Knights is a possible Division IV regional

championship game at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian High School. The Knights had to win their regional semifinal, which was played Wednesday, Oct. 22, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

The Knights had little trouble advancing to the finals after mercying Detroit Universal Academy 8-0 in the semifinals and Warren Macomb Christian 8-0 in a first-round game.

Shrine also won its semifinal game by an 8-0 mercy rule over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

"We were able to get some goals from someone other than (Jack) Fisher," Backhurst said. "Both games were a little sloppy."

In the semifinal tilt, Jack Goldberg and Fisher scored twice, while Billy Marx, Dan Zukas, Joe Simon and Noah Saganski tallied a goal apiece.

They built a 4-0 halftime lead and put the game away, scoring four goals in the first 7:45 of the second half.

The first part of the game was played in the driving rain, leaving the field slick. It didn't seem to bother Backhurst's players.

Against Macomb Christian, Fisher scored four goals and Marx had two to lead the Knights. Goldberg scored a goal, as did Drew Dettlinger.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Lady Knights lose twice

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls volleyball team saw its losing streak reach four last week when it lost at home to Harper Woods and at Macomb Lutheran North.

"We had a tough week," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "We played well at times, but then again we also made too many mental mistakes."

The Lady Knights lost in four games to the Pioneers and in

three games to the Mustangs, dropping to 0-6 in the Metro Conference and 3-16-2 overall.

Sullivan's squad played well in the opening game against Lutheran North, thanks to junior Maggie Zinkel in the front row and the serving of sophomore Sarah Altimore.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 7-2 lead in game two and stretched the advantage to 12-3.

"We played a great first game and had some outstanding plays, but we just couldn't

come up with enough of them to win," Sullivan said.

Sophomore Carrie Chouinard had back-to-back aces to provide a highlight in game two but it was all Mustangs in the third and final game.

Coming up for the Lady Knights is the Metro Conference Tournament Saturday, Oct. 25, at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The squad will head into the tournament as the No. 7 or No. 8 seed.

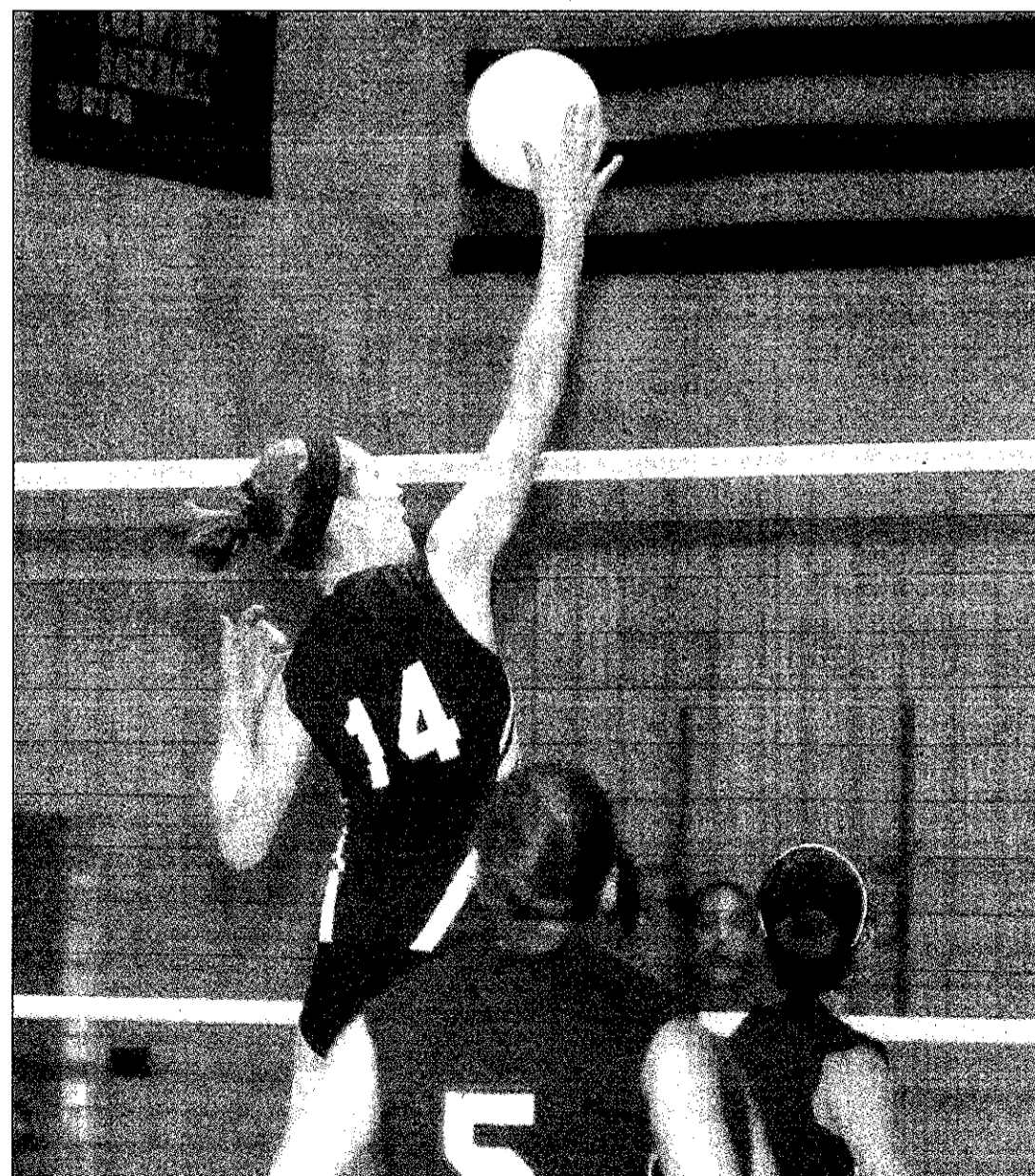


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Junior Maggie Zinkel, No. 14, had several kills, but it wasn't enough to prevent University Liggett School's girls volleyball team from losing to an improved Harper Woods squad.

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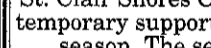
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FRIDAY, October 24th, 9am- 3pm. No early birds! 685 North Rosedale Court. Decorator items, Vintage jewelry, computer items, scooters, women's & boy's name brand clothing & accessories, truck tool box, misc.

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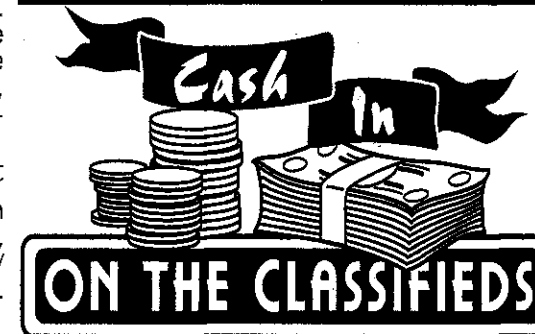
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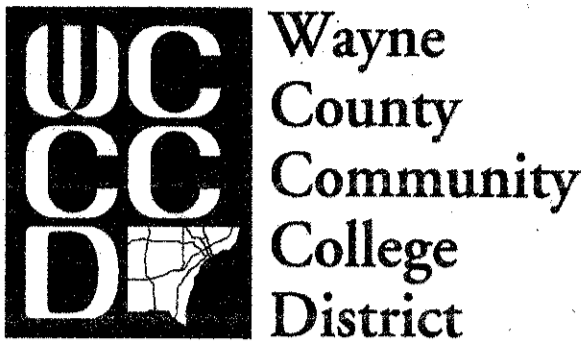
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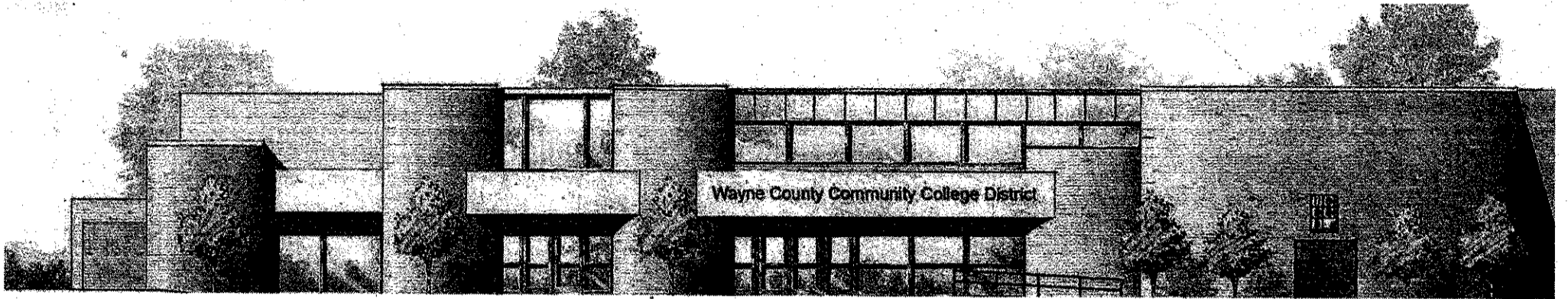
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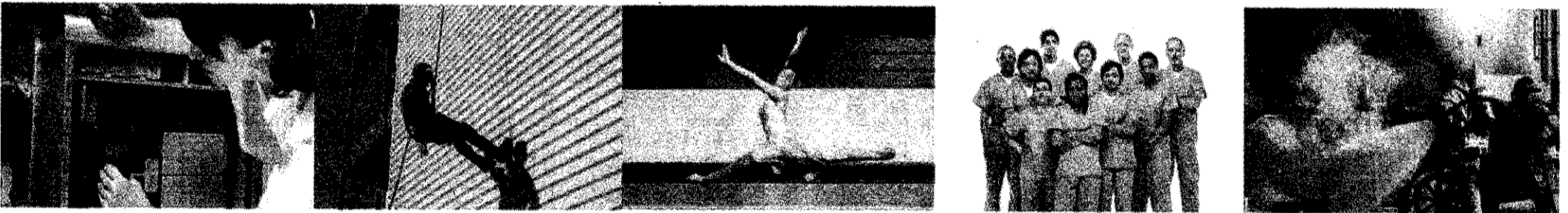
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AUTOS TODAY By Richard Williamson

Chevy drops top and price on Corvette

For 55 years, Chevrolet has been tweaking, tuning and transforming the iconic Corvette, maintaining its reputation as America's premier sports car. For the 2009 model, they're doing something quite innovative with the convertible: They're lowering the price.

The ragtop retails for \$52,550, a reduction of \$2,695, which doesn't much affect its position somewhere between the less potent \$37,975, V6-powered Nissan 350Z and the more powerful, more exotic V10-powered Dodge Viper at \$88,926.

Cars such as the Corvette don't need marketing tricks to enhance their appeal. Every new version is an instant collectible, and the current model may be the smoothest operator in a long line of powerful performers.

The 2008 Corvette coupe and convertible introduced the LS3 6.2-liter V8 as the new standard engine. Except for the price, the 2009 model features no major changes.

The 436-horsepower engine has the deep rumble you expect, roaring to life with the press of a button on the keyless ignition.

Once awakened, the monster V8 can propel the rear-drive convertible from 0 to 60 mph in 4.3 seconds via the six-speed automatic equipped with paddle shifters on the steering wheel.

2009 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible

Type: Rear-drive, two passenger, high-performance convertible.
Price: \$52,550 base, \$73,210 as tested.

Where built: Bowling Green, Ky.
Power: LS3 6.2-liter, 436-horsepower V8; six-speed auto transmission with paddle shifters.

Performance: 0-60 mph in 4.3 seconds.

Fuel economy: 15 city, 25 highway mpg; 18-gallon tank; estimated fuel cost \$2,502.

Curb weight: 3,222 pounds.

The visceral blend of car and driver has never felt as seamless as it does in the current Corvette. If you demand the harshness of a stiff suspension, you can dial in the "Sport" mode. But the softer "Touring" style is really ideal for city driving.

Purists may want a stick, but I prefer the automatic, especially with the paddle shifters that allow you to operate the transmission manually. To save fuel, the stick has a first-to-fourth gear shift pattern that can feel awkward in routine driving or force you to accelerate more briskly than the situation really requires.

The 2009 lineup of Corvettes offers several choices.

If you can't wait 4.3 seconds to get to 60 mph, you can move up to the ZR1, but you'll have to get on a waiting list. With a 6.2L

supercharged engine that produces 638 horsepower, the ZR1 — nicknamed "Blue Devil" — takes the "supercar" category to new extremes.

In addition to the coupe and convertible, Corvette also offers the Z06, sire of the ZR1, that is equipped with the 505-horsepower LS7 engine and built on a lightweight chassis. The Z06 is an offshoot of the Corvette racing program.

Optional on coupe and convertible is a dual-mode performance exhaust system that lends a more aggressive exhaust sound, along with a boost in horsepower. The system uses vacuum-actuated outlet valves, which control engine noise during low-load operation but open for peak performance during high-load operation.

Cosmetically, the Vette remains evolutionary, with the bulging hips ending abruptly in the flat tail that appears to have been chopped off by a meat cleaver and accented by round, ruby tail lamps. Since this is such a low riding car, you can really appreciate the shapely figure by standing at the front end and observing the curves.

The original Corvette bore a then-revolutionary fiberglass body because postwar steel quotas were still in effect when the 1953 model was in development. The styling genius Harley Earl is credited with bringing the Corvette into existence to satisfy the returning GIs who had been exposed to



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The 2009 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible in Jetstream Blue Metallic.

stylish European roadsters. The fiberglass body has long been a trademark element of a Corvette. The Z06 and ZR1 use carbon fiber elements that are found on the race track for safety but are quite expensive.

Up front, the Vette features a wide front fascia with a large, forward facing grille opening, a splitter along the bottom and wheel opening extensions along the sides for aerodynamic downforce.

The hood features a cold-air scoop for ventilation. Wider rear fenders with flares cover the huge rear tires.

The convertible comes in two forms: The 1LT with a manual top or the 2LT with an automatic roof. Both versions have a five-layer fabric that looks smooth with the top up and keeps the ride remarkably quiet. The automatic top drops with one twist of the roof re-

lease and the push of a button that sends the canvas into a storage compartment and automatically seals the tonneau cover.

This year's buyers can choose from nine exterior colors, including two new ones — cyber gray metallic and blade silver metallic.

Two new leather-wrapped interiors, Dark Titanium and Ebony join Sienna and Linen, as color options.

Steering wheel audio controls and variable-ratio steering are standard on all models. Engineers also revised the anti-lock braking, traction control and Magnetic Ride Control systems.

The ZR1 supercar with a 638-horsepower, supercharged V8 and a top speed of 205 mph is sure to dazzle Vette veterans as never before. Pricing on the 2009 model hasn't been an-

nounced but is expected to be around \$100,000.

"Preliminary testing shows the ZR1 builds on the highly respected Corvette Z06 in every performance category, from acceleration and braking to cornering grip and top speed," said Ed Peper, Chevy general manager. "It all boils down to the power-to-weight ratio and the ZR1's is exceptional — better than the Porsche 911 GT2, the Ferrari 599 and even the Lamborghini LP640."

What's new: Lower price on convertible, new color options, standard features.

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Richard Williamson is a writer for Scripps Howard News Service.

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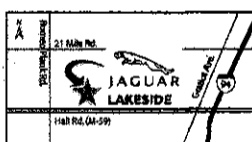
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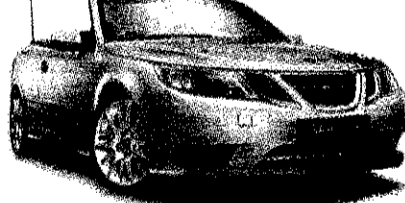
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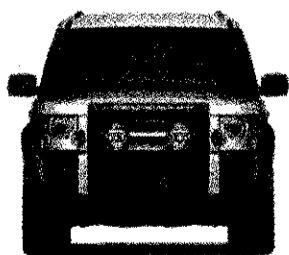
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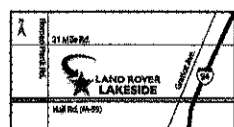
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Lincoln has loaded the brand new sleek and elegant 2009 MKS full-size luxury sedan with comfort and convenience technology features.

Introducing the all new '09 Lincoln MKS



ing column, AdvanceTrac electronic stability control and Safety Canopy, which offer side impact and rollover protection.

Extra comfort, superior safety and last-word technology have a price. It's more than what you see on the vehicle's window sticker.

Let's call it driver distraction. For example, the rear-seat headrests — obviously important safety features in the MKS and all vehicles — obstruct the driver's rear view when checking for obstacles or oncoming traffic. The super thick B pillars between front and rear door add strength and safety to the sedan. But they, too, block the driver's ability to see approaching cars, pedestrians, utility poles, etc.

The enormous rear window is placed at an angle that should improve aerodynamics. That helps fuel economy. But that angle erases important areas of visibility, leaving a shallow window not unlike those of cars from much earlier decades. And the high and aerodynamic rear deck lid or trunk lid is so tall that it, too, leaves you wondering how much is behind you that you cannot see.

True, the backup system with rear-mounted camera provides a pretty good picture of that "behind" section in the middle of the instrument panel. It is color coded with green, yellow and red to indicate how careful you should be. The beeps of an exterior monitoring system tell a similar story for front, sides and rear.

But I discovered almost any back-up maneuver is difficult, particularly a relatively simple reverse to get out of angle park-



Sleek and elegant, the 2009 Lincoln MKS draws attention right away — even in the car-jaded Motor City. The Lincoln MKS, right, seems a far cry from an earlier flagship, the Town Car, pictured here beside it.



ing, when the rear C pillar plus rear seat headrest conspire to obscure parked vehicles and pedestrians. Waiting for a shout or a crunch is not fun.

We found the front seat headrests punch one in the back of the head unless they are raised above the safety-recommended height. And trying to wedge fingers under them to reach the adjustment buttons is nearly impossible. One solution to the skull-bopping was to raise the headrests and then inflate the back of the seat with the power seat controls.

The MKS adaptive headlamps with standard high-intensity discharge lamps will help you see around corners as you turn. Lincoln says they enhance nighttime visibility by illuminating more of the road and reducing glare from on-

coming traffic. Sensors monitor vehicle speed and steering wheel input, engaging electric motors that pivot the left headlamp up to 5 degrees and the right headlamp up to 15 degrees to increase the driver's field of vision.

Our first night out with the HID lamps on, we were following a driver who kept going slower and slower. Finally he pulled over and as we passed he was, shall we say, unflattering in his vociferous reaction to the lamps and the driver, thinking they were on high beam and the driver was worse than stupid.

Actually the auto high beams coupled with the adaptive headlamps in the MKS will switch to high intensity when no other vehicles are in range and automatically revert to low beam when they detect the headlamps or taillamps of other vehicles.

Related to sensing technology developed for NASA, Lincoln says the system can detect taillamps at a distance of more than 500 feet and headlamps at a distance of 2,000 feet. A patented filtering technique distinguishes street lights from vehicle light sources, preventing unnecessary dimming.

The company does not say how to respond when another driver hurls loud insults on an otherwise quiet night in a pleasant neighborhood.

The 2009 MKS with all-wheel drive and the larger 3.7-liter six with select shift automatic transmission and leather interior starts at \$39,555.

An Ultimate Package that included the forward sensing system, a voice activated navigation system, push-button start, a rearview camera and a dual panel moonroof with power front and stationary rear panels added \$5,700 to the total. Delivery is another \$800.

Lincoln puts the "flagship" badge on its brand new, 2009 MKS full-size luxury sedan on its way to dealers from final assembly in Chicago.

Sleek and elegant, the 2009 Lincoln MKS draws attention right away. What you won't see is all the technology designed to make driving safer and communications easier.

The MKS has standard front-wheel drive. All-wheel drive is an option that increases the car's potential, but subtracts from its fuel efficiency.

The base engine is Ford's 3.5-liter V-6; a larger, 273-horsepower 3.7-liter six currently is exclusive to the brand and this model, Lincoln says. Both engines operate on regular unleaded fuel.

Technology features include: Adaptive cruise control, intelligent access with push-button start, adaptive HID headlamps with auto high beam, rain-sensing wipers, a forward sensing system, rearview camera system and Easy Fuel capless refueling.

New seats, developed first for the Lincoln MKS, feature side bolster support. The standard heated and cooled, 12-way power driver and front passenger seats offer four-way lumbar — up, down, inboard and outboard.

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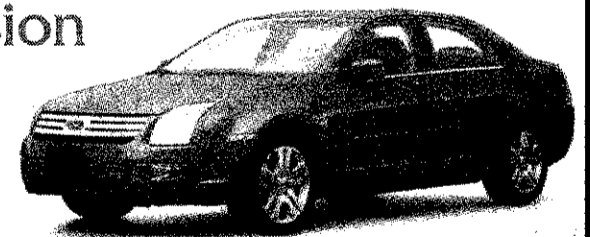
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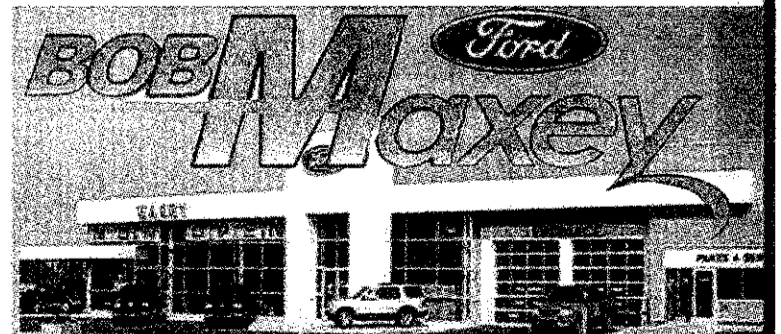
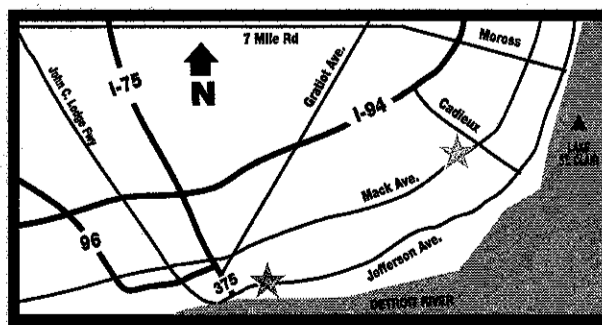
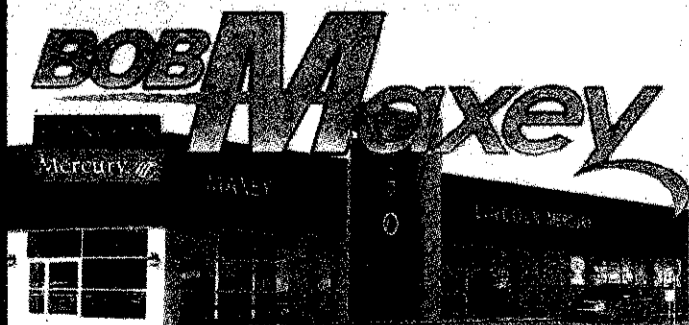
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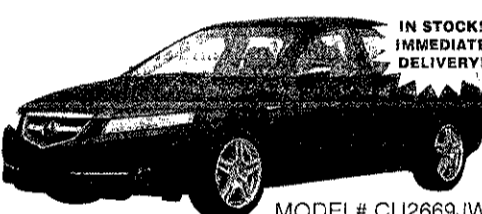
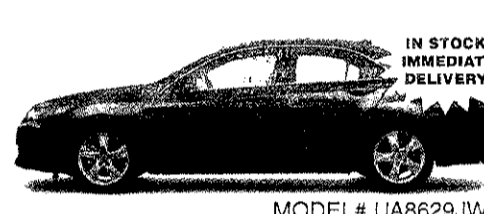
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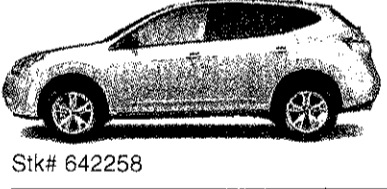
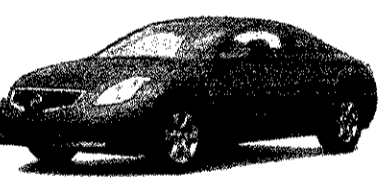
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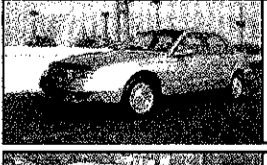

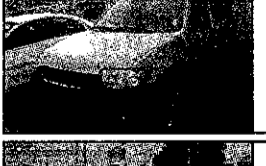
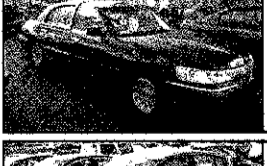



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Fit is Swiss Army knife of automobiles

By Frank A. Aukofer
Special Writer

The automobile business is all about predicting the future.

With development time for a new model of four or five years, decisions are made on the best information available at the time. Still, it can be a crap shoot.

When Honda introduced its entry-level Fit in 2006, big pickup trucks and truck-based sport utility vehicles were riding high. The Fit was viewed as a mildly interesting vehicle for a small niche of buyers.

Despite that, in typical Honda fashion, the little car — it already had developed a reputation in foreign markets as the Honda Jazz — had practical appeal beyond its small size: Outstanding fuel economy, good handling and an interior that could be configured in a variety of ways for people and cargo. More than one evaluator called it “the Swiss Army knife of automobiles.”

With escalating fuel prices, the Fit’s niche ballooned and Honda’s decision to sell it in the United States looked prescient. Fits rolled off dealers’ lots as soon as they rolled in.

Never one to rest on its laurels, Honda sends a new, slightly larger and more expensive, more powerful and refined Fit for 2009. Though marketed as an entry-level subcompact, the new Fit has the interior volume of a compact car, and is not far from mid-size in terms of its interior accommodations.

Newly styled, with a racier appearance and a more complicated rear end, the Fit is five inches longer than the original. It weighs about 120 pounds more, but does not gain much in interior space — just one cubic foot.

One feature — the ability to flip the passenger side seats to make a bed — is gone be-

2009 Honda Fit Sport

Engine: 1.5-liter four-cylinder, 117 horsepower.
Transmission: Five-speed automatic with manual-shift mode.
Overall length: 13 feet 6 inches.
EPA passenger/cargo volume: 91/21 cubic feet.
Weight: 2,604 pounds.
EPA city/highway fuel consumption: 27/33 miles per gallon.
Base price, including destination charge: \$17,580.
Base dealer cost: \$16,983.

cause surveys showed owners weren’t using it. Nevertheless, the Swiss Army knife analogy continues. The back seats can be easily flipped and flopped into a variety of configurations to carry tall objects as well as long ones.

The back seat gets a bit more knee and hip room, and the seatbacks recline to provide more comfortable seating. There’s enough room in the outboard positions to keep adults from complaining unduly on longer trips, though the center-rear position is cramped and should be reserved for occasional use.

Up front, the bucket seats, covered in a study cloth, are big and comfortable, with good thigh support. The steering wheel tilts and telescopes, which makes it easy for people of different sizes to find a comfortable driving position.

Safety equipment includes side air bags and side curtain air bags, anti-lock brakes, electronic brake distribution and tire-pressure monitoring. But it does not include traction control, which Honda calls VSA, or vehicle stability assist.

VSA is available, but only if you order the satellite navigation system, an unusual option in this class of car. The combination, available only on the

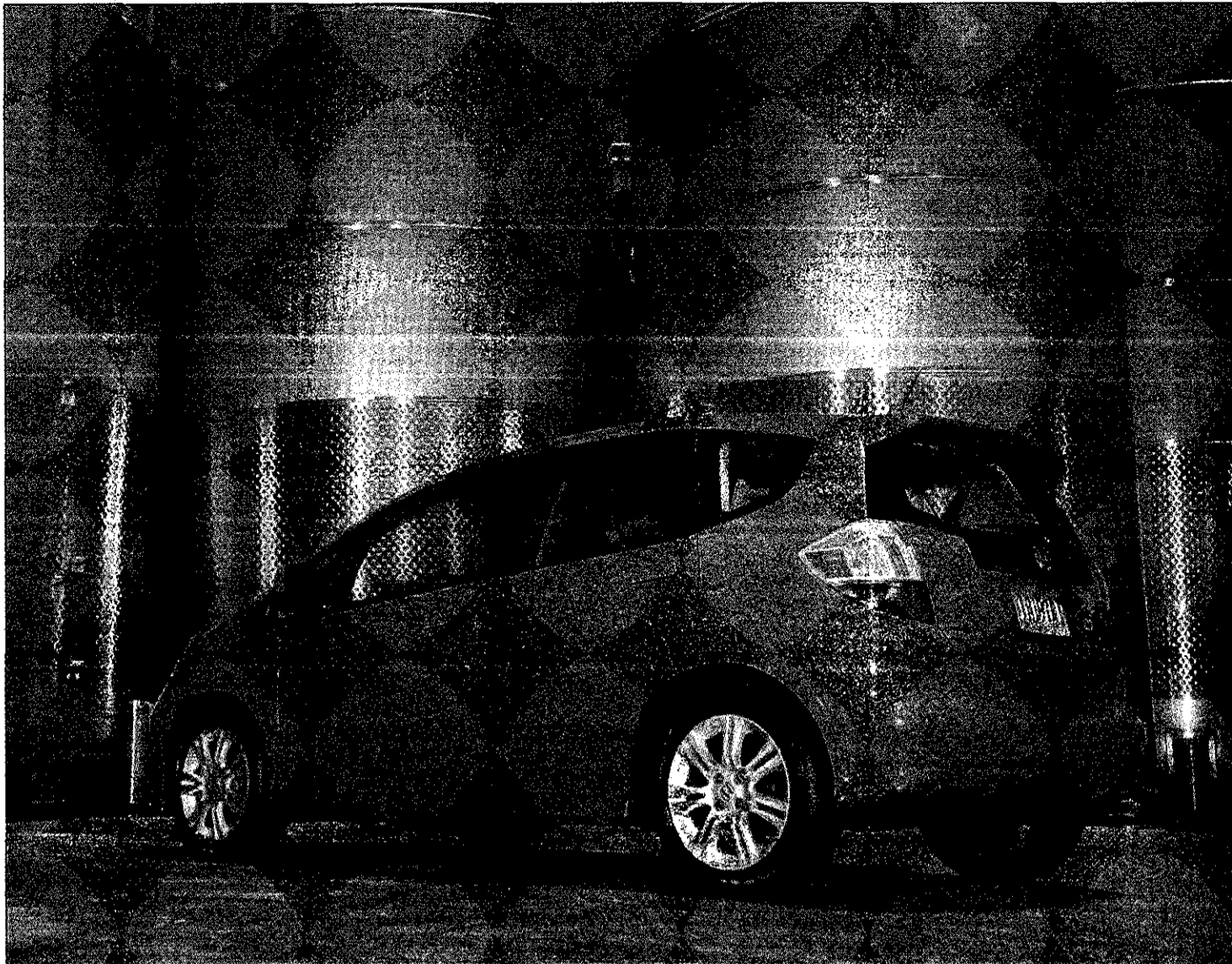


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The 2009 Honda Fit Sport.

Fit Sport, costs an additional \$1,850.

Air conditioning is standard, as are power windows, mirrors and door locks, and a stereo system with CD changer, MP3 capability and an audio device input jack. Unfortunately, XM satellite radio is not available. If you want it, you’ll have to buy an aftermarket unit.

One odd shortcoming is the sun visors. They’re small and don’t adequately block the sun from the side. Honda solves this problem on other models by simply enabling the visors

to slide on their support rods, but not on the Fit’s.

There are three Fit models: The base car, with a five-speed manual gearbox, starts at \$15,220. It has steel wheels with wheel covers and does not have cruise control or map lights. The five-speed automatic transmission costs an additional \$800, but does not have the steering-wheel mounted paddle shifters that come with the automatic on the Fit Sport model.

The Fit Sport, which Honda expects will account for about seven of 10 Fit sales, starts at

\$16,730 with the stick shift. The automatic transmission, with the manual-shift mode and the paddle shifters, is \$850 extra.

If you want the VSA and the navigation system, the sticker price is \$18,580.

Check the box for the automatic transmission and the suggested delivered price comes to \$19,430. You can’t spend any more unless you order dealer-installed accessories.

On the road, the Fit exhibits a quiet, supple, compliant ride and precise handling. It’s no

sports sedan but it can carve corners with a lot of more expensive machinery. Acceleration is adequate, accompanied by some engine roar at high engine revolutions.

The five-speed manual, in typical Honda fashion, shifts effortlessly, and the Sport model’s automatic transmission paddle shifters provide an extra driving dimension, especially to hold a gear on twisting mountain roads.

Frank A. Aukofer is a writer for Scripps’ Howard News Service.

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AUTOWIRE.NET By Derek Price

The Nissan 350Z's at the limit handling is a thrill. With all that power going to the rear wheels and careful attention to weight distribution, it drives exactly like a sports car should.

The 2008 Nissan 350Z is a future icon

It's hard to believe the Nissan 350Z was introduced five years ago as a 2003 model, but it still looks fresh as ever. If only we could all age this gracefully.

Consider me, for example. Compared to five years ago, today I have half as much hair and twice as much gut. I'm aging just like milk on a Houston sidewalk in July. But somehow the 350Z remains drop-dead gorgeous after five years on the market. Odd, isn't it?

Whether Nissan resorted to fender implants, wheel-well tucks and engine-bay Botox, I'm not sure. I do know this car somehow remains exciting and sexy even as it reaches its sports car retirement age.

Nissan decided not to make any meaningful changes to the 350Z in 2008, which is a shame because it needs a few. Among them:

The clutch pedal is far too heavy. This is a sports car, not a John Deere.

The dash feels like it was assembled from bits of Coke bottles.

The power seat controls are mounted where they're easily accessible from the driver's seat, so long as the driver weighs no more than 75 pounds and has seven elbows.

Other than that, this is an exceptional car that delivers outstanding performance for the money. And let's face it: When you rev the engine of a two-seat sports car, you just don't care about the John Deere clutch and the Coke bottle dash. None of that stuff matters because you have a 306-horsepower demon shout-

ing through your exhaust pipes.

The 3.5-liter V6 engine in this car is its best feature by far, even better than the super-model body. It's not smooth like a normal engine, it feels like it's made from an alloy of aluminum and beach sand, but it pulls like it's powered by nuclear fusion. My goodness, what a rush.

Since the last time I drove a Z a couple of years ago, I'd forgotten how much I love the traction control in this car. It has a tendency to oversteer, meaning the back end loses traction before the front, but that makes it even more fun to steer with the throttle, letting you decide exactly how far you want the back tires to slide before they bite into the pavement.

In most cars, the traction control is like a strict schoolmarm. If the computer detects even the slightest hint of wheelspin, it takes over and stops all the fun. But in the 350Z, the computer lets you slide the back tires around a bit and only kicks in when you get really stupid. It's more like a cool chaperone than a schoolmarm.

Overall, even considering the dumb little problems, the 350Z is a great buy. If it looks this great after five years, think of the icon it will be in 20.

Yes, today's Z is destined to become tomorrow's Jackie O.

The Nissan 350Z is aging well with a stylish body and excellent sports-car performance. The driver-oriented cabin in the 350Z only has two seats, but they both offer a decent amount of legroom.

What was tested? The 2008 Nissan 350Z Enthusiast Roadster model with a base price of \$35,630. Options on the test car:

Carpeted floor mats \$95.

Total MSRP price as tested including the \$625 destination charge: \$36,350.

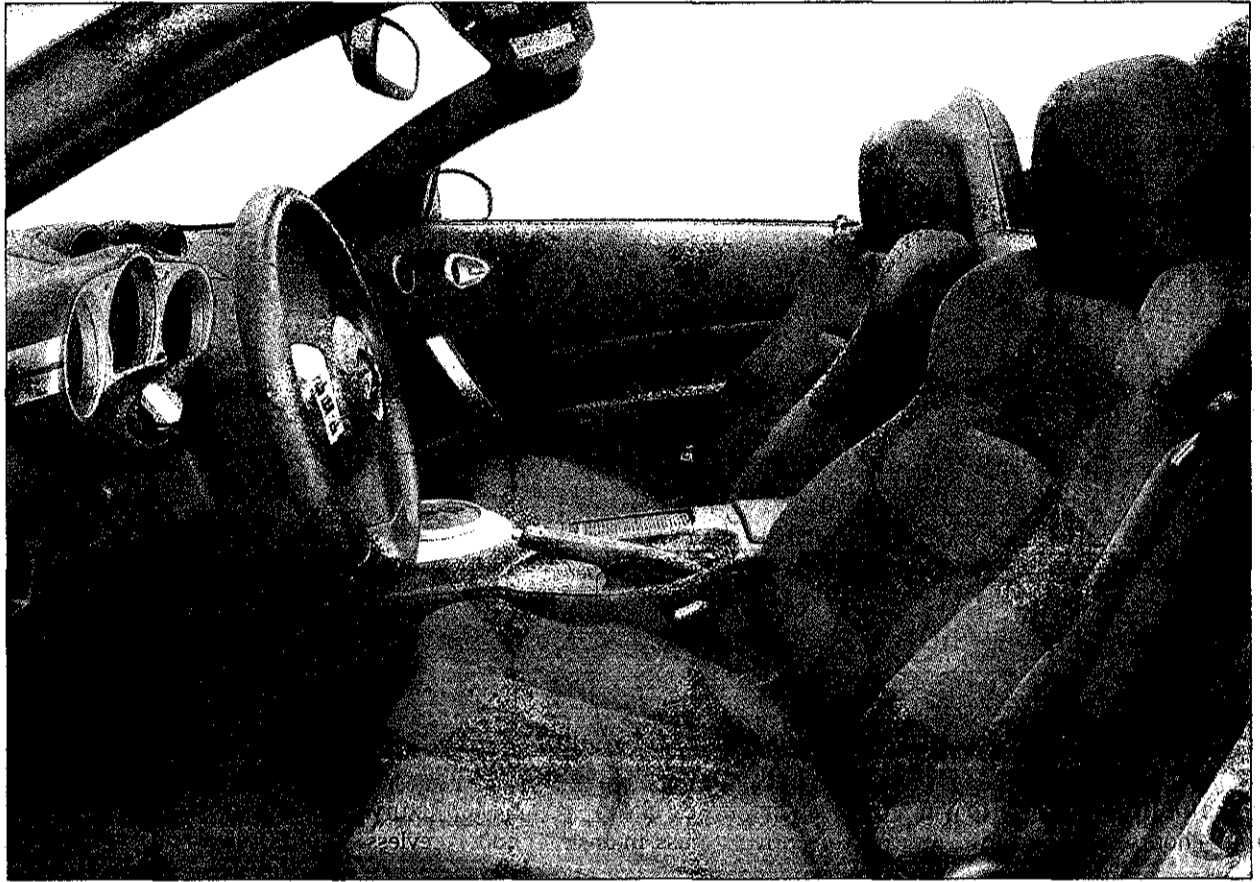
Why avoid it? Its aging design shows in a few areas, such as an inexpensive-feeling dash and poor placement of the power seat controls plus the clutch pedal is too stiff.

Why buy it? With an envelope-pushing style that looks as good today as when it was introduced in 2003, the 350Z looks like it's on its way to becoming a legend and it offers great performance for the money.



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2008 Nissan 350Z Enthusiast Roadster



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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

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2008 Touareg 2 V10 TDI Twin Turbo



We were recently behind the wheel of an amazing vehicle,

Volkswagen's 2008 Touareg 2 V10 TDI Twin Turbo Diesel — base price \$68,340; price as tested: \$77,880.

Our test drive came with the V10 Turbo Diesel. We've never driven a V10 diesel before, let alone attached to twin turbos, but we'll let you know up front if you're life involves towing regularly, and you need a 20 miles per gallon highway vehicle that offers room for the family, this is your vehicle.

Under the hood sits the 5.0-liter V10 twin turbo with 18 to 1 compression, putting out 310 horsepower and a whopping 553 pound-feet of torque. Many interested onlookers had us raise the hood so they could see the engine, but as we expected, it's a pretty much hands-off view.

A large top cover basically eliminates anything but putting in oil or the necessary fluids for everyday driving, but other than that, it's definitely hands off.

TDI's power heritage dates to sibling Audi, where Wolfgang Ullrich led an Audi diesel racing program in 2006 to win both the American Lemans Series championship and become the first ever diesel to win the 24 hours of LeMans in France. The team then backed

up its feat with LeMans and ALMS wins in 2007 and 2008.

Granted, although the race engine is different from the street design, the perfection of diesel racing technology transfers over to street use, however toned down it is.

For car buffs, the first diesel to be raced at Le Mans was a French entry in 1949. It was a 6-cylinder Delettrez Diesel entered by brothers Jean and Jacques Delettrez. It did not finish the race.

Now, back to the future. When we matted the throttle on our Touareg, it flew to 60 mph in less than about seven seconds. With a redline of just 4,400 rpm, the performance results, including passing from 45 to 65 mph, are very impressive. All diesels have lower rpm redlines.

Touareg's diesel mates to a 4x4 Motion permanent 4WD with a low range gear selection. Additionally, a four-corner air suspension with electronic shock absorption control allows the vehicle to rise up or down, depending on driver choice of ride firmness. Our six-speed automatic came in Tiptronic style, allowing for either fully automatic or shift on-the-go selections.

Inside, expect the finest in fit and finish. The seating is most comfortable in its firm, German fashion, although cargo space behind the rear seat isn't all that great. However, the rear seat is 60/40 and folds flat, so trips to the home improvement warehouse, department or food store won't be a problem. You'll also find dual zone climate control, leather touches, all the powers, privacy glass, in-dash CD player, Sirius satellite, 12-

way power front seats, beautiful dash layout and much more as standard fare.

As for air bags, front, side and passenger side curtain system will protect all occupants in the event of a collision or rollover, with Touareg receiving the best government 5-star crash ratings.

Notable is Touareg's true-off road heritage. This large vehicle can go where others don't, thanks to an 11-inch ground clearance and a well put together 4x4 system. On the highway, you'll cruise in comfort, thanks to 19-inch all-season tires, fully independent front and rear suspension, electronic stabilization, electronic brake force distribution, 4-wheel ABS disc brakes, hydraulic brake assist, anti-slip regulation and electronic differential lock.

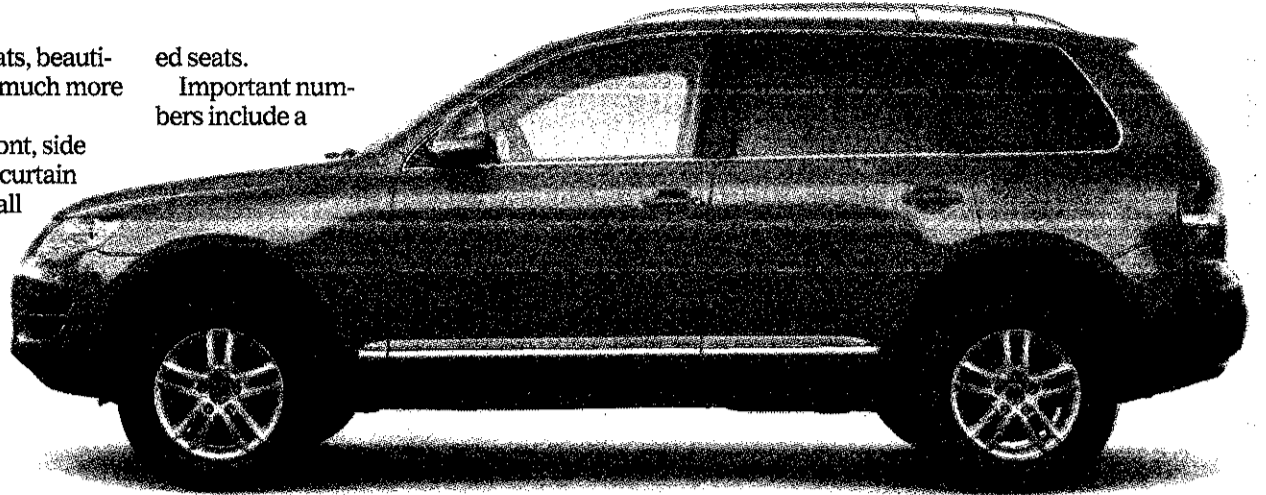
Options include a \$3,350 technology package that features a DVD-based navigation system, rear view backup, and a six-disc CD in back.

This option is quite complicated to say the least, and it took us nearly the full week of testing to figure it all out.

Notable is the adaptive cruise control, which costs an additional \$2,100 and your VW dealer will explain its benefits over conventional cruise — which comes standard.

Our tester also came with a \$3,400 luxury package that added keyless push/start/stop, dyna audio and four-zone heat-

ed seats. Important numbers include a



2008 Touareg 2 V10 TDI Twin Turbo Diesel



112.4 wheelbase, 26.4-gallon fuel tank, 31 cubic-feet of cargo space, 7,716 pound tow capacity, 5,825 pound curb weight and impressive 15 city and 20 highway EPA ratings — remember, this vehicle weighs near 6,000 pounds.

In ending, we really loved the Diesel TDI V10 Touareg, even if it did cost \$77,880. It's a spectacular vehicle if you need to tow something. We rate it an 8.5 on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: German quality, 20-mpg, strong diesel V10, acceleration, comfort, 4x4 off road ability if necessary.

Dislikes: Complicated accessory buttons and navigation, loves fuel even if not towing, price of a gallon of diesel.

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8D | AUTOMOTIVE

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

This 2008 tester Astra hatchback was a looker, from the bright paint to the sharp 16-inch alloy twin spoke wheels and a convertible-like two panel sunroof — on 4-door models.

Saturn's sharp 2008 Astra XR 4-door



This week we test-drive the 2008 Saturn Astra, one of the latest in a barrage of new or

revamped models from the group at Saturn — Base price: \$17,545; price as tested: \$18,870.

An official division of General Motors, Saturn's goal nowadays seems centered on quickly introducing new vehicles to the market and reinventing its entire product lineup.

Introduced in January, Astra replaces the Saturn Ion as the

model's smallest offering, and joins Sky, Aura, Outlook and all-new Vue as models that have been on the market for 20 months or less.

Astra is a near twin to the European/England-based Opel/Vauxhall Astra, and also exists in Australia and New Zealand as a Holden. Marketed in the United States in both two and four door hatchback con-

figurations, Astra is part of a larger collaboration between Saturn and Opel.

Specifically, by sharing resources from

throughout its global network of design and engineering centers, GM hopes it will attract more buyers in North America and Europe, while mirroring the same marketing theory with Sky and Opel GT, and Vue and Opel Antara.

Intended to compete against the likes of Honda Civic, Mazda 3 and Volkswagen Rabbit, Astra reminds us of the latter, and we mean this as a compliment.

Available in two trims, Astra comes as either a base XE for



Saturn Astra XR 4-Door

\$15,995 with a five-speed manual transmission, and our tester's XR, which goes for \$17,545 and comes better equipped and with an automatic transmission.

Astra is powered by GM's Ecotec 1.8-liter double-overhead cam I-4 engine, which offers a modest 138 horsepower and 125 pound-feet of torque. We were somewhat disappointed when we stomped on the

gas, but the payoff comes in fuel mileage with 24 city and 30 highway with the four-speed automatic.

The 5-speed manual delivers 24/32 for you gear shifters, so either way, you'll enjoy some fine fuel mileage numbers in this difficult era of high fuel costs.

Impressive is the list of standard features on the XE model. They include four-wheel ABS and cornering brake control, tire-pressure monitoring system, six standard air bags, active head restraints, OnStar with one year of Safe and Sound plan, six-speaker AM/FM/CD radio, projector-style Halogen headlamps with automatic lamp control, RainSense windshield wipers, rake and telescope steering column, cruise control, power windows with express down feature and driver information center.

The XR model replaces XE's base model steel wheels with alloys, adds steering-wheel mounted controls, air conditioning with particle filter and projector beam fog lamps, and ups the stereo to seven speakers with an MP3 player.

Astra is roomy up front for even larger drivers, with plenty of leg and headroom. Our favorite interior feature is the wondrous opening to the exterior through the expansive sunroof. As for the back seat, don't expect three passengers back there without seriously cramped conditions, as is the

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2008 Sienna is a 4-door, up to eight passenger mini van, available in nine trims, ranging from the CE FWD with seven passenger seating to the XLE Limited AWD.

2008 Toyota Sienna XLE AWD Limited



We recently enjoyed space, comfort, the latest gadgets — and a movie — inside Toyota's 2008 Sienna XLE minivan — base price: \$37,665; price as tested: \$40,853.

Our AWD Limited model is a rolling technological marvel that kept us confident on the open highway during several long, round-trip business and pleasure journeys. The longer drives gave us time to test and truly appreciate features like front and rear intuitive parking assist; a bright, clear backup camera, and power back hatch and sliding side doors.

Indeed, we had the world at our key-fobbed fingertips.

Sienna won't win any beach beauty contests for sexy looks, but it's the sharp, mature lady looking on that we appreciate. Sienna is also perhaps the most complete vehicle we'll see this year in terms of mechanical offerings — it's the only minivan with AWD — and truly luxurious comforts.

Our test model represented Sienna's top line, thus its numerous features. You can get started in the Sienna minivan mainstay for considerably less, with the base CE model starting at a base price of just \$24,340. CE, however, is the only Sienna that does not offer AWD as an option.

Regardless of model, there

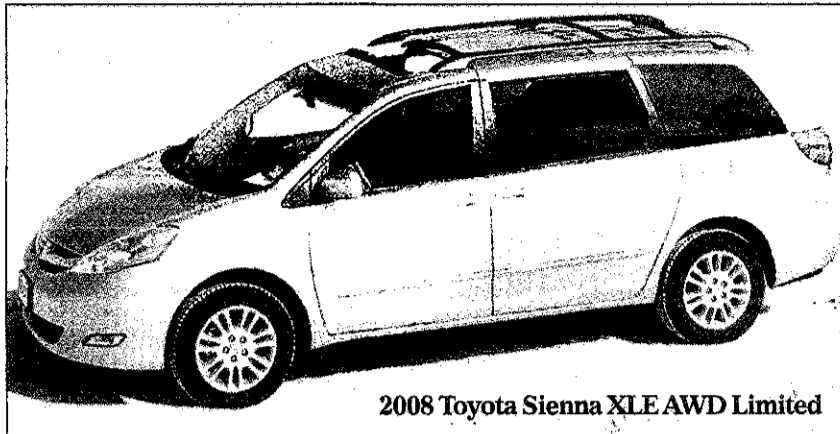
are some inherent characteristics found from top to bottom. Standard is a 3.5-liter double-overhead cam V6 engine that produces a 266 horsepower and mates to five-speed automatic transmission. The AWD Limited offers EPA numbers of 16-city and 21-highway fuel mileage estimates, and our on the road test, where we loaded the Sienna with people and cargo, produced a stout 20 miles per gallon as the bulk of the miles were at interstate speed. The CE and LE models get a tick better gas mileage at 17/23 in 2WD dress.

Having added horsepower and a longer wheelbase to the Sienna a few years back, Toyota leaves the 2008 model virtually unchanged, and rightfully so. The power rack and pinion steering eases the steering wheel through your hands at all times, and a leather-trimmed, eight-way power adjustable driver's seat keeps your back and backside limber.

Even more enjoyable on a daily basis are features such as intuitive parking assist, which warns us when we get too close to an object fore or aft. You come to rely on such things, and with Sienna, you can, as it's standard equipment.

Technology pours out of the Sienna in other standard, if less glamorous, features. Consider the side mirrors, which are auto-dimming, heated, power adjustable, power folding with memory, and include turn signals and puddle lamps. That's quite possibly the most features we've ever listed for mirrors.

Other standard features inside the Sienna are second-row "slide together" captain's chairs that ease entry and exit to the



2008 Toyota Sienna XLE AWD Limited

third row, 60-40 split and stow third-row seats, tri-zone climate controls and second-row and rear quarter power windows.

Our XLE came with a \$3,380 package of extras that include a DVD rear-seat entertainment system with 9-inch display and two wireless headphones; and DVD-based navigation system with touch-screen, back-up camera and an upgrade of the JBL stereo to a four-disc in-dash with 10 speakers. Also, for \$220, Toyota offers the 3,500-pound Tow Prep Package, which adds a heavy-duty radiator and alternator and power steering oil cooler.

Noteworthy is the 2008 Sienna earns five-star passenger and four-star driver frontal crash, and five-star front and rear-seat side crash government ratings. It's equipped with enhanced vehicle stability control with traction control, 4-wheel disc anti-lock brake system with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist, advanced air bags with occupant sensor, front seat side air bags and curtain shield air bags in all three rows.

Our tester also featured the now standard for 2008 tire-

pressure monitor system, which tells us what the 17-inch Run Flat tires are doing at all times.

Other important numbers include a 119.3-inch wheelbase, 4,464-pound curb weight and 20-gallon fuel tank.

We really like Toyota's Sienna, and are confident in claiming this spe-

cial vehicle is worthy of a strong 9 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Beyond the useful technology, we are amazed at the cargo space, even with the third-row seats in use.

Dislikes: Despite its amenity list, Sienna's cabin remains a step behind Dodge Caravan, which has introduced its Swivel 'n Go second-row seats and removable table, and overall interior space.

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10D | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2009 Acura TSX performs effortlessly, quietly and appears to be comfortable with all driving situations — as is the person behind the wheel.

Acura TSX a sporty way into luxury



options packages, think about an Acura TSX.

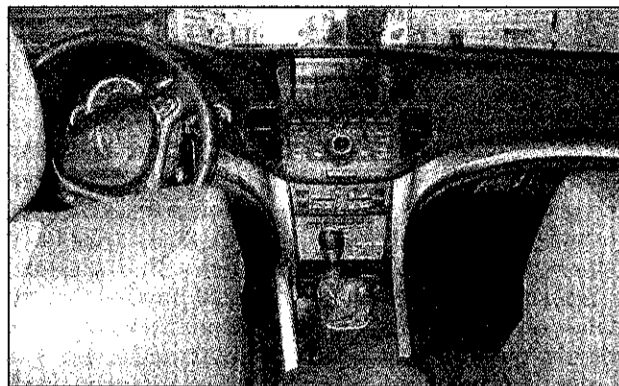
It seems exterior colors and transmission type are about the only choices that are "musts." The four-door sedan has a base model and one with a technology package.

The 2009 model is a second generation version of the TSX. Acura has increased its size and power from gen 1 and it



The 2009 Acura TSX sport sedan bowed early this year. Refined exterior lines hint at the quiet performance it delivers.

The front seats are low and sporty in the 2009 Acura TSX. Instrumentation is



stands ready to take on competitors from BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Infiniti and Lexus.

The test TSX came with impressive credentials — and the \$3,100 technology package. A 201 horsepower four-cylinder engine is standard. No choices here. A smooth, very refined and responsive six-speed manual transmission also is standard. A five-speed automatic is available — an early and important choice if you don't care to deal with a clutch and shifting. The high gears however are very adaptable at lower speeds if for an instant you forget that you're driving a stick shift. Acura refers to them as "close-ratio" gears. We call them "forgiving."

Brake distribution and assist, vehicle stability assist and ac-

tive head restraints are standard, as are side air bags for driver and front passenger and side air curtains to protect all outboard passengers.

Its \$32,060 sticker price for the TSX with technology package includes a navigation system that responds to voice commands and displays what the backup camera sees when you are in reverse.

Heated leather front seats, with eight-way power adjustments for the driver and four for the front passenger; a power moon roof, 17-inch alloy wheels and heated outside mirrors with turn signals are part

of the vehicle packaging. The car is ready for satellite radio and hands-free phoning.

The instrument panel is straightforward and features are easy to find and use. The interior designers set the front seats in distinctive curved niches separated by a center console. This adds to the sports car feeling intended for the TSX.

Positioned up front or looking at it from the outside, the sedan appears larger. A quick trip into the back seat leads to an unexpected choice: How many people you want to put back there as passengers. Leg,

ankle and foot room is stingy behind the driver and front passenger seats and the slightly raised center position is impossible for anyone over the age of 4. That center "seat," though equipped with a three-point safety belt, straddles the drive shaft on the floor and rear edge of that center console that has become almost standard in interior designs.

Perhaps this is why Acura says the TSX is aimed at younger buyers — likely professionals — ages late-20s to mid-30s, half of whom likely will be unmarried and presumably not need to haul four full-size people around for any distance.

"They are image seekers and will appreciate the styling, technical allure and total performance that the TSX offers," Acura says.

The optional automatic transmission delivers slightly better fuel economy — 21/30 with a 24-mpg average — than the standard six-speed manual, 20/28 with a 23-mpg average. There appears to be no additional charge for a TSX with five-speed automatic.

The doors of the TSX go "thunk" on closing — definitely the sign of a well-planned car built with sound deadening materials and a good fit and finish.

Any other choices? Only exterior colors, and the palette is not extensive. Eight paint selections range from black, silver and white to deep Basque red pearl and blue glacier metallic.

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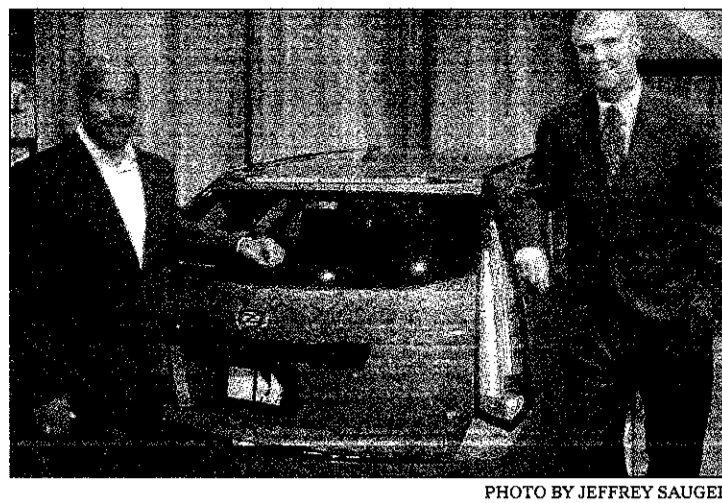


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2009 Ford Ka

New Ford customer service and marketing directors Andy Barratt, left, and Mark Simpson with the latest new Ford.

2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon

General Motors Vice President Global Design Ed Welburn, left, and GM North America Vice President Mark McNabb introduce the 2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon at a recent media preview in Detroit. The Sport Wagon made its official introduction at the Paris Motor Show, and will be available at dealer showrooms in spring 2009.

ASTRA: Loaded with features

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case for virtually every "five-passenger" compact we drive.

Important numbers include 2,921-pound curb weight, 102.9-inch wheelbase and a small, 12-gallon fuel tank.

Astra's association with Opel and its European look and driving feel are part of GM's intention to have consumers with "imports on the mind" give consideration to Astra when shopping in this competitive market.

GM also wants Saturn in the fray with the Japanese imports, where competition gets even tougher. We see this happening with Saturn's new direction, and lend an agreeing nod to Astra with a 7.5 rating on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Sharp car, loaded with features, good handler, easy on gas.

Dislikes: Lack of power, air conditioning optional on base model, unattractive and small driver information center.

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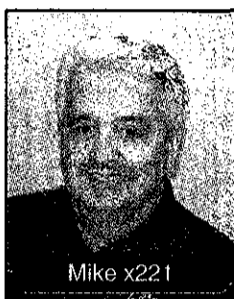
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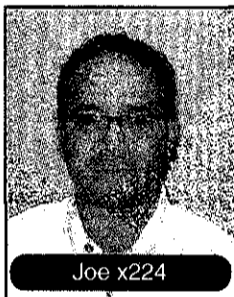
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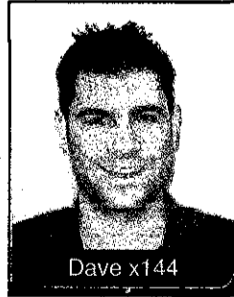
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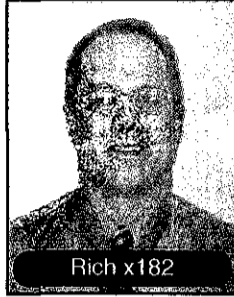
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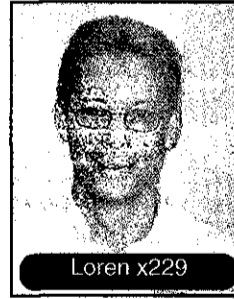
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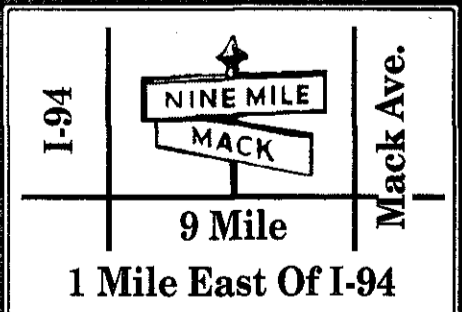
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 Five vie for two seats on
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Michigan House of Representatives

Democrat is reform minded

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

This is Timothy Bledsoe's second consecutive campaign for state representative.

"In 2006, we received more votes than any Democrat ever received in the district, in percentage terms," said Bledsoe. "That was encouraging."

Bledsoe lives in the City of Grosse Pointe. He has a Ph.D. in political science and teaches the subject at Wayne State University.

In the August Democratic primary, Bledsoe won the five Grosse Pointes by more than his rivals combined. He won Detroit. In Harper Woods, he finished second to that city's Mayor Kenneth Poynter.

"There's an appetite out there for genuine change and politicians of integrity," said Bledsoe.

Bledsoe said he "broke the mold" by running a substantive campaign free



Timothy Bledsoe

from outside influences. "I refuse to take lobbyists contributions," he said.

After his primary victory, supporters reportedly chided Bledsoe. They said he'd have won bigger if he'd taken donations from lobbyist groups.

"I said, 'You don't understand. The reason I did as well as I did was because people responded to our clean-money campaign,'" Bledsoe said. "It resonated broadly with voters. I won with a remarkably diverse vote from Democrats, Independents and Republicans. We had a compelling message that resonated with a broad sector of the electorate."

Bledsoe's message is good government.

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Candidates reach out to voters

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Two candidates facing off to represent Grosse Pointe in the Michigan House of Representatives have bent the boundaries of party politics.

Both candidates cite members of their opposing political camps as inspirations for entering the election.

Both candidates, also, are alike in never having held elected office.

Listed alphabetically, Democrat candidate Timothy Bledsoe is a college professor.

Republican candidate Mary Treder Lang is a business professional.

Bledsoe said his idea of a model state representative is William Bryant Jr., a moderate Republican who represented the Pointes from 1971 to 1996 in the state legislature.

"Bill was able to work with both Republican and Democrats," Bledsoe said. "He's a person of remarkable integrity."

Bledsoe also praised ethics reforms pushed by Louisiana Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal.

Lang said during the primary she took heat from fellow Republicans for posting photographs on her Web site of Democrat friends Lt. Gov. Don Cherry and House Speaker Andy Dillon.

"If we're going to get things accomplished, its about compromises," Lang said. "It's not whose in this party or that."

Bledsoe teaches political science at

Wayne State University. He's written or co-written at least three books on government.

Lang has worked 26 years in the business world. She's a certified public accountant.

Bledsoe said his overall goals if sent to Lansing are to improve state government and make it more responsive to people's needs. He won't accept campaign contributions from lobbyists.

"If you want to talk about good government, the only way to get there is to run a clean-money campaign taking no contributions from lobbyists," he said.

Lang wants to plug Michigan's drain of young talent and to return the state to economic prosperity. For Lang, the keys to a strong Michigan are quality education and a pro-business climate.

"Young folks are the future of our state," she said. "I've been to just about every big city and state, but by far, Michigan has the most to offer."

Neither candidate is highfalutin. Both speak plainly. Both are affable, personable and self-deprecating but firm in their views.

Lang joked about how long days of campaigning door-to-door have given her an excuse to shop for new shoes.

Bledsoe laughs when explaining how the family golden retriever, Willie, got his name.

"Willie is short for William Jefferson, as in Clinton," Bledsoe said. "Because he's a rascal, too."



Mary Treder Lang

GOP's Lang is business advocate

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

For Mary Treder Lang, tax increases don't add up. Especially during economic down times.

"If you raise taxes, you're going to make this economy go further down the tubes," said Lang, a certified public accountant. "You have to reduce taxes to put more money

in people's pockets."

Lang is from Grosse Pointe Farms. She won the Republican primary for state representative in her first run for elected office.

Key planks in her campaign are easing taxes, making Michigan more attractive to business and making state government live within its means.

"Maybe its because I'm a conservative CPA, but I don't spend money if I don't have it," Lang said. "I don't go further in debt just to have a higher standard of living. That's what government is doing right now."

Her opposition to tax increases put her at odds, but not on the outs, with the 1st District's term-limited Republican State Rep. Edward Gaffney. He voted last year to increase Michigan's income tax.

"I was criticized during the primary for having pictures of Ed Gaffney, Lt. Gov. Don Cherry and Speaker of the House Andy Dillon (both Democrats) on my Web site," Lang said. "I was insulted. Ed Gaffney is our state representative. I don't agree with his vote to increase taxes. He

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GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Five seek two seats in upcoming election

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public Schools Board of Education election is a little less than two weeks away.

Incumbent Ahmed Ismail is being challenged by Christopher Cornwall, Judy Gafa, Darryl Miller and Terrill Newnan for two school board seats up for grabs in the Tuesday, Nov. 4 election.

Ismail and Angela Kennedy currently occupy the two board positions which expire at the end of December.

Kennedy decide not to seek re-election.

Below is a profile of each candidate listed in alphabetical order:

Christopher Cornwall

Christopher Cornwall, 45, is a partner at the law firm of Dickinson Wright.

He is a member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, the Grosse Pointe Farms/City Little League board of directors and a sponsor of Toys for Tots.

He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1985 and Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1989.

Cornwall and his wife live in Grosse Pointe Farms with their two children — a daughter who is a Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore and a son who is a seventh grader at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

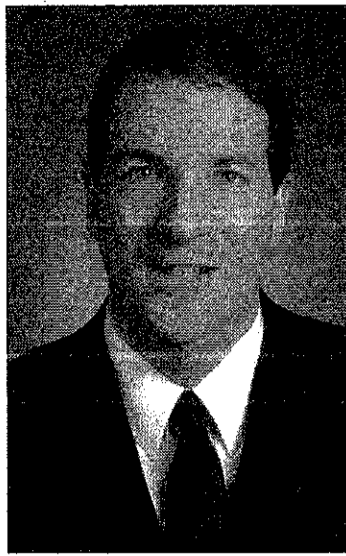
He explains that he and his wife decided the academy is best suited to meet their son's needs at this point in his education. Cornwall said after middle school, his son will attend South.

Cornwall is aware of the political heat he is getting for sending his son to a private school.

"Those who say I'm not a supporter of public schools are completely wrong," Cornwall said. "I actually find it gives me a unique perspective because I am finding out how a private entity addresses certain issues."

His decision to run came after observing the board meetings over the last year.

"Most of the current board members are out of touch with the common values or beliefs of the community," Cornwall said. "They need to focus on



Christopher Cornwall

what's good for the community. They are disrespectful, rude and unprofessional toward those with opposing views. It doesn't set a good example. When there is a disagreement between board members, they should say, 'We agree to disagree.'"

He believes he could help the board make the right decisions, even if they are tough. He has significant legal experience in construction and business issues.

"I bring a good skill set to the table," Cornwall said. "As an attorney, I have experience of keeping construction projects within a budget and negotiating contracts."

He said the weak economy will force the board to make many difficult, but fiscally responsible, decisions on the budget during the next three to four years.

"During union negotiations, we have to explore many options to find the one that benefits the district the best," Cornwall said. "We will need to find savings yet preserve the level of excellence."

Cornwall said the current board needs to be more transparent in its decision-making process and improve its communication with residents and teachers.

"They need to release the meeting agenda's well in advance," he said. "Items are popping out at the last minute so there's no time to notify the public or school employees that certain issues are being discussed."

He adds this current board is approving policies that are limiting the administration and fu-



Judy Gafa

Judy Gafa

Judy Gafa, a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident, is currently PTO president for Mason Elementary School and serves on the school district's food service committee.

She and her husband moved to the Woods 12 years ago because of the strong public school system and the city's family-friendly atmosphere.

They have three children, one attends Parcels Middle School and two attend Mason Elementary School.

Gafa is a registered nurse at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital. She earned her BSN from Madonna University with a minor in natural science.

She said her main reason for seeking a board seat is to prevent school services, such as food and custodial, from being privatized.

"Many employees of our district live in the area, support our businesses, and are an integral part of our community," she said.

As a member of the food service committee, she feels Sodexo, the district's food service provider, has room for improvement.

"The board signed a one-year contract and if improvements are not made, I will push to have a new company to come in and serve us," Gafa said.

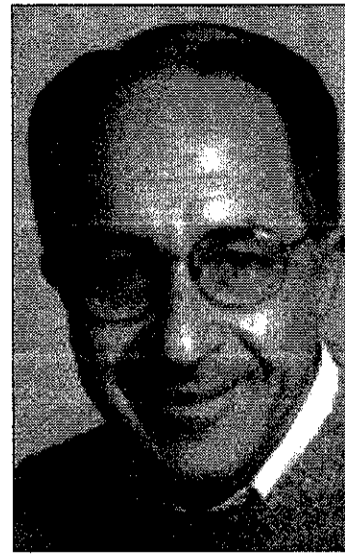
She said the district could do a better job with teaching average students who comprise the vast majority of the school's population.

"We excel at taking care of top learners and excel at special needs children and those who need extra help, but we could improve on those middle kids," Gafa said. "We need to get them up to that next level. I think it's doable with a little bit more engagement. I would like to see a little more push for those middle kids. If we improve the middle kids, we improve our district."

Gafa sees the board members' role as being stewards of the district. They are the eyes and ears of the taxpayers.

"I believe that the most important thing one can do is listen," she said. "It is through listening that one learns and can act upon them. If I do all the talking, I will never learn the voters' issue, what they are feeling and how to respond."

Gafa said the school board should not micromanage



Ahmed Ismail

school administrators. Board member should be open to the opinions of the administration and district employees.

"I think we need to have a level of faith in the administration," she said. "Do we have to agree with the administration 100 percent. Absolutely not. But from my perspective they are the professionals. They have the level of education and the knowledge they bring to their positions."

Managing the district's finances will be the major challenge board members will face in upcoming years, she said.

She gives kudos to the current board for its management of the district's finances.

"They have done a great job with the budget especially with all this financial uncertainty and establishing financial reports that show benchmarks," Gafa said. "They have set aside more than 15 percent of the recommended amount in the rainy day fund to handle emergencies."

She believes her experience as a health care professional will benefit the board as it struggles with health care expenses for employees which "is a big chunk of district cost."

Ahmed Ismail

Ahmed Ismail, 55, is seeking re-election to his seat on the school board for a second term.

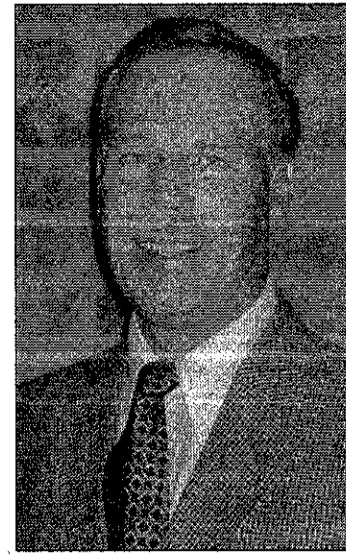
Ismail resides in Grosse Pointe Woods with his wife and three sons — the oldest attends Grinnell College, the middle son is a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School and the youngest attends Troy International Academy.

Ismail attended Poupard Elementary, Parcels Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools. He transferred to Grosse Pointe North, from which he graduated in 1970.

He owns a number of local businesses, most visibly Speedi Photo on Mack in the Woods.

Ismail is involved with many charitable organizations and is a major contributor to Services for Older Citizens and Special Kids, a Pointe-based aid program for families with special needs children. He also serves on the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission.

Ismail predicts that the board will be engaged in a search for key administrative positions in the district during the next four years. He noted that Superintendent Suzanne Klein and assistant superinten-



Darryl Miller

dents Chris Fenton and Susan Allan will be eligible for retirement in the next few years.

"During the next term, the board, if not doing an actual search for superintendent, it should plan for finding a successor," Ismail said. "People on the board need to go beyond just finding a good headhunter. They need to be interacting with people outside the district and need connections to find the best candidates."

During his tenure on the board, Ismail is most proud of the enrichment programs, such as honors social studies and science at the middle school, foreign language classes in the elementary schools and Chinese language class for high school students approved by the board.

Ismail regrets that the board has become more acrimonious during meetings and less transparent in its decision-making process.

He said he is disappointed that the board has eliminated the work sessions prior to the monthly meetings.

"Those work sessions gave us time with principals and other interested parties," he said. "Those were a window of time where they could be used as a sounding board. Those meetings were critical and very productive."

He believes there should be more of a collaborative effort between teachers and the school board.

"It's been a long time since teachers have been asked their opinions," Ismail said.

He also believes a distance has been created between school administrators and the board.

"I think we should have more teamwork," Ismail said. "The board should have quarterly meetings with the school principals. It would be their meeting to discuss, what's on their minds."

Ismail believes team work and looking at the big picture is critical if the district is going to prepare students for the future, especially during a time when school budgets are stretched.

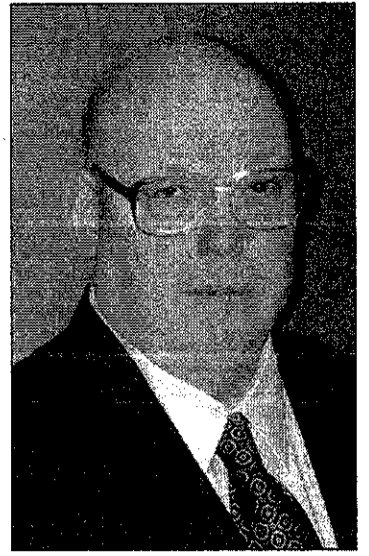
"The board needs to stay in touch with other people beyond Eight Mile," he said. "There's a lot of good ideas board members can learn by attending seminars, like merit pay for teachers to get teachers' creative juices flowing again. If you listen to 20 different ideas and use at least one, it's time well spent."

He is also disappointed that the board didn't approve the International Baccalaureate program for the school district. He contends that it complements the AP courses currently in the high school and is not just for gifted students.

"The IB program is based on the philosophy of creating lifelong learners," Ismail said. "Its for all kids who just want to learn. Its not made for gifted kids. It's for every student — from the gifted to those in the middle to those with special needs."

He said he felt more board members made their decision without doing their homework. He said that only trustees Charles Sabino and Joan Dindoffer went with him to visit an IB program in Bloomfield Hills.

"The rest of the board made their decision without sitting in that classroom or attending any seminars about it," Ismail



Terrill Newnan

said. His youngest son attends the newly established Troy IB high school as a freshman. Ismail said it is a good fit and his son seems to be thriving there.

Darryl Miller

Darryl Miller, a 55-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident, is a comptroller at Weyerhaeuser who served as the community liaison on the school district's financial benchmarking committee.

He and his wife, a teacher at Parcels Middle School, have two sons — one is a junior at Albion College and the other is a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

He addresses the issue of his wife being a district employee as being a positive and not a conflict of interest.

"My wife gives me the details behind the issues," he said. "Since she is part of the system, she gives me great insights."

He also said the board has checks and balances to safeguard against someone who is out for personal gain.

"I would be one person on a board of seven," Miller said. "It takes a majority to pass anything. I would do what is fair and equitable for the people of the district."

As a 29-year resident of the Farms, he is running because he wants to give back to the community. In the past, he has been involved in the Grosse Pointe Farms/City Little League for which he served for seven years as a board member.

Miller, who has a MBA from Wayne State University, believes his financial expertise would serve the school board well as it faces a fiscally uncertain future.

"The budget crunch is its challenge," he said. "We need to develop long range plans and not focus just year to year."

While Miller gives the current board high marks for its budget management, he believes it needs to have a contingency plan to increase fund equity in case the State of Michigan starts to drastically cut back funds.

He said the district needs to investigate other ways to increase revenue. He proposes opening enrollment to the district's schools to children of district teachers and staff members who live outside the district.

"This could also help the housing market by enticing them to move into the area," Miller said. "Once their children start to make friends with their classmates, they might want to live closer to them."

Even though the financial issue will be an ongoing challenge, he said the board should budget for upgrading security and preventative maintenance in the school buildings.

"We want to make sure our kids are safe and protected," Miller said.

He believes the current school trustees could work better together.

"The current board can be acrimonious at times," Miller said. "If you don't get along, you waste a lot of time and energy. Each board member needs to realize the value of team work."

The board also has to show restraint in its management of the school's administration.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, MichiganNOTICE OF ADOPTION
AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 194

On October 13, 2008 the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 194 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective on October 23, 2008, which Ordinance provides for new or amended Sections 6-16 to 6-26 to the City Code providing regulation with respect to dangerous dogs in the City and civil fines in connection with civil infractions and criminal fines and penalties in connection with misdemeanor violations of the Ordinance.

This summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulation, code, or other material adopted by reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopying at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, MichiganNOTICE OF ADOPTION
AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 195

On October 13, 2008 the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 195 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective on October 23, 2008, which Ordinance provides for new or amended Sections 3-1, 3-2, 12-15, 16-5, 16-67, 16-108, 16-111, 16-112, 16-121, 16-122, 16-124, 16-125, 18-1, 21-52, 21-53, 24-14, 27-25, 27-26, 27-83, and 27-95 to the City Code providing civil fines in connection with civil infractions and criminal fines and penalties in connection with misdemeanor violations of the Ordinance including posting bills on streets, posting on private places, failure to comply with garbage and refuse rules, spitting in public, trespass on posted public property, urinating in public, curfew violations for persons under the age of 15, curfew for persons ages 15 and 16, playing in streets and otherwise obstructing traffic, throwing of snowballs and other objects, swimming in Lake St. Clair, fireworks, residential calls without invitation, clearing of sidewalks, failure to clear sidewalks, maintenance of lawns, trees and vegetation, limitations on accessory uses, sale of personal property in a residential district, storage of recreational vehicles, and offstreet parking requirements.

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BLED SOE: Second run for office

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"We have to get more value out of the tax dollars we send to Lansing," he said. "One example is public education. Our spending on public education per-pupil is above average compared to other states. Yet, if you look at our test scores and outcome measures, we're below average. That signals to me that there is a problem getting good value from our educational tax dollars."

He said public schools need priming for the future.

"The auto industry is not going to be creating a lot of jobs in the coming years," he said. "We have to have a 21st century work force ready to attract 21st century-type businesses and industry to this state. That all starts with education."

Michigan's research universities can't do it alone.

"We have to have a good K through 12 system feeding those universities," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe said his model state representative is William Bryant Jr., Grosse Pointe's former longtime Republican voice in the House.

"In terms of being accessible and approachable, he's the kind of representative I want to be," Bledsoe said. "A friend of mine said he sent Bryant a check for \$100. Bill sent it back saying he didn't need it. That's the kind of politician I want to be."

"I want to be so well regarded and highly thought of by the voters that, by golly, if someone sends me a check, I'll send it back if we don't

need it. I say take that \$100 and give it to your church or charity."

Bledsoe said responsible government requires strong ethics.

"Some analysts rank laws in Michigan regarding public ethics as the weakest in the nation," he said. "If we want to compete in a 21st century economy, we have to clean up Lansing."

He wants to distance lobbyists from the legislative process.

"Right now, if you are a member of Congress, and leave, law requires you to wait two years before you lobby your former colleagues," Bledsoe said. "In Michigan, the waiting period in Lansing is one minute. One minute and you can turn around and lobby your colleague."

He'd separate legislators from entering potentially entangling business arrangements.

"Let's say I'm an attorney and legislator, and there are quite a few in Lansing," Bledsoe said. "You pay me a generous fee to look over some papers and give an opinion."

"After I'm finished you say, 'Next week there's a vote in the legislature and I would appreciate your support on it.' As things stand now, not only is that not illegal, but there is no disclosure provision that would allow anyone to know about our business relationship."

Bledsoe said ethics reform is his high horse.

"Unless ethics reform is central to your agenda, a central part of your being, it always gets lost in the shuffle," Bledsoe said. "It always gets traded away. If you're not going to go there with changing the ethical environment as a key part of what you want to do, it gets lost."



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Voting officials

Lake Township voters cast their ballots at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Manning the polls, circa 1960, are from left, unidentified man, Mrs. Laughlin, Eleanor Sperrick (wife of the Fords' chauffeur Charles Sperrick) and Eleanor Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin.

LANG: Business advocate

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knows I'm dead set against it. But, why wouldn't you be proud to have your state rep on your Web site?"

As for Cherry and Dillon, Lang said she knows them and looks forward to working with them in a bipartisan effort to put Michigan back on top.

"How am I going to get anything accomplished as state representative if I don't know people on the other side?" Lang said. "Being able to compromise for the best for the citizens — that's what it's all about. I'm going to deal with what's important for our district and, ultimately, the state. Right now, the people

we have in Lansing are bickering back and forth."

From young people paying income taxes to senior citizens juggling Social Security to pay property taxes, Lang's message registered with primary voters. She won four of the five Grosse Pointes.

"On average, every Michigan taxpayer this last April 15 paid \$300 more on their tax return as a result of the tax increase," she said. "When knocking on doors, I ask people, 'Couldn't you have done a lot with that \$300?'"

If Lang wins a seat in the House, she can thank her son, J.P. She said it was his comment that charged her up to run for office.

"He said to me, 'Mom, all my friends are leaving the state. They're going to college, getting educated and not coming back,'" Lang said.

That did it.

"We've crippled businesses

in our state," Lang said. "People are waiting to get out of here as soon as they can. If we don't do something about reducing taxes across the board, there will be more and more people unemployed. Because of businesses being crippled, there will be more people leaving the state. The high-educated will leave. Businesses are not going to come here."

Lang stressed the role of quality education in fueling Michigan's turnaround. But, she said she won't authorize blank checks to school districts, especially those that don't meet expectations.

"A lot of the functionality of our education system has to do with the administration and accountability of funds that are allocated from the state," Lang said. "It goes back to the overall theme of accountability. Fifty-two percent of the state education fund goes to Detroit, and it's

the laughingstock of the nation."

If troubled districts continue to fail, Lang said she'll pursue structural alternatives.

"We will continue to allocate money to school systems, but there has to be accountability," Lang said. "You can't continue giving money to school systems that are not performing up to expectations. You put them on a time line — two, three, five years. If the system's not fixed, we need to move on. We bring in charter schools."

Her support for education extends to vocational schools, but she said it takes a healthy business climate to create jobs for graduates.

"We need to incentivize businesses to pool the labor we have," Lang said. "There's a lot of skilled labor out there. They have to have vital opportunities for business. I will fight tooth and nail. I'm so pro business."

BOARD: Candidates speak out

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"The board's role is to set guidelines and objectives and then they should let administrators and teachers implement them," Miller said. "We shouldn't be meddling in their sandbox. Let them do their stuff."

Terrill Newnan

Terrill Newnan, 57, grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He attended University Liggett School for eight years and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

He furthered his education by attending Norwood University for one year. He graduated from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in business. Newnan is currently a self-employed businessman. Previously, he worked in the accounting department at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

He lived for a few years in Chicago where he sold mutual funds.

Newnan would like to help the school district find ways to manage its budget.

"There's a lot you can do to reduce expenses," he said. "It's a lot like running a house. There are little ways you can save. There are some minor

changes they could do to save some money."

He suggests they could look at how they buy goods and the services they use to tighten up the budget.

"I don't know exactly what they are. I would do some research, but I'm sure it can be done," he said.

Newnan threw his hat in the ring after talking to school district employees who pointed out "things that are wasteful."

Shortly after that conversation, he saw the public notice about the upcoming election.

"So I decided I might as well put my name it," he said.

He questions the wisdom behind building the new pool at South.

"I know they needed a new pool," he said, "but I question the timing when the economy is so bad. I remember back in '87 when there was a big market slide, the district wanted to issue a big bond proposal, but they put it off because the timing wasn't right."

While Newnan believes the board should compensate teachers and staff and maintain buildings, he thinks it still could do a better job saving money.

He doesn't think the school board should be micromanaging the school's administrators.

"It should set general policy and let the administrators implement it," Newnan said. "But it should be done in careful consultation. The administration is in the schools on a daily basis while the board only meeting a couple times a month."

Ordinance glitch fixed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A wrench hidden in the legal machinery of Grosse Pointe Shores has been removed.

Repairs in the form of an ordinance amendment allows the Zoning Board of Appeals to rule on variance requests regarding placement of satellite dishes, swimming pools, generators, fences, walls and hedges.

"The need for this became apparent at a planning commission meeting earlier this month," said Mark McInerney,

village attorney. "What came up at (the) meeting was a request for a variance in the placement of a generator. Those are not really governed by the zoning board."

The board hears and rules on requests for variances. The board was only empowered to rule on matters within a specific chapter of the ordinance code. Such narrow parameters excluded chapters governing the placement of swimming pools and other items listed.

The change goes into effect upon publication in a newspaper.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 4, 2008 General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the City Clerk at 19617 Harper Ave., Harper Woods, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

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Mickey D. Todd,
CITY CLERK

NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITIES OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, AND THE VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Notice Is Hereby Given To The Qualified Electors of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores that a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted at your city/township clerk's office on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the PRESIDENTIAL & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION to be held on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 4, 2008.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

For further information contact:

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NOTICE OF ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION IN THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE CITIES OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, HARPER WOODS, TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE POINTE - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN LAKE TOWNSHIP - MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Registered qualified electors in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and Township of Grosse Pointe-Wayne County and Lake Township-Macomb Township, who expect to be absent from the city or township or who are confined to home or hospital by illness or disability or are 60 years of age or more, may now apply for absent voter's ballots. **NO SUCH REGULAR APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, November 1, 2008.** Applications can be made prior to such time at the Municipal Offices.

The offices of the City Clerks of Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and Township of Grosse Pointe and Lake Township - Macomb County, will be open during normal business hours Monday thru Friday of each week. All offices will be open on Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 8:30 until 2:00 p.m. for absent voter's ballot.

HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY DO SO IN THEIR CITY/TOWNSHIP OFFICES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008 UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

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Park native takes command of USS Normandy



The Norfolk-based USS Normandy is under the command of Cpt. Jeffrey T. Griffin, a Grosse Pointe Park native.

He assumed command of the guided missile cruiser on Aug. 22. Griffin had command of the USS Laboon, USS Gonzalez and USS Stout. His most recent assignment was in the Pentagon.

Griffin graduated summa cum laude in 1986 from the University of Notre Dame with

Cpt. Jeff Griffin commands the USS Normandy.

a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accountancy.

He is the 10th commander of the USS Normandy, the first ship to honor the battle in Northern France.

The ship's keel was laid April 7, 1987 and launched on March 19, 1988. The crew of 340 lives on the ship that is 567 feet long, has a beam of 55 feet and a displacement of 9,800 tons. It has been deployed to the Arabian Gulf in 1990, the Red Sea in 1991-92 and the Adriatic in 1993-94.

In 1994, the 50th anniversary

of D-Day, the ship and its crew was awarded the Navy Unit of Commendation. Since then the USS Normandy has been back to the Adriatic, the Arabian Gulf four times and in 2007 was on NATO deployment.

The Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser's armaments include an AEGIS combat system, two Mk 41 vertical launchers, two harpoon quad launchers, two 5-inch 54 caliber lightweight guns, six anti-submarine torpedo tubes, two Vulcan Phalanx close-in and two LAMPS III SH-60B helicopters.



Hockey man

The Shield family of Grosse Pointe Park, whose son, Timothy, is a freshman at the U.S. Naval Academy, arranged for former hockey player Cpt. Jeff Griffin to be awarded an honorary Grosse Pointe South High School hockey varsity letter from the team. The Shields also had a replica South hockey jersey made for him and gave it to Griffin when he met with Midshipmen. Griffin's brother, Tim, is South's hockey game announcer. From left, Colin Edwards, Second Class, Grosse Pointe Farms; Daniel Sheppard, First Class, Grosse Pointe Woods; Alex Duncan, Second Class, Grosse Pointe Woods; Daniel Rinehard, First Class, Grosse Pointe Farms; and Timothy Shield, Fourth Class, Grosse Pointe Park.



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CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on November 4, 2008 from 7:00 A.M. to 8 P.M. at which time the following offices will be voted upon:

- President and Vice President
- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress 13th District
- State Representative 1st District
- State Board of Education
- University of Michigan Regent
- Michigan State University Trustee
- Wayne State University Governor
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner 1st District
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judges of the Court of Appeals 1st District
- Judges of the Circuit Court 3rd Judicial Circuit Incumbent Position
- Judges of the Circuit Court 3rd Judicial Circuit Non-Incumbent Position
- Judge of the Circuit Court 3rd Judicial Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term
- Judges of the Probate Court
- Judge of District Court 32nd District
- Grosse Pointe School District Board Member

and to vote on the following proposals:

STATE PROPOSAL

Proposal 08-1 A Legislative Initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions.

Proposal 08-2 A Proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Wayne County Community College District millage renewal and reduction.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 28, 2008 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the county of Wayne as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan			
	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Effective
Taxing Authorities			
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
School Districts			
Grosse Pointe Schools	February, 2005	16.7875 mills	2009 (non-homestead only)
	February, 2005	2.2125 mills	2009 (non-homestead only)
	March, 2004	1 mill	2010
	February, 2005	8.0784 mills	2009 (non-homestead only)
Harper Woods School District	June, 1995	18 mills	2014 (non-homestead only)
Local Unit			
City of Harper Woods	1995 \$5.0 million general obligation unlimited		1995 - 2011
City of Harper Woods	1998 \$6.5 million general obligation unlimited		1999 - 2014

The Election will be conducted at the following places:

PRECINCT NO.	LOCATION	ADDRESS
#1 & 2	Beacon School	19475 Beaconsfield
#3	City Hall	19617 Harper
#4	Tyrone School	19525 Tyrone
#5 & 6	Poupard School	20655 Lennon

All polling locations are fully accessible and have alternative voting instructions.

Interested and qualified persons may make application to vote an absentee ballot at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Absentee Ballot Applications can also be obtained on line at www.harperwoodscity.org or www.michigan.gov/vote. Voters may obtain a Sample Ballot showing the Offices and candidates to be elected and the full text of each proposal in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. For additional information - please call (313) 843-2510

City of Harper Woods
Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, for the following variances and/or site plan reviews:

28 Beacon Hill

Plans are available at City Hall for review. Written comments will be accepted till noon, on Friday, November 7, 2008, or you may appear at the above scheduled date and time.

G.P.N.: 10/23/2008

Matthew Tepper, City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK - ENVIRONMENTAL SITE CLOSURE SERVICES: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2008, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: UST - Environmental Site Closure Services. Copies of the specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa K Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 10/23/2008

CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE

AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on November 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

1991 Ford Club Wagon	1FMEE11N9MHB19725 (no record)
1994 Nissan Sentra	1N4EB31P4RC736339
1990 Chevrolet Lumina	2G1WL54T5L1141795
1999 Dodge Caravan	2B4FP25B1XR338709
1998 Plymouth Neon	1P3ES4Y4WD554203
1992 Oldsmobile 88	1G3HY53L2NH351905
1994 Chevrolet Tahoe	1GNEK18K2RJ390898
1995 Buick Road Master	1G4BT52P4SR425724
1998 Dodge Intrepid	2B3HD46R6WH109167
1989 GMC Sierra P-Up	1GTDC14H7KE524606
1996 Dodge Stratus	1B3EJ46X3TN172448
1993 Chrysler Concorde	2C3EL56F6PH675643
1997 Mazda 626	1YVGE22C9V5659606
1989 Chevrolet Astro Van	1GBDM15Z5KB254883
1994 Saturn	1G8ZH1577RZ177160
1991 Nissan Maxima	JN1HJ01P6MT548054

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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Sgt. Robert Bensinger,
Traffic Safety Section

Harvest Gathering in need of donations

Michigan residents again can drop off nonperishable food items at any Secretary of State branch office to benefit needy families in their communities for the 18th annual Michigan Harvest Gathering.

Donations can be dropped off at all Secretary of State branch offices through Dec. 12. Requested items include peanut butter, canned tuna and other meats, and canned fruits, vegetables and soups, although all nonperishable food items are welcome.

The campaign, coordinated by the Food Bank Council of Michigan, helps supply the state's regional food banks through donations of food and money. The regional food banks serve food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in every Michigan county.

Envelopes will be available for those who wish to mail cash donations, which are used to cover the cost of collecting and distributing the food.

"Your donations help put a meal on the table for someone in need," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "Of the 1 million Michigan residents expected to visit a food bank this year, 38 percent are children and 14 percent are senior citizens. I encourage you to contribute to Michigan Harvest Gathering to help your less-fortunate friends and neighbors, including our most vulnerable populations."

In 2007, the Michigan Harvest Gathering collected more than \$400,000 and 289,000 pounds of food. The 2008 goal is \$430,000 and 300,000 pounds of food.

Auditions for Grosse Pointe Theatre

Auditions for Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The Boy Friend" will be from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25 and Sunday, Oct. 26 in the theater's rehearsal facility, 315 Fisher, with performances in January.

This 1920s musical will be directed by John Diebel.

Performers needed include:

◆ Young couples ranging in age from mature 16 to about 25.

◆ Dancers. Everyone should bring tap shoes, even non-singers.

◆ Singers

For CDs and scripts, call producer Chris Kaiser at (313) 881-8040

Parts available include:

◆ Polly Browne, lead. She is a sweet beauty, yet unsure of herself and how to deal with boys. Think Julie Andrews at 19, large vocal range and all. Songs: "Could be Happy" and "A Room in Bloomsbury."

◆ Maisie, support. A former tomboy, she's brash, perky and venturesome. She loves playing hard to get, risks and all. Songs: "Safety in Numbers" and "Won't You Charleston with Me?"

◆ Dulcie, Fay and Nancy, featured. Polly's pals, also filled with energy and ex-



Saturday dance class for "The Boy Friend."

citability. Songs: "Perfect Young Ladies," "The Riviera" and "It's Never too Late."

◆ Tony, lead. A sweet hunk who's embarrassed at his high place in society, hiding it even from Polly as he pretends to be

a delivery boy. Songs: "I Could be Happy" and "A Room in Bloomsbury."

◆ Bobby, support. Confident live wire who never lets Maisie's coy rejections slow him down. Songs: "Safety in

Numbers" and "Won't You Charleston with Me?"

◆ Alphonse, Marcel and Pierre, featured. These typical society schoolboys, put the pursuit of girls very high on the "to do" lists. Songs: "The

Riviera" and "Safety in Numbers."

◆ Two more young males and females are needed as part of the boyfriend/girlfriend ensemble. They will perform in all the major dance scenes. Audition song: "The Boy Friend."

◆ Hortense, featured. Maid at a school for girls in Nice. Active and energetic, often scolds the five girls but loves them dearly. Songs: "Perfect Young Ladies" and "Nicer in Nice."

◆ Madame DuBonnet, support. Lovely manners, French accent. Head mistress with fond memories of her romantic youth. Songs: "Fancy Forgetting" and "You Don't Want to Play."

◆ Percival Browne, support. Polly's father is a stuffy millionaire who finds new life in his visit to Nice. He was the romance in DuBonnet's youth. Songs: same as DuBonnet.

◆ Lord Brockhurst, support. Loves chasing the young ladies around with youthful, playful innocence, despite his

55 to 75 years. Song: "It's Never Too Late" and "The Boy Friend."

◆ Lady Brockhurst, featured. A matronly martinet, Lady B. is a social snob and spends much time in self-pity, trying to restrain her husband and living in the past. Song: "The Boy Friend."

◆ Gendarme(s), bartender, waiters, passerby, non-featured. All need a quality French accent, some dance skills and comedic ability. Song: "The Boy Friend."

Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and Sunday afternoons until Thanksgiving week, then Tuesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Technical week will be Jan. 2 through 8. Dress rehearsal will be Friday, Jan. 9.

Performances are 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 and Jan. 18; and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Friday, Jan. 16 and Saturday, Jan. 17, Wednesday, Jan. 21, Thursday, Jan. 22, Friday, Jan. 23 and Saturday, Jan. 24.

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Busy park heads into fall

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A lot of residents vacationed near home last summer and motorboaters were on their boats, but not on the lake.

Such were trends observed at Neff Park.

"We noticed a significant increase in park use," said Chris Hardenbrook, City of Grosse Pointe recreation director. "We had a full marina. A lot of people were hanging out on their boats. I noticed less activity on the lake, except for sailboats."

Last summer's spike in gasoline prices got partial credit for increased attendance at the City's municipal park.

"The numbers were way up, with great turnout for special events," Hardenbrook said.

Stay-at-homers contributed to 60,488 people attending the park between June and August. The figure represents a 7,399 increase over the summer of 2007.

Park use this summer included more requests for group permits, family picnics and pavilion reservations, plus attendance at special events, such as Michigan Marina Day, the campout and fall harvest.

The increase was handled despite reduced staff. Hardenbrook said he cut his standard 60-member lifeguard

crew to 40 employees to save money.

"I realize every year how fortunate I am to have the type of employees I do," he said. "They're trustworthy and responsible."

Most of his seasonal staff are repeat employees.

"We're a close group down here," Hardenbrook said. "We only hire four of five new lifeguards every year. That's to keep the separation of ages."

Fall activities

Fall activities began this month with the annual harvest festival and outdoor movie.

The Friday Night Fall Series, including bonfires from 8 to 11 p.m., runs through November.

The Haunted Park weekend is Friday and Saturday Oct. 24-25. A \$3 fee is being charged this year to enter the haunted bathhouse.

"On Friday and Saturday nights (6 to 10 p.m.), the haunted house is geared toward middle school-aged kids and up," Hardenbrook said.

Activities for younger children are scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 and include a pumpkin bouncy house, magic show, face painting and scary crafts, Hardenbrook said.

"The haunted house will be open, but the lights are

switched on for self-guided tours," Hardenbrook said.

The annual Halloween in the Village is 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

Winter events include platform tennis at Elworthy Field. At Neff Park, a refrigerated portable ice skating rink is scheduled to be ready by Dec. 1. Winterfest is scheduled the last weekend in January.

Center of action

Hardenbrook is in his fifth year with the city. During that time, he's helped expand recreational programming from a mainly spring and summer schedule to include fall and winter activities.

"The park has been a catalyst for creating a year-round sense of community among residents," Hardenbrook said. "Residents often don't see each other as much during winter as they do during summer. Now, with ongoing events at the park, they're able to see each other regularly."

As new programs took hold, Hardenbrook this year focused on park maintenance.

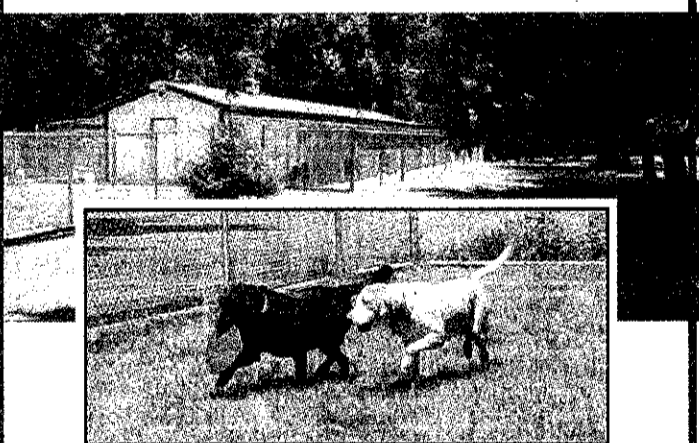
"We took pride in how great everything looked," he said. "Every year the park looks better and better with help from my maintenance guys. This year it really showed what grass can look like with an operational sprinkler system."



The Stratford reader

Ten-year-old Annie Thoits of Grosse Pointe Woods stopped to read the Grosse Pointe News in Stratford, Ont., where she and her parents were attended productions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Music Man." 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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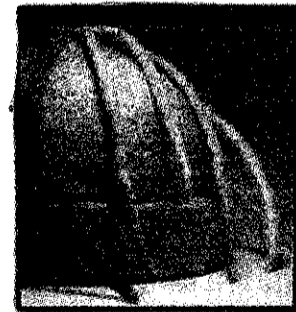
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Recovery program eases stress of joint replacement

By Ebone Colbert

It's common knowledge that surgery can take a physical toll on patients, but it can affect them mentally as well.

To address the mental stress and strain associated with joint replacement surgery, doctors, nurses and other health care professionals at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe created The Spa for Orthopedic Specialties recovery program.

This program focuses on the patient's overall health with a comprehensive approach to joint replacement surgery that starts with a pre-surgery class providing patients with information about the operation; what to expect afterward; arrangements for returning home; and physical and integrative therapies. Each patient's stay ends with a discharge class focusing on the patient's care for himself at home.

The program's integrative medicine therapies provides patients with spa-like treatments such as hydrotherapy foot baths, massages, aromatherapy and therapeutic touch.

"Integrative medicine therapy is part of our holistic model of care," said Catherine Jackman, director of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation

Services. "These services help address other issues that patients are dealing with that may not be physical."

To address the patients' physical needs, during the day they attend two group physical therapy sessions and two individual physical therapy sessions.

This intense physical therapy, along with the integrative medicine therapy, has achieved positive results ranging from fewer complications after surgery to positive patient satisfaction to faster recovery.

Patients who are part of the program are able to go home and return to their normal lives sooner, walk farther at the time of their discharge and have less pain.

Orthopedic nurses, all of whom specialize in total joint replacement care, provide massages and other integrative medicine therapies at night to help patients with their pain and anxiety, and to help them relax.

"The spa-like treatment gives patients time to refocus and regroup after surgery," said orthopedic surgeon Michael Demers, M.D. "That's why I bring my patients here, for the services and the excellent care that the staff provides."

Priscilla Nehra, 69, of Grosse Pointe Shores, had partial knee replacement surgery on Sept. 12 by orthopedic surgeon Richard Perry, M.D.

"I didn't know about the spa, but it was a wonderful surprise when the nurse came and gave me a foot massage after therapy," said Nehra. "I loved that the nurse took her time with me when giving the massage, and the spa helped me physically and mentally."

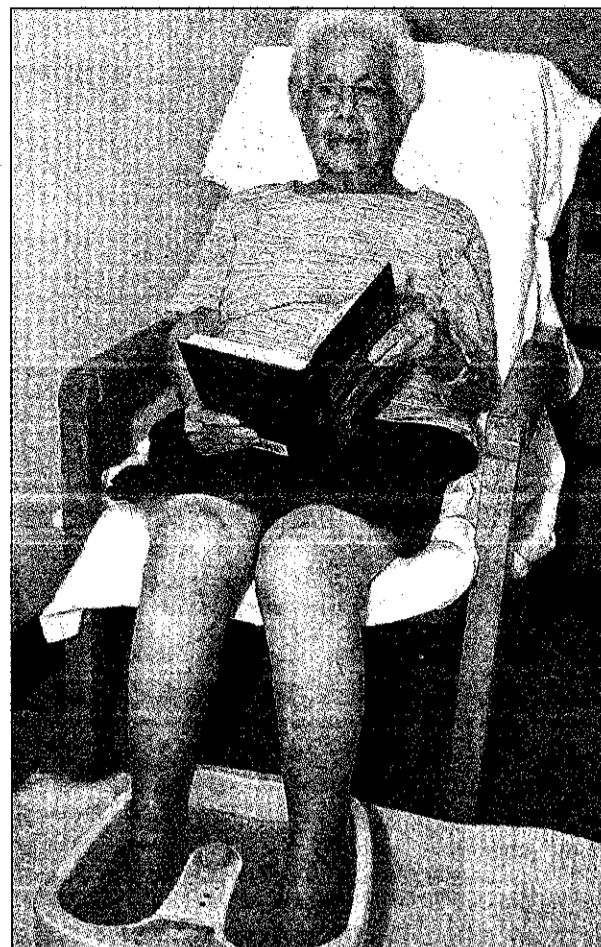
Nehra was able to walk four blocks two weeks after surgery, and does not need a walker or a cane.

"The home (physical) therapist is impressed by my progress," says Nehra. "I believe the physical therapy right after surgery and the spa (services) helped me to recover faster."

The Spa for Orthopedic Specialties recovery program is offered to all patients who have knee or hip replacement at no extra charge.

"We are always striving to provide patients with the best service," said Jackman.

Patients and staff have spoken so highly of the program that we may expand it to include those who have had other types of orthopedic surgeries, Jackman said.



Bella Osborn, 94, of St. Clair Shores, catches up on her reading as she enjoys one of the perks of the Spa for Orthopedic recovery program at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. The spa's integrative medicine therapies provide patients with spa-like treatments such as hydrotherapy foot baths, massages, aromatherapy and therapeutic touch. See this week's paper for a special Beaumont, Grosse Pointe section.

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Doctor enjoys teamwork at Beaumont

Teamwork is the key to any successful business, and it's certainly what drives Beaumont Hospital as it celebrates one year in the Grosse Pointe community.

Among those impressed with the changes, growth and teamwork of Beaumont, Grosse Pointe is Dr. James McCarty, medical director of the Beaumont Wound Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

Along with duties there, Dr. McCarty also has offices in Roseville and at Beaumont's Hall Road facility in Macomb Township - where he splits his surgical time with the Grosse Pointe facility.

His podiatry expertise teams with other surgeons to provide patients with the best care from the start of an illness or injury to full recovery. The staff offers noninvasive vascular testing, including ultrasound



treatment of sores or wounds that have resisted healing after months - even years - of traditional treatment. Wounds treated include pressure ulcers, venous ulcers, arterial ulcers, minor burns and non-healing surgical wounds and diabetic wounds.

The Beaumont Medical Center at 25631 Little Mack also hosts offices of doctors specializing in internal medicine, family practice, obstetrics/gynecology, cardiology, orthopedics and pulmonary medicine.

Beaumont services include general radiology, ultrasound, digital mammography, vascular testing, wound care, bone density testing and laboratory testing.

"It's starting to come together pretty well," Dr. McCarty said of the last year of growth at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. "It was a nice hospital and now Beaumont is taking it to a new level. I believe with all my heart it will be a first-class facility and recognized as a top hospital."

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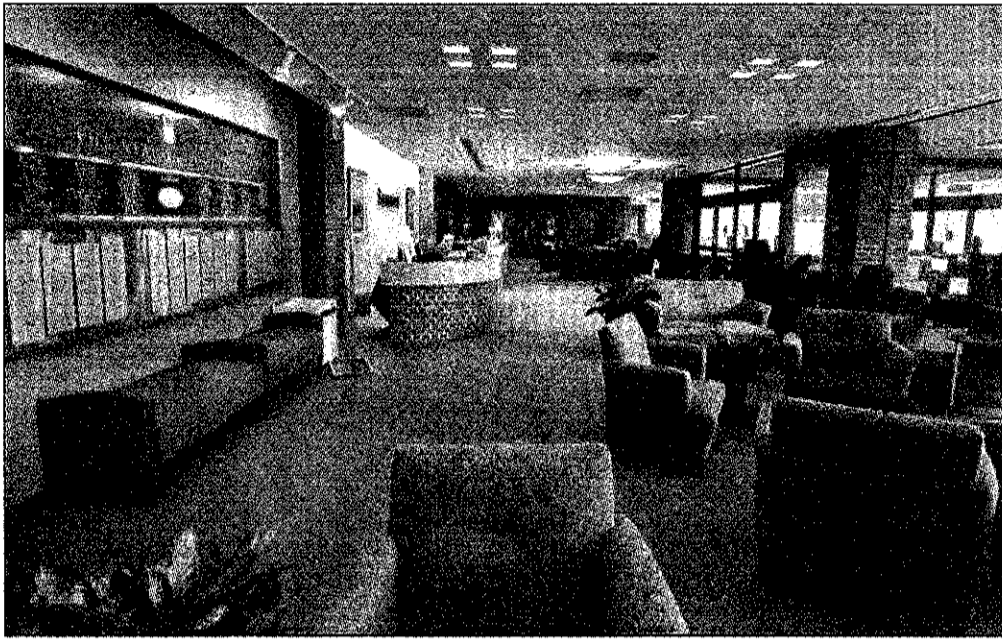
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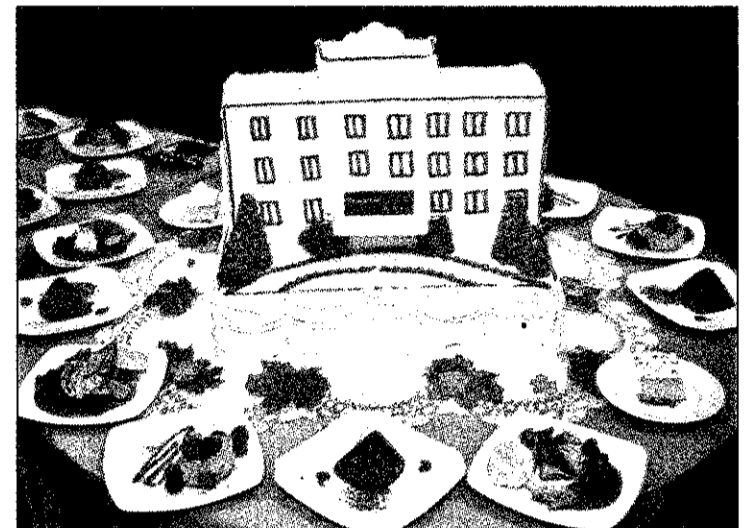
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Above, more than 200 walkers from Beaumont, Grosse Pointe took part in the Arthritis Foundation Walk in Grosse Pointe. The group raised more than \$10,000. At right, renovations to Beaumont included the main lobby area and continues throughout the building. See more about Beaumont's first year in Grosse Pointe in a special section in this issue of the Grosse Pointe News.



Healing touch



Top, Beaumont staff and family members enjoy educating the community about its services and health care options. Above, the one-year anniversary celebration included a sweet version of the Beaumont, Grosse Pointe building.

Infusion services a first-year addition

One major change to Beaumont, Grosse Pointe in its first year is the availability of infusion services with one of the nation's most respected directors leading the way.

Intravenous therapy provided by Beaumont includes antibiotics, anticoagulation medication, chemotherapy, enteral nutrition, hydration, inotropic therapy, pain management, steroid therapy and more.

"We wanted to establish the services here at the hospital," said Chris Stesney-Ridenour, vice president of operations and a 23-year Beaumont employee. "Six months after we purchased the facility, we were treating a couple patients a day. We now see about 15 a day."

The increase is due to the convenience of staying near home for treatment and because Beaumont hired Josie Garnoc as its director of infusion services," Stesney-Ridenour said.

"She is great at what she does," Stesney-Ridenour said. "The physicians love her and refer patients to her because of her clinical expertise."

Garnoc, with more than 30 years of experience, is quick to deflect credit for the department's success to her co-workers.

"It's different every day here and I enjoy the team I work with," she said. "I love what I do because you see patients progress. You see the difference in them each day."

Patients - from young children to seniors - enjoy a setting where they can talk about their illness and healing with those going through similar treatments.

"They help make sure the patient is very much at ease with the treatment," said 71-year-old Grosse Pointe resident John Wade, whose grandfather sold the property for development of Bon Secours. "It's great to have Josie here. It's a great atmosphere for healing."

Dr. James McCarty, medical director of the Beaumont Wound Care Center in St. Clair Shores, said Garnoc is an important piece of the puzzle when it comes to recovery for patients.

"She is phenomenal," he said. "There is a team of professionals who do so much to help us. She is one of those professionals and the fact they got her is a miracle. It's great

for Beaumont and the community." Stesney-Ridenour said the opinions of the employees and residents who visit Beaumont are most important.

"It's a very rewarding and satisfying experience to come into a facility like this," she said. "We're in a rebuilding phase and it's going quickly. The response from the com-

munity and changes in our services are among the reasons I'm in health care. It's interesting and rewarding."

- Joe Warner

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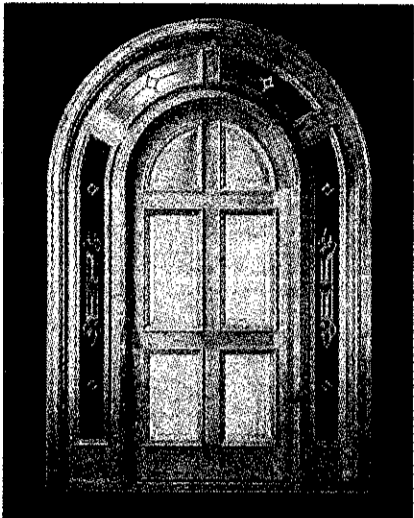


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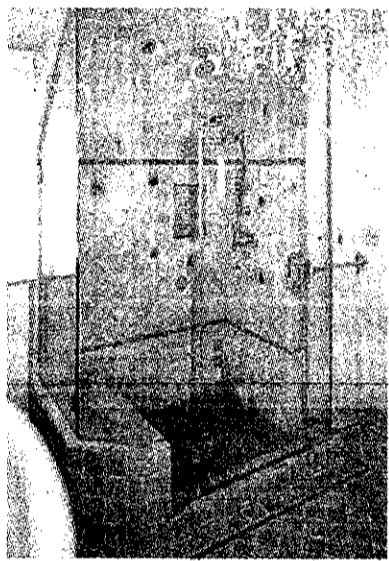
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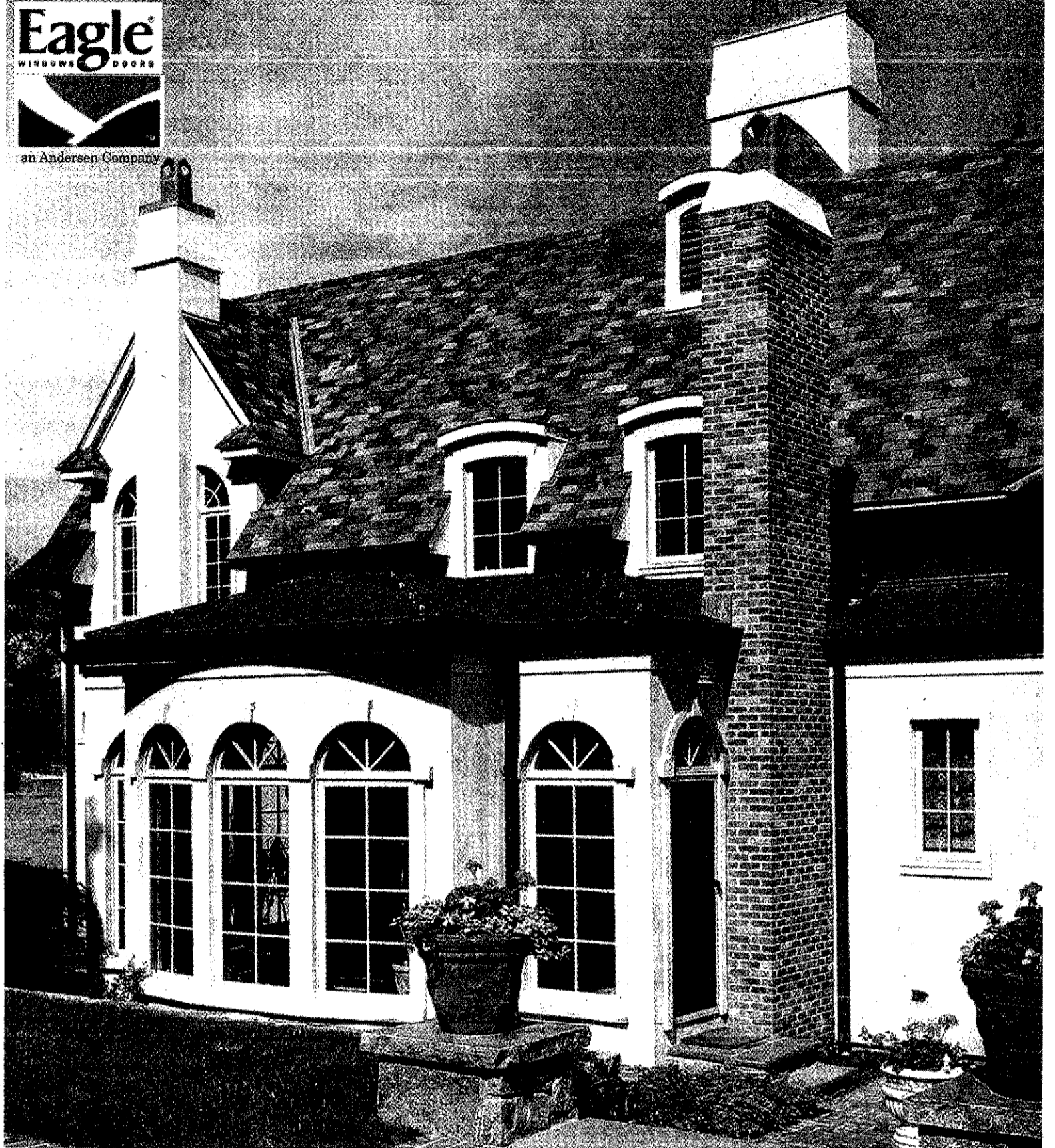
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