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FRIDAY, OCT. 31

Halloween

◆ Village merchants host trick-or-treating for elementary-aged children from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., followed by "musical hay bales" and a costume contest.

◆ Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue will host trick-or-treating on Mack Avenue at 3 p.m. Participating businesses will have a flier on display in their windows.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

◆ Last day to mail absentee ballot forms to city hall.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School instrumental music students perform "The Magic of Disney" at the Pops and Pastries concert at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Tickets are $8 for adults, $4 for students and seniors, and free for children 10 and under. Tickets will be sold at Wild Birds Unlimited and at the door.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn clocks back one hour. Change batteries in smoke detectors.

◆ Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., has a Requiem Mass at 4:30 p.m. in remembrance of those who have died in the past year. The men and girls choir will sing the "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé. For more information, call (313) 885-4841, ext. 107.

MONDAY, NOV. 3

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

Election Day

◆ Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

◆ Grosse Pointe Park author Patrick Livingston will discuss his book, "Summer Dreams: The Story of Bo-Lo Island" at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Public Library's Ewald branch, 15715 E. Jefferson. The program is free but seating is limited. To register, visit gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Second harbor opening sought

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club members want to build a second opening to the marina they share with boaters at Grosse Pointe Shores municipal harbor.

The opening would face east (directly offshore) into Lake St. Clair and complement the harbor's existing southern entrance.

The new passage would be shielded from incoming waves by an L-shaped barrier topped with a fishing pier and would be accessible to both club members and municipal boaters, according to a club spokesman.

A second opening would make it easier to navigate the marina and eliminate a bothersome drawbridge that roughly divides the facility and creates traffic bottlenecks, according to club member Steve Nadeau of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Nadeau outlined the project Oct. 21 during a

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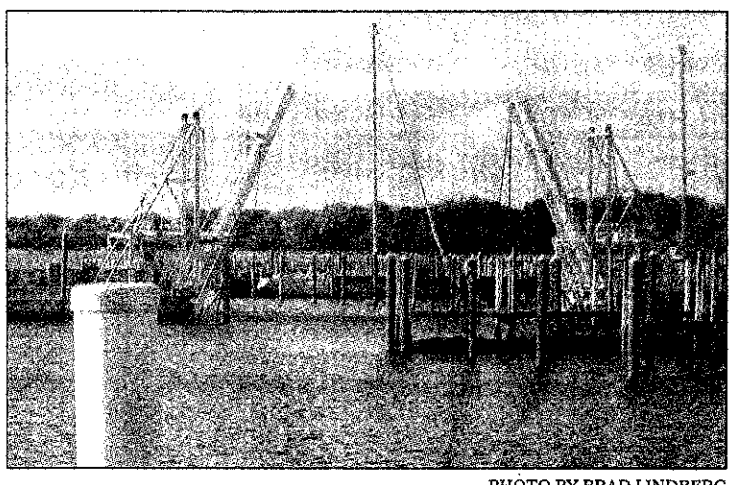

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The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's drawbridge would be eliminated if a second opening to the harbor is constructed.

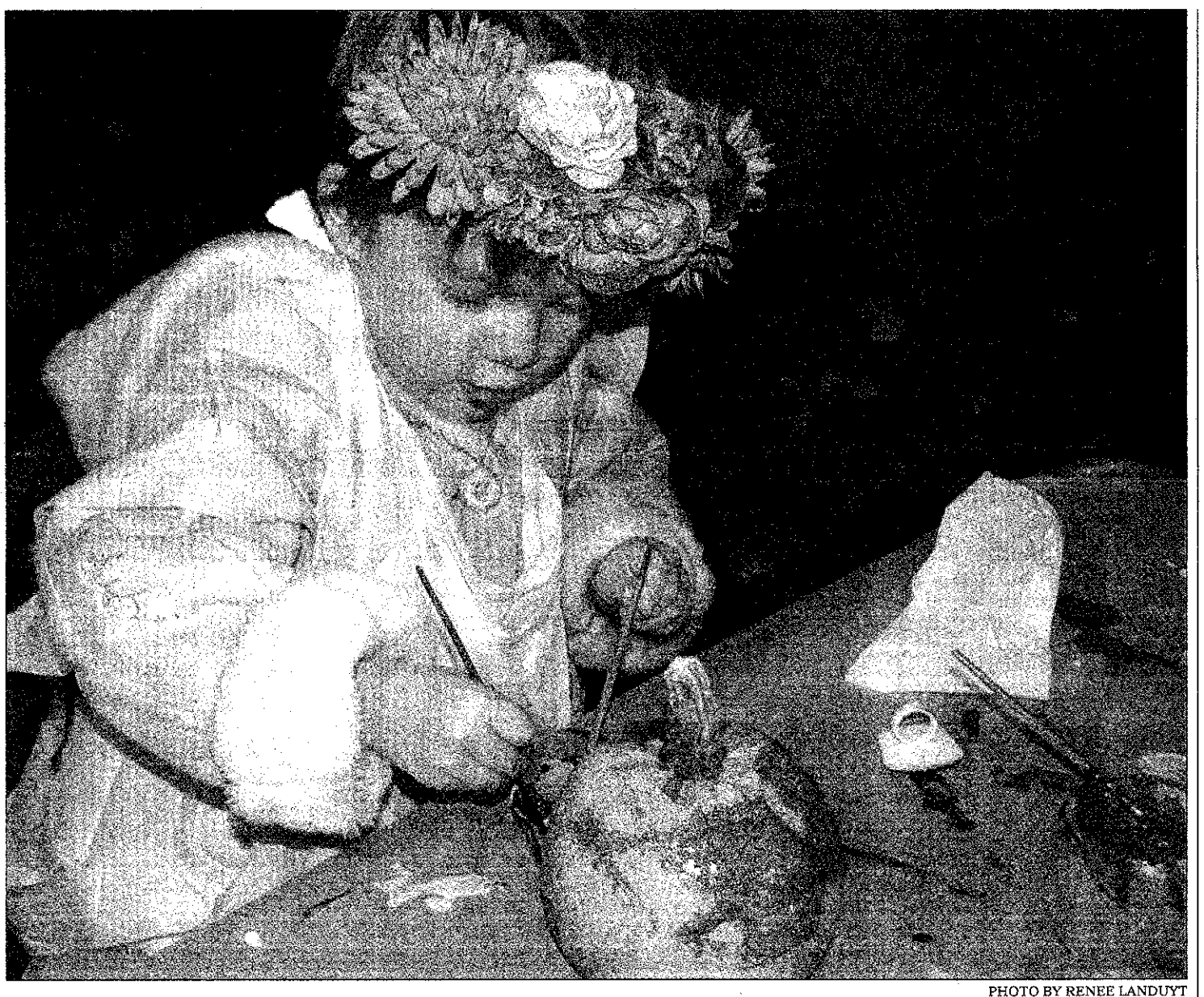

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Seasonal colors

Decked out in a bright floral crown, Abigail Rabbideau used both hands to paint her pumpkin in the craft tent during Grosse Pointe Woods Halloween festivities in Lake Front Park. She was joined by others to gather treats, take a wagon ride around the park and dance to silly songs. For more pictures, turn to page 28A.

Election debate tonight

Grosse Pointe voters will be better informed for the Nov. 4 general election after a debate at the War Memorial tonight.

The free event starts at 7 p.m. and features state Republican Party chairman Saulius "Saul" Anuzis and Democratic Party chairman Mark Brewer. Moderator for the event, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News, will be Tim Skubick.

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

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

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.

"These forums are important to educate voters about the important choices they face on Nov. 4," Brewer said. "The

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PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

Beware

Grant and Mimi Brookes, 382 St. Clair, are ready for Halloween with black cats, pumpkins and orange lights.

POINTER OF INTEREST

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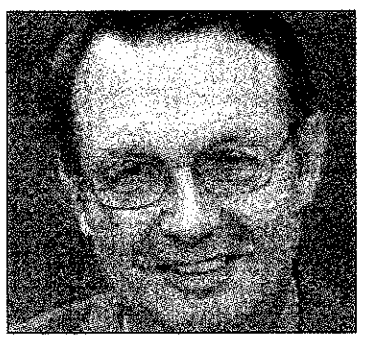
Earle Holsapple III



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Family: Wife, Linda; daughter, Elizabeth, 26; son, John,22
Claim to fame: New product development expert and CEO of Sci-Tech, developing cancer treatment drugs

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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

AIR TRAGEDY EMBROILS POINTES: The Pointes played a part in the air tragedy of Oct. 24 when a flaming British jet bomber crashed and exploded in Detroit at Ashland and Harbor Island, just over the Grosse Pointe Park-Detroit border. All six crew members aboard the plane died.

Park firemen and two Park police ambulances were the first at the scene, minutes before Detroit firefighters and policemen arrived.

The crash and resulting explosion showered a seven-block area with red hot metal and blazing fuel, destroying three homes and damaging at least a dozen others. Only two people on the ground were injured.

PARK UPGRADES POOL: Work continues on the renovation of Grosse Pointe Park's municipal swimming pool.

Crews have finished the base of the pool which includes a concrete base topped with an inch and a half of white Medusa cement making objects and swimmers easier to be seen by lifeguards.

The pool also has a 10-lane, 25-meter racing strip to be used only for racing events. It will have diving platforms and kickboards and be completely isolated from the regular swimming area by a four-foot wall and a chain link fence.

The regular swimming area will have every device needed to safeguard the swimmer, including wall handrails and buoys. The sand beach area will have an eight-inch high roll-moat edge to prevent sand from filtering into the pool. The cost of the renovation is $45,652.

BUSY BURGLARS: Two homes in Grosse Pointe Woods and one in Grosse Pointe Farms were burglarized the same weekend. The robberies were believed to be committed by the same burglars who may also be responsible for 15 home robberies the same weekend in neighboring St. Clair Shores.

1983

25 years ago this week

PARK BREAKS GROUND: Grosse Pointe Park broke ground on the first phase of a six-block pedestrian area improvement program at Mack and Somerset.

NEW ZONING IN PARK: Grosse Pointe Park city council told citizens attending a special study session on the proposed zoning ordinance that no high rises will be built nor will homes that currently exceed two-family dwellings be condemned for removal.

The proposed plan calls for future restrictions of any construction other than single and two-family residences. It also will restrict the height of any new construction to no more than 30 feet.

ROBBERS CUT MAN'S THROAT: A 57-year-old Lakepointe Road resident was treated and released from the hospital after three men robbed him and cut his throat.

The victim told police he was walking south on Wayburn from Mack when he was assaulted by three men. The men also robbed him of $182.

Police have no suspects.

TENNIS CHAMPS: The University Liggett School girls' tennis team won its fourth consecutive Class C-D State Tennis Championship. Grosse Pointe South High School's girls' tennis team won the Class A state title. This is the eighth straight year the South team has won or tied for the state title.

FROM THE OCT. 27, 1983 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1983: What a Boo-tiful display!

Members of Mary Jane Paone's kindergarten class, from Gabriel Richard Elementary School, received a big surprise last week when they toured the Farms fire department. The children were treated to a one-day only Halloween display created by Farms Firefighter Jack Fischer, complete with monsters whose eyes light up and a skeleton that swings in the wind.

1998

10 years ago this week

DOGS MAY BE WANTED: The Grosse Pointe Woods November ballot includes a proposition that, if approved by a majority of voters, will allow residents who keep boats at Lake Front Park to bring their dogs into the park when they want them on their boats.

Current policy forbids all dog entry into the park, with the exception of seeing eye dogs.

SHORES SHOWDOWN: Residents jammed the Grosse Pointe Shores Village council chambers to vehemently protest the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's plan to expand its harbor facilities.

Residents claim the expansion would disrupt currents, pollute the lake, and violate the property rights of residents who, through longstanding riparian rights, own the bottom land on which the club wants to expand.

2003

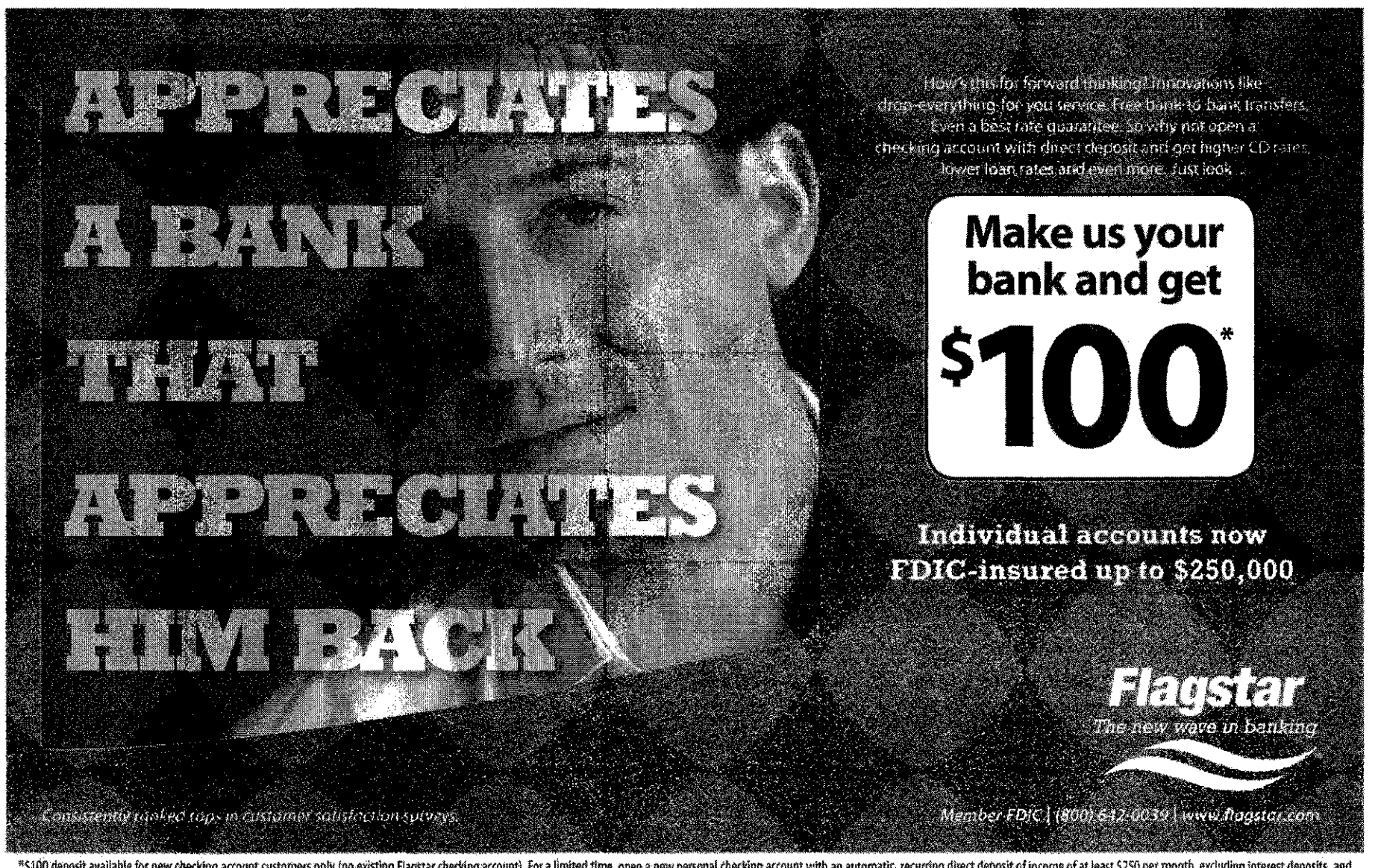
Five years ago this week

CITY TO RECONSIDER PLAYHOUSE ORDINANCE: When City of Grosse Pointe residents won a playhouse for their daughter, they didn't realize they needed a building permit to install the small wood frame structure. Or that it was a Bigfoot by ordinance standards and the family needed several variances or the playhouse would have to be removed.

Council members agreed to reconsider the City's playhouse ordinance. An amended ordinance is expected to be presented to the city council in January.

FOOTBALL FRACAS: A fracas among fans attending the annual Grosse Pointe North—South High School football game revealed at least one juvenile had been drinking. A 15-year-old Park male claimed he was hit in the face by a 15-year-old Woods male. Woods police determined the Woods youth had been drinking. Officers registered the youth's blood alcohol level at .153 percent.

— By Karen Fontanive



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Park officers honored for ACTION success

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The results speak for themselves, but an award from peers and professionals is always a nice touch.

Auto thefts are down 22 percent in the Grosse Pointes Harper Woods combined and Credit is being given to the ACTION (Arresting Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood) task force. Established in 2007, the squad is a joint effort by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department and Harper Woods police.

According to Park Police Chief David A. Hiller, auto theft in the Park dropped 30 percent last year due to ACTION. But he isn't the only one recognizing its accomplishments. The team was given the Investigator of the Year award recently by the Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) program for its accomplishments.

Since its inception in 1985, HEAT has partnered with law enforcement and the insurance industry to investigation of auto thefts, chop shops, car jackings and fraudulent car theft reports.

"I'm extremely proud of our officers that are involved in this program," Hiller said. "They are a credit to Grosse Pointe Park."

Park officers on the squad are Lt. James Armbruster and Sgt. James Vogler. Patrolman David Emmendorfer of the Harper Woods Police Department is also a member along with four Wayne County sheriff's deputies and an investigator from the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

Hiller said the goal of the seven-member team was to commit manpower and resources to combat auto theft, work at recovering stolen autos and make arrests.

"In 2007, the first year the unit was operational, over 440 stolen cars were recovered and over 210 juvenile and adult arrests made," he said "Even more impressive, over 40 percent of those recoveries were within 72 hours of the theft and the vehicles were recovered in a condition comparable to the time of theft. This obviously reduces dramatically the repair costs to the insurance companies."

The unit's accomplishments in 2008 echo 2007.

"In the first seven months of 2008, the unit has over 200 arrests and recovered over 314 cars with a value of over $1.8 million."

Hiller noted one effort reaped a particularly generous payback.

"This involved serious theft problems with new Chrysler Corporation vehicles," he said. "ACTION coordinated a plan utilizing undercover operations and uniformed officers from multiple jurisdictions. The operation resulted in the arrest of four individuals and the recovery of six automobiles with a value of $130,000. What was a serious ongoing problem with the Chrysler Corporation is now a nonexistent issue."

The ACTION team was honored at HEAT's annual awards ceremony Oct. 23.

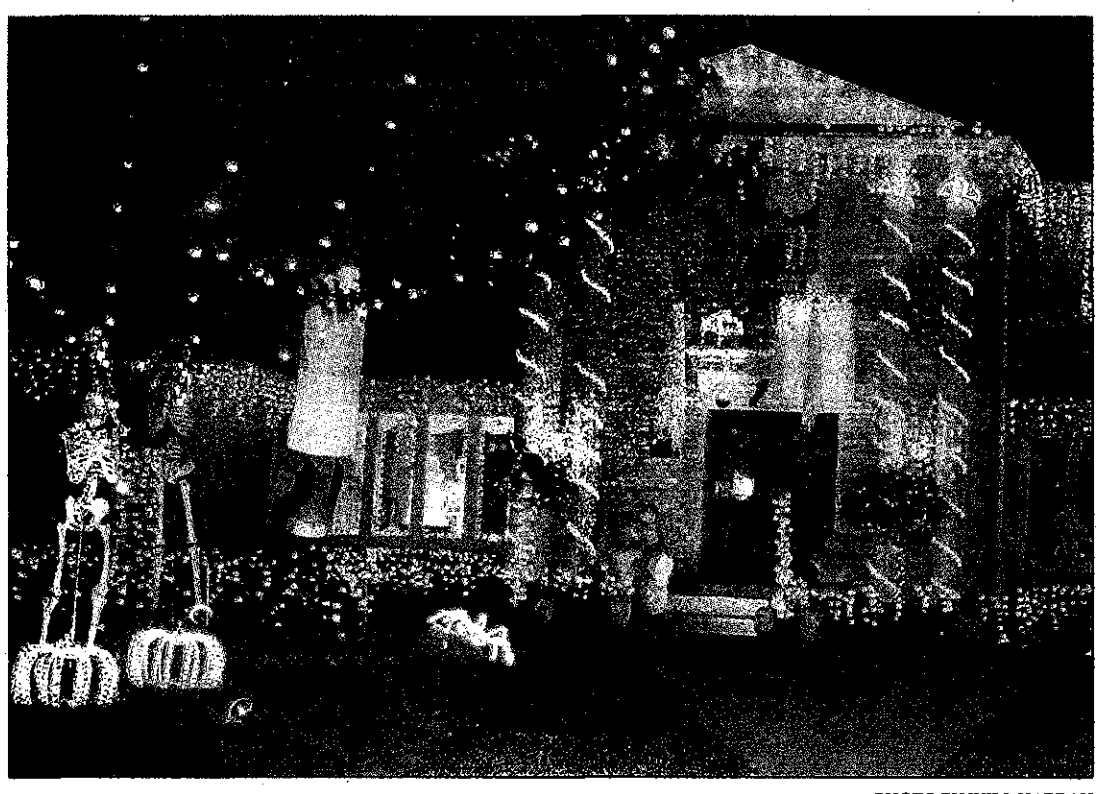


PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

In a spooky spirit

Ghosts, goblins and spirited residents are getting set for Halloween. This house at the corner of Lakeshore and Moross is decked out for the season with all kinds of ghoulish figures. There are plenty of pumpkins and bright orange lights to add to the overall Halloween spirit.

Local sailor makes hits big screen in the big race

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The waters of Lake St. Clair are a long way from Hawaii and the Pacific Ocean. The journey between them made for the adventure of a lifetime for a young sailor from Grosse Pointe Park.

Chris Welch was 19 years old when he was selected, along with 14 other young sailors, to compete in the 2007 Transpacific Yacht Race from California to Hawaii. The 2,300 mile open-ocean sailing competition has long tested the seafaring skills of seasoned professional sailors.

But that's just part of the story.

It begins with Roy Disney, the nephew of Walt Disney, who is both an avid sailor and highly regarded filmmaker. His idea was to gather a crew of young sailors and a boat, the Morning Light, a high performance 52-foot racing sloop. After an intense training period, he planned to enter them in the highly regarded ocean race.

That was the sailor in him. The filmmaker in him decided to put the entire experience on film.

The real life adventure, "Morning Light," tells that story and makes its Detroit-area debut Friday, Oct. 31, at the Okulski Family Theatre in Grosse Pointe Park.

A year in the filming, "Morning Light" is about the 15 strangers who became a family during 10 months of grueling training, all in anticipation of sailing in a race between California and Hawaii. Of the 538 applicants, aged 15 to 23, 15 were chosen for the training and 11 sailed in the race.

The sloop and its crew placed third overall in its division and second among boats its size. What makes this more of an achievement is they were sailing against boats with professional sailors among their crew.

Welch's mother, Kim, recently returned from Hollywood where the film made its national debut.

"It was so much fun, especially for the kids who hadn't really been together since the race," she said.

> *'His participation in this race really opened up so many sailing opportunities for him... Sailing is his passion.'*
>
> *KIM WELCH, Grosse Pointe Park*

Welch, now 21, attends Michigan State University when he's not sailing. He is a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe South.

"His participation in this race really opened up so many sailing opportunities for him," Kim Welch said.

"He has participated in several Big Boat races off of San Francisco and also off of Bermuda. Sailing is his passion and he's having some unbelievable experiences because of it."

Due to local interest, the Okulski Family Theatre will be open to residents of all the Grosse Pointes during the Friday, Oct. 31, through Thursday, Nov. 13, run. Park passes are required for admission.

For show times, visit grossepointepark.org. or call (313) 822-2812.

School board candidate owes thousands in back property taxes

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education member Ahmed Ismail, who is seeking reelection, owes Wayne County approximately $19,000 in delinquent taxes on his private residence in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ismail said that "this could be true."

He explained the main source of his personal income came from of a Clarkston real estate subdivision that he and his wife, Mary Ann Ismail, have owned.

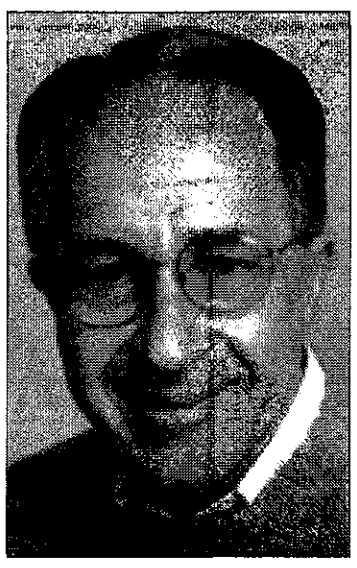
"Unfortunately, the builder went bankrupt and we lost $200,000," Ismail said.

As a result, he said he and his wife were faced with a dilemma of paying their 2007 taxes on time or contributing to certain nonprofits they support.

"We talked about it and made a decision to let the taxes go, so not to hurt the nonprofits," Ismail said. "I don't want to leave them out in the cold."

He said he and his wife will be paying the taxes in December and January and will pay the late penalty.

Ismail said his late taxes do not adversely affect the school's cash flow since



Ahmed Ismail

"Wayne County floats a bond in order to pay the district."

Chris Fenton, Grosse Pointe Public School System assistant superintendent for business and support services, said the school district is not adversely affected by late taxes as long as they are paid.

The Wayne County treasurer issues the Delinquency Tax Revolving Fund, which borrows money to cover the late taxes. This enables the county to pay the school district on time, Fenton said.

"If someone doesn't pay their taxes at all, then a year or two later, Wayne County will charge it against the school district," he said.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Tree plantings soon

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Shores residents one day may not be able to see their ash forest for its trees are going fast.

Ash trees amounted to 39 of 65 municipally-owned trees that died this year in Grosse Pointe Shores according to Brett Smith, head of public works.

"We've also lost a number of ash trees at the park," said Jim Cooke, parks and recreation director. "Probably 15 to 18 trees over the 1 1/2 years."

The culprit is emerald ash borer. The invasive bug from Southeast Asia has no natural predators in North America and has spread beyond the Detroit area to other Great Lakes states.

Shores officials decided soon after the pest was discovered in the Pointes about five years ago, to let nature takes its course and invest in replacement trees.

Cooke and Brett Marshall, a

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Incubating from idea to reality

By Karen Fontanive
Staff Writer

From U.S. Marine to CEO of a dairy company to CEO of a biotechnology company may seem a stretch for some people. Not Grosse Pointe Farms resident Earle Holsapple III.

This business manager, entrepreneur, turnaround expert and new product guru is quite at home in his current position, loving it and excited about what the future holds for his company.

Holsapple is CEO of Sci-Tech, a biotechnology firm making headway in cancer treatment.

The company was formed in 2001 to help find a new way to deliver the cancer drug, Fenretinide. The drug had been tested in numerous human clinical trials over the last 25 years and has shown tremendous promise in treating as many as eight types of cancer. But in its oral form it wasn't effective.

"In all trials, there were a certain number of people who responded, but the majority did not," explained Holsapple. "No matter how much they were given in oral form, their bodies could not absorb enough of the drug. We had to find a new delivery system, an intravenous form."

Holsapple's not the pharmacologist who invented the drug or the scientist, doctor or researcher who worked to fix the solubility problem. He's the businessman who orchestrated getting everyone together and securing funding so the project can move forward.

"It was my job to help seek the federal and corporate funding needed to develop the drug delivery system and find the best people from all over the world to collaborate on this mission. There were many individual research endeavors scattered all over the world and we had to bring them together," said Holsapple.

There's a tremendous amount of research, work and study that goes into creating a new delivery system for a drug.

"We had to have a delivery system that takes it to patients in higher doses with no side effects. We had to make sure it was safe and stable in this form and then it has to be able to be created the exact same way every time. It takes time to get through each of these steps.

"We created something called a 'bilayer nanoparticle.' It's something like an onion with lots of layers. We were able to hide the drug in the layers so the body doesn't know it's there. And then by combining it with other natural products, make it easy for the body to absorb. And, even more importantly, this same process can be applied to other drugs that suffer from this same solubility issue."

A seemingly circuitous route brought Holsapple to where he is today.

A New Jersey native, he graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. After graduation he worked in the municipal bond business on Wall Street. Anticipating being drafted for the Vietnam War, Holsapple enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served three and a half years as an air defense officer stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I worked with radar systems, missile systems — it got me interested in technology and computers in the first place," said Holsapple.

He added, "I loved the Marines. The rigors they put you through, you learn a lot about what you can and can't do to achieve the most out of life. There's an esprit de corps."

Upon leaving the Marines, Holsapple worked at an industrial razor blade manufacturer. Shortly after starting work there, the owner died. Holsapple learned the business very quickly. "It was a high tech manufacturing environment. I got an education in best practices."

After that he became involved in the nation's first multi-bank export trading company and then he was recruited into the food industry. He became an expert in the turnaround management of family-owned businesses and then CEO of London's Farm Dairy.

While all of this seems diverse and from far what he's doing today, it isn't, insists Holsapple.

"All my experiences have given me an understanding of how to manage people and products, determine real value, sift through intelligent people's perspectives and figure out the best way to accomplish something," said Holsapple. "What I've been successful at is taking ideas and managing the incubation to prove they have applicability."

Which is where he is at with Fenretinide. It is ready to go to clinical trials. Because it had been tested thoroughly in its oral form, the new testing time is expected to be much shorter than for a completely new drug.

And because it holds promise in treatment for pancreatic cancer, a cancer with little to no treatment options now, it may make it even faster through the trials, FDA approval process and then to the marketplace. Of course, this process will still take several years.

It is Holsapple's hope that Fenretinide will begin human trials in 2009 and be "on the market" within seven years.

The work doesn't stop with Fenretinide. There are several other existing drugs that have the same deliverability problem. There is work to be done using this same bilayer nanoparticle delivery system with those drugs.

And there is always another idea out there that needs help moving from an idea to an actual product.

Said Holsapple, "There is a lot of scientific potential and incredible amount of stuff out there not being used because people don't know how to turn it into a product and get the money necessary to make it a viable product. It takes a special understanding for marketing and a certain spirit for risk."

Holsapple has both.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Earle Holsapple III, CEO of Sci-Tech, a biotechnology company, holds some of the cancer treatment drug Fenretinide. Sci-Tech has created a soluble form of the drug, to increase its effectiveness in humans.

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Kenyon retiring; replacement picked

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Brian Vick — he just keeps coming back.

First, he grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1987.

Then, he left town, served four years in the Marine Corps and came back to town in 1991.

Then, he went to Michigan State University for a bachelor's degree in public administration.

In 1995, he came back as administrative assistant of the City of Grosse Pointe. While there, he earned a Master's Degree in public administration from the University of Michigan and won a promotion to assistant city manager.

Then, in 2006, he left again to become city administrator of Dewitt, a residential suburb north of Lansing.

Now, Vick is ready to come back again, for good he hopes, as village manager of Grosse Pointe Shores.

"This is a career job," Vick said. "This is one of those communities you look forward to becoming part of."

Vick replaces outgoing Shores manager Mike Kenyon effective Dec. 22.

Kenyon is retiring after 37 years with the Shores; the first 10 years as a public safety officer, the last 27 years as manager.

"It's been a great 37 years," Kenyon said. "I'm going to miss all the people I worked with and a lot of the residents who've been very nice to me."

"For 37 years, Grosse Pointe Shores and Michael Kenyon have stood side-by-side," said Shores President Dr. James Cooper. "It has been a mutually beneficial relationship, with our community getting the better of the deal. We could not have accomplished so much without his commitment and loyalty."

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Brian Vick accepts the job of Grosse Pointe Shores village manager at the Oct. 21 trustee meeting.

Go green, go white, go Shores

Vick may be in a quandary about whom to root for at the Spartan vs. Wolverine games, but from here on, the Shores is his home team.

"I'm excited to come back to Grosse Pointe, especially Grosse Pointe Shores," he said. "The community, the history and great services speak for themselves."

Vick is married with a son, 8, and daughter, 2.

Vick was working happily in Dewitt when word leaked about Kenyon's retirement.

"It's not as if I had my resume out," Vick said. "When I heard about Mike retiring, I was proactive in coming here and desiring to be employed here.

"Of all the communities in which there were vacancies, this is the only one I was interested in."

A committee to search for Kenyon's replacement was headed by Cooper and comprised of President Pro-tem Dr. Brian Hunt and Trustee Fred Minturn. Cooper said they spent a year seeking the best candidate.

"During the process, it was made obvious to us how well our community was viewed by those seeking this position," Cooper said.

He said the committee unanimously recommended Vick based, among other qualifications, on his "potential for many years of service."

Trustees agreed. On Oct. 21, they unanimously offered Vick the job.

Tom Kressbach, retired City of Grosse Pointe manager, hired Vick in the mid 1990s and predicts good things for the Shores.

"Brian is a hard-working, industrious young manager," Kressbach said. "He was a very effective member of our management team, who was dedicated to providing quality services while keeping the budget under control."

Dewitt has a population of 4,700 residents living within a 2.4-square-mile area.

Vick said administering the city taught him a lot about responsibility.

"People look to you to lead, for recommendations, accountability and customer service," he said. "It all stops with you."

Among his accomplishments in Dewitt, Vick cited infrastructure and fiscal improvements.

"I am most proud of getting our unfunded (liability) levels up to a respectable level," he said. "They're not 100 percent funded yet, but in three short years, we made some serious progress."

Village Hall changes

Also retiring from the Shores Dec. 22 is Executive Assistant Angela Kenyon, Mike Kenyon's wife.

"Her quiet influence in so many ways has positively affected the day-to-day operations of our administration," Cooper said.

"Thank you, Angela, for your years of dedication and service."

Angela Kenyon said she has mixed feelings about retiring.

"This has been my second family," she said. "Honestly, I'm sad."

Jim Cooke, now Shores park director, met Angela as she arrived for her first day on the job.

"I saw her standing outside (village hall)," Cooke said. "I introduced myself and took her on a tour of city hall. We've been great friends since. She's a great person."

"That was 28 years ago in September," Angela said. "I met Mike soon after."

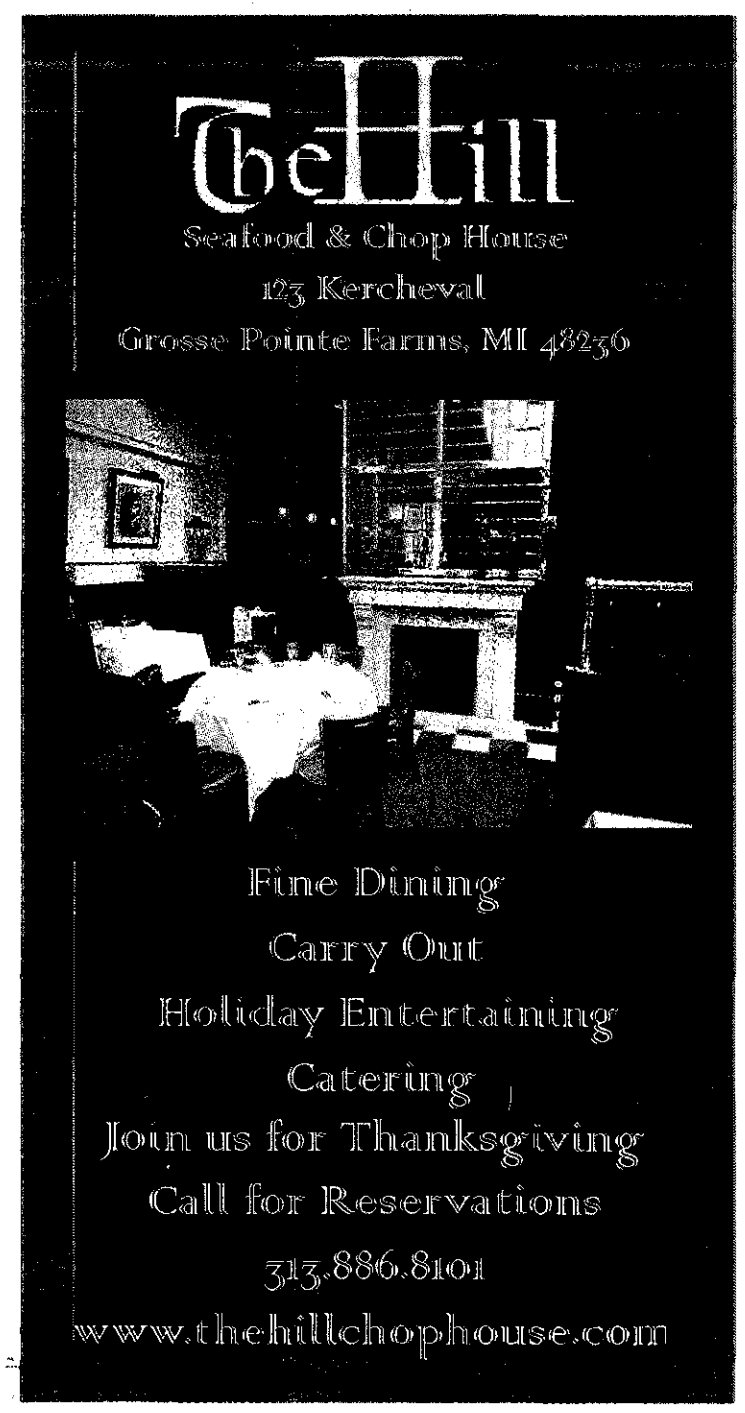
Shores Administrative Assistant Laurie Duncan has been promoted to Angela Kenyon's job.

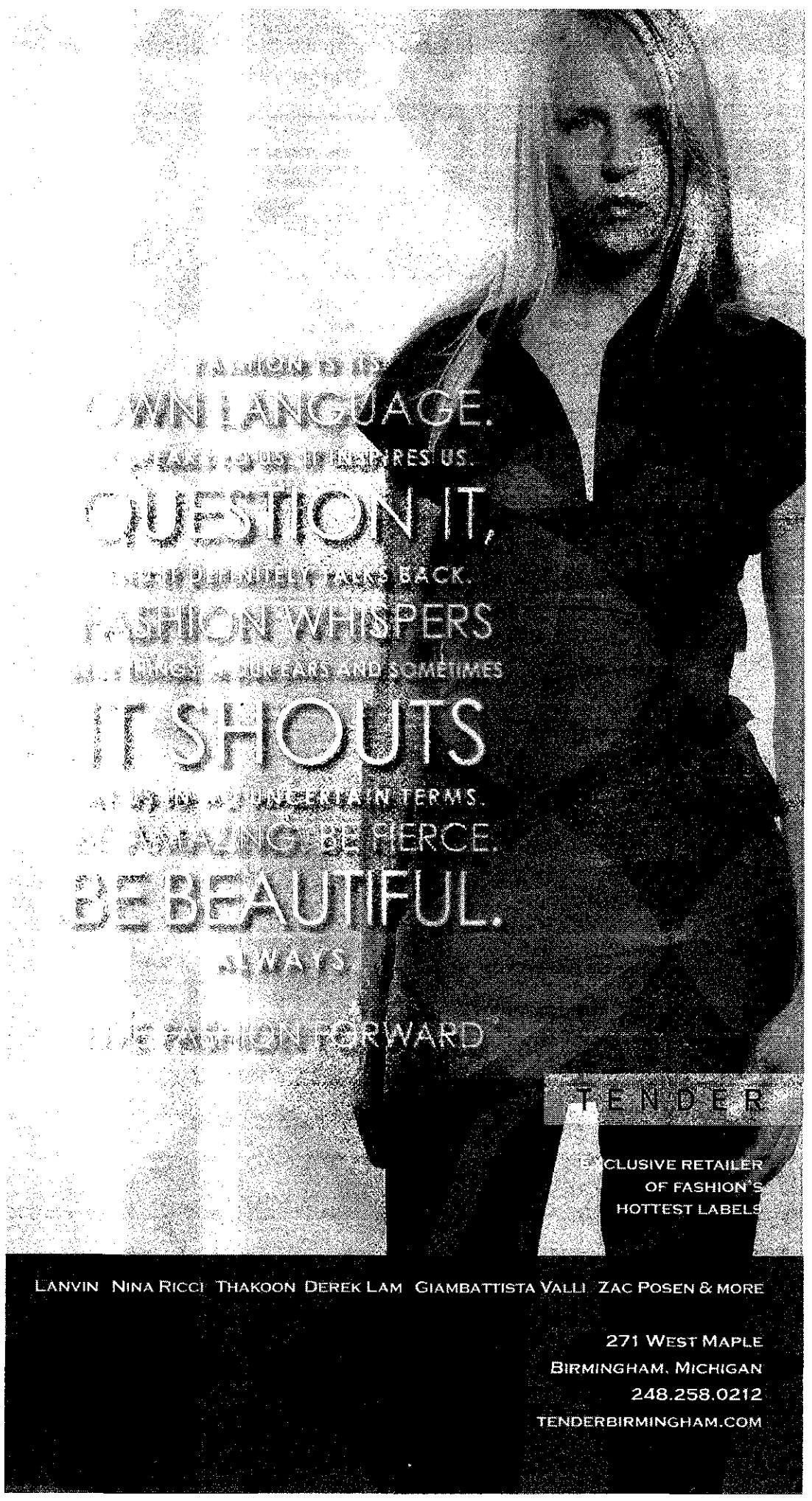
Lynn Michaux, of the parks department, will be promoted to Duncan's job.

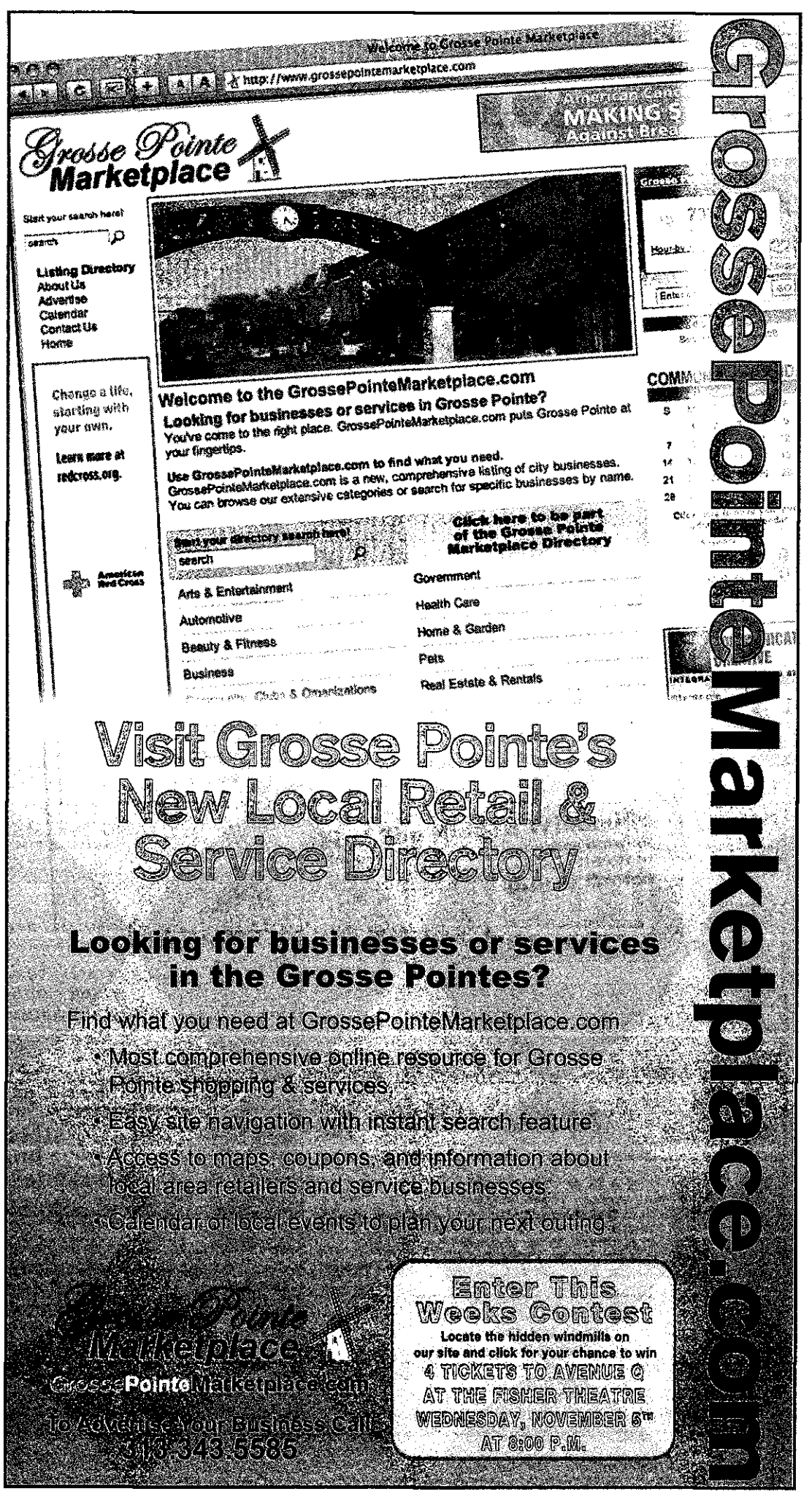
Mike Kenyon expects a smooth transition and for Vick to hit the ground running.

"He'll be fine," Kenyon said.

The Kenyons said they plan to remain in the area.







Robbery suspect caught

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The man arrested for robbing Staples has a wife, three children and a criminal record dating to at least 1996, police said.

"He said he robbed the store and went directly to a crack house and got dope to shoot up," said Detective Ron Wieczorek of the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department.

Wieczorek obtained the confession last Thursday as the 52-year-old Sterling Heights resident was held in the Oakland County Jail on robbery charges from Farmington and other jurisdictions.

"It's like the domino effect," Wieczorek said. "There was a long list of departments interviewing him for similar crimes. He's been cooperating with other detectives down the line."

The man is accused of robbing Staples of less than $100 a few minutes after the store opened Oct. 14.

Wieczorek said the man claims he wasn't carrying a gun during the robbery, but will be charged with armed robbery because he pretended to have a weapon.

The case is the first armed robbery this year in the City, according to James Fox, public safety director.

The suspect has yet to be arraigned in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court.

"We were told that because there's so many other agencies trying to arraign him right now, and because he was coming off his drug-addicted high, that we were going to wait and arraign him at mid-week (this week)," Wieczorek said.

Other jurisdictions include, but are not limited to Detroit, Eastpointe and Warren, Wieczorek said.

"He won't be going anywhere for a while," Wieczorek said.

The man's criminal history includes convictions in 1996 for writing bad checks and in 1997 and 2005 for unarmed robbery, Wieczorek said.

Gauss named Realtor of the Year

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors has named Cheryl Gauss its 2008 Realtor of the Year.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and service for the association, the community and the real estate industry.

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Gauss currently serves as president for the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. She is a member of the Junior League of Detroit and Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe Assistance League.

The Michigan Association of Realtors is a 26,000 plus member trade association which protects the rights of private property owners while serving as the primary source for Michigan housing and real estate data.

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The 33rd annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade is Friday, Nov. 28 beginning at 10 a.m.

Community groups not yet registered can contact Terri Berschback, Parade Director at 886-0021 or BBerschback@comcast.net.

The deadline for registration is Nov. 7.

Volunteers are needed as banner carriers on the day of the Parade

Contact Chelsea Groustra, volunteer coordinator at 885-5180 or gpsantaparade@hotmail.com

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election comes at a crucial time for our country in both foreign and domestic policy. It is vital that people vote."

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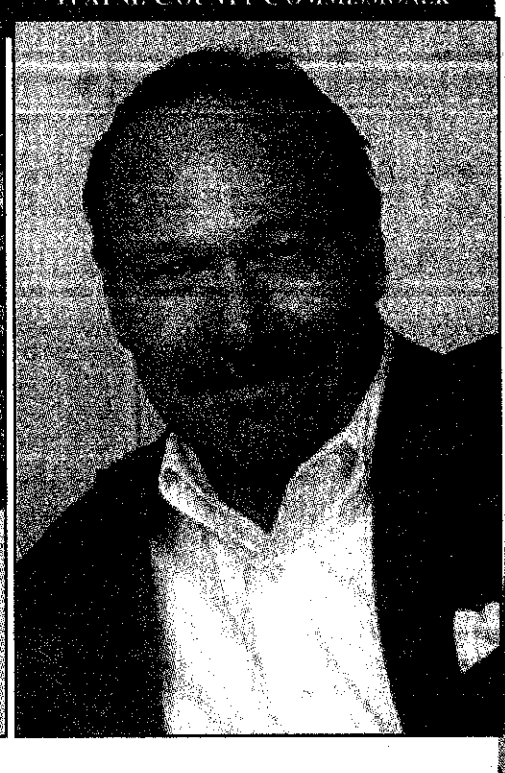

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EDITORIAL

Board needs balance, then forward movement

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

- Abraham Lincoln

Our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, had quotes for nearly every occasion. We're not quite sure what he would say about the events leading up to next week's election for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Board of Education.

Christopher Cornwall, Judy Gafa, Ahmed Ismail, Darryl Miller and Terrill Newnan have campaigned for two spots on the board. Current board members have chosen sides and their support is evident through the media, correspondence to school employees, discussions during board meetings, and less subtle hints – lawn signs and lapel buttons.

All five candidates, in interviews with the Grosse Pointe News featured in the Oct. 23 issue, offered great ideas that would certainly benefit the district and the board. Each had their strengths and weaknesses. They are involved in the community and they want to help. We believe that.

Candidates and board members will tell you they don't have an agenda to push, that this thankless position is about giving back to the community and it's all about the kids. It should be, but they are politicians. There are agendas.

Successful boards, committees and councils are made up of people with different views and different ideas.

It's important that Grosse Pointe's board of education has built-in checks and balances. It's also important to continue forward progress in fiscal responsibility as the school district is charged to make ends meet during this struggling economy.

To meet the challenges in this economy, we support Darryl Miller and Christopher Cornwall for the board of education.

Miller is a comptroller at Weyerhaeuser who served as the community liaison on the school district's financial benchmarking committee. His financial experience and vision for the fiscal future of the district will serve it well.

Cornwall, a partner at the law firm of Dickinson Wright, said he wants better communication with the public and a board that works together. We believe Cornwall will help balance the board.

Gafa and Newnan have strong ideas and they're worthy candidates for the positions on the board. Incumbent Ismail has at times had a positive impact. We admire the passion he has had for programs in the district, including his push for the International Baccalaureate program in this district that was voted down. He's been supportive of the arts in the district and throughout Metro Detroit. We salute the positive he has brought to the table.

The challenge awaiting the two board members, along with the rest of the board, is to quickly work as a cohesive unit for the best of the district.

It really is about the children. Don't lose sight of that. Put the power to good use and let the healing begin.

On to Congress

In the race for U.S. Congress – 13th District, we support Republican Ed Gubics. He is running against incumbent Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, who held on to win in the primary election against former state Rep. Mary Waters and State Sen. Martha Scott. Kilpatrick was soundly defeated in the Grosse Pointes in the primary. Gubics has the support of leaders in the five Pointes.

The Wyandotte resident is a chemical research technician and said he is committed to the revitalization of the economy and lower taxes.

It's time for a change in the 13th District. The interests of Grosse Pointers haven't been served for years. We believe Gubics will listen and work for us.

All of us deserve a voice in Washington, D.C.

Great state debate

At 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial tonight, an informative forum will take place featuring a debate between state Republican chairman Saul Anuzis and state Democratic chairman Mark Brewer. Tim Skubick will moderate. The event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News and is free to the public. Doors to the ballroom open at 6:30 p.m.

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False accusation

To the Editor:

A letter to the editor, "Bylaw reversal," printed in the Oct. 23 Grosse Pointe News, contained a false accusation that the school board made a policy change that "allowed" me to be a candidate — a ridiculous accusation in the United States of America.

Any letter that promotes such outright lies should be taken for what it was — a cheap political stunt.

I don't hide the fact that my wife, Katie, is a special education teacher at Parcells. In fact, I am proud that she has served families across our district for more than 30 years.

There is nothing the Grosse Pointe Board of Education will vote on in the next four years that will impact my family in any meaningful way.

Marginal wage or benefit adjustments are of little consequence to a family like mine just a couple years away from retirement.

Furthermore, based on 30 years of professional financial experience, I know how to separate business and personal issues to make the right choices.

Instead of the baseless charges of the letter, I would be more concerned about the political motivations of someone who would go to such lengths to promote such misinformation.

DARRYL MILLER
Grosse Pointe Board of Education Candidate

Bylaws and policies

To the Editor:

The Oct. 23 Grosse Pointe News printed a letter, "Bylaw reversal," which stated there had been a recent bylaw reversal in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Did you contact any member of the policy committee to fact-check that assertion?

As a member of that committee, I can emphatically state that there was no reversal of bylaws. Nor was there any intent by the policy committee to substantively change the policies of the district during our recent move to update and make electronically available the district policy manual.

That manual and the bylaws were reviewed by the entire Grosse Pointe Board of Education. The bylaws and policies were then approved unanimously at official board meetings in December of 2007 and July 2008, with the exception of Mr. Ahmed Ismail who was absent from both meetings.

I can surmise that the writer of the letter applied a reciprocal of the old policy GAGA regarding nepotism and implied that no one could run for the board of education if they had a relative employed by the schools.

In fact, the old policy was to ensure that no board member should hire a relative nor directly supervise them. That does not mean that the relative of a current employee is ethically or legally not able to run for the office of board of education trustee.

The language and intent of the old GAGA Nepotism policy is carried over to the new policy manual in policy No. 3120 — available at neola.com/grossepointe-mi/ — regarding the ethical practice of hiring employees.

Either the letter writer made inaccurate assumptions or was misinformed by someone. In either case, I would assume that the Grosse Pointe News has an ethical responsibility to prevent libel through thorough fact-checking before printing such assertions.

I feel that my reputation and integrity as a board trustee and policy committee member has been impugned.

Regardless of what the Grosse Pointe News prints next, the public has already read an untrue assertion which will be hard to erase from collective memories.

The thought that such a letter could affect the outcome of the upcoming board election is totally repugnant.

I expect at minimum a retraction of this letter. Whether or not that will return the trust of my constituents in my ability to ethically represent them remains to be seen.

ALICE KOSINSKI
Vice President
Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Policy Committee Member

No action was taken

To the Editor:

As attorney for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, I write to correct what seems to be a misunderstanding about the eligibility of residents of the district to run for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

The Oct. 23 Grosse Pointe News contained the letter, "Bylaw reversal," stating that the board had recently changed a bylaw that permitted another citizen, Darryl Miller, to run for the board, despite the fact that his wife works for the school system.

The implication of the letter was that without this bylaw change, Darryl Miller's wife's employment would have made him ineligible to run.

In fact, however, qualifications for election to the school board are established by state law, and are quite modest. Michigan Compiled Laws Section 168.302 provides that an individual is eligible for election as a school board member "if the individual is a citizen of the United States and is a qualified and registered elector of the school district" by the filing deadline.

Though the board may enact bylaws and policies to assist it in accomplishing its mission, it may not enact bylaws or policies that are contrary to state law.

Given the state law quoted above, the district could not enact a bylaw or policy imposing different or additional qualifications on school board candidates.

Thus, no action was taken, and no action could have been taken, by the board that affected Mr. Miller's candidacy for the board.

MARK W. MCINERNEY
Attorney for Grosse Pointe Public School System

Millage renewal

To the Editor:

Grosse Pointe voters will have an opportunity next Tuesday to cut the existing millage rate in a renewal proposal supporting our local community college. We urge a yes vote.

Wayne County Community College District provides its students with the educational foundation and training that they will need to compete in a changing economy that requires greater skills and an understanding of new technologies.

Wayne County Community College District is of particular importance to our local hospitals and health care employers who depend upon the college's graduates.

The college has also made a substantial commitment to the Grosse Pointes with the opening of its University Square campus on Vernier Road.

This campus will allow high school students to take college level classes for credit at significant savings. It also brings four-year institutions into our community for students needing to supplement their credit hours toward their degrees.

In recent years, WCCCD has made great strides in creating efficiencies in its operations while increasing enrollment. This is reflected in the fact that this millage proposal actually represents a cut from the current millage rate of 1.50 mills to 1.25 mills.

We hope you will join us in supporting the millage renewal for Wayne County Community College District.

PALMER HEENAN
Grosse Pointe Park Mayor
ANDREW RICHNER
Grosse Pointe Park
BRENDAN WALSH
President
Grosse Pointe Board of Education

Code enforcement

To the Editor:

Upon reading "An empty house — Who cares for the plants?," Oct. 16 Grosse Pointe News, I was surprised to learn all is just great with ordinance enforcement.

On May 19 Code Enforcement told me of five violations at my backyard — all still exist.

Within two blocks I can see commercial vehicles parked or stored on residential properties, one house addition not finished with insulation showing, one garage with no paint from neglect, two houses with no sidewalks, one hole in the ground at Anita and Marter not properly fenced with faded no trespassing signs all covered with weeds — which has been there eight years — and on and on.

So, tell me all is well in Grosse Pointe Woods?

A. LAWRIE
Grosse Pointe Woods

'Extra humans' for research

To the Editor:

This is in reply to the letter "Proposal 2 literature" published in the Oct. 23 Grosse Pointe News.

The letter writer asks us to read the proposal itself. Well, the proposal language specifically mentions "human embryo" three times; not simply "embryos" as the writer states.

The proposal is asking us to permit research on humans against their will, as syphilis experiments were on African-Americans at Tuskegee years ago.

The fact that these humans are very, very small and not yet born makes them no less human — or the authors of the petition wouldn't call them human. They seek humans on which to perform research.

The writer states "...the only embryos to be used are those to be discarded. ...those to be used are the "extra" embryos...created in fertility treatments."

Please realize that if this proposal passes, we are codifying in our State Constitution the principle that some humans are extra.

These extra humans have no value other than to be

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I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

The delicate and precise skill of pumpkin selection

Selecting a pumpkin can take on the thought and skill devoted to selecting a diamond.

The shopper contemplates the color, the shape, the size, the result of its setting and the statement it projects.

The shopper shifts weight from one foot to the other as options are considered.

A diamond shopper projects an image of how the diamond will look on a finger. The shape is critical to how it will look in a broach, dangling on a necklace, sparkle in a pair of earrings or shine from a bracelet.

Likewise, pumpkins are studied, looked at, sized up, selected and rejected all the while stroking the chin, envisioning how each will look on the front porch, beside the lamppost or perched atop a bale of straw. During the exercise, much pacing is included to get an overall perspective.

Well, OK. Selecting a pumpkin is a little different because pumpkin shopping is undertaken on an annual basis. For the general population, diamond shopping is not done every October.

And the end purchase doesn't get dumped in the compost heap on Nov. 1. or set out with the trash on Election Day.

Nonetheless, the same components in making the final selection need to be considered. The color, the shape and its final destination are critical to the overall definition of what is perfect.

With the parameters set, it was time to scout out the perfect pumpkin.

For many years, I have been stopping at the Pumpkin Barn in Levering. I wander around the hundreds of pumpkins stacked on the flatbed wagon, on pallets and on the ground of the tidy farm. There are small pie pumpkins. Those are easy to select.

I look for fat, round ones for making pies and muffins and to be used for decoration. This year, I have selected pie pumpkins with smooth skin because Kayla Ketvertis, the owner's middle school-aged daughter, said she likes smooth skin pumpkins.

Kayla is eager to help. She scans the selection. Her hand, with orange and black painted fingernails, hovers until she plunks this one. No, this one.

"I like the smooth ones, with no ridges," Kayla said and runs her hand over the smooth skin. She easily tosses it between her hands while talking about her classes, teachers and athletics.

As much as I'd like to hear more, it's time to move on.

My next decision is harder. For the front porch and soon-to-be jack-o-lantern are to be chosen.

This year is the tall pumpkin year because last year was the round and deep orange year. We must not get in a rut.

Should the pumpkin have one with deep ridges? Be a deep orange color? Or a lighter shade of orange?

From dozens of tall pumpkins, I had narrowed it down to two.

Would it be the tall one with no stem and smooth or the tall one with a stem?

Tammy Ketvertis, one of the Pumpkin Barn's owners, stepped in to help me with my decision.

She explains how she uses a machete to sever the pumpkin from the vine, leaving a stem on pumpkins because she likes stems and curlies.

That cinched it.

My pumpkin had a four inch green stem with curlies.

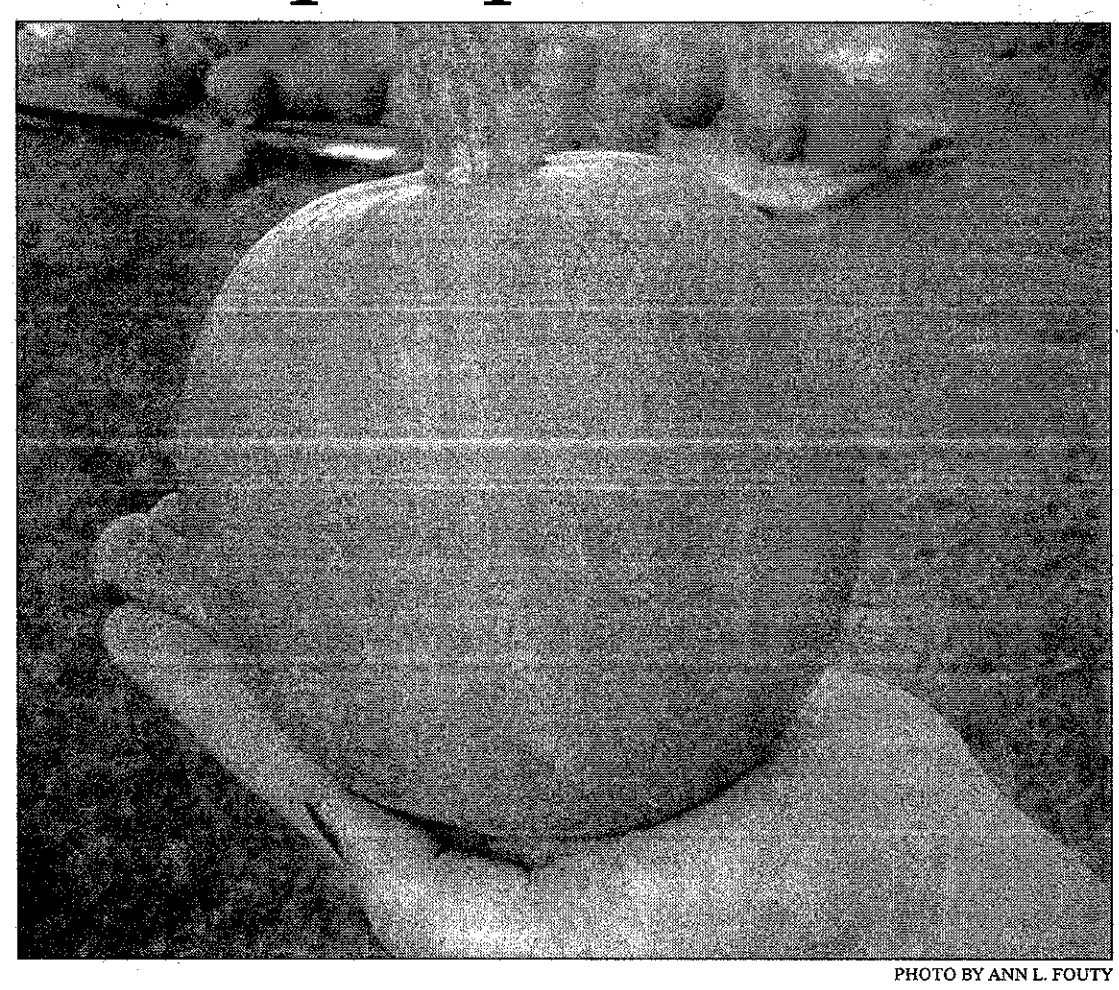


PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

The perfect decoration/pie pumpkin has uniform color of deep orange and is smooth.

This is one of the better looking tall pumpkins to grace the front steps of the Fouty abode.

The second pumpkin is smaller but also on the tall side. Both will sport a happy, toothy grin.

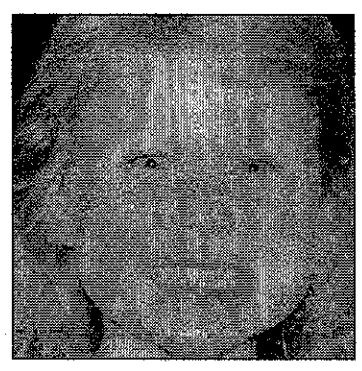
A traditional jack-o-lantern, or in my case, a jackie-o-lantern face.

Jackie-o-lantern's face will glow warmly tomorrow night with a candle, just like the warm glow of a perfect diamond.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

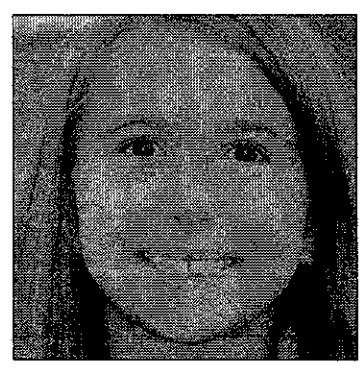
What are you dressing up as for Halloween?

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



'I am going to be a purple Aurora with a princess dress, a cloak, a wand and a crown.'

KIERA LOFFREDO
Grosse Pointe Park



'I am going as the game Twister and when I'm done trick-or-treating I'll donate most of my candy to Children's Hospital.'

SAMANTHA LOPICCOLO
Grosse Pointe Farms

'I am dressing up as a smarty pants and my mom helped me sew some of the smarty pants candies to an old pair of pants.'

LEIGH FARQUHAR
Grosse Pointe Farms

'I'm going to be a mime and wear black and white and I know mimes are supposed to be silent, but it will be really hard not to talk.'

LILY KUBEK
Grosse Pointe Farms

'I am dressing up as Bat Girl and I'll wear a cape and a mask.'

DEVIN STRONG
Grosse Pointe Farms

FROM THE ARCHIVES Edited by Suzy Berschback

Legend of Windmill Pointe #1

The Fox Indian Massacre

The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society as told in the Grosse Pointe Guide circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

When La Mothe Cadillac established Detroit in 1701, he built a Fort known as Fort Pontchartrain envied by the English, as it was the key to entering the Upper Great Lakes region.

The English determined to wait until the watchfulness of the French military force relaxed.

In the early spring of 1712, the opportunity for the English to overtake the fort seemed to present itself. The French commander was away and their allies, the Hurons and Ottawas, had not returned from their winter hunting deep in the forest.

At the same time, Fort Ponchartrain was left with only a small number of men to defend it with Du Buisson as its temporary commander.

A band of Macoutims and Fox indians were sent to the fort by the English and lit their campfire beneath the shadow of the fort and pitched their tents almost within the range of its guns.

But Du Buisson knew all too well the Indian's craftiness and was too experienced to be fooled by this show of friendship. Nor did he neglect those measures of common sense and planning necessary to keep them safe from an attack.

Fearing an attack from the Miamis, he ordered all food supplies be brought into the fort from the storehouses. He sent word to the Huron and Pottawatonmie indians that he was in danger and asked them to come quickly to his aid.

The number of Fox Indians seemed to increase daily and seeing that their lawless acts went unpunished, they became more and more bold.

The little fort held bravely on. And though a powerful and merciless foe lay crouching at its gates, watching its every movement, ready to pounce on its prey, the soldiers seemed not to notice and went along with their daily routine.

But beneath the soldiers calm and indifferent appearance, they had sad and weary hearts; they knew unless help came soon, their loved lily of France, Fort Pontchartrain, would soon be crimsoned by their own blood.

The brave Du Buisson would try to encourage his soldiers by his example, relating the deeds of French soldiers at other far and desolate forts. The gentle minister, Deniau, would tell them to place their trust in God, to remember their distant homes and their loved ones. A new light would come to their eyes, heavy from long, weary attentiveness and new courage would steal into their hearts and nerve their arms to deeds of daring.

At last Saguina, chief of the Ottawa indians, and Makisabe, chief of the Pottawatomie indians, with their warriors in full war armor, lit up the landscape and came to aid their French allies. Their savage war whoops shattered the silence of the forests and terrified the anxious hearts inside the surrounded fort.

Branches of the Sacs, Illinois, and even Osages and Missouri tribes, also hurried to aid the fort because they were natural born enemies of the Fox and Macoutin tribes.

Saguina presented himself at the fort and said to its leader, Du Buisson: "Behold our tribes are all around you. We will, if need be, gladly die for you, only take care of our wives and children, and spread a little grass over our dead bodies to protect them against the flies."

The English allies, the Fox Indians were driven back. Taking advantage of a stormy night, they crept away under the shelter of darkness and fortified themselves at Presque Isle eight miles North of Detroit, at the entrance of Lake St. Clair.

When the Huron Indians and other French allies discovered the flight of the Fox, they were soon in pursuit.

For days, the Foxes retained their stronghold but at last, more than 1,000 Fox indians fell beneath the tomahawk of the attackers.

In vain, Du Buisson tried to stop the fearful slaughter, but his voice fell on ears only willing to hear the agonizing wails of their victims, the sweetest music to these Indian warriors.

The ground was covered with blood, and the dead as numerous as the leaves of the forest; the blood-curdling yells of the conquerors, mingled with the groans of the dying, made so fearful a picture that the French soldiers, used to war and carnage, turned away with sickened hearts.

The English allies carried away their dead and wounded, but left the remains of the conquered to the mercy of the elements.

Shortly afterward, the last remnants of the Fox nation came to Presque Isle to "hold the feast of the dead" and to cover the bones of their warriors.

Until the late 1800's their bones were exposed by the ruthless plow, and any one interested in Indian relics would have found some by visiting Presque Isle, now known as Windmill Pointe.

Historical note: Today there is a historical plaque marking this site and event on Windmill Pointe.

HARBOR: New entrance proposed

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regular meeting of the Shores Village Council.

"It has a lot to do with safety and congestion in the harbor," Nadeau said. "This would allow Shores folks to go out their own entrance. There would be more maneuverability for members of the club and community."

"I'd love to see this happen," said Shores Trustee Karl Kratz, head of the parks and recreation committee. "Our fairway will go straight out to the (lake) instead of having to turn right to get around and underneath the bridge to get out the south entrance-exit."

Kratz also headed the committee that oversaw the municipal harbor's recent renovation.

Trustees last week unanimously approved two resolutions lending the village's name to the club's application for a state permit to build the second opening.

"Because we are a joint owner (of the harbor), we're required by the state to sign a joint application for a permit," said Mark McInerney, village attorney.

The second permit application concerns building the wave barrier on state-owned lake bottom.

"The project proposes to construct a new entrance and dredge the yacht club portion of the basin," said Village Manager Mike Kenyon. "No work will be done on the village portion of the basin."

Other than adding the dogleg barrier, the marina footprint would not change.

"The walls are not expanding," Nadeau said. "There's no issue of neighbors losing sight lines because (construction) is all outside the east wall."

Despite the joint permit application, McInerney characterized the proposed entrance as "entirely a yacht club production. We have to join in it because we're co-owners of the harbor. But, it's their baby."

Kenyon said the Shores will incur no financial responsibility, "None."

The opening is planned for the spot in the breakwall separating the private and municipal harbors.

"Where our property ends is where the opening begins," Kratz said. "If they put something out we can fish off of, that expands our opportunities for non-boating people as well."

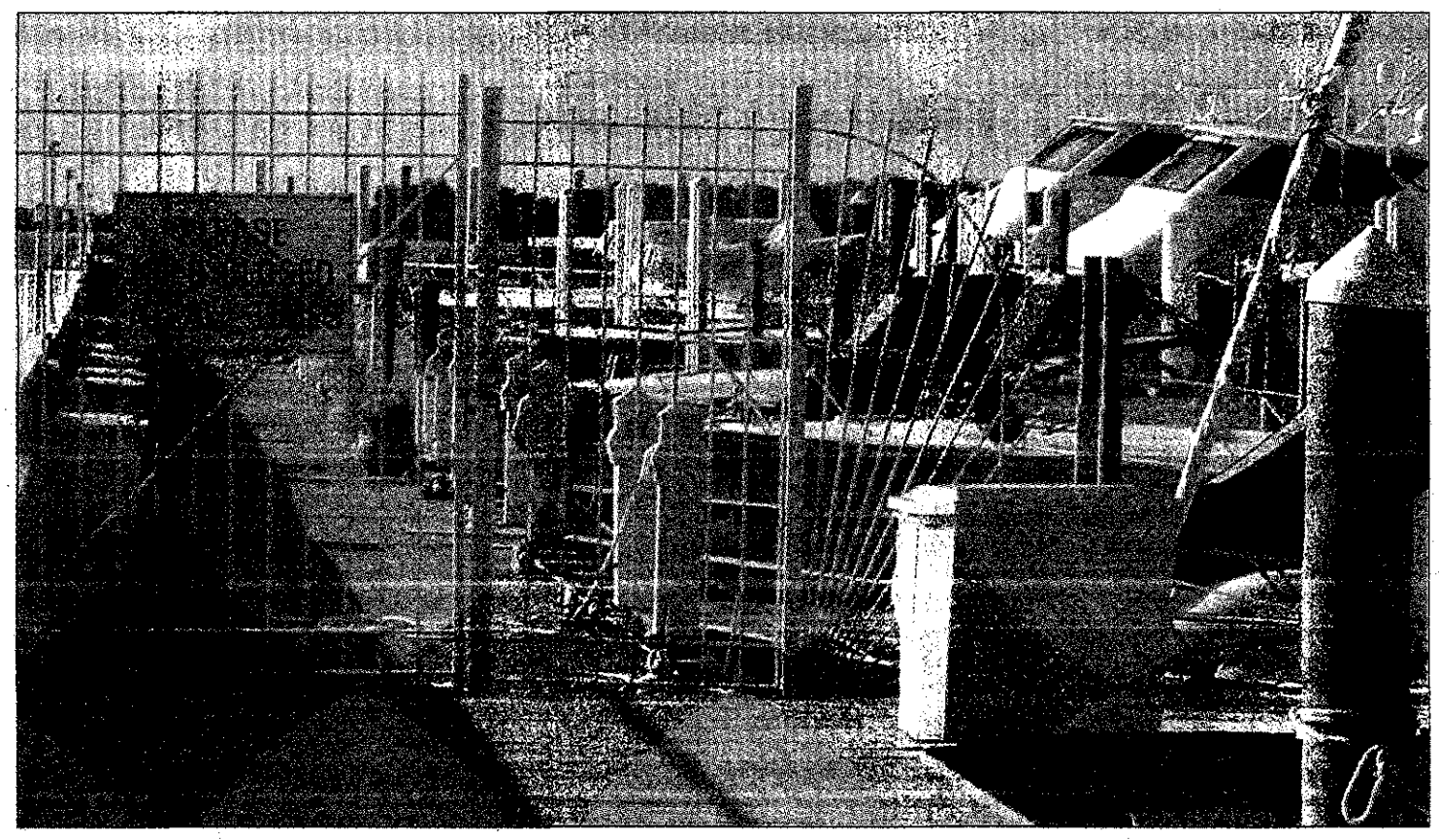
"This sounds like a great idea and I'm all for it," said Trustee Fred Minturn, "but in today's economy, what if the yacht club runs out of money and can't finish the job?"

"There would be operating agreements between the yacht club and village that would spell out that contractual basis," Nadeau said. "If we were not able to reach agreement, you could withdraw your permission for us to construct on any portion of village property."

Nadeau said the club and village are "joined at the hip. If we can't come to agreement, the project could fail and never be built."

An east entrance was envisioned in the Shores park master plan, approved in November 2005.

"We weren't looking at doing it, but we support it," Kratz said. "The club is responsible for egress and ingress. We support it, but it's the club's responsibility."



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The yacht club's drawbridge would be eliminated if a second opening to the harbor were constructed at the harbor's east wall, where club and Grosse Pointe Shores property meets.

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Stores in the Village will welcome costumed children ages 12 and under from area elementary schools for trick-or-treating from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library will be on hand to pass out free books for trick-or-treaters.

Winter park hours

Osius Park switches to winter hours beginning Monday Nov. 17.

Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The harbor closes for the season Saturday, Nov. 15.

— Brad Lindberg

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The Venice reader

Madeleine Phillips, left, of Grosse Pointe Shores, retired from PVS Chemicals and her husband, Allen, took an Italian cruise and read the Grosse Pointe News, while on a gondola ride on a Venice canal. 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.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Osius wins state award

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An all-for-one approach to community beautification won a top award for changes to Osius Park.

Improvements to the lakeside park in Grosse Pointe Shores rated a President's Plaque for 2008, the highest award from Keep Michigan Beautiful.

Helen Bai, chair of the Shores beautification commission and the village's master gardener, accepted the award at Keep Michigan Beautiful's annual conference in Frankenmuth.

"The thing that won us the award was the scope of the project," Bai said.

The award recognized the park's new harbor, playscape, lighting and nautical flower bed. Multiple Shores stakeholders worked on the projects.

Trustee Karl Kratz oversaw the harbor committee, which worked on the marina renovation for about two years.

"(Residents) Laurie Peruzzi and Lynn Galbenski were the movers and shakers on the playscape," Bai said. "They did the research and were able to get the playscape completed."

Susan Koph, vice president of the Shores Improvement Foundation, was credited with getting new lighting for the park.

Members of the beautification commission planted the flower bed.

"That kind of involvement by a community is rare for a project of this scope," Bai said. "Because of that, we won this very prestigious award, the highest award KMB gave. In the entire state only 11 of these were given this year. I'm just tickled pink to report to you that this is what has come of it all."

Bai also announced that she's been voted a director of Keep Michigan Beautiful.

TREE: Planting a variety

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member of the village tree commission, plan to plant 12 replacement trees at Osius Park in November.

"We'll be planting trees on the peninsula and main park area," Cooke said. "We'll try to have a variety of trees."

Other losses this year include 10 elms killed by Dutch elm disease. Smith said 16 other types of trees died for various reasons, including storm damage.

He said village tree losses this year are greater than last year.

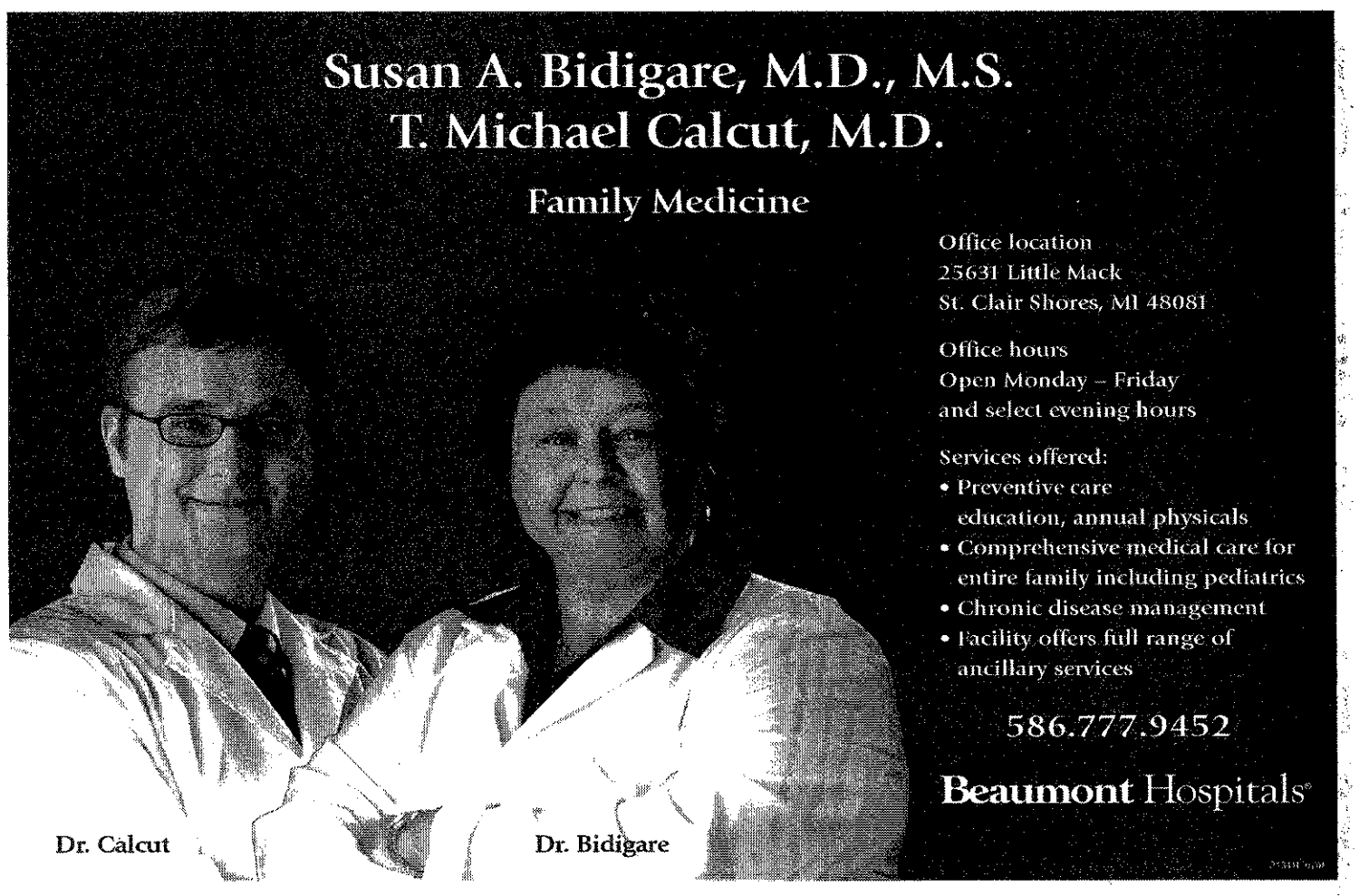
"In 2007 we lost 52 trees," Smith said. "Only one tree was an elm due to Dutch elm disease and 30 trees due to (emerald ash borer)."

Meanwhile, falling leaves prompted Smith to activate the leaf vacuum sooner than normal.

"The vacuum starts on the north end of the village and works its way south," he said. "As soon as it's done in the south, we start over again."

In other preparations for freezing weather, municipal irrigation systems are being winterized.

"We're about half way through," Smith said. "We expect to have them done in the next week or so."



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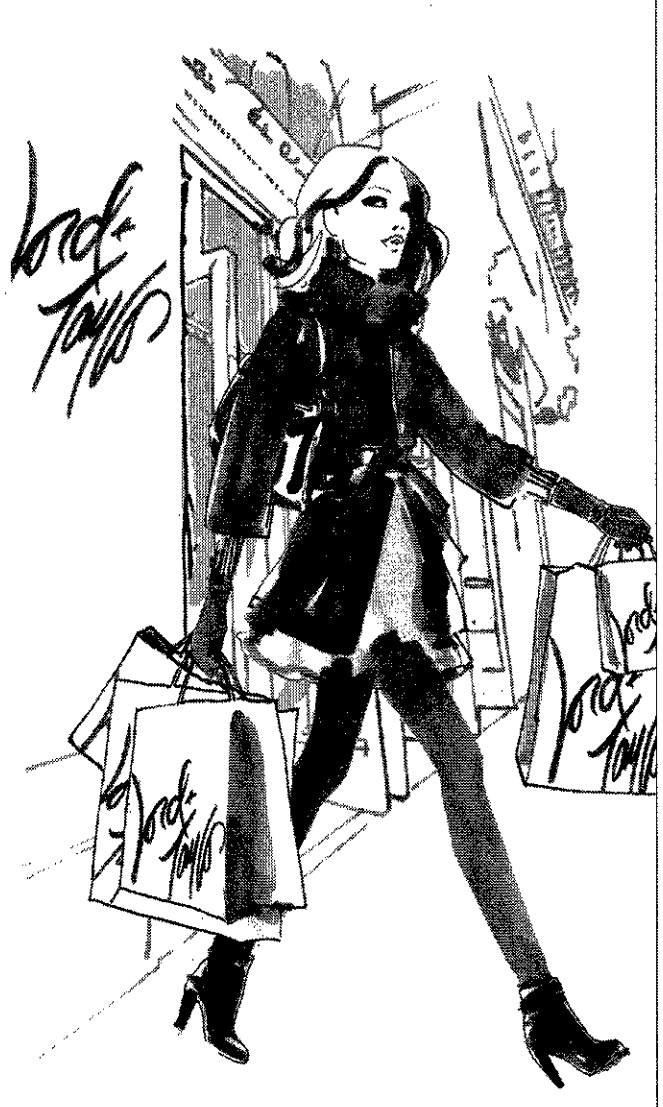

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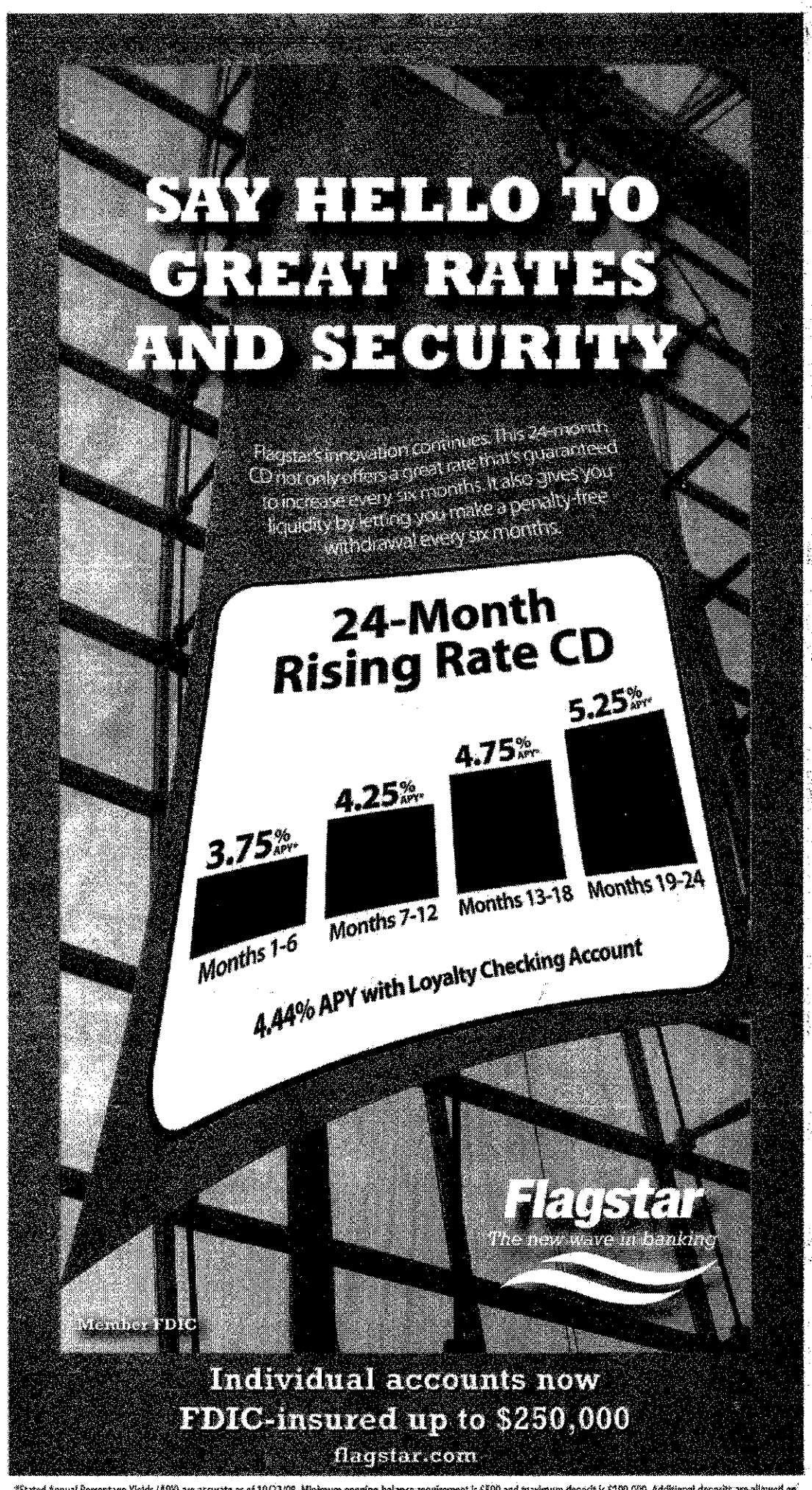

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LETTERS: Proposal 2 vote

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used as research subjects in a school lab, in a hospital or even in someone's basement.

Didn't the union movement form because as an individual, one's voice was not loud enough to be heard?

Were not union organizers considered "extras," who were discarded by employers in the early days of the union movement on the Rouge River bridge?

Is your elderly parent suffering from Alzheimer an "extra human?" What good are they but for research? Can they still love you? When will they or you or me be wanted for research?

The definition of extra humans need only be expanded from someone very, very small, less than 14 days old, unable to speak for themselves and confined to a womb to include us.

After all, this proposal specifically discusses using humans for research. Should it pass, it is only a matter of changing the definition of extra humans to make more of us available for research.

While this may sound ridiculous, consider the ridiculousness and inhumanity researchers in Great Britain recently used to create human-cow hybrid embryos by inserting the nuclei of human cells into cow eggs and encouraging them to grow into embryos.

These embryos are part human and part cow. So, seeking to change a definition to assist these "researchers" is not far-fetched someday.

The writer states, "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." That's like saying, "I don't want to kill you, but may I take your heart for research purposes."

Removing stem cells kills the human, the human embryo.

Referring again to the proposal's language as the writer suggests we do, another section of the proposal reads "... any research permitted under federal law on human embryos may be conducted in Michigan..." Notice that this section does not mention stem cells. It only refers to human embryos.

Why? As long as researchers do not remove the stem cells, this proposal has no restriction on research on a human past his or her 14th day as an embryo.

We are embryos for eight weeks in our mother's womb. By that time we have eyes, ears, feet and hands. If this proposal passes, the researcher can do whatever research they desire, including dissecting the embryo, as long as they don't remove stem cells past day 14.

This constitutional change would only allow research on embryos resulting from fertility treatments.

How could researchers sustain an up to eight-week-old embryo for research? That's simple. Under this constitutional change they can do the research while the baby is in the womb.

We normally think women receive fertility treatments to give birth to babies. This constitutional change now provides another legal reason for fertility treatment, namely "research or therapies or cures" as the language reads.

This constitutional change would permit a woman to receive fertility treatments for the sake of research on her embryos. And — believe it or not — nothing in the language prohibits that research from being conducted in utero, that is, while the woman is bearing the child through those first eight weeks as long as the woman with "voluntary and informed consent ... chose to donate the embryos for research."

What's in it for the woman? After all the proposed constitutional change reads, "No person may, for valuable consideration, purchase or sell human embryos for stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures."

It doesn't say she can't be paid for carrying the child; it just says she can't be paid for donating the embryo.

Don't think it won't happen. How many woman contract out their bodies now as surrogate mothers in return for payment? Why carry a child nine months for payment when a researcher will pay you handsomely for two months?

Finally, the writer says the law forbids unrestricted research, because "no stem cells can be taken from an embryo more than 14 days after cell division has begun." Excuse me, but would we want a law that says, "You can beat my child, but for no more than 14 days"?

Do you think this research is painless to the embryo? Nothing in the law requires that the research be painless on the embryo.

In truth the research is unrestricted because under the proposal the researchers must obey "laws concerning scientific and medical practices and patient safety and privacy, to the extent that any such laws do not: (i) prevent, restrict, obstruct, or discourage any stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures that are permitted by the provisions of this section; ..."

In English that means if any existing or future laws prevent, restrict or obstruct research on stem cells, the researchers constitutionally do not need to obey laws concerning scientific and medical practices, patient safety and privacy.

Did you get that? They don't have to obey safety and privacy laws to conduct this research. That sounds like unrestricted research to me.

Folks, please, please, for the sake of humanity, vote "No" on Proposal 2.

PHILLIP A. MATOUS
Grosse Pointe Park

A vote in favor of life

To the Editor:

I am writing to correct some of the misinformation from the letter "Human embryos," Oct. 23 Grosse Pointe News.

The letter writer claimed that voting for Proposal 2 was to vote to "kill people for research purposes."

If he had actually read the proposal, he would have understood it relates only to those embryos "that would otherwise be discarded" — i.e., destroyed as medical waste.

In other words, to vote against Proposal 2 is a vote to continue destroying these embryos.

A vote for Proposal 2 is to rescue them so they someday can help bring cures to people with diseases such as diabetes, multiple sclerosis and spinal cord injuries.

It is clear that the letter writer does not understand the limitations of adult stem cells, a field in which I have worked for nearly 40 years.

He is correct that bone marrow transplantation was first performed just over 50 years ago. However, it was restricted to transplants between identical twins until 25 years later. Even after that, it was restricted to transplants between close relatives until the invention of immunosuppressive drugs.

Furthermore, bone marrow transplantation is restricted to treatment of blood diseases because these are blood stem cells.

It is wildly incorrect to claim, as he does, that there are "90 plus cures" with these cells. There are no more than a dozen diseases approved for treatment with bone marrow stem cells with a few more in clinical trials.

These do not include diseases such as diabetes, multiple sclerosis or spinal cord injuries.

Therefore, a vote in favor of Proposal 2 is a vote in favor of life.

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Walsh's letter inflames election

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

When two Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education seats are up for grabs, one may expect things to get heated, but no one could anticipate the firestorm produced by a letter written by Board President Brendan Walsh.

Walsh later apologized.

On Oct. 14, Walsh wrote a response on school district letterhead (see side bar) to Parcells Middle School Principal Mark Mulholland's letter to district officials protesting the board's recent decision to amend the district's disciplinary policy concerning temporary student suspensions.

At its Sept. 22 meeting, the board passed by a vote of 4-3 an amendment to Board Policy 5611: Due Process Rights. It states, "The building principal's decision is final for temporary separation up to two days. For a temporary separation of more than two days an appeal could be made to the superintendent and the superintendent is final."

The proponents of the amendment — trustees Joan Dindoffer, Angela Kennedy, Ahmed Ismail and John Steininger — said parents have a right to petition for a second opinion.

"We're in the business of educating kids," Kennedy said. "We should be very careful when we close the door of education for more than two days. Parents have the right to petition."

> *'I will be contacting the Secretary of State regarding this.'*
> JOHN STEININGER,
> *School board trustee*

The opponents of the amendment — Walsh, and trustees Fred Minturn and Alice Kosinski — said school principals are professionals who should be given autonomy over discipline in their schools.

"We've hired professionals," Kosinski said. "We should let them do their jobs."

Mulholland's Oct. 7 letter addressed his concerns about the board's decision to change the policy. The 2 1/4 page letter was sent to all board members, Superintendent Suzanne Klein and Allan King, Grosse Pointe Administrators Association president.

In his response, Walsh states that, "I would defend their (the proponents) right to render it as strongly as I voice my opposition to it."

He states his agreement with Mulholland's "many valid points."

He continues by stating "the majority position betrays a fundamental distrust in the administration and therefore highlights the primary philosophical difference between them and the minority."

In the following paragraph, Walsh talked about the upcoming election for the two seats Ismail and Kennedy currently occupy. Ismail is running for reelection and Kennedy is not.

Walsh said he expects if candidates Judy Gafa and Darryl Miller are elected "one of the first official acts of that newly configured board will be to overturn the due process amendment."

He continues, if Ismail and Chris Cornwall are elected, "I predict that the teachers, administration and community can expect more distrust, meddling and decisions that, like this one, threatens the efficiency, discipline and safety of our schools."

Walsh sent this response via e-mail to everyone Mulholland listed and all school principals, assistant principals and athletic directors.

Members of the community have voiced concern that while the content of the letter on district letterhead might not be illegal, they question if Walsh abused his position as president and official spokesperson of the board when he hypothesized about the motives and actions of board candidates.

According to Cornwall, he never spoke to Walsh about the due process amendment.

In a letter Cornwall wrote to Walsh, he states "you have published a letter with false statements and predictions about what I may do on the board. This letter has certainly now been passed on to school teachers and others who were sent your missive. Specifically, you 'predict that the teachers,

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October 14, 2008

Mark A. Mulholland
Principal, Parcells Middle School
20600 Mack Avenue
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Dear Mark:

I share your disappointment in the Board's decision to amend the Due Process policy. I am sure this was evident the night of the meeting. I can safely say that Mr. Minturn and Mrs. Kosinski feel as I do. By our dissenting votes, we, the minority, agree the decision by Mr. Ismail, Mr. Steininger, Mrs. Dindoffer, and Mrs. Kennedy was, as you put it, "a bad decision." I would defend their right to render it as strongly as I voice my opposition to it.

Your letter offers many valid points. I suspect the Board's majority would rationalize that appeals will be infrequent or otherwise won't take as much time as you fear they might. This misses the most salient point of your letter. The majority's position betrays a fundamental distrust in the administration and therefore highlights the primary philosophical difference between them and the minority. It is trite and simplistic to attribute those differences to polarized stations on the "rubber stamp to micromanagement" spectrum, but clearly Mr. Ismail, Mr. Steininger, Mrs. Dindoffer and Mrs. Kennedy have pronounced their lack of faith in the building principals' abilities to discharge their duties.

That is why this coming election is so significant. If Mrs. Gafa and Mr. Miller displace Mr. Ismail and Mrs. Kennedy in November I expect one of the first official acts of that newly configured Board will be to overturn the Due Process amendment. If Mr. Ismail retains his seat and is joined by the candidate both he and Mr. Steininger endorse, Mr. Cornwall, I predict that the teachers, administration and community can expect more distrust, meddling and decisions that, like this one, that threaten the efficiency, discipline and safety of our schools.

If there is any good that may come of this unfortunate act it is that it provides an ideal anecdote for the voters to understand the philosophical differences among the Board members. All trustees are free to abide by their personal philosophy. *This vote makes crystal clear that which each espouses. Now it's* the voting public's turn.

Regards,

Brendan P. Walsh
President - Grosse Pointe Public School System, Board of Education

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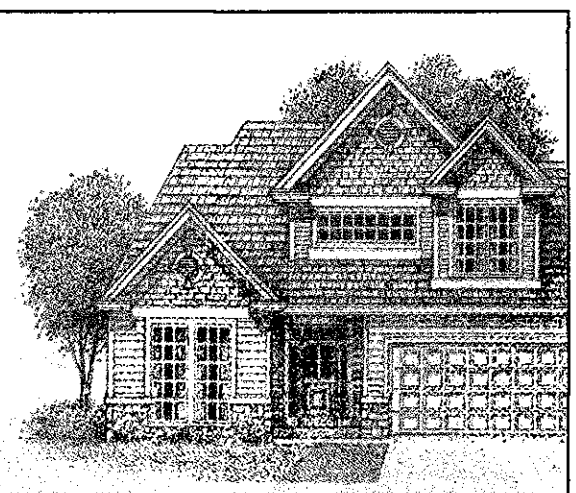

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Grosse Pointe Park author Patrick Livingston will discuss his book, "Summer Dreams: The Story of Bo-Lo Island, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 at Grosse Pointe Public Library's Ewald branch, 15715 E. Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park.

His book covers the island's history from the time of French explorer to being the site of an amusement park.

Livingston will share photographs and anecdotes of those who worked and played on the island and its ships. Attendess will have the opportunity to share their own stories.

His first book, "Eight Steamboats: Sailing Through the Sixties," chronicles his days spent sailing on passenger steamers. During the late 1960s, Livingston earned money for college by working on ships on the Great Lakes. This is when he met many people who reminisced about their days spent on Bob-Lo.

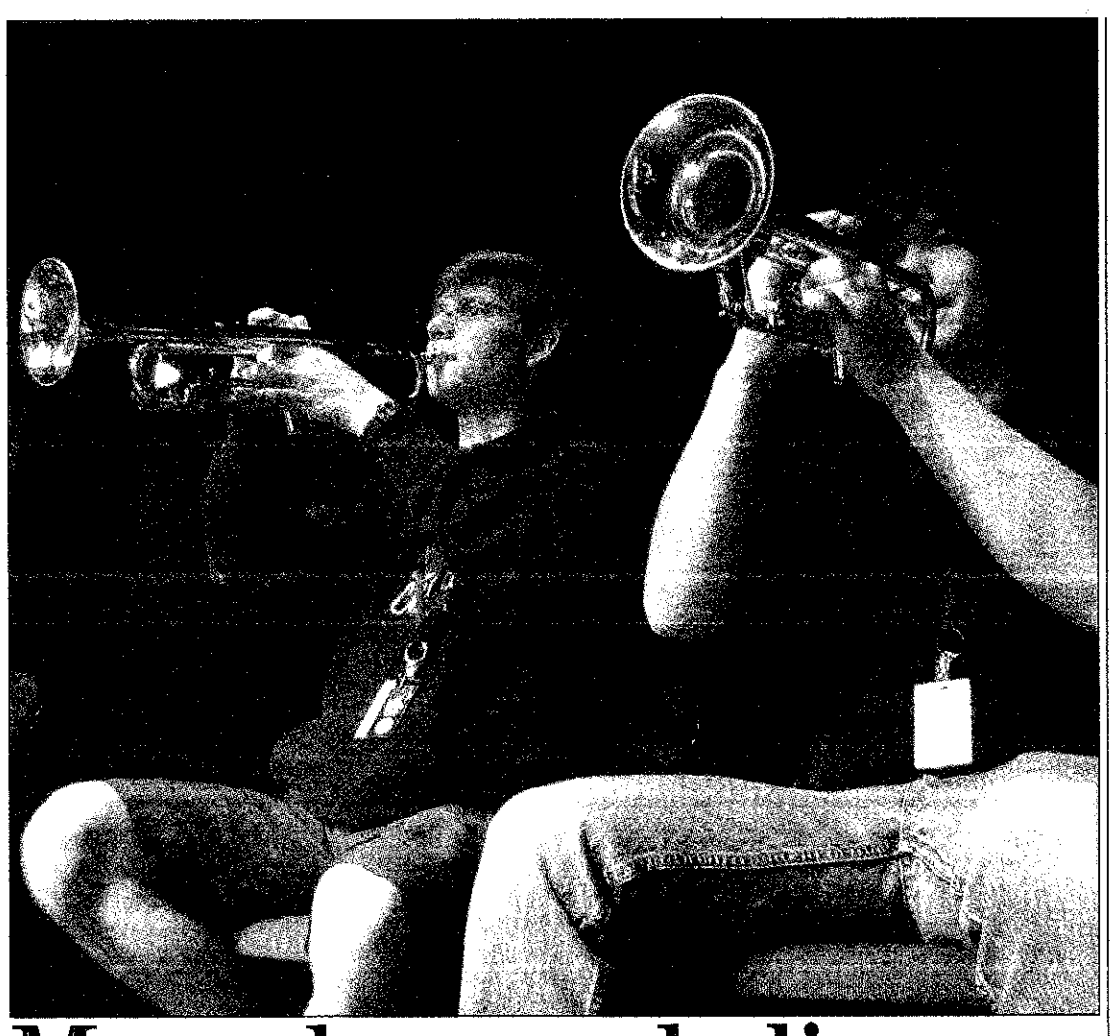
Livingston later worked for three years with the U.S. Peace Corps in Nepal, after which he began a 25-year career as an agent with Michigan State University Extension and Michigan Sea Grant.

He is currently involved with the Seti River Education Program which enables teachers from Nepal and Michigan to share information and water quality analysis.

Livingston's next novel will be about life on Bob-Lo.

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

—Beth Quinn



Marvelous melodies

Grosse Pointe South High School instrumental music students perform "A Night at the Opera" at their annual Pops and Pastries concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 in the school's main gymnasium. More than 160 members of the school's concert and symphony bands, concert and symphony orchestras, and jazz band with vocal jazz ensemble will play works spanning the centuries from Mozart and Wagner to Andrew Lloyd Webber and the rock group, Queen.

South's band and orchestra boosters will sell pastries and other treats for audience members during the concert. They have also organized a 50/50 raffle and silent auction of student goods and services to raise funds for music study scholarships, transportation to music festivals and to buy music equipment.

General admission tickets are $15 and $7 for students/seniors. Family packs of two adult and two or more student tickets are $40. Gold cards are accepted. All tickets include a complimentary pastry.

Tickets may be purchased at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village and at the door. Reserved tables are available for $120 by calling (313) 886-3156.

South symphony band trumpet players, Ethan Brock, left, and Daniel DeFour rehearse for the upcoming concert.

ON FIRE: Election gets heated

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administration and community can expect more mistrust, meddling in decisions that, like this one, threaten the efficiency, discipline and safety of our schools,' if I am elected to the board. This 'prediction' is false. You have never met me and do not know my positions. In fact, you were in the same room with me less than one hour before sending your letter, yet you made no effort to ask me about my position regarding the due process policy or views towards the teachers and administration."

Cornwall said that Walsh did send a letter of apology to him.

"I appreciate that Brendan did that," Cornwall said.

At the Oct. 27 school board meeting, community members voiced their opinions.

"I am concerned about Mr. Walsh's inappropriate action by writing on official letterhead the candidates he is endorsing and undermining the decision of the school board," said Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lori-Ann Rickard.

During closing remarks, Steininger, Dindoffer and Ismail weighed in on Walsh's letter.

Steininger said Walsh might have violated Section 57 of the State of Michigan Campaign Finance Act by endorsing candidates on school letterhead and using the school's e-mail system to send it out to some people.

"I will be contacting the Secretary of State regarding this," Steininger said. "I will ask for a declaratory ruling and interpretive statement regarding this."

Dindoffer took offense to Walsh's speculating about her motives for approving the amendment.

"Anyone who knows me as a parent and from the 21 years I have served as a volunteer in the school district, would have no doubt that my intent is to support the best possible educational environment in the school district," she said.

Ismail expressed concern that Walsh's letter sends a message that the board distrusts school administrators.

"This one thing has destroyed a level of trust we had worked hard to build," he said. "I'm disappointed that we are wiped out."

During his closing statement, Walsh did apologize and took responsibility for the letter.

"I am human," he said. "I make mistakes. People know I can be an emotional person. I passionately want what's best."

Correction

In the Grosse Pointe News Oct. 23 paper, Rhochelle Krawetz, a 2008 Grosse Pointe North High School, was placed in the wrong category of AP Scholar awardees as sent by the College Board. She qualified for the National AP Scholar award.

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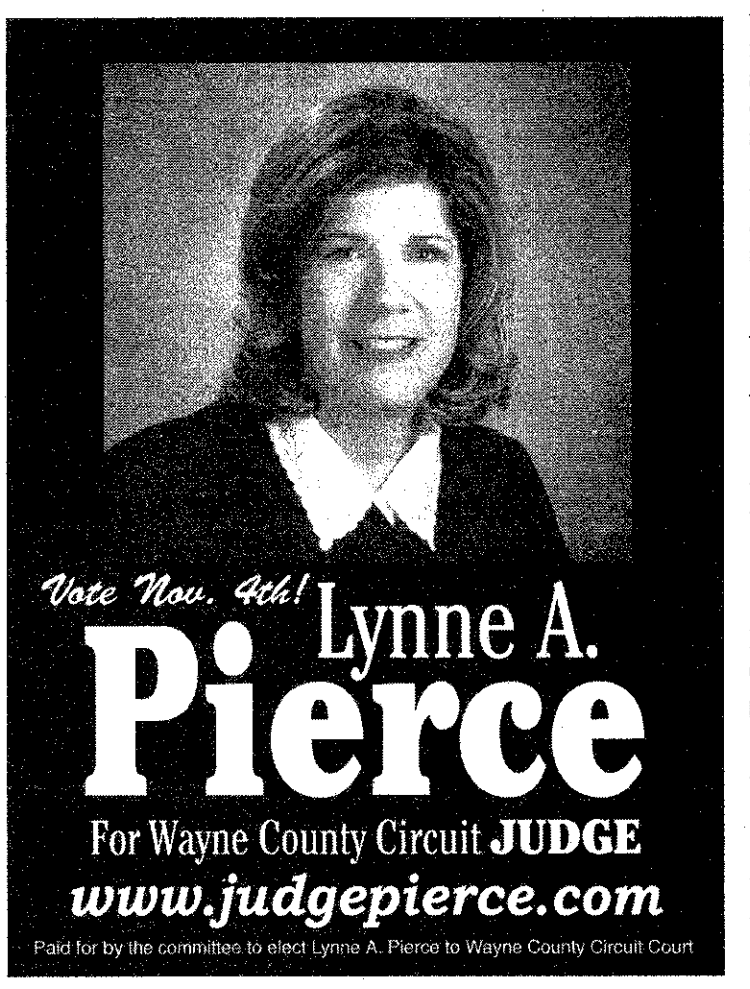

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Students, staff send birthday wishes

Parcells Middle School commemorates its 60th anniversary with a number of festivities during the upcoming year.

On Friday, Oct. 31, students and staff will walk outside at 8:40 a.m. and encircle the building to give it a birthday wish. Each class will say, "Happy Birthday, Parcells," until the message travels around the building.

The public is welcome to partake.

The school's UNITE Club also is working on a birthday card which says "Happy Birthday" in more than 20 languages. Every student and staff member will have a chance to sign the card.

The original school building was occupied in 1948 and serves as the sixth grade wing. Several additions have been added over the years with the gymnasium as the most recent.

Renovations, including the newly refurbished science classrooms and the Parcells library space, have been completed in the last three years.

— Beth Quinn

Academy student leaders

Four Grosse Pointe Academy middle school students were elected as student council officers. They are, from the left, eighth-graders Meade Maxwell, president and Chris Fowler, vice president, and seventh-graders Wade Penman, treasurer and Robbie Triano, secretary.

Kennedy fellow

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Samuel Kitchel, as a 2008 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, was selected as a 2008-09 Kenan Fellow at The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

He is one of four UNC graduates who will spend six months in residence at The Kennedy Center and selected theaters developing their skills and broadening their experiences as designers and stage managers.

While earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in lighting design, Kitchel designed the lighting for numerous university plays including "Dead Man Walking" and "The Servant of Two Masters." The fellowship was established in 2000 to provide opportunities for young and promising creative artists to collaborate with established professionals on a wide variety of projects.

Having a gala time

Students from Christ the King Lutheran Church Preschool in Grosse Pointe woods recently enjoyed the wonders of autumn with a trip to an apple orchard in Macomb County. Thomas Nguyen is given a lift as he reaches for a gala apple high in a tree.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

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Scott Moore was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester at Albion College. He is the son of Donald and Sandra Moore of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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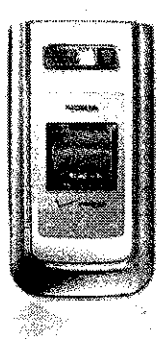

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Wide tracking, that great Pontiac design and marketing idea from the late 1950s is back in the **2009 Pontiac G8**. This sedan offers generous amounts of leg room.

Pontiac G8 has 'wide track' heritage

The feel and balance of a well designed rear drive sedan is back. And so is the slick styling that once set General Motors on a higher plane than much of its competition.

Enter the 2009 Pontiac G8 sedan.

Taking the place of the Grand Prix as the largest sedan in the current Pontiac family lineup, the 2009 G8 is a sexy, luxurious car for both people who like to drive and for those who like to be driven.

Its trim, nicely proportioned body hides either a 256 horsepower 3.6-liter V-6 or a 361 horsepower 6.0-liter V-8 under the hood. The V-6 features dual overhead camshafts, four valves per cylinder and continuously variable valve timing. The powerful V-8 has a valve-in-head design, two valves per cylinder and roller lifters.

The smaller engine uses a five-speed automatic transmission. The big V-8 runs with a six-speed automatic. Pontiac says the latter will take you from zero to 60 mph in something like 5.3 seconds.

The test car, a G8 sedan with V-6 engine, was rated at 17 miles per gallon city and 25 mpg highway. The bigger engine with six-speed automatic has a 15/24mpg rating.

The G8 uses rear-wheel drive, so expect a major lump running bow to stern in the car, so try not to get assigned to the center position on the rear seat. There will be a three-point belt for you there, but you'll be straddling the drive shaft while the outboard rear seat folks enjoy very generous amounts of leg, ankle and foot room.

The G8 sedan comes standard with 18-inch silver-painted aluminum wheels and all season tires. High performance summer-only tires are optional.

The G8 GT model is equipped with 18-inch machine-faced aluminum wheels with summer performance tires as standard. All-season tires are available.

Customers who opt for the GT model can select a sports package which includes 19-inch aluminum wheels with summer performance tires. Sport metallic pedals and a unique leather wrapped sport steering wheel complete the package.

The standard electronic tire pressure monitoring system goes one better than simply advising the driver that there's a pressure problem. This one displays the exact tire pressure for each tire in the driver information center.

Something for G8 owners to note: The battery is in the rear of the car, should you need a jump or other service.

The 2009 Pontiac G8 rests at the edge of the October car show organized by the MetroCruisers at a Super Kmart in Detroit.

Wide track then, now

Longtime friend and former colleague Jack Teahen, a senior editor at Automotive News, forwarded specifications of 1959 vehicles retrieved from the trade paper's extensive files.

Indeed, Pontiac really did have a wider track — that is, front and rear tread widths as measured at the outside edges of front and rear tires. The Pontiac Catalina, Star Chief and Bonneville featured 63.7-inch front treads and 64-inch rear treads.

Buicks and Oldsmobiles that year had treads one to three inches narrower.

Teahen says GM executives John DeLorean and Ed Cole latched onto the idea of wide track and it helped give Pontiac a new performance and handling image that stayed with the brand for decades.

The 2009 G8 has a 62.7-inch front tread and a 63.3-inch rear tread. This is 21st century wide tracking.

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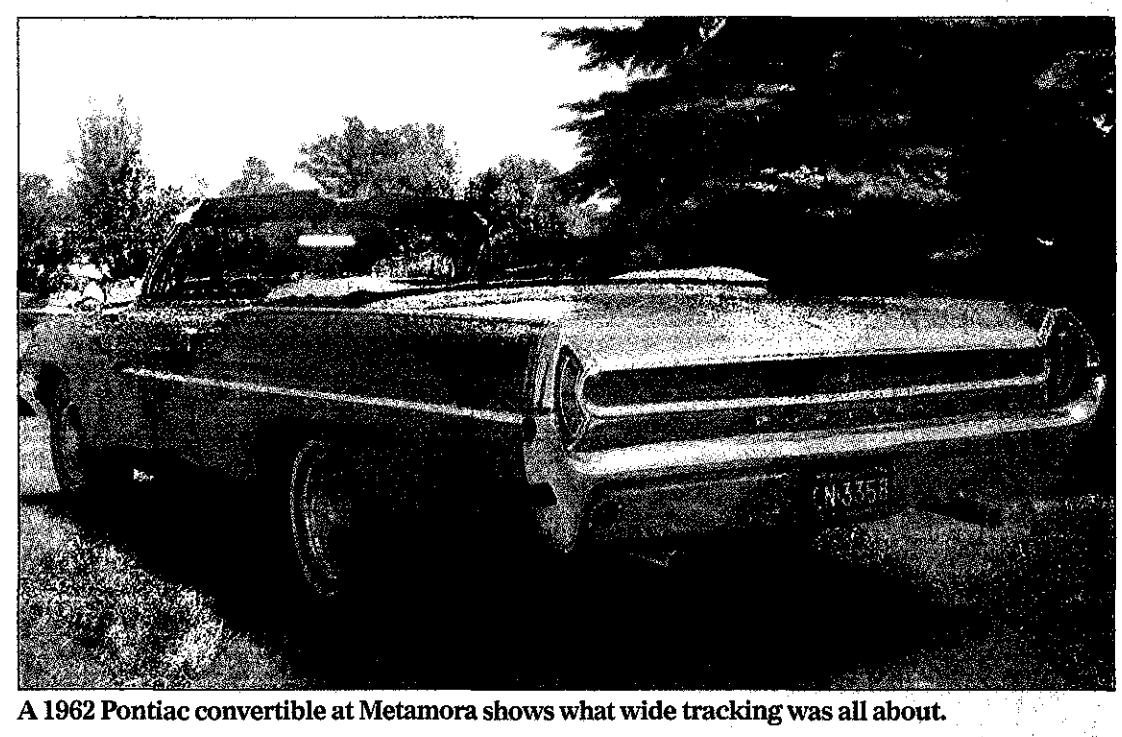

A 1962 Pontiac convertible at Metamora shows what wide tracking was all about.

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2009 G8: Loads of leg room

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One-of-a-kind

The 2009 Pontiac G8 is the only product currently on the market in the United States using GM's global rear-drive architecture, says Pontiac spokesman Vince Muniga.

The architecture appears in the Middle East as a Chevrolet Impala and with right-hand drive in the United Kingdom as a Vauxhall and as a Holden Commodore in Australia, where all the vehicles are assembled.

"What did you think of the rear-seat legroom?" asked Muniga, who claims to have extraordinarily long leg bones and who tested the space after putting the driver's seat in a position comfortable for him.

He loved the legroom and so did we. The rear seat back is tilted rearward a bit more than what one might expect, but there is loads of room for fidgeting. Designers of commercial aircraft might test this in a G8 the next time they are asked to do seating for economy class travelers.

Muniga commented on the new versus the old rear-drive vehicles with respect to handling. Technologies like stability control traction control and modern independent suspensions have added greatly to driver control and satisfaction.

Both automatic transmissions feature a tuned driver shift control, allowing the driver to select three distinct shifting styles. In the normal automatic mode the transmission is geared to provide an optimal blend of performance and fuel economy. Sliding the shifter right into the manual shift gate selects a "sport mode," adjusting the automatic shift points to maintain higher torque and greater engine control, Pontiac says.

For driving enthusiasts who want ultimate control, moving the shifter up or down in the manual shift gate provides complete control over each shift point. In this mode the transmission will not automatically up-shift at any time, although a rev limiter will prevent the engine from exceeding the red line, Pontiac says. For safety reasons, the transmission will down-shift if the engine rpm drops to a point where a stall is possible.

The test G8 had a standard price of $27,310. A premium package that included leather seating surfaces, heated and power-adjustable front seats and additional leather interior trim ran $1,375. The sunroof was $900 and dual-zone climate control plus an upgraded sound system were $795.

Technical marvels overlooked

Most drivers don't have a clue as to what type of tires are on their car.

Even though tires are one of the most technologically advanced parts of a car, as well as the only parts that actually touch the road, they are not top, middle or even bottom in the minds of most consumers.

"It's a shame tires are largely ignored," said Fred Koplin, director of marketing communications at Yokohama Tire Corporation. "They influence the braking, steering, comfort, handling, safety and fuel efficiency of every vehicle. Tires are technical marvels, receiving a daily pounding over all sorts of surfaces in all kinds of weather conditions, yet they continue to perform with incredible effectiveness."

One reason some people pay little attention to tires is because there are so many types available on the market — at last count about 3,500 sizes and types from dozens of manufacturers. Importantly, though, having the wrong tire on a vehicle is akin to wearing shoes that don't fit — they don't work well and may be harmful. Cornering, acceleration, wet-road traction, tire wear, ride, styling and fuel economy can be modified by changing tires.

Knowing what types of tires are available is important because it can save money and fuel and vastly improve a vehicle's ride and handling.

"A tire generally delivers both mileage and performance, but not both equally," said Koplin. "Tires using a harder rubber compound will last longer and boost gas mileage, but could deliver less traction and more noise, while softer tread compound tires handle well but wear more quickly."

Koplin offers some basic definitions to help drivers pick the best tire for their vehicle:

◆ All-season tire: A tire designed for all four seasons. They can eliminate the need for snow tires in some moderately harsh winter areas.

◆ High-performance tire: Tires designed for handling at higher speeds.

◆ Light truck tire: Designed for sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles and some small commercial vehicles.

◆ Radial tire: "Radial" describes the way the tire is constructed. These tires are on most passenger cars as well as light trucks.

◆ Touring performance tire: A tire providing the ride comfort of a standard passenger car tire yet possessing some high-performance tire characteristics.

"Replacing tires is like buying insurance or going to the dentist," Koplin said. "No one wants to do it, but it's necessary. The more you know, the less painful it will be."

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The **2008 Lexus GS350** is a secure and good-looking upper class vehicle for those who demand the best. The aerodynamic styling gives this sedan a sporty look and feel.

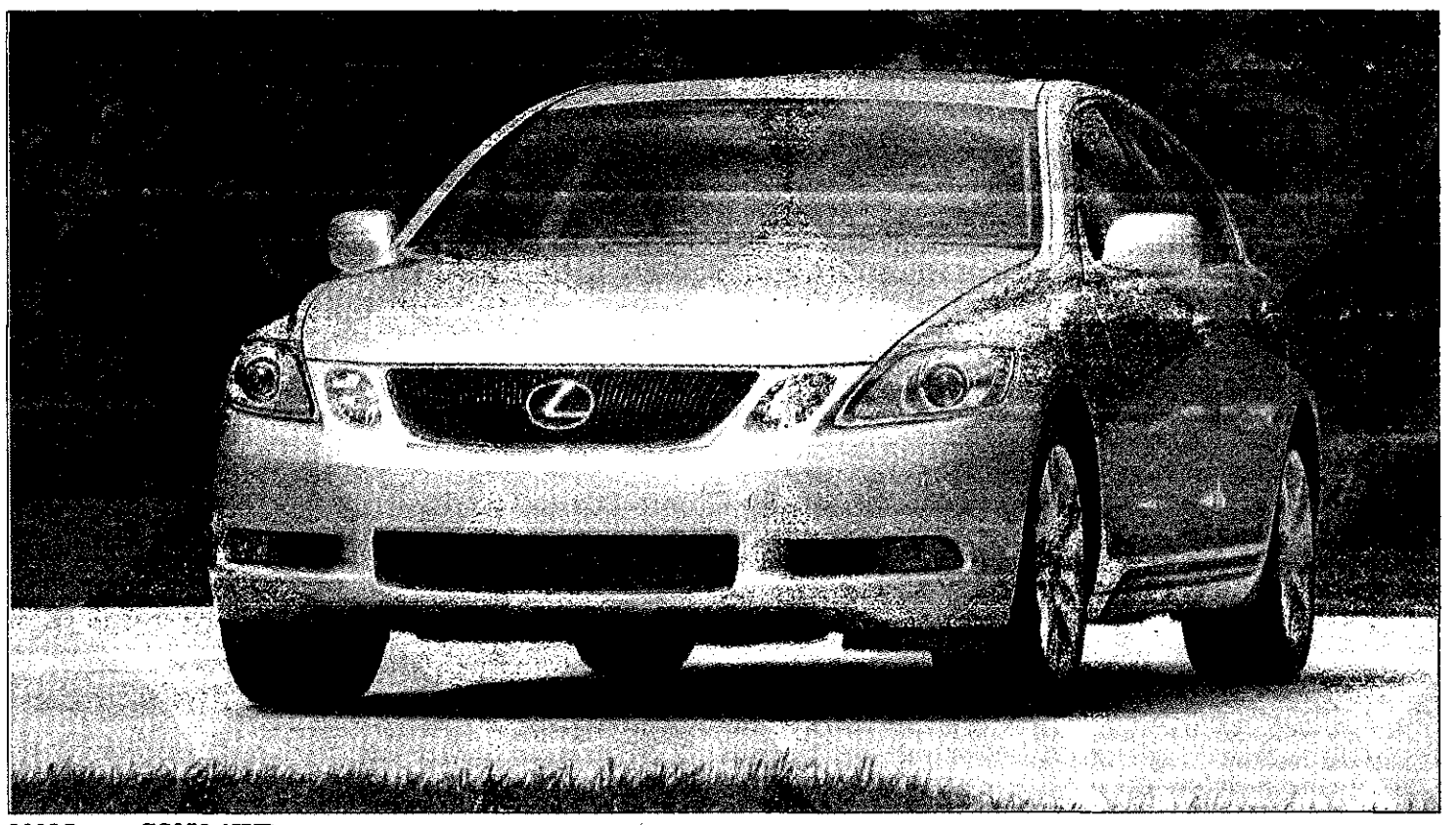
2008 Lexus GS350 AWD Sedan

This week, we test drive the popular Lexus GS350 All Wheel Drive sedan — base price: $46,100; price as tested: $53,055.

With this base price consumers can expect all the Lexus-bred features we've come to enjoy through the years built into this luxury five-passenger sedan.

Significant standard features include a top of the line air bag system that protects from the front, side, head, rear and knee areas; stunning leather interior, tool kit, first aid kit; 10-speaker premium 6-disc in-dash audio system, power moonroof and an all-new powertrain featuring a bigger V6 coupled to fine shifting 6-speed sequential automatic transmission.

Outwardly, the GS350 still boasts great aerodynamic styling and "closer to the ground" design that is easy on the eyes. Overall, the car looks sportier and performance oriented compared to some of its peers. Inside, the ride is comfortable and quiet, yet handling is distinctly from a sports car creed. Overall, we expect these features in cars of this caliber.

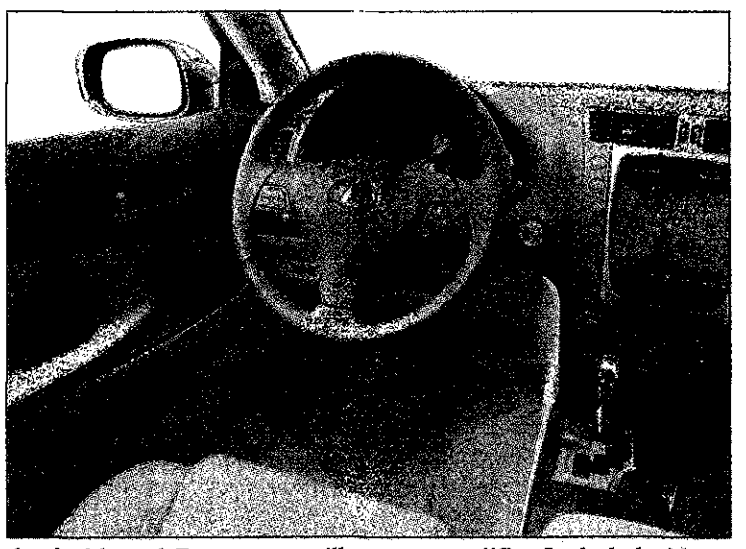


2008 Lexus GS350 AWD

The front end still features the Lexus trademark slippery looking, high-range headlamps and vertical grille with the slanted "L" in a circle along with an assertive front valance that contains a large air inlet and integrated fog lamps. A low rear valance carries over nicely the sporty design that culminates in the protrusion of large stainless steel dual exhaust tips.

GS350's AWD system is full-time, which means no input whatsoever is needed from the driver to engage the system. The primary drive wheels are at the rear, but the GS350's computer can deliver the engine's power frontward when necessary in varying percentages. The computer figures out how much front drive application is necessary based on wheel spin and steering angle, resulting in excellent traction characteristics. All GS350 AWDs come with 17-inch all-season run-flat tires on beautiful alloy wheels.

Inside, be prepared for the legendary Lexus comfort, convenience, opulence and a good dose of high tech. Our tester came equipped with the optional $3,630 Mark Levinson Audio/Navigation system that features satellite navigation on a 7-inch multifunctional touch screen located in the center of the dashboard. Passengers will enjoy the Discrete 5.1 Surround playback actuated by a 7.1-channel speaker setup that sends music through a total of 14 speakers via 11 channels of amplification and a 330-watt amplifier. Included with this option is an "on screen" rear-view camera that aids in back up procedures.



More luxury? How about a cabin that features leather and wood schemes, ours included an optional $330 wood and leather steering wheel. Overall, the fit and finish is excellent, although rear seat passengers will have to put up with some crunching when it comes to legroom and the ability to seat three full size adults.

The suspension features a front independent double-wishbone layout that merges with a multi-link rear design. Gas pressurized shocks help absorb the road bumps, while the variable speed sensing, progressive rack and pinion steering gives the initial driver input. Add 4-wheel ventilated disc ABS, traction control and the vehicle dynamics integrated management with stability control and you've got the very best a carmaker can offer.

Under the hood sits a new, larger 3.5-liter V6 that makes 303 horsepower at 6,400 RPM, yet still delivers EPA numbers like 18 city and 25 highway. The engine, which makes more horsepower than the 4.3-V8's 290, is capable of pushing the GS350 to 60 mph in six seconds. When you need to pass or merge, you'll have more than enough speed and the drive experience is excellent or good at all times.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.2-inches, 3,869-lb. curb weight, 12.7 cubic feet of trunk space and an 18.8-gallon fuel tank for premium unleaded.

Additional options on our model included a $210 Preferred Accessory Pack, $200 ventilated seats, $525 rain sensing wipers, $200 rear spoiler, $486 XM Satellite radio, $109 all weather floor mats, and the $500 intuitive parking assist, which your dealer can explain further, especially when it comes to parallel parking.

We rate the GS350 AWD a solid 8.5 on a scale of one to 10 and recommend it in the luxury sedan market.

Likes: Design, performance, AWD engineering, build quality.

Dislikes: Somewhat pricey for a mid-size.

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Food brings people back to the dinner table

By Sally Schuman
Special Writer

Prominently displayed at Super Suppers is a portrait of its founder along with its mission statement, "to bring families back to the dinner table, one meal at a time."

Super Suppers, a Fort Worth, Texas-based franchise, opened its eighth Michigan location at 20649 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods last April. Franchise owners, Paul and Celia Masih, were glad to be on board.

"My husband and I were looking for a good business to get into," Celia said, a former surgical nurse at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. "We love fine food and we love people. One thing I like about Grosse Pointe, the people are family oriented."

"I think that the company picked the right area," Paul said. "Quality family time is important to us. We wanted to get into a business and have time for our family. Super Suppers was the perfect fit for us. That is why we close at 7 p.m. We want families, including ours, to be at the dinner table."

Super Suppers is the creation of Judie Byrd and born from her Culinary School of Fort Worth.

As a businesswoman with a background in international culinary studies, she is an author and speaker. Byrd realized the difficulty in meeting the demands of quality family time around the dinner table. Super Suppers was her answer to, "Mom, what's for dinner?"

Each month they rotate 12 "Take n' Bake" entrees developed and tested at the culinary school by Byrd and her team, led by Chef Nellda Gallagher. A certified nutritionalist reviews each entree.

The goal is to bring top quality nutritious entrees to working families, couples and singles.

When people walk into the Grosse Pointe Woods location they will see both the preparation stations and the large glass refrigerator and freezer containing already prepared monthly choices.

PHOTO AT RIGHT BY SALLY SCHUMAN

Nancy Spalding prepares a meal.

The Masihs will tell you this is because, "At Super Suppers there are two kinds of people; those who have time and those who don't have time."

For those who have time, the Masihs give patrons an apron and lead them to their choice of preparation stations.

Each station is set up for a different entree and includes the recipe and all the ingredients and kitchenware needed to prepare it.

"All of our meat is top quality and organic," Celia said. "We taste all our food before it goes out to the community to ensure the quality of the ingredients."

The customer then prepares his or her own entree according to the directions with assistance if needed.

Everything necessary to take the entree home and bake it is supplied. Customers can prepare one evening's meal or a month's worth of meals to freeze at home.

"There is no cooking done here," Celia said. "Everything is prepared here and then taken home to cook fresh or freeze."

Each month the menu is changed to provide variety.

For customers who do not have the time, the staff prepares each of the 12 entrees for them.

Each month's menu items are listed on the company Web site.

Customers can view the selection and call ahead to ensure that the entree desired is ready when they arrive.

The No. 1 favorite entree nationwide is the "Parmesan Chicken with Creamy Sage Sauce" and is available every month.

New entree's are introduced as they are developed at the culinary school.

Frozen side dishes and desserts are also available to round out the meal. Pricing averages from $3 to $3.50 per serving and entrees come in three or six serving portions.

For more information, visit ssgrossepointemi.com or call (313) 881-3511.

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Business expo Nov. 17

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds its Third Annual Business EXPO at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, in the Fries Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Local chamber members will feature their services and answer questions about their products. Services include financial and investment, insurance, hospitals, photographers, massage therapists and non-profit organizations. A complete list may be found at gpcc.cc.

Holiday gifts and Thanksgiving centerpieces will be available for purchase.

Edsel B. Ford II will speak at 7 p.m. about Grosse Pointe and Detroit working together to be better. There will be an opportunity for questions following his 30 minute presentation.

The event is free and beer and wine will be available for purchase. For more information, call (313) 881-4722.

Pointer is Super Lawyer

Jeffrey T. Neilson of Grosse Pointe Farms, an attorney from Lipson, Neilson, Cole, Seltzer & Garin, P.C., has been selected for inclusion in Michigan Super Lawyers 2008 magazine.

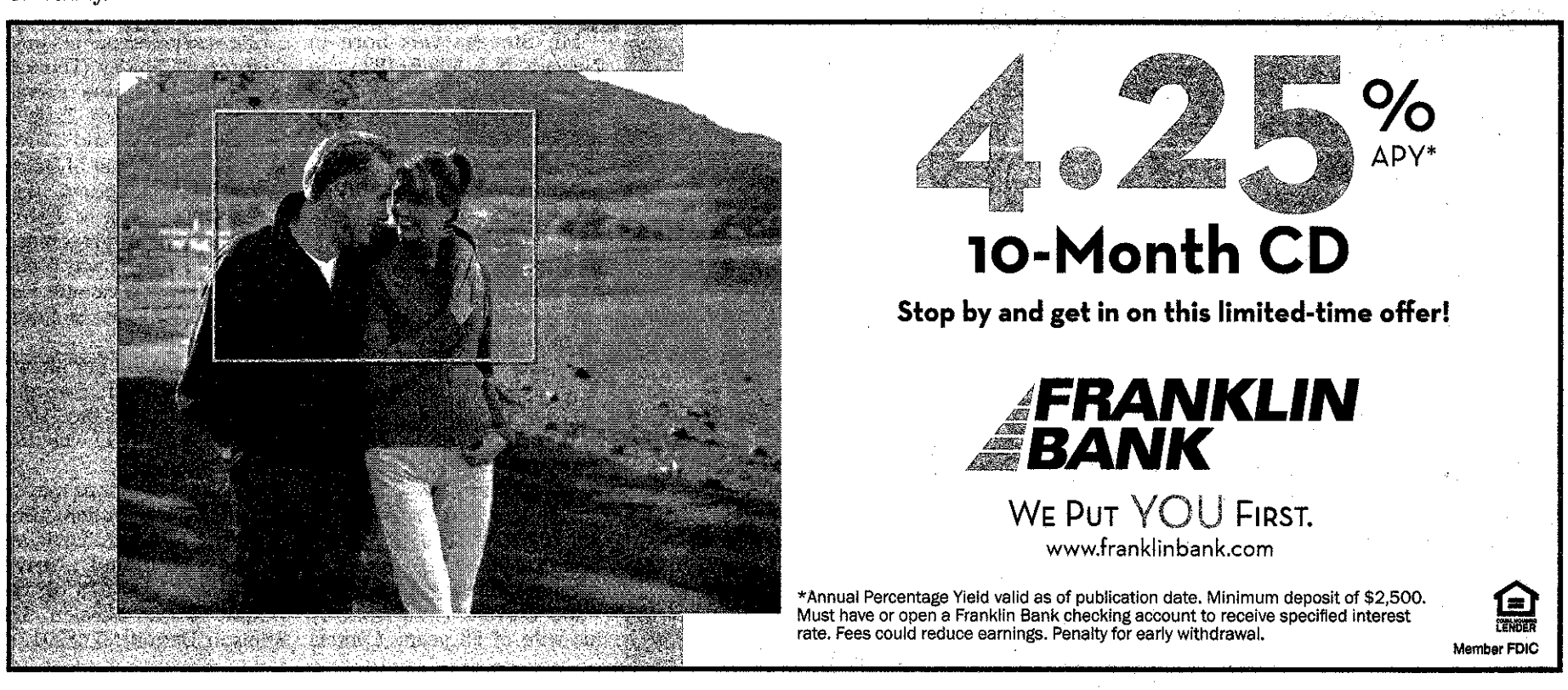
He was chosen as a Super Lawyer through a statewide nomination process, peer review by practice and independent research.

One of the firm's founders and a shareholder, Neilson is known nationally for his expertise in business counseling and estate planning. He also concentrates his efforts on matters relating to accounting malpractice, business succession planning, retirement planning, business counseling, tax controversies, corporate and business mergers, acquisitions and dispositions.

His advice is sought in the area of SBA loans and is frequently pursued to consult on guardianship and conservatorship matters. He also serves as an independent facilitator/mediator and acts as a public administrator for Wayne County. His insights have been published in a number of national publications including the Insurance Advocate and Small Business Opportunities.

Neilson is licensed to practice law in Michigan, Nevada and Colorado and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Probate Section, the Nevada State Bar, and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit and a Masters of Law in taxation from New York University.



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.

Evangeline DeClerk

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Evangeline "Angie" DeClerk, 97, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, at her home.

She was born Dec. 17, 1910 in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. DeClerk is survived by her husband, George DeClerk; children Dennis (Barbara) DeClerk and Jacqueline (Charles) Cornillie; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private with inurnment at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial donations may be made the the charity of the donor's choice.

Louise LaFerté Hyde

Louise LaFerté Hyde, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, at her home in Holderness, N.H.

Mrs. Hyde was born in Detroit on April 18, 1930 to Katrina and Dr. Alfred D. LaFerté and was raised in Grosse Pointe. She attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. LaFerté met her husband, Joe, in New York City where she worked at Time magazine. They were married May 28, 1960 in Grosse Pointe and lived in New York City. In 1963 they moved to Darien, Conn., where they lived for 20 years.

While living in Holderness, Mrs. Hyde was employed by Dr. Kevin Young of Plymouth, N.H. and worked at the Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia, N.H., where she spent 12 years as a unit coordinator in the Intensive Care Unit.

After retiring in 1999, she continued exploring her passion for painting, music and reading, splitting time between her homes in Holderness and Block Island, R.I.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; her sons, Jay of Saline, Donald of Plymouth, N.H., and Peter of Holderness, N.H., her daughters, Anne Tinkham of Burnsville, Minn. and Susan Tinkham of Peterborough, N.H., her eight grandsons, Colton, Lucas, Weston, David, Scott, John, Jacob and Noah, her sister, Anne Flanagan of Darien, Conn.; and her two brothers, Daniel of St. Clair Shores and Frederick of Yountville, Calif.

A private service was held Oct. 16 at St. Matthews Church in Plymouth, N.H. Donations in memory of Louise may be made to the NephCure Foundation, nephcure.org.

Leslie Frederick Moore

Roseville resident Leslie Frederick Moore, 83, passed away Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008 at Georgian East Heartland in St. Clair Shores.

Mr. Moore was born March 6, 1925 in Algood Tenn. to Herman and Lula Moore. He attended the Alvin C. York Academy.

Mr. Moore worked as a wrecker driver for Jess' Service Center in Grosse Pointe Park. He belonged to the Fraternal Order of Police in Grosse Pointe Park.

He is survived by his sons, David (Gina) and Gerald (Donald); sister, Lela King; brother, Donald Moore; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

He was predeceased by his wife, June; and brothers, Austin Moore and John Hollis Moore Sr.

Services have taken place with interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Park Police, 15115 E. Jefferson Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

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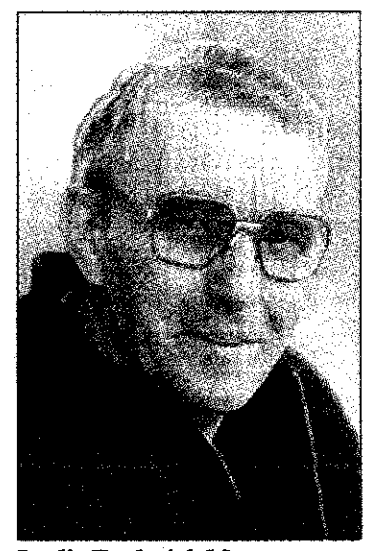

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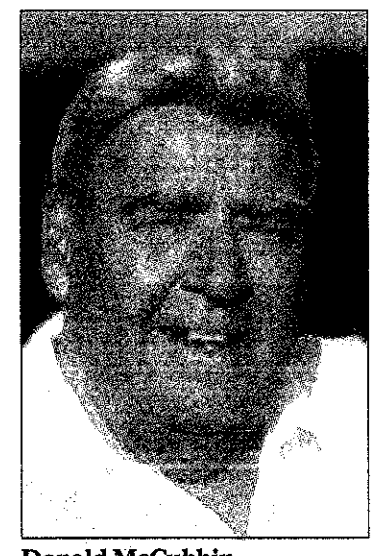

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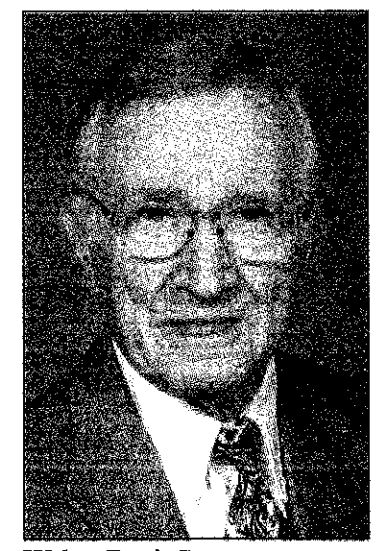

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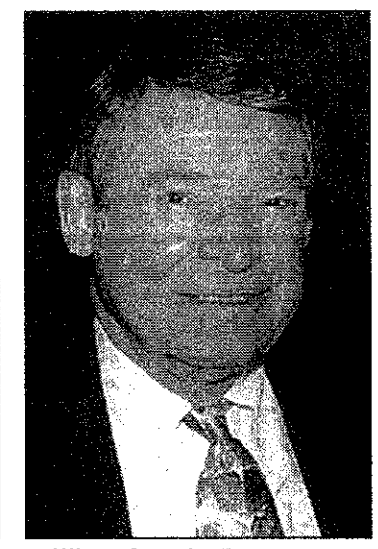

William Quenby Reno

Donald McCubbin

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Donald McCubbin, 81, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, in Dunedin, Fla.

Mr. McCubbin was born in Detroit to Thomas and Jean (nee Cameron) McCubbin. He attended Henry Ford Trade School.

Mr. McCubbin, along with his father and brother-in-law, Dave Reed, founded Tom and Don McCubbin's Barber Shop on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods in 1952. He retired in 1989. His nephew, David Reed, continues family ownership of the barber shop.

Mr. McCubbin served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He belonged to the Detroit Curling Club and was a member of the Masons.

He and his wife, Nancy, who predeceased him in 2006, enjoyed life to the fullest. They enjoyed dancing golf, bowling and the company of good friends. They loved and enjoyed their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom they taught to laugh and have fun.

Mr. McCubbin was a gregarious Scotsman who never forgot a name or face. He was a gracious host and humorous joke teller.

After the loss of his beloved wife, Mr. McCubbin enjoyed the warmth of Florida, a good book and his daily conversations with family and friends.

He is survived by his son, Thomas; daughters Jean (Robert) Silveri, Ann (John) Klein, and Cathy (Barney) Byron; grandchildren, Alexander (Kim) Byron, Kristin Byron, Andrew Byron, Michael Silveri, Joseph (Crystal) Silveri, Melissa Klein; and great-grandchildren, Stirling Byron, Wynne Byron, and John Klein.

He was predeceased by Nancy (nee White), his wife of 57 years; and his sister, Jean Reed.

A funeral service was held at Curlew Hills Memorial Gardens in Dunedin, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made to the Foundation for Exceptional Children, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Walter Davis Stevens

Walter Davis Stevens, 83, of Beaufort, N.C. died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008, at Duke University Hospital.

Mr. Stevens was born in Newark, N.J. July 5, 1925 and graduated with high honors from Princeton University after serving as an Army Air Corps pilot in World War II. He spent 39 years as a sales engineer and manager with Mechanical Handling Systems in Detroit then retired to Beaufort, N.C. in 1988.

During the past 20 years he enjoyed golf, sailing, serving on the board of directors of the Beaufort Historical Association and his neighborhood association, driving the BHA bus, greeting visitors to the North Carolina Maritime Museum, and all his contacts with his many friends and neighbors. His granddaughters were his special pride and joy.

Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife of 58 years, Cynthia Mitchell Stevens; children, Carol B. Stevens and her husband, Will Boydell, of Wolcott, N.Y., Richard A. Stevens and his wife, Cindy, of Oak Hill, Va., and Anne S. Jennings and her husband, Bill, of Grosse Pointe Woods; granddaughters, Kelly and Vicky Jennings, and Katie and Christie Stevens; and his brother, Harry J. Stevens Jr. of Short Hills, N.J.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harry J. and Lillian B. Stevens; and his sister, Lillian King.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 215 Ann Street, Beaufort, N.C., with the rector, the Rev. John Carlisto, officiating.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Mr. Stevens to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 215 Ann Street, Beaufort, NC 28516.

Doris A. Pfaehler

Former Grosse Pointe resident Doris A. Pfaehler, 86, passed away peacefully with her son at her side Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008.

Born Doris Pfeilsticker in Detroit, she attended Eastern High School and Detroit Secretarial School. Mrs. Pfaehler worked more than 20 years for the Grosse Pointe Board of Education where she made many good friends before retiring in 1989.

Early in her retirement, Mrs. Pfaehler enjoyed her winters in Florida and delighted in tending her bountiful flower garden during beautiful Michigan summers. She was famous for her "green thumb."

Volunteering at her beloved church, Renaissance Unity, was an important part of her life. She cherished her devoted friends made there during her many years of worship, service, and fellowship.

Mrs. Pfaehler is survived by her son, Kris (Ruth) Pfaehler of Grosse Pointe; daughter-in-law, Deborah Pfaehler of Grosse Pointe Farms; and her loving and treasured grandchildren, Amy, Stefan and Scott Pfaehler.

She also leaves behind three dear nieces, Shirley (Thomas) Arbaugh of Grosse Pointe, Barbara (Raymond) Zada of Melbourne, Fla., and Carole (Debbie) Pfeilsticker of Delray Beach, Fla.; nephew, Carl Hartman of Grosse Pointe Woods; and many great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Karl E. Pfaehler; and her son, Karl J. Pfaehler.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 at Renaissance Unity Church, 11200 E. 11 Mile Rd., Warren.

Memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army, Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075 or The Detroit Rescue Mission, 150 Stimson, Detroit, MI 48201.

William Quenby Reno Jr.

William Quenby Reno Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods, died suddenly Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008. He was 84.

Mr. Reno was a fourth generation eastsider and attended Clark Elementary School, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School and the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. In 1939 he played on the U-D football team that defeated Catholic Central in the Goodfellows Catholic League High School championship football game. His senior year he was named All-City in football by the Detroit Times.

Mr. Reno was proud of his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1947 he graduated from Central Michigan University. Shortly after, on June 26, 1947, he married Peggy at St. Clare of Montefalco where he had been a student, altar server and crossing guard. He later became an usher at the church.

Mr. Reno worked 38 years for New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Reno enjoyed sporting events of all kinds. He was a 35-year Detroit Lions season ticket holder and a past member of Black River Country Club in Port Huron as well as the Detroit Athletic Club.

He coached in the Detroit Cannon Little League, as well as the Grosse Pointe Park Little League and was involved in the Grosse Pointe Babe Ruth League.

His proudest moments involved his family. He enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren, coaching them and watching them in their numerous sports and activities.

Mr. Reno is survived by Peggy, his wife of 61 years; children, Margaretann, Bill (Lynn), Mike (Carol), Pete (Meg), Jim (Sam) and Matt (Mary-Kay); and 18 grandchildren, Carrie, Becky, Bill, Adam, Greg, Dillon, Ashley, Suzie, Cathy, Tommy, Jamie, Emily, Rachel, Marc, Jacqueline, Matthew, Carley and Randy.

He also is survived by his sister, Ellen (Pat) Booth.

He was predeceased by his father, William; mother, Helen; brother, George; and his grandson, Daniel.

Visitation was at Verheyden Funeral Home followed by a Mass at his alma mater, St. Clare of Montefalco Church.

Mr. Reno was buried with full military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Oct. 21. His wife, Peggy, was honored to receive the American flag from a Navy officer on behalf of the President of the United States.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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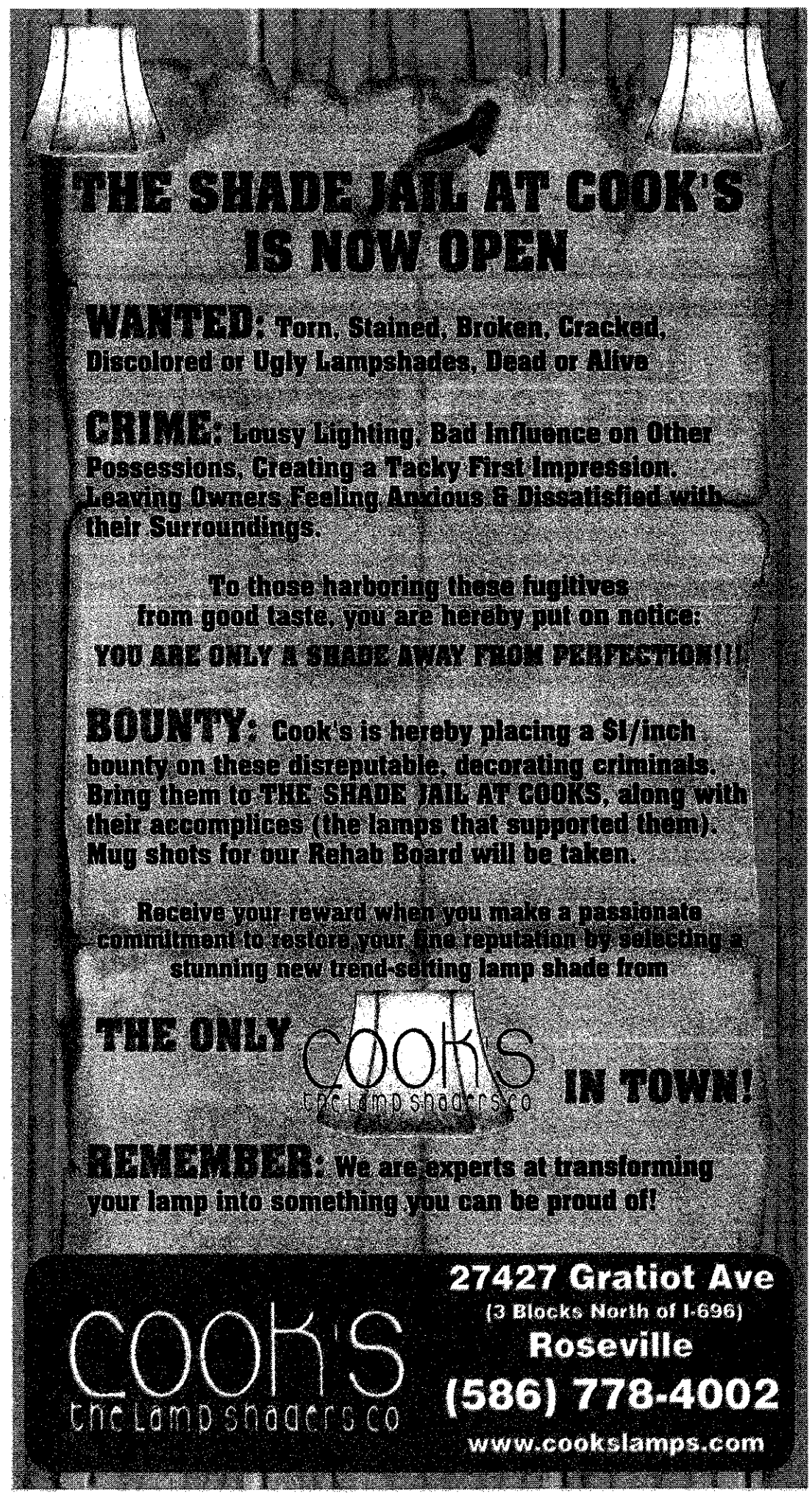

Many help those in need

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

You're never too young to do something kind, as Andrew Dilodovico demonstrated last Saturday.

The 20-month-old and his mother, Erin, of Grosse Pointe Farms, took part in Make a Difference Day by delivering flowers, baked goods and food staples to local senior citizens.

As members of Mothers of Preschoolers at St. James Lutheran Church, the pair joined nearly 150 others who helped out at Services for Older Citizens, according to SOC's director of volunteers, Mary Rose Nelson.

Make A Difference Day is a national effort to promote volunteerism and 3 million people were expected to turn out nationwide to perform small acts of kindness for those in need.

The Krick family of Grosse Pointe Farms lent a hand delivering meals, including five-year-old twins, Katherine and Willem.

While Katherine was far more excited about her soccer game that day, mom, Jennifer, felt it was important for the children to participate in the charitable event.

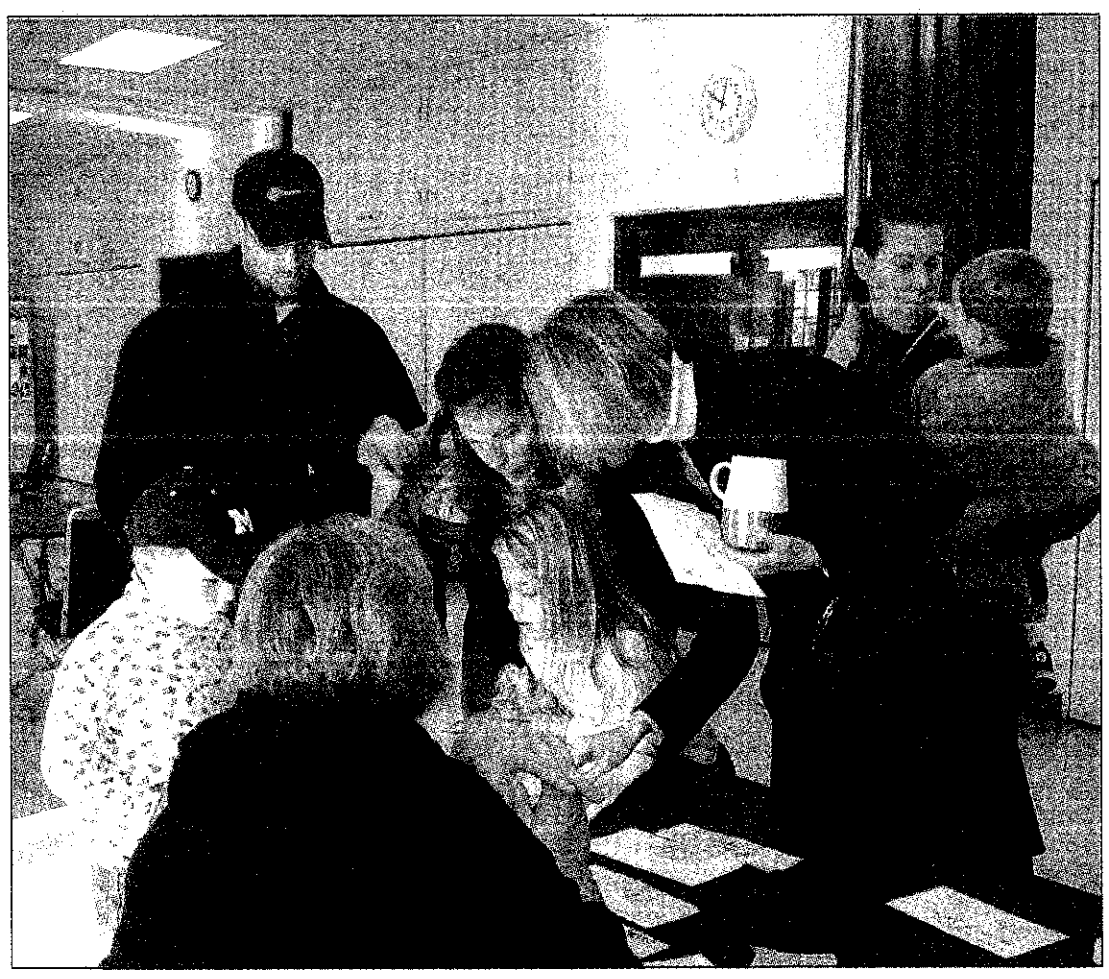

PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Volunteers picked up their assignments at SOC on Make A Difference Day. The Krick family and Erin and Andrew Dilodovico delivered flowers and baked goods to area seniors.

Brownie Troop 1645 from Richard Elementary School knew what its assignment for Make A Difference Day was before arriving that morning. Members were to visit their favorite centenarian, Irene Eisenhart of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The troop "adopted" Eisenhart and members and their families take turns visiting her every week. Their job on Make A Difference Day was to bring her flowers and treats.

"This is been a great experience for the troop," said leader Jill McDonnell. "She's a great storyteller and the girls really enjoy spending time with her and getting to know her. We're already planning what we can do for her 102nd birthday in May."

OBITUARIES: Loved golf, "birding"

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Margaret Harvey Watkins

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Margaret Harvey Watkins died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe after a brief illness.

She was born March 19, 1927 in Detroit and moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1937 where she lived ever since.

Miss Watkins was educated at The Liggett School and graduated from Vassar College in 1948.

She taught at Liggett until 1953, then taught third and fourth grades at Montieth Elementary School until her retirement in 1984.

Miss Watkins was keenly interested in outdoor activities including golf, "birding," skiing, fly-fishing and gardening. She was also an avid bridge player.

She was a member of the Country Club of Detroit where she regularly competed for the Women's Club Championship. Since 1950, she was an active participant in the Women's District Golf Association and the Junior District Golf Association.

She was an active member of Tau Beta, the Junior League of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Garden Club. She was an active "birder," who made many bird-watching trips in the U.S., Canada and Central America.

She served on the board of the Detroit Industrial School and was a supporter of many local charities. She delivered Meals on Wheels for Bon Secours Hospital for more than 20 years.

Miss Watkins is survived by two brothers, George H. Watkins of Walpole, N.H. and John B. Watkins of Leland; and by nine nieces and nephews, James K. (Patricia) Watkins III of Erie, Colo., J. Randolph Watkins of Darien, Conn., Harriet (Robert) Mooney of Fox Island, Wash., Robin (Ellery) Sedgwick of Farmville, Va., Margaret Watkins of Dumbarton, N.H., George H. Watkins Jr. of Harvard, Mass., Warren H. (Ann) Watkins of Grosse Pointe Farms, John B. (Shelley) Watkins Jr. of Leland and David K. (Maureen) Watkins of Brevard, N.C.

She also is survived by 15 grand nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, James K. Watkins Jr.; and nephew, Richard T. Watkins.

A memorial service will be held 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2008 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; Seven Ponds Nature Center, 3854 Crawford Road, Dryden, MI 48428; Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Tau Beta Association, Attn: Susan Griffin, Treasurer, 962 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

The Berlin Wall reader

Grosse Pointe North High School graduate Nicole Diesing of Grosse Pointe Woods read the Grosse Pointe News in front of the Berlin Wall. A student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, she was in Germany as part of a study abroad program. 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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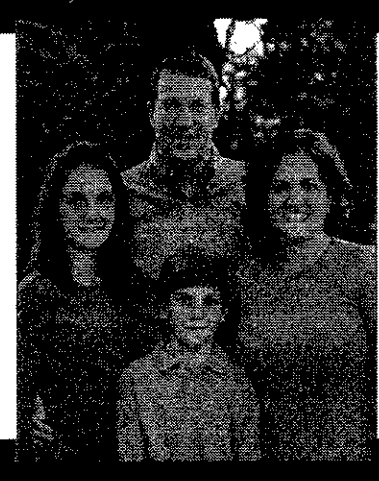

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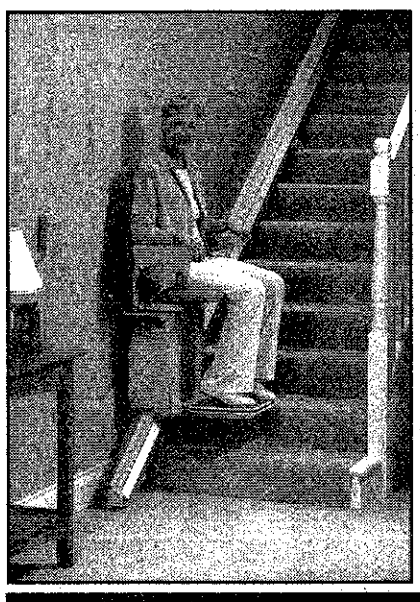

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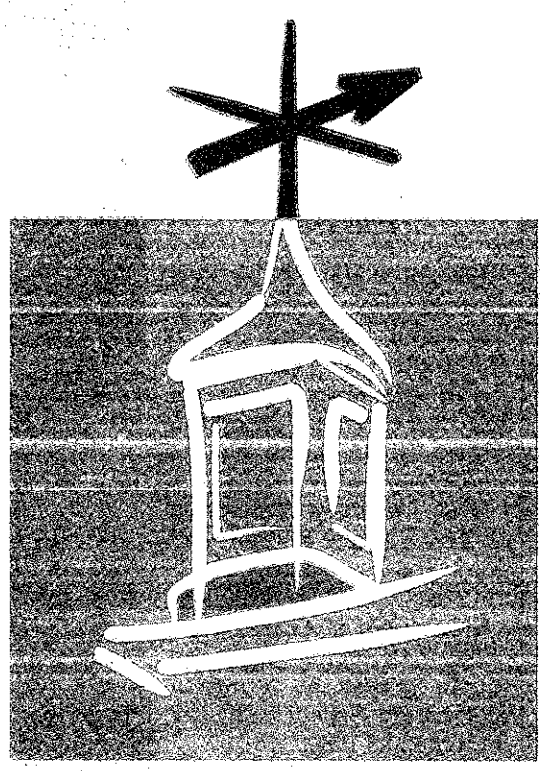

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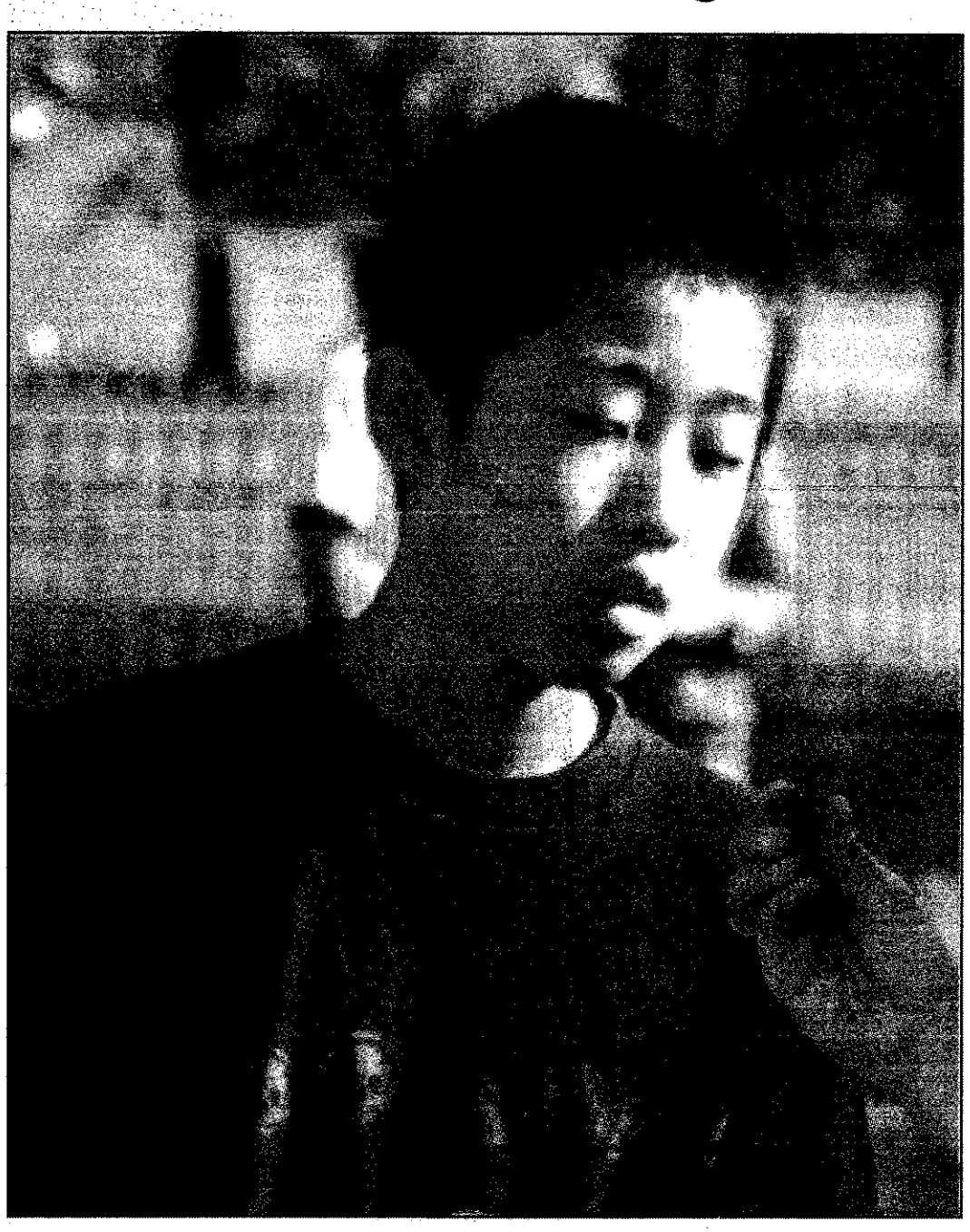

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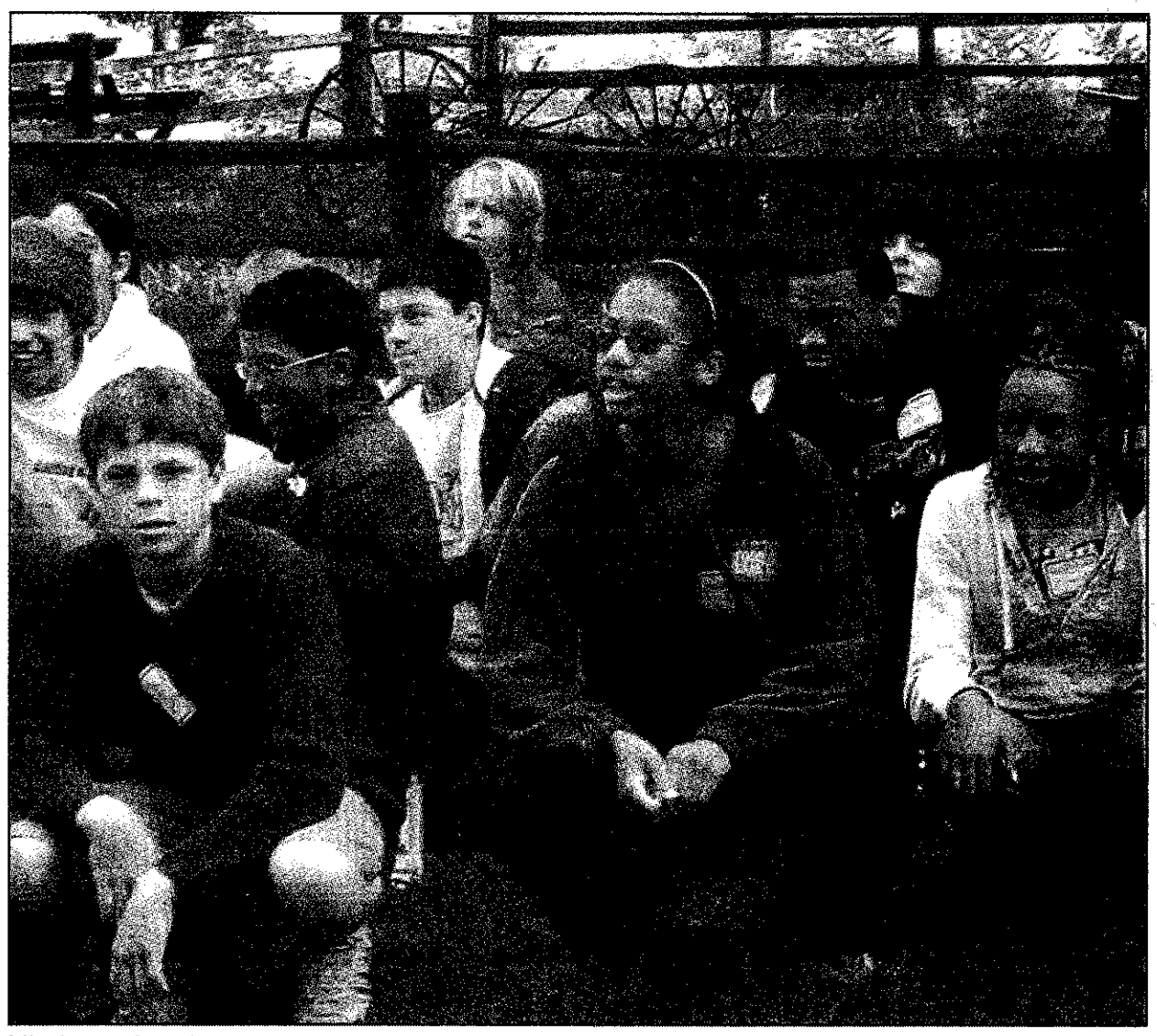

Ninth graders learn about their classmates – and themselves – on a retreat.

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MASON ELEMENTRY SCHOOL

Students cast ballot for better booths

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

They may be too young to vote, but that doesn't mean second graders at Mason Elementary School can't be involved in this year's election.

Anticipating a large turnout for the Nov. 4 election based on primaries held earlier this year, Grosse Pointe Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway came up with a way to provide more voting "booths" for the city's six precincts. She purchased inexpensive cardboard screens to be placed on tables, allowing more voters to cast their ballots at the same time.

"Grosse Pointe Woods has always had a high voter turnout," she said. "For the primary in August, we had a 35 percent turnout. I'm expecting a huge turnout for the November election."

She saw just one problem with the screen idea.

"They are basic brown and definitely a little boring," she said.

Hathaway contacted Mason second grade teacher Cheryl Briggs and asked if her students could help, as Hathaway said, to "beautify our precincts for Election Day."

Briggs and fellow second grade teachers, Cheryl Lapensee and Grace Ferri, were happy to oblige, as were their students.

"We are excited to have our students participate in this project," Briggs said. "It's a way for our kids to do something for the community, and to be involved in something as important as this election. The social studies curriculum for second grade centers on our home communities, and this is a great way for our students to participate in their community."

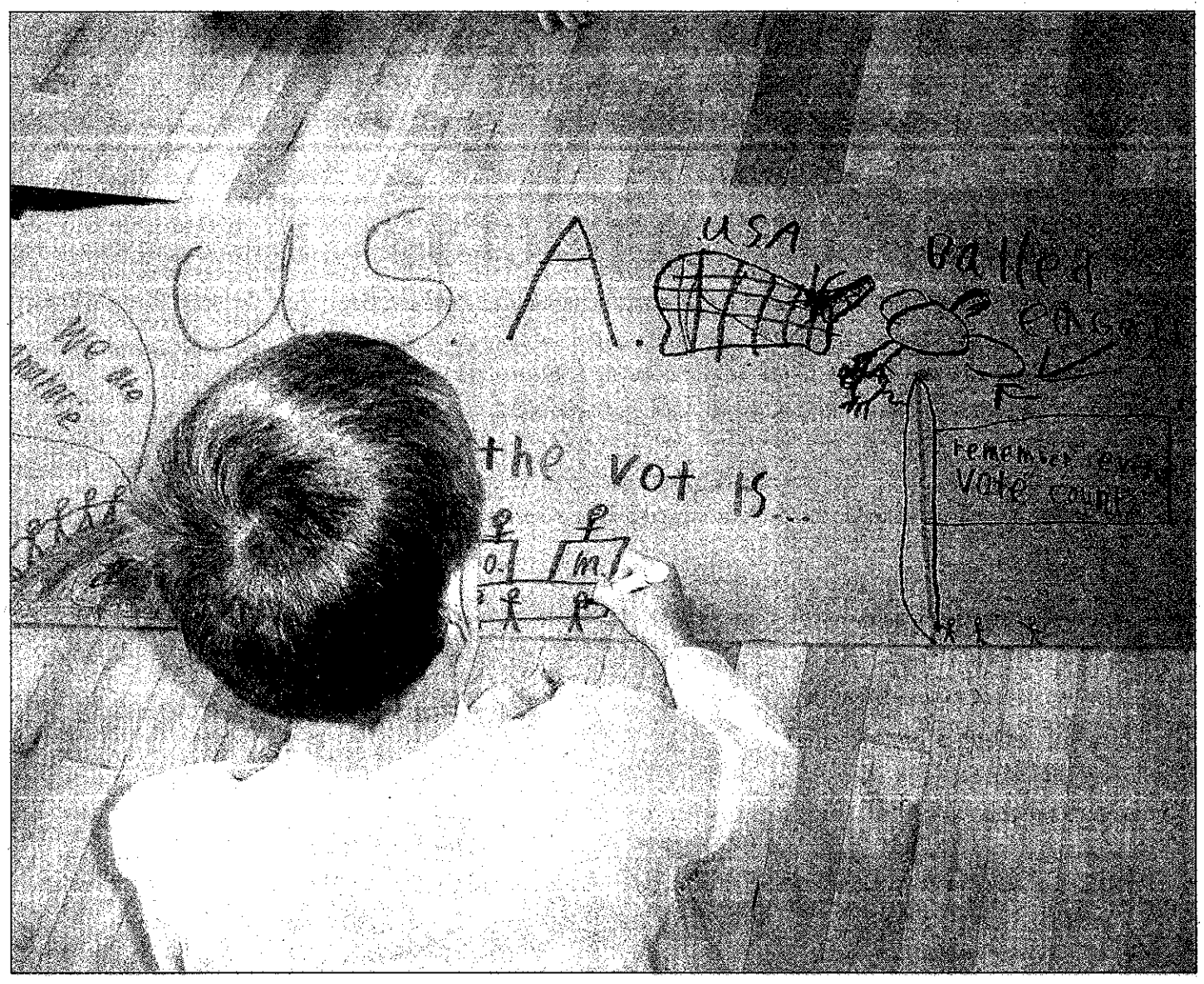
Before putting their markers and imaginations to work, Hathaway gave students a brief lesson in democracy. She explained the ballot, the voting process, the political parties and the purpose of ballot proposals.

Hathaway, mindful of her duties as chief election official for the city, discussed all political parties, including the Democrats, Republicans, Independent, Green, U.S. Taxypayers, Libertarians and the Natural Law party.

After she reminded students not to include names on the screens, the young artists went to work decorating them with patriotic symbols like flags, eagles and voting boxes, along with pictures of clouds, flowers and sunshine.

As the students performed their patriotic duty, Hathaway told them while they are too young to vote, they could still participate.

"Remind your parents to vote," she said. "And you're welcome to come with them."



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Tuesday, Nov. 4, is Election Day and the polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The message from this young artist at Mason Elementary School is that every vote counts.

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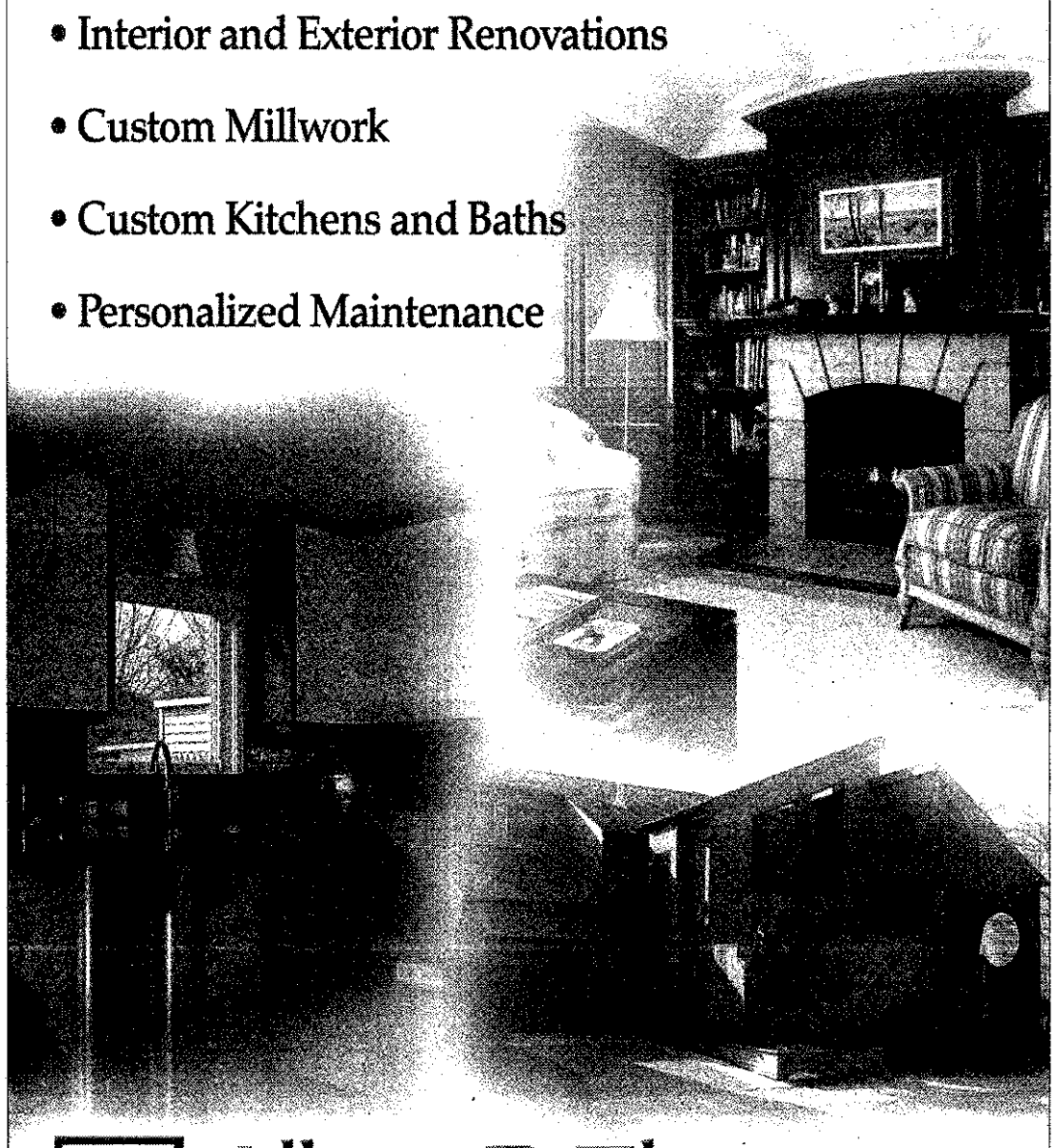

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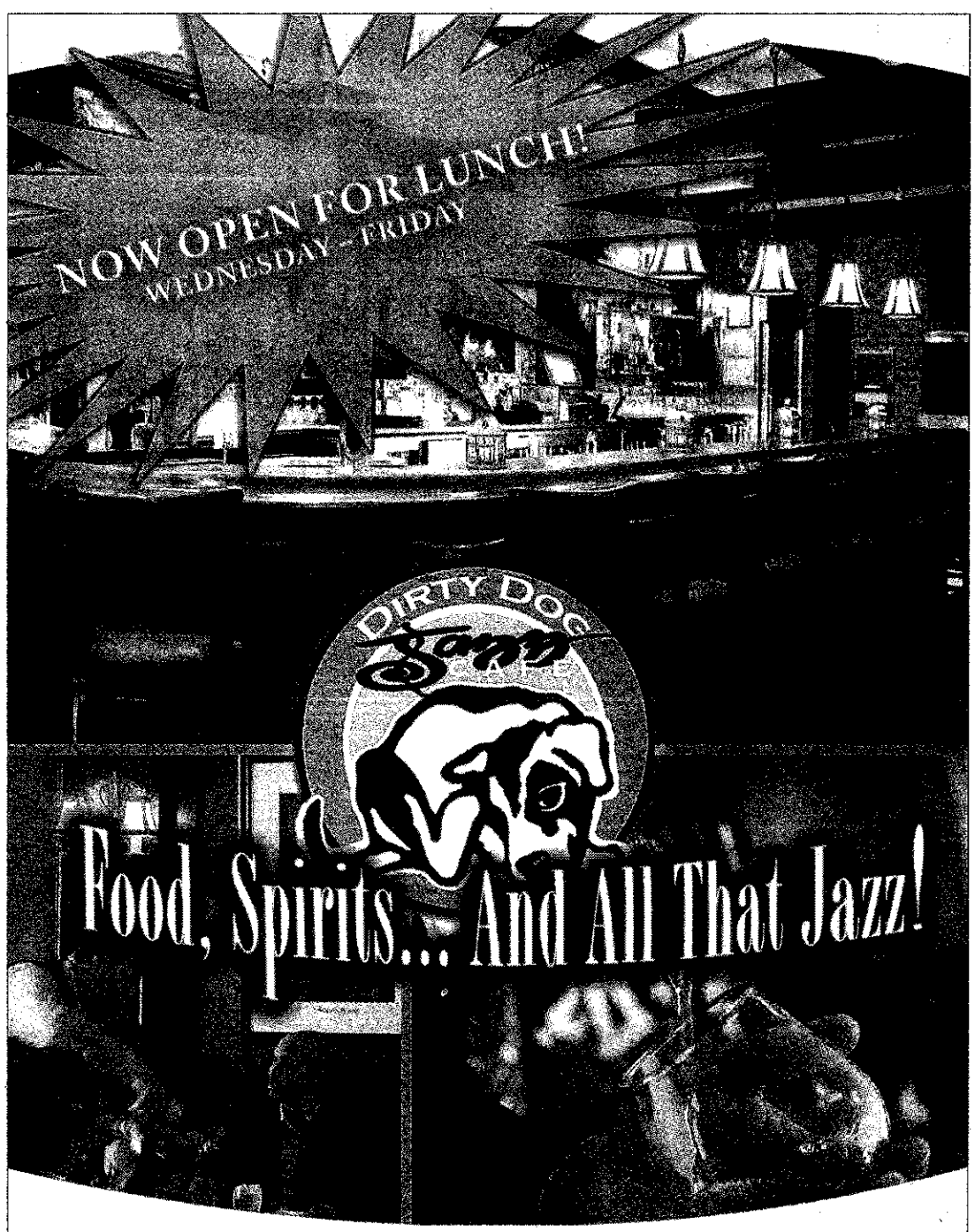

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Shakespeare readers

Patricia Cosgrove, Grosse Pointe Woods; Marie Marco, Grosse Pointe Shores; Dolores Casey, Grosse Pointe Shores; and Eleanor Pugliesi, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, took the Grosse Pointe News along to Stratford, Ontario, to read before attending a Shakespeare Festival performance. They are standing in front of the Stratford city hall. 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.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Standing strong on name

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores officials have followed through with their thanks-but-no-thanks rejection of the state attorney general's unsolicited opinion on what the community should call itself.

Staffers in the attorney general's office in Lansing, charged with approving the Shores' proposed new city charter, opposed the community's proposed new name, the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City.

The Shores charter commission chose the new name to honor the village's roots upon reorganization as a city.

"I wrote to the attorney general (Oct. 17) and told him we respectfully would like to keep the name the charter commission recommended," said Mark McInerney, Shores municipal attorney.

Commissioners accepted other revisions to the charter pointed out by Lansing officials. Most changes were minor, including the correction of typos, according to McInerney.

"The one thing we didn't agree with the attorney general on was our name," he said.

Shores officials plan to keep the proposed name unless state counterparts come up with legal reasons why not.

Precedents in Michigan abound for communities labeling themselves both a village and city.

"There are four cities in Michigan that have the word 'village' in their name," McInerney said. "There are eight villages that have the work 'city' in their name."

Examples include the Village of Mackinaw City and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

The charter has to win the governor's approval before Shores voters have their say.

"Time is getting a little short because the plan is to have the charter placed before the voters here on the last Tuesday in February," McInerney said.

The same election will decide the new city council and mayor.

"(Candidates) running for council and mayor have to file petitions 12 weeks before the election, which is in early December," McInerney said. "We're approaching that deadline."

McInerney said he will "keep after" Lansing officials to rule on the charter before the commission meets again in late November.

"Hopefully, we will have heard from the AG by then and they'll have given us the go-ahead," McInerney said.

Shores trustees plan to schedule two public meetings, both before and after the Christmas holidays, for residents to ask questions about the charter.

"We've kind of refrained from making things available before now because nothing has been approved yet by Lansing," McInerney said. "As the process moves along — and hopefully this name situation won't stall us and we'll get the approval we need from Lansing — we'll move forward."

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Coyotes' days numbered

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The equivalent of a big ACME anvil is hanging over the heads of coyotes in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We're working with a trapper who is waiting for it to get a little colder to start trying to trap them," said Steve Poloni, Shores public safety director.

He said police have fielded several complaints about the animals.

"They're located mostly on the south end of town," he said. "We have been peeking in dens and trying to get them to move."

'We have been peeking in dens and trying to get them to move.'
STEVE POLONI, Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Director

He said they've found two parent coyotes and four pups.

"Pups will move on naturally, we are told, on their own," Poloni said. "In the next 1 1/2 months, we hope to catch those."

Until then, trappers are in a holding pattern.

"We're in a period now where there's not much we can do," Poloni said. "(Owners of) the property we've seen them in the most have allowed us on the property to try to trap them."

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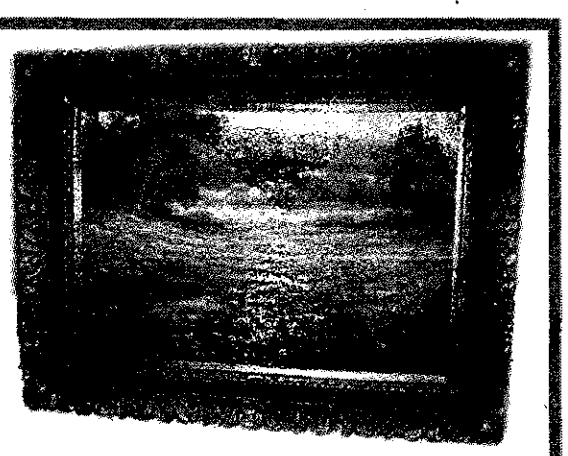
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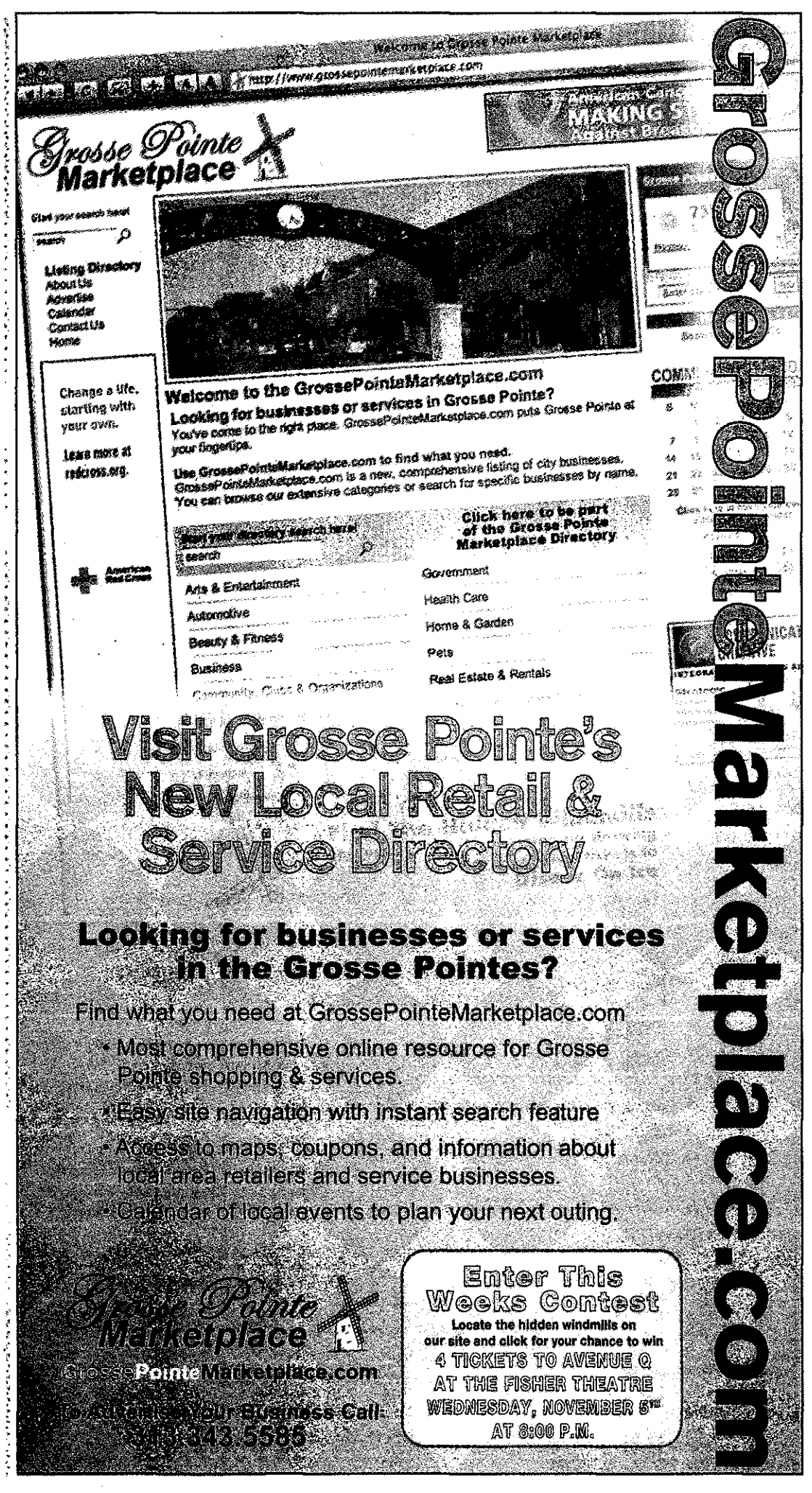

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City of Grosse Pointe

Garage entered

A resident of Lakeside Court reported Friday, Oct. 25, that a box containing nearly $6,000 in assorted possessions was missing from her garage. She last saw the box Aug. 28.

Missing items consisted of but were not limited to, a $300 wet suit, two $250 cashmere sweaters, 10 T-shirts and a $1,000 gold cross pendant.

House entered

Neither police nor the owner of an unoccupied house in the 300 block of Lincoln know who broke into the property between 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, and noon the following Wednesday.

Entry was made by forcing open a door to an attached garage apartment.

"(I) found pry marks on the door jamb," said an investigating officer.

In addition, a backyard gate was found open.

"(The homeowner) reports finding food wrappers and drug paraphernalia in both locations," said the officer.

Wants his credit

A 78-year-old male resident continues being the target of identity thieves.

The man reported last week the latest of what officers said were more instances in his "long line of identity thefts."

The man said that on Oct. 16 and 20, American Express and Discovery respectively blocked attempts by unknown criminals to fraudulently obtain credit in his name.

Champagne tapped

The manager of Kroger in the Village told police that at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, a man with dark hair, a mustache and a "scruffy" beard stuffed two $44.95 bottles of Veuve Clicquot champagne under his dark leather coat and exited onto Kercheval without paying.

—*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

Plate taken

The owner of a company that conducts estate sales suspects an unknown man stole a $300 plate during operations on Oct. 25 at a house on Winthrop Place.

The owner told police the man put something under his jacket and left the house.

Later, an 18-inch delft plate was missing from a dining room wall. The plate is round, blue and decorated with a windmill design.

Hedge vandalized

A resident of the first block of Tournaine told police at noon, Thursday, Oct. 23,10 shrubs lining the driveway had been vandalized.

Police said the shrubs appeared to have been run over by a vehicle.

Damage to landscaping was estimated at between $500 and $1,000. A raised sprinkler head also was broken.

Credit crunch

A Farms woman learned last week someone had obtained at least two credit cards in her name and charged a total of nearly $2,500.

The woman discovered the identity thefts when notified by a credit representative wanting payment of a $1,229 bill.

"(The victim) notified (the) card company that she had never opened the account and had never seen the card, therefore would be disputing the charges," police said.

Van stolen

A tan 2002 Dodge Caravan was stolen while parked between 6:10 and 6:25 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, behind a church in the 300 block of Lothrop.

The victim said she had locked the vehicle.

Youths on nearby Brownell Middle School playfield told police they didn't see anything.

Caught casing

At about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, a Farms patrolman learned a man acting suspiciously in the 400 block of Calvin was wanted in Mount Clemens for larceny of a building. The man, 28, of Warren, was arrested and held for the Mount Clemens police.

The Farms officer had seen the man on Calvin knocking on the front door of a house and walking up the driveway.

"(He) then walked down the drive and did the same at (two more houses)," the officer said. "The houses (he) was stopping at appeared as if (there were) no persons home."

Upon questioning, the man reportedly said he was stopping at houses where he'd been asked to provide estimates for cement work. Another officer contacted one of the homeowners to confirm the man's story.

"(The) homeowner stated she never requested any type of estimates," police said.

—*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

Flying carpet

Sometime between Oct. 12 and Oct. 24, an oriental rug was taken from a garage on Lakeview Court.

Donuts to go

The front display window of a Mack Avenue bakery was broken and $150 was removed from the register during the early morning hours of Thursday, Oct. 23.

Alert employees

Alert city employees spotted a 52-year-old woman removing items from a vehicle that was not her own at 2:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20.

Police were called and she was arrested.

Kitchen fire

A kitchen range hood fire in a home on Wayburn was

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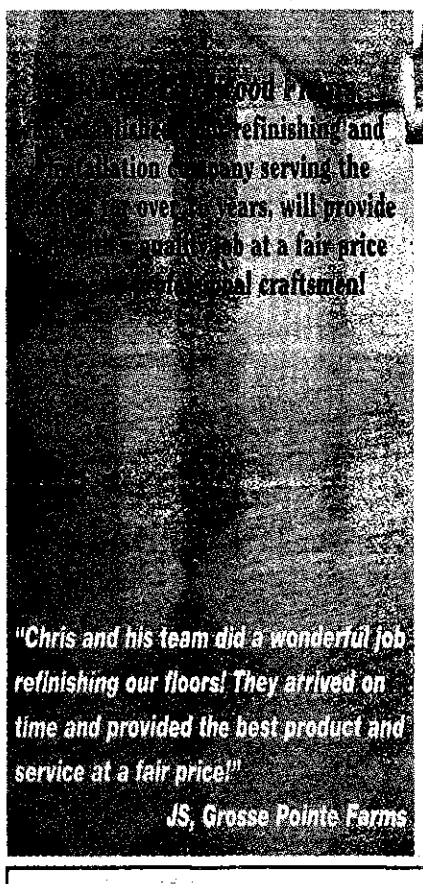

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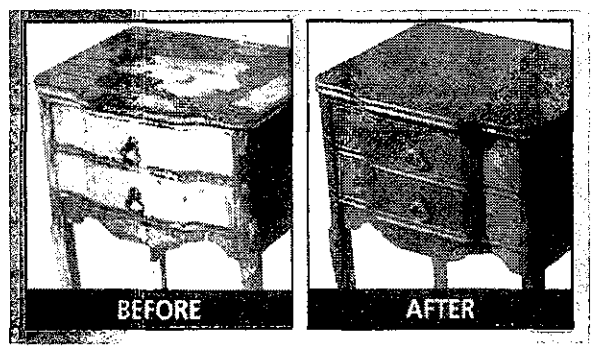

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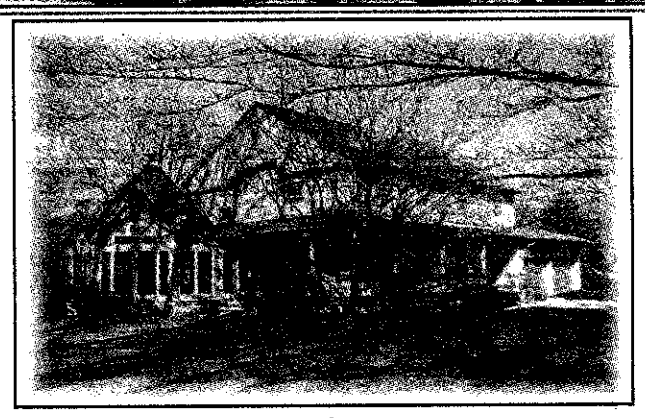
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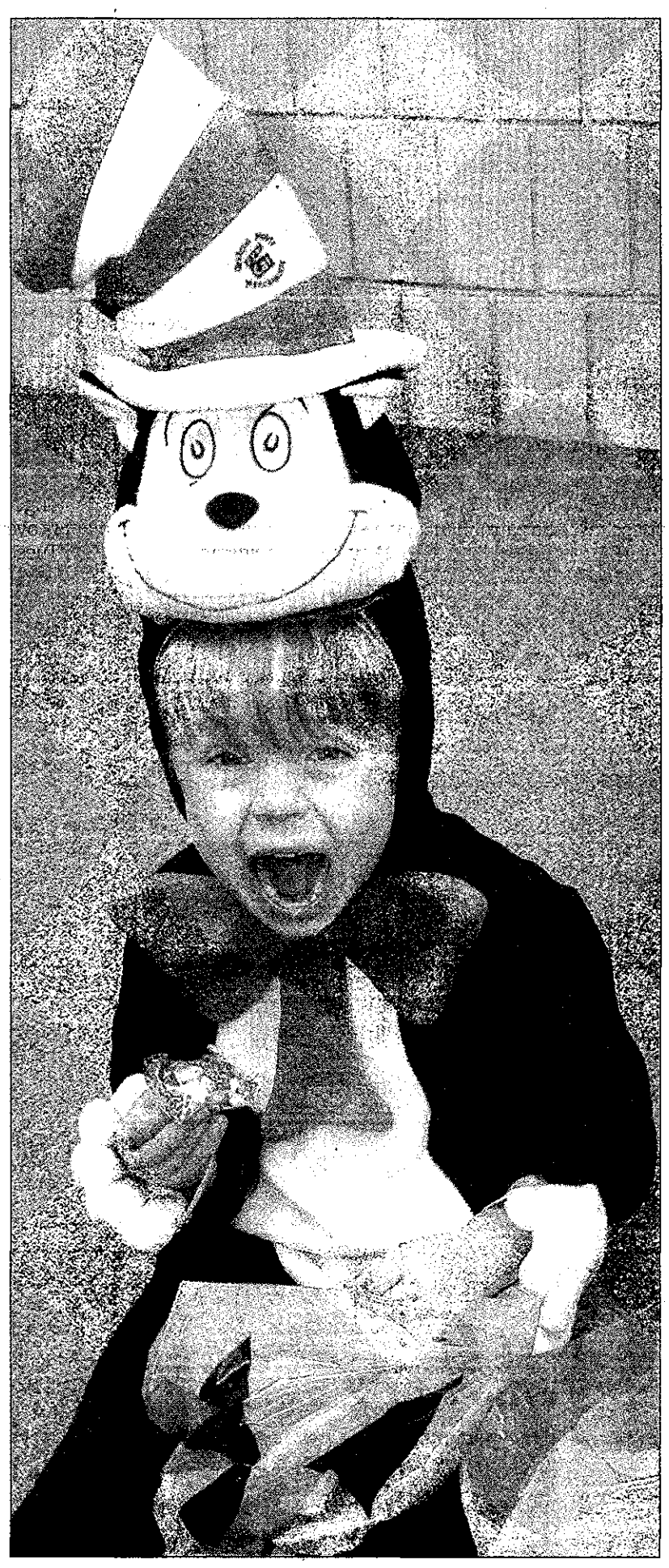

There were goblins hob nobbin' in Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park last week. Children dressed up in their Halloween costumes were ready for some seasonal fun. They trick-or-treated, danced along to the Giggling Ghost Jamboree, consumed cider and donuts and took a wagon ride around the park.
Top, Millie Mastropietro dressed up like a cowgirl for her night out in the park.
Above, Kelly Bania carried her little flower child, Emily.
At right, Louis Demick, dressed as the Cat in the Hat, was very excited when he found something to his liking in his treat bag.
Below, children are entertained during the Giggling Ghost Jamboree with the popular "YMCA" dance number.
Top right, this little stinker is Pierce Pettengill, who is dressed as skunk.

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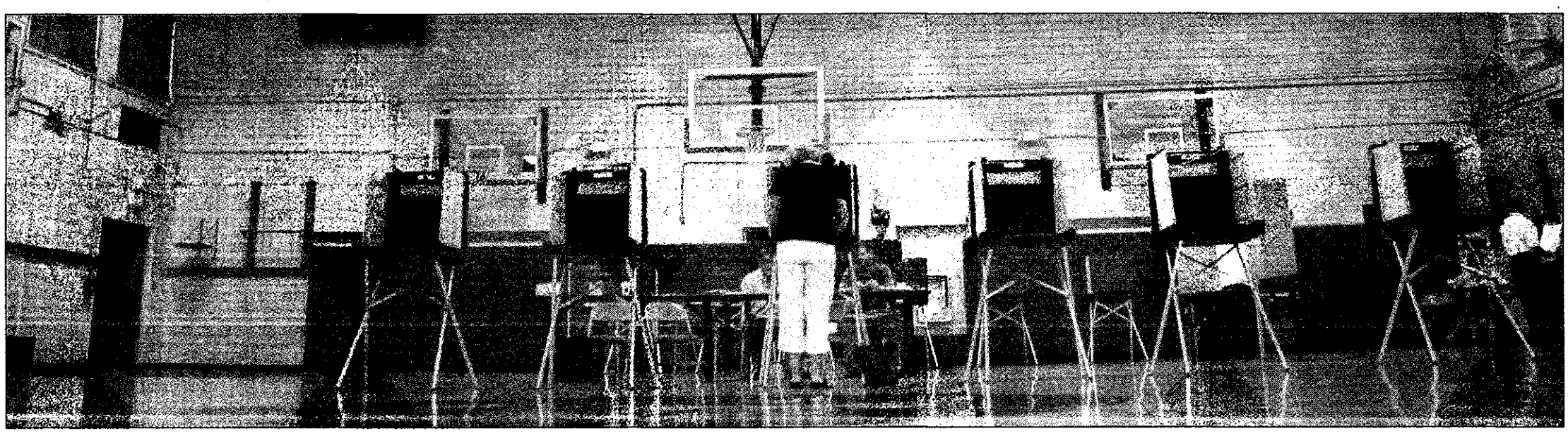

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Vote Tuesday, Nov. 4

The polls during the Tuesday, Nov. 4, general election are expected to be a lot more crowded than this Grosse Pointe Park voter experienced during the August primary at her precinct at Pierce Middle School. About 70 percent of Michigan's 7.4 million registered voters are expected to cast ballots in the general election according to Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Peak times are expected to be 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Voters will be asked to present photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. People who don't present a photo ID can still vote, but must sign an affidavit stating they're not in possession of a photo ID.

SAFETY: Crime from all over

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quickly extinguished by firefighters at 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

— Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

Scrapes curb

A patrolman cruising southbound Lakeshore at 10:40 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, couldn't help but notice being passed by a man driving a 2003 Chevrolet at 12 mph above the 35 mph speed limit.

"I heard what I believed to be the sound of the subject's vehicle scraping the median curb as it passed me," the patrolman said.

The driver, a 44-year-old Warren resident, admitted drinking. He registered a .183 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving.

Erratic driving

A 50-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for drunken driving at 8:35 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25. He spent the night in jail and was released at 10 a.m. the next day on $100 bond.

The arresting officer had spotted the man driving a Jeep station wagon erratically on northbound Lakeshore. The man reportedly registered a .188 percent blood alcohol level.

Keep out

A court representative examining a vacant, bank-owned house in the 500 block of Lakeshore during the early afternoon of Friday, Oct. 24 found workmen removing two wooden entry doors.

The workers reportedly told the representative the house's previous owner hadn't paid for the doors and had authorized their removal. The workers obeyed orders to leave.

"Any future incidents will result in formal charges," said a public safety officer. "Walking through the house, it appears that several other items are missing such as countertops, light fixtures (and) copper."

Lights out

An orange cone marking the location of damaged underground electrical wires on Oxford caught fire shortly before 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23.

"A work crew hit the underground wire (that day)," knocking out power to Oxford," said a public safety officer. "When the street lights came on tonight, the fire started."

Officers put out the fire and called the village's electrical contractor to make repairs.

On hold

Last week, a public safety dispatcher spent nearly a half hour on hold with a telephone company trying to help a 93-year-old female resident put an end to receiving harassing calls.

The dispatcher couldn't wait any longer and had to turn matters over to a sergeant.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the resident reported a caller has been bothering her for two weeks.

"The unknown party calls, mumbles and hangs up," said the dispatcher.

The woman said she receives calls daily from "well after" 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The dispatcher hoped to have the phone company trace the calls.

"(I) contacted AT&T and was on hold for 25 minutes," the dispatcher said. "Contact was not made."

— 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

Internet scam

A 26-year-old Ridgemont Road resident reported to police Wednesday, Oct. 22, what he suspected to be an Internet scam.

The resident told police he received an e-mail from a company in Great Britain soliciting his employment as a rental agent.

After exchanging several e-mails with someone claiming to be a company employee, the resident became suspicious and contacted the firm.

He later received an e-mail from the company indicating it had no business interests in the United States, was not soliciting for employees, and had no employee by the name used in the original e-mails.

The resident said he received a check from the alleged employee determined to be fraudulent.

Smashing pumpkins

Several smashed pumpkins added to three juveniles carrying other orange gourds equaled the trio being detained by police at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

Police spotted several smashed pumpkins on Mack near Oxford and the three youngsters carrying pumpkins along Mack.

One juvenile later was turned over to Grosse Pointe Farms police where he was wanted on an outstanding warrant. The other two juveniles were released to family members.

High definition theft

Two men walked into an electronics store on Mack and walked out with two 32-inch Samsung HD televisions at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26.

They escaped in an aqua-colored van with a temporary license taped to the back window.

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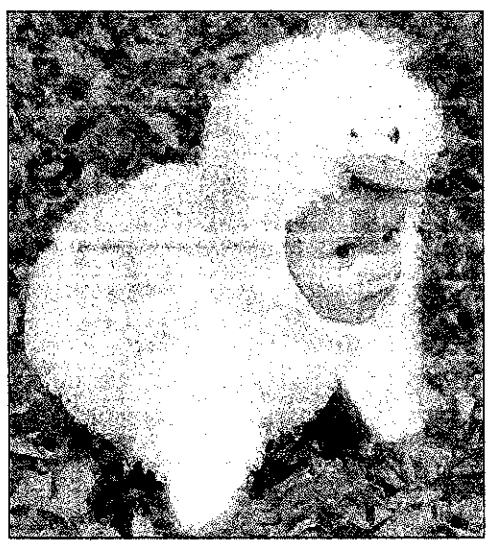
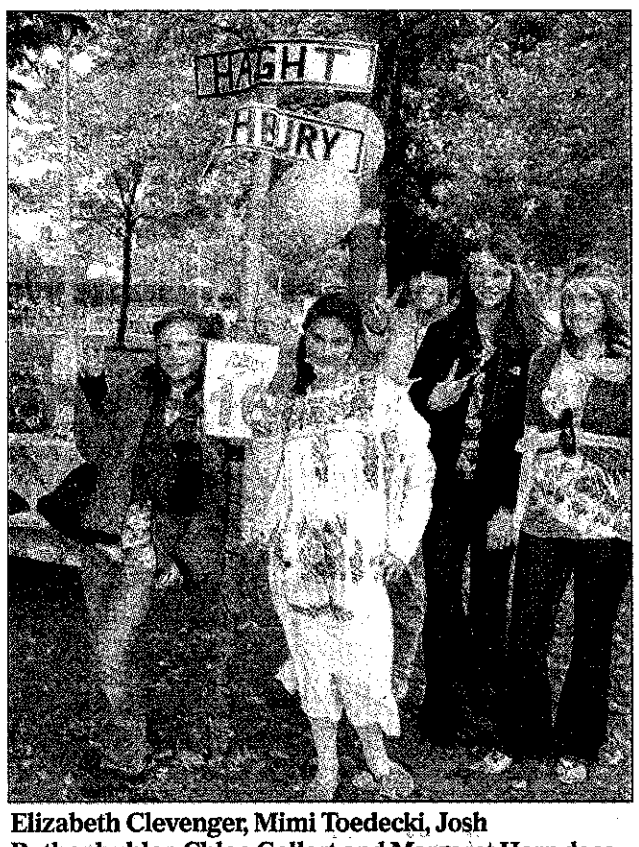


Caitlin Caulfield, left, gives a new meaning to "free range chick" as she crawls around in the leaves.

Ellie Liedl and Hailey McDonald scream in delight at the full-size candy bars they found in their treat bags.

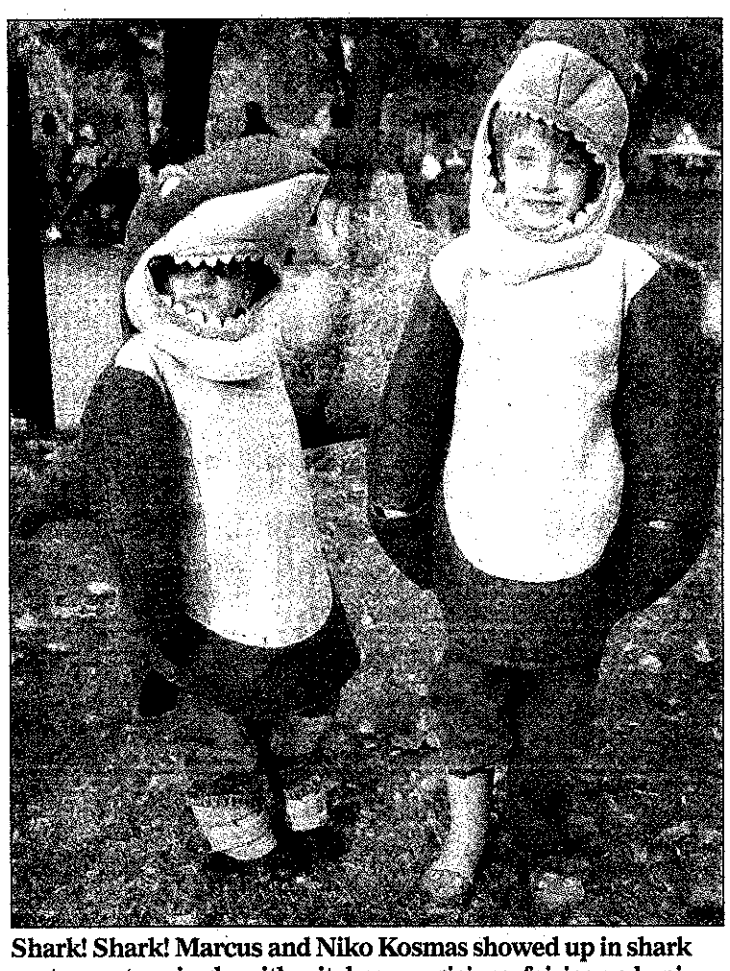


Elizabeth Clevenger, Mimi Toedecki, Josh Rothenbuhler, Chloe Gellert and Margaret Hern decorated their station in recognition of San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury corner. They dressed in 1960s style clothing and passed out peaceful candy.

One-year-old Chloe Caulfield, left, dressed as a lamb, took a break from trick-or-treating to play in the leaves.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Park children enjoyed "Halloween in the Park," Saturday, Oct. 25. at Windmill Pointe Park. Caroline Zrimec, dressed as a bride, tosses leaves on Alexander Curcuru, dressed as Batman, and Andrew Del Place, dressed as Darth Vader, who stands ready with his light saber should things get out of hand.



Shark! Shark! Marcus and Niko Kosmas showed up in shark costumes to mingle with witches, magicians, fairies and animals.

A Spartan, aka Blake Moorhead; a witch, aka Kendall Moorhead; a cowboy, aka Grant Moorhead; and a magician, aka Nicholas Ludwig, wait in line for hot cider during the Park's Halloween festivities.

Dracula hands out treats to a fairy and a kangaroo.

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Happiness may be a warm blanket, but founders of **Blanketed With Love,** have discovered true happiness comes from creating those warm coverings.

Warm surroundings

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Sarah Blake and Patty Battersby enjoy having their lives tied up in knots, especially those made of warm fleece.

Blake and Battersby, both 16, launched "Blanketed with Love," a charitable project with the goal of providing fleece blankets to the elderly, homeless shelters and hospitals.

"I started by making blankets for my grandparents," said Blake. "I had a lot of fun making the blankets and they were thrilled to receive them. My mom actually had the idea to make them and donate them to charity."

For Battersby, the idea started with her church youth group.

"They asked for volunteers and my sister and I both made some, then my sister started to make them on her own," she said. "My mom suggested donating them to a charity."

What's curious about these like-minded high school juniors is they live miles apart; Blake in Grosse Pointe Farms and Battersby in Farmington Hills.

They met freshman year at Mercy High School in Farmington at the urging of their older brothers, classmates at University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

"When we started at Mercy, they kept telling us that we had to meet each other. It turned out that we were in second-hour biology class together and that's when we met," said Battersby.

To add another coincidence, the girls are third cousins.

Not only are the blankets the two teens made with love, they come with a special blessing. Blake, who attended St. Paul Catholic School, asked her parish pastor, Monsignor Patrick Halfpenny, to bless the blankets before they were distributed. He was happy to oblige. Shortly after, he called on the girls with a special request.

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Patty Battersby, left, and Sarah Blake hold some of their handmade blankets. They make the blankets and the pastor of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church blesses them before the blankets are distributed to the needy.

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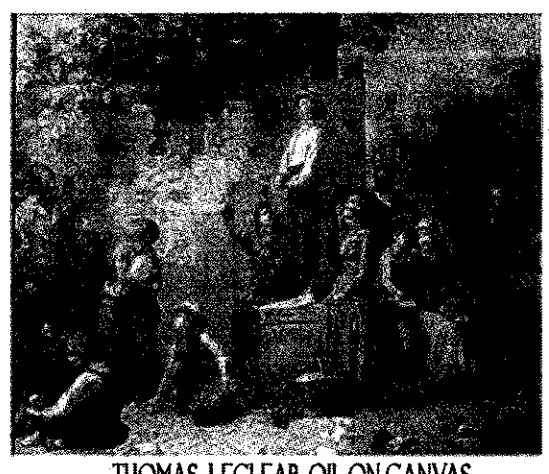

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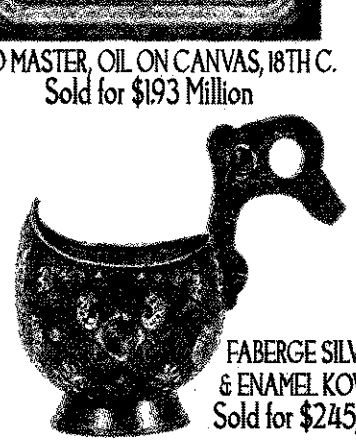

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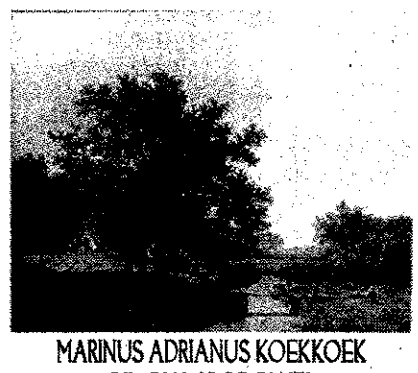

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Helping Sister Lucy select a blanket are Patty Battersby and Sarah Blake and Services for Older Citizens Director Sharon Maier. Sister Lucy was the first recipient of the Blanketed With Love fleece blanket through SOC.

BLANKET: Cut, tied and distributed

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The parish's new associate pastor, the Rev. Sama Muma, learned his father died in his native Africa. Tradition calls for the family to return for the funeral and to sleep outside. Could the girls make 50 blankets for Muma's family?

Not a problem, Battersby and Blake said.

They gathered 50 people from St. Paul and set about cutting and tying. The parish arranged to ship the fleece blankets to Africa.

As the girls saw the need for the blankets increase, they realized they needed financial help. Even though they shop for fleece on sale, it still can be a bit pricey.

Initially backed by a "business loan" from Blake's father, Chris, the girls put together a plan to fundraise. They solicited donations from family, friends and local organizations, including Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

The girls applied for a 501 (c) (3) designation to make donations tax deductible and are expecting approval by year's end.

In the meantime, they're busy picking out fleece and tying knots.

Battersby covers Oakland County and Blake shops locally.

> *'I started making blankets for my grandparents. I had lots of fun making the blankets.'*
>
> *PATTY BATTERSBY, Farmington Hills*

"It's funny, though, because while we shop separately, about half the time we end up with the same fleece," Battersby said with a laugh.

"It is so much fun to pick out the fleece," said Blake. "First we find the prints we like, then we match it up with a solid. There are so many cute patterns out there."

The blankets are easy to make, requiring two pieces of fleece, some pins and scissors. Pinning the pieces together, cuts are made along the edges, making strips about 4 inches long. The strips are then knotted and the blanket is complete. The girls make them in three sizes; adult, child and infant. While dolls, trucks and animal prints are used for the children and babies, adult blankets feature paisley and autumn prints, not to mention a few retro flower prints.

The girls recently delivered several of their creations to Services for Older Citizens where they will be distributed along with a warm meal to seniors served by the agency's Meals on Wheels program. Blake's mom, Anne, is a volunteer for the organization.

One blanket, however, already found a new owner.

Sister Lucy Wright, a longtime SOC volunteer, was selected by the staff to be the first recipient. She chose a blanket perfect for fall with orange and brown polka dots and orange knots.

"I love it. I usually have my Martha Stewart blanket with me, but I'm going to turn that one over to the cat," she proclaimed with a huge smile.

When not making blankets, both girls are active in school activities.

Battersby is on the golf team and participates in forensic competitions and school theater. Blake plays lacrosse and is active in the science club. She also volunteers at Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

Battersby and Blake will be tying knots for another two years or so before heading off to college. Their plan is to turn the endeavor over to their younger sisters. Battersby's sister, Veronica, is a freshman at Mercy High School, Blake's sisters, Maggie and Lilly, attend St. Paul.

And Halfpenny will still bless each one.

But just as the shoemaker's children went shoeless, one of the founders of Blanketed with Love is blanketless.

"I was sick with pneumonia last week and I had to borrow my sister's blanket," said Blake. "I've just never had the time to make one for myself."

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11:00 am Out of the Ordinary	
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1:00 pm Senior Men's Club	
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log	
2:00 pm The John Prost Show	**Tech Pointes** Adam Lincoln
2:30 pm The Legal Insider	
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial	**Economic Club of Detroit** 2008 Senatorial Debate
3:30 pm Art & Design	
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)	
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Haunted house

The Junior League of Detroit hosts a haunted house party from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Halloween costumes are suggested. An auction will be included in the evening's festivities.

Tickets are $75. For more information, call (313) 881-0040.

Garden Center

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The lecture is free. For reservations, call (313) 881-7511, ext. 206.

Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music presents a recital at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are $12 and available at the door.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3 and Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

Fox Creek Questers

Fox Creek Questers No. 216 meet at the home of Anne Thomas at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4. Co-hostess is Jan Kay.

Bonnie Medura will present the program, "Knitting: Then and Now."

Jazz Forum

The Jazz Forum presents a concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee.

Alvin Waddles and the Fats Waller Review, featuring Charlie Gabriel, Marion Hayden and Djallo Djackate, will perform.

Tickets are $13 in advance or $15 at the door. For more information, call (313) 961-1714 or (313) 885-0232.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the home of Marge Cameron. Kirsti Juergens is co-hostess.

The program will be pumpkin vases. A hands-on demonstration will be given by Juergens and Cynthia Campbell.

Biz Team

Educators can join a improv class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The format is intended to improve communication skills and creativity.

The cost is $15. For more information, call (313) 885-2418 or visit neighborhoodclub.org.

Shores Garden club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the home of Jean Hodges on Barclay Road. Hostesses are Marion Huegli and Georgie Richner. The program is "Lavender — Beauty and Healing," presented by Iris Underwood of the Lavender Farm in Addison Township.

Boat club

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club annual meeting is at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Boathouse.

Dinner and refreshments are at 6:30 p.m.

Babysitting is available.

Members will vote on a new board and bridge.

For more information, call Nadine Pendolino at (313) 882-8595.

Mom to Mom

The second annual Mom to Mom sale is from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is $2 for those arriving between 9:30 and 10 a.m. and $1 after 10 a.m.

Vendor tables are available for $20.

Art show

Carol LaChiusa of Grosse Pointe Farms and host of "Watercolor Workshop" on Channel 5, will show her "Remember Mama" series Saturday, Nov. 1 through Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint.

A reception will be held in the Founder's Gallery from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.

Spanish club

The Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup Group gathers at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Village's Caribou Coffee.

For more information, visit meetup.com.

Bob Pettigrew, Mary Hunter and Shirley Kennedy prepare for the 61st Goodwill Antiques Show.

Goodwill show in 61st year

Furniture refinishing, including caning and rushing of chairs, has been a highlight of the annual Goodwill Antiques Show, sponsored by the Junior Group of Goodwill Industries, and will be again this year.

The show is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 in the Michigan Mart Building at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

Volunteer Bob Pettigrew has refinished and caned at least 10 chairs, having learned the skill from the late Milton Hunter, a Grosse Pointer. Pettigrew, who was introduced to the group by his wife, Jean, has refinished several other pieces for the show.

Hunter spent 57 years in the specialized field as head of the Goodwill Industries furniture department. There he trained Goodwill's handicapped clients and did contract work.

Following his retirement, Hunter became a volunteer and honorary member of the Junior Group.

Pettigrew admitted Hunter was a hard act to follow and attributes his knowledge to Hunter's training.

Selections available at the show are Americana, Continental, English, Oriental and decorative art.

The Junior Group observed its 75th anniversary in September with a gathering at the Tompkins Community Center. Longtime members Bettie Gauss, Doris Bennett and Heather Denler attended.

Denler talked about the first antiques' show 61 years ago, which was held in the Goodwill plant on Brush Street.

Grosse Pointers working on this year's show include Billie Deason, Betty Fuchs, Mary Anne Rauh, Mary Ruffner, Marg Schroeder, Marg Steiger and Priscilla van Horne.

The show's proceeds benefit Goodwill Industries.

Santa paws

Santa paws photos will be taken from11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. The professional photo package is $25. Best Buddies day planners for 2009 are available for $12 in various Grosse Pointe locations. Both are fundraisers for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. For more information, call (313) 884-1551 or visit GPAAS.org.

Rotary Grosse Pointe

◆ Jonathon Bulkley is the 12:10 p.m. speaker Monday, Nov. 3 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

He will talk about Africa's lack of available clean water and share information about the water well project. Rotary has helped millions get clean water by building and digging thousands of water wells and purfication projects over the years.

For more information, call Bob Bashara at (313) 670-3461.

◆ Debbie Moffett of the Foundation of Exceptional Children was a recent speaker of the Rotary Grosse Pointe. She talked about the foundation's progress and its budgetary needs.

Rotary Grosse Pointe has supported this organization by acting as student chaperones.

◆ Last week the Rotary's membership chairman and past president Roger Hull had a presentation on membership development and mentoring new members. To learn more, e-mail Hull at rhulljr@gmail.com.

◆ Grosse Pointe Public Schools Superintendent Suzanne Klein thanked the club for its support of the Odyssey of the Mind teams which are going to the global competition.

◆ To apply for money from the Rotary, visit the club's site at GPRotary.org.

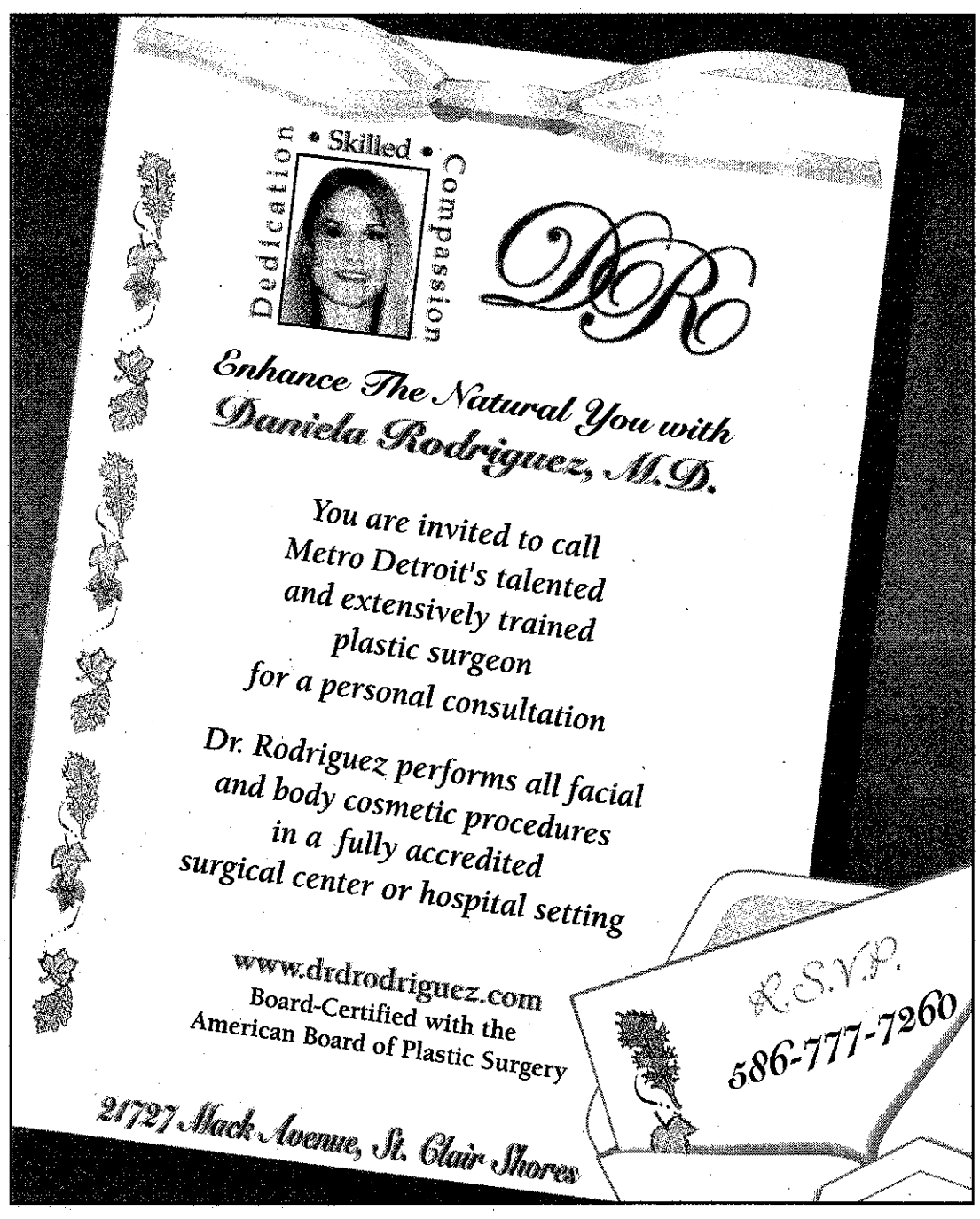
This week:

◆ Dr. Roger McNeill will be recognized for 39 years as a Rotarian.

◆ Volunteers are needed for the Thanksgiving parade, Friday, Nov. 28. Rotarian volunteers act as marshals and help with crowd control. To volunteer, contact Grosse Pointe Farms Police Chief Dan Jensen at (313) 885-2100.

◆ Two members, Dean Valente and Amy Gennaro, were presented the Paul Harris Fellow Award for their contributions to the international fund. Harris was one of the Rotary's founding members.

◆ Get to know: St. Clair Shores resident Dr. Don Blain has been a longtime Rotarian both in Grosse Pointe and Lewiston, Mont., where he served as president in 1992 and 1993. Blain is a urologist.



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PASTOR'S CORNER By Elise Moore

Seek all the good gifts around us

When I was a child, a woman would stand up in our church nearly every week, give gratitude to God — "the Giver of all good gifts" - and sit down.

I loved that. I actually looked forward to it. It seemed the service wasn't quite complete until that woman stood and said her few words.

One time on the way home, I mentioned how much I enjoyed the woman's remark. My mother scoffed at the repetition and said she wished the woman would say something different. Maybe my mother had a valid point. But years later, I still remind myself to be grateful to God, "the Giver of all good gifts."

It's great to feel that good comes from God, rather than from a person. If we look to people for good gifts, we might be frequently disappointed. And those around us could feel burdened by our continual expectations. But when we realize that God is good, we can rest assured of infinite blessings.

The Bible promises that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). God is not a capricious being who blesses some while withholding good from others. Divine love is invariable, unchangeable and loves each aspect of its creation equally. God's fountain of blessings is unceasing. Love is truly universal, patient with each of us until we're willing to accept the blessing.

Searching the Scriptures, I discovered that at first God was often seen as giving things such as land, flocks and children. As the writers became less materially focused, they began to write of God giving gifts such as peace, strength, grace, glory and wisdom.

These spiritual qualities are not less tangible than houses and property nor do they preclude them. It appeared to me that prosperity was being redefined as Bible writers discovered that qualities of thought have more impact on happiness and well-being than the acquisition of physical objects.

Perhaps they began to realize expressing wisdom, mercy and humility brought them whatever material prosperity was necessary.

Faithful obedience to God frequently resulted in material increase as when the Apostle Peter at the command of Jesus, let down a net, which subsequently broke due to the volume of fish that filled it. From these and other examples, we learn that God's gifts are spiritual ideas, the source of the good we experience in daily living.

Suppose you're honestly seeking spiritual thoughts and yet your desires are not fulfilled. Don't give up on God!

God wants to give us good. Divine love isn't passive, waiting for a fortunate few to stumble onto its treasures. Love is active, delivering us from affliction, inspiring our motives and our thoughts, blessing us universally and impartially.

Instead of doubting the giver, be alert to attitudes that impede the flow of spiritual ideas! Nebuchadnezzar obviously needed to relinquish pride before he could truly understand that God was the source of good. Perhaps Peter needed to put aside skepticism before he could catch all the good that God was providing.

Doubt, discouragement and pride tend to hinder even the hope of divine benevolence.

Jesus shared God's greatest gift to the world, the gift that keeps on blessing, keeps on saving and healing. His teachings illustrate the way to eternal salvation. They proclaim God's supremacy on Earth. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of The Christian Science Monitor, wrote, "Through this redemptive Christ, truth, we are healed and saved, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God; we are saved from the sins and sufferings of the flesh, and are the redeemed of the Lord."

There's no one season in which God gives gifts. Every week, we can find blessings in our lives — actually daily, and moment by moment.

Moore will discuss "The Possibilities of Prayer" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Christian Science Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She is also participating in a panel discussion on prayer with other local religious leaders at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, contact Carla Kalogeridis at reachcarla@comcast.net or (313) 300-0547.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Holiday bazaar

Assumption Cultural Center's annual holiday bazaar is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Local artists and area vendors will offer boutique and custom-made items.

Foods available include spinach pie, salad, breads, pastries, cookies and hot dogs.

Breakfast

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Men's Ecumenical Breakfast Association meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, in the church's fellowship hall. Deacon Bill Jamieson of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church will be the speaker. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Bereavement ministry

A Mass for the bereaved begins at noon Sunday, Nov. 2, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. A reception will follow.

Aerobics

The Fitness Firm offers low impact dance aerobics for seven weeks at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The classes, which include kick boxing, yoga, free weights, toning and flexibility, will be held in the fellowship hall. Classes are from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Judy at (313) 886-7534.

The cost is $63.

New minister

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, will honor the Rev. Judy May, its new senior pastor, with a reception following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, service.

May joined the church in July after serving five years as senior pastor at First United Methodist Church of Warren.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue University, a degree in Christian education from Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn. and a master's in divinity from United Theological Seminary. According to a press release, May's special focus is Christian education and spiritual formation for all, teaching a variety of courses on biblical and social issues in the context of faith formation.

May's interests include, attending concerts, theater performances and basketball games.

She is a leader in the Methodist church's Detroit Annual Conference of Ordained Ministry where she mentors those entering the ministry.

May has two adult children and a granddaughter.

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Music, art help those with Alzheimer's

Memories can bring feelings of happiness, security and relaxation.

For the millions with Alzheimer's disease, however, recollection of these cherished memories is not always possible.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative brain disorder characterized by memory problems and impairments in everyday activities. An estimated one in eight persons over age 65 has the condition, often requiring spouses, children and even grandchildren to act as caregivers.

As a result of difficulties accessing memories, people with Alzheimer's disease often experience depression, become upset or agitated and may have a number of behavioral issues.

Reminiscence therapy

There are important therapies that can help make Alzheimer's disease more manageable for both the caregivers and their loved ones, and may improve the ability to retrieve long-lost memories.

Reminiscence therapy, first used in the 1980s, involves using personal items such as old photos, home videos and music to rekindle memories and create a sense of familiarity and safety.

Studies show cognition and mood among people with Alzheimer's disease improved within four to six weeks after beginning reminiscence therapy, with some indication of improved functional ability. A recent study published in the American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias suggested that reminiscence therapy can also improve the quality of life in people with the disease.

"Reminiscence therapy provides caregivers with an opportunity to go beyond their daily duties by interacting with their loved ones in a pleasurable and more satisfying manner," said Dr. Jay Ellis, director of Neuroscience Research of the Berkshires, in Pittsfield, Mass. "It also provides an effective way of reintroducing loved ones to their earlier selves."

Information and ideas on how to conduct reminiscence therapy are available from physicians and assisted living facilities as well as from national organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) and the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (alzfdn.org).

Medication is essential

Reminiscence therapy acts as a strong complement to treatment with medication.

As a first step caregivers should work with their loved ones' physicians to ensure they have a proper diagnosis and an effective treatment regimen.

Today, there are two classes of prescription medicines available to treat Alzheimer's disease. These medications address a different chemical in the brain.

Studies have shown that treating people with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease with a combination of these medications from two classes can yield benefits in activities of daily living as well as behavioral and cognitive improvements.

Information about combination therapy is available at AlzheimersOnline.com.

Special events at Services for Older Citizens

The list of events planned by Services for Older Citizens includes the upcoming holiday season.

On tap are:

◆ Birthday Celebrations — 11 a.m. Nov. 12 and Dec.10. Doug Whitaker sings the tunes of the 1940s and 1950s as well as Happy Birthday for everyone who has a birthday in November and the Grosse Pointe Academy Bell Choir will entertain the December birthday folks.

◆ Pet-a-Pet — Monday, Nov. 17. Lori Clinton and her therapy dogs from her Pet-a-Pet Club visit.

◆ Monthly Blood Pressure Check — 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17. Dr. Mathew Gill will be available for the monthly blood pressure check while a hot lunch is served.

◆ Thanksgiving Dinner Party — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24. This SOC traditional Thanksgiving dinner party includes roast turkey and gravy, stuffing, real mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter. Pumpkin pie with whipped cream will be provided by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. The dinner will be catered by The Blue Pointe Restaurant and the Go Go Grannies will entertain. The cost is $12 and reservations are required.

◆ Special Bingo — Turkey Trot 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, sponsored by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Moran Medical Monitoring. Play bingo and win gift bags filled with Thanksgiving dinner accompaniments plus a chance to take home a turkey, the grand prize.

◆ Christmas Dinner Party — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22. Catered by Blue Pointe Restaurant, the menu includes roast beef with mushroom gravy, baked potato with sour cream, green beans almondine, glazed carrots and rolls and butter.

Cake will be provided by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and John Needham will entertain. Participants also receive a gift. The cost is $12 and reservations are required.

◆ Holiday Bingo —10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, sponsored by: Christmas Carol. A special grand prize and holiday prizes for all winners will be awarded.

SOC offers computer classes

Computer classes with one-on-one basic to advanced instruction are offered at noon every Friday at Services for Older Citizens.

Students will learn about how to use the mouse, cut, copy, paste and create spread sheets, word documents and how to begin surfing the net from Marty Peters.

The class, Peters said, provides "confidence, ideas, and technical assistance."

The Neighborhood Club provides a computer lab with the free classes, which are offered by appointment only and last one hour. Participants must be 60 or older.

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WEDDINGS

Aitken - Gwinnell

Kelly Jean Aitken, daughter of Daniel and Dianne Aitken of Grosse Pointe Shores, married Andrew Russell Francis Gwinnell, son of Ann Gwinnell of Clinton Township and the late William Gwinnell, on Sept. 8, 2007, at St. Francis Xavier in Petoskey.

The Rev. Richard Baranski officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club.

The bride wore an ivory strapless ball gown with a sequin and lace bodice. Her floor-length cathedral veil worn by her mother. The bride carried a bouquet of ivory roses, calla lilies, stephanotis and Hypericum berries.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Katelyn Aitken of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Bridesmaids were Laura Goodman of Royal Oak, Stephanie Carpenter of Rochester Hills, Cathy Hubmeier of Grosse Pointe Woods, Sarah Gilpin of Huntington Woods, Andrea O'Boyle of Marina Del Ray, Calif., Katie Collinson of Ann Arbor and the groom's sister, Amy Goosen of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The bride's cousin, Kate Dawson of South Lyon was the flower girl.

Attendants wore cranberry full-length dresses. They carried bouquets of Rossini roses and Hypericum berries.

Scott Gwinnell of Harper Woods served as his brother's best man.

Groomsmen were Rich Inger of Grosse Pointe Shores, Brian Selewski of St. Clair Shores, Noel Selewski of Grosse Pointe Woods, Barron Reeder of St. Clair Shores, Brian Amori of St. Clair Shores, Brian Kean of Grosse Pointe Farms and Michael Schmidt of Macomb Township.

Kyle Goosen, the groom's nephew, and Jack Dawson, the bride's cousin, were ring bearers.

The bride's mother wore a rouched champagne floor-length dress with a bolero jacket. She had a wrist corsage of white roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length periwinkle dress with a jacket. White roses made up her wrist corsage.

Scripture readers were the bride's uncle Donald O'Connor of Birmingham and the groom's aunts, Toni Brem of St. Clair Shores and Nancy Brem of Fraser.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts in communications and public relations. She is a commercial account manager with Aitken & Ormond Insurance..

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts in social relations from the James Madison College at Michigan State University and a Bachelor of Arts in communications from Michigan State University. He is a graduate student in health services administration with the University of Detroit Mercy and is director of admitting and surgical scheduling of Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Cassin - Miller

Laura Leigh Cassin, daughter of Dr. Bader and Carolyn Cassin of Grosse Pointe Farms married Andrew Leónard Brooks Miller, son of Thomas and Barbara Miller of Grosse Pointe Park, on June 7, 2008, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. Robert Herta officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the bride's parents' home.

The bride wore a tiered lace gown with crystal and pearl embroidery. She carried a bouquet of white calla lilies and white roses.

The bride's sister, Julianne Cassin Sharp of Royal Oak, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Lindsay Perry of Phoenix, Ariz., the bride's cousin, and the bride's sister-in-law, Erica Cassin of Delray Beach, Fla.

Following a black and white theme, the attendants wore black satin tea-length dresses with a white sash and antique pins. They carried bouquets of white calla lilies.

Timothy Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms served his brother as best man.

The groom's friends, Sean Cotton of Grosse Pointe Farms and Timothy French of Dayton, Ohio were groomsmen.

Ushers were Bradley Cassin of Delray Beach, Fla., the bride's brother, and Seth Gray of Royal Oak, the groom's friend.

The bride's mother wore a black and white long taffeta dress.

She carried a small bouquet of calla lilies.

The groom's mother wore a black and silver long dress and also carried a small bouquet of calla lilies.

Readers were Wendy Leonard of Bloomfield Hills, Patricia Monforte of Cave Creek, Ariz., Beth Kurta of Grosse Pointe Park and Bradley Cassin of Delray Beach, Fla.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University and a Master of Business Administration from University of Detroit — Mercy. She is a vice president with JPMorgan Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Russell Francis Gwinnell

Mr. and Mrs. James Helm McCormick

The groom attended Hillsdale College and is a sales director with Quicken Loans.

The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica. They live in Grosse Pointe Park.

Hauptman-Cahill

Angela Brooke Hauptman, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Elaine Hauptman of Okemos, married Stephen Colden Cahill, son of Dr. Stephen and Sharon Cahill of Grosse Pointe Park on Aug. 30, 2008, at the Michigan State University Alumni Chapel in East Lansing.

The Rev. John Folker officiated at the 3:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the University Club in East Lansing.

The bride wore an ivory, strapless fitted gown.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Jessica Hauptman of Okemos.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Ashley Cahill of Washington, D.C. and Allison Cahill and Whitney Cahill of Grosse Pointe Park, and the bride's friends, Kristen Rosales of Rochester Hills and Kelly McKeag of Colorado.

Teyha Hauptman of Okemos, the bride's niece, was the flower girl.

Attendants wore tea-length fuschia silk dresses.

Christopher Cahill of Grosse Pointe Park, the groom's brother, and Dr. Josh Yee of Phoenix Arizona, the groom's friend, were best men.

Groomsmen were the groom's friends, Dr. Forest Cole of East Lansing, Matt Wallers of Sumner, Dr. Brian Poff of St. Louis, Mo., and Sloane Barbour of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ring bearer was Ryker Hauptman of Okemos, the bride's nephew.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length brown dress with a beaded jacket.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length navy Tadashi gown.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Doctor of Osteopathic medicine from Michigan State University. She is a family practice resident with the Henry Ford Health Care System.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Doctor of Osteopathic medicine from Michigan State University. He is a urology resident with the Henry Ford Health Care System.

The couple honeymooned in Mexico. They live in Mount Clemens.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Leónard Brooks Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Conor Manion

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Colden Cahill

Huenink - McCormick

Lindsey Elizabeth Huenink, daughter of Peter and Barbara Huenink of Seattle, Wash., married James Helm McCormick, son of Kathy Hy of Grosse Pointe Park and Robert McCormick of East Lansing, on May 17, at the Harvard Club in New York City.

The Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt, retired associate judge of the New York Court of Appeals, officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, followed by a reception at the Harvard Club.

The bride wore a dress made from the train fabric of a dress that both her mother and grandmother wore at their weddings in 1966 and 1937, respectively.

Dirk Huenink of Seattle, served as her best man.

Kate Huenink of Seattle, the bride's niece, was flower girl.

The groom's brother, David McCormick, of Jersey City, N.J., was his best man.

Erick Michelsen, Brett Goldman and Micah Nessan, all of New York and friends of the groom, were ushers.

The bride earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in German from Middlebury College and is an investor relations associate with Paramount Group, Inc. in Manhattan.

McCormick graduated from the University of Michigan and Tulane Law School.

He was an executive compensation and employee benefits attorney with the law firms of Jones Day and Proskauer Rose until 2007. He is with Empire Search Partners in Manhattan.

The couple honeymooned in Petit St. Vincent, Grenadines. They live in Manhattan.

Sullivan - Manion

Andrea Dawn Sullivan, daughter of Angela Silver and Shawn Sullivan of Ukiah, Calif., married Patrick Conor Manion, son of Paul J. and Marianna Manion of Grosse Pointe Park, on June 28, 2008, at Queen of the Snows Chapel, Tahoe, Calif.

The wedding Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Russell Kohler of the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Detroit. An evening reception followed at the Plump Jack Resort of Squaw Valley, Calif.

Matron of honor was Blair Carlson of Ukiah.

Attendants were Missy Schat of Ukiah; Robin Christenson, Jessica Douglas and Marnina Young of San Francisco, Calif.; and Anna Manion Booher, the groom's sister, of Plymouth.

The groom's brother, Thomas Manion, served as best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were Stephen Booher, the groom's brother-in-law; Steve Davis of the City of Grosse Pointe and Adam Gorczyca of Grosse Pointe Park; Andrew Nester and Jeffrey Meeter of Chicago; Patrick Davis and Kyle Christenson of San Francisco; and the groom's cousin, Christopher Spain.

Addison and Michael Booher, the groom's niece and nephew, were also attendants.

The bride is a graduate of the University of California - Davis and is the director of operations with AsBuilt Services in Sausalito, Calif. She is pursuing a Master of Business Administration at the University of California - Berkeley.

The groom is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and the University of Michigan's business school. He is a mergers and acquisitions investment banker with Pagemill Partners of Palo Alto, Calif.

The couple honeymooned in Fiji and live in San Francisco.

ENGAGEMENTS

William Howell Crandall and Michelle Leigh Dorsch

Dorsch - Crandall

Michael and Kathleen Dorsch of Royal Oak have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Leigh Dorsch, to William Howell Crandall, son of Robert and Sheila Crandall of Grosse Pointe Farms. A December wedding is planned.

Dorsch earned a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in exercise science and and a doctor of physical therapy from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. She is a clinical physical therapist specialist at the in-patient rehabilitation unit at Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit.

Crandall earned a Bachelor of Arts in accounting from Michigan State University. He is a senior consultant with Crawford & Winiarski in Detroit.

Juan Carlos Sanabria and Erica Michelle Cordier

Cordier - Sanabria

Douglas and Mary Beth Cordier of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erica Michelle Cordier, to Juan Carlos Sanabria, son of Lilia Espinosa of Miami, Fla.

A March wedding is planned.

Cordier earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She is art director with News Ltd. in Sydney, Australia.

She also designs and manages a jewelry collection, E. Cordier Designs.

Sanabria earned a Bachelor of Science in economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

He is vice president with Merrill Lynch of Sydney, Australia.

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Rogers

Brandon and Margaret Rogers of Grosse Pointe Farms observed their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 11.

The couple wed Oct. 11, 1958 in the Central Woodward Christian Church in Detroit and have been longtime residents of the Farms.

They have three children Heather Gnypt, Andrew (Amy) Rogers and David Rogers; five grandchildren, Sasha, Steven and Matthew Gnypt and Lindsay and Bridget Rogers.

Brandon and Margaret Rogers

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Kleusch - Ahee

Walter and Phyllis Kleusch of St. Clair Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Kleusch, to David Ahee, son of Joseph and Betty Ahee of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June 2010 wedding is planned.

Kleusch earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Wayne State University and is to graduate from WSU in May 2009 with a Master's of Speech-Language Pathology.

Ahee earned a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry from WSU in May 2004 and a Master of Science degree in Basic Medical Sciences also from WSU.

He is a second year medical student at WSU School of Medicine.

Moore - Petersen

James Moore of Lexington, Ky., formerly of Harper Woods, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Kimberly Anne Moore, to Joshua Braun Petersen, son of Kevin and Deborah Petersen of Fairfield, Ohio. A November wedding is planned.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Anne Moore.

Moore graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in dietetics from the University of Kentucky.

She is a registered dietitian and health liaison for the University of Kentucky Health and Wellness Program.

Petersen graduated from Hamilton High School and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and mathematics from Belmont University.

He is a quality assurance specialist with the Sarah Cannon Cancer Research Institute.

Razzeto - Long

Andreina and Jorge Razzeto of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alessia Giuliana Razzeto, to Paul James Long, son of Denise Fikany Abduraman of Clinton Township and David Long of Venice, Fla. A December wedding is planned.

Razzeto is a 1997 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate. She completed a majority of her college credits in Lima, Peru and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is in sales with DENSO International America, Inc.

Long graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1996 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in corporate communications from Wayne State University. He is in logistics at ZF Sachs Automotive of America, Inc.

Ryszewski - Treska

Joan and Randall Ryszewski of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Renee Jean Ryszewski to Nathan Alan Treska, son of Kay Kew and Frank Klos of Clinton Township and Van ALan and Lan Chi Treska of San Diego, Calif. A June wedding is planned.

Ryszewski graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1994 and earned a bachelor's degree in communications and marketing from Western Michigan University.

Treska graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1994 and earned a Bachelor of Business degree in marketing from WMU.

Schmitt - LaFranca

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schmitt III of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Allison Schmitt, to James LaFranca, son of Mr. and Mrs. William LaFranca of Shelby Township. A February wedding is planned.

Schmitt earned a Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University and is an assistant vice president with Bank of America.

LaFranca earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and is an Allstate Insurance Agent.

Urban - Clor

Chris and Sally Urban of Harper Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Kristin Urban, to Trevor Robert Clor, son of Joe and Kyle Clor of Grosse Pointe Shores. A November wedding is planned.

Urban earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan.

She is a teacher at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Clor earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University in elementary education.

He is a teacher at Hamtramck Charter Academy.

Nancy Kleusch and David Ahee

Nathan Alan Treska and Renee Jean Ryszewski

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Favorite plants find their way indoors for winter

It's down to the wire. The last of the green tomatoes need to be picked and wrapped in newspaper with hope of having the taste of summer just a few more times before the snow falls.

And, who knows when that may happen?

While the tomatoes may give up the ghost (and just in time for Halloween), other plants offer more to us as the days move into winter. Some of your favorite plants may even find their way into your home.

If you have a coleus, begonia, or chrysanthemum that you fancy, consider taking a cutting to keep the plant for next year's outdoor garden.

Here's how:

1. Prepare the rooting medium by making sure it's sterile. Use new bags of perlite and soilless mix and disinfect all planting trays and pots with a 10 percent bleach solution. Choose containers with drainage and fill them with pre-moistened medium.

2. If you still have a healthy plant outdoors, take a cutting. Remember that it's best earlier rather than later. Choose a nonflowering, thicker stem with healthy leaves and new growth. Besides the plants mentioned above, impatiens and ornamental sweet potato are good choices.

3. Make the cutting 3 to 4 inches long and include 3 to 6 nodes — the swollen area where leaves join the stem. Cut just below the node. Remove leaves from the bottom 1 to 1 1/2 inches of the stem or they will rot if buried in the medium. Use a sharp knife. Avoid using scissors or pinching with fingers as it crushes the plant tissue, making it more prone to disease.

4. Keep the cutting humid by placing a cloche over the tray or small pot. Use a plastic bag over the pot, if a glass cloche is not handy. If the cutting begins to wilt, spray with a fine mist. Keep the rooting medium evenly moist, but not soggy.

5. Watch for cuttings to root in 2 to 4 weeks. Placing your tray or pot on a heat mat speeds root development. Check for rooting by gently tugging on the cutting. If it meets with resistance, roots most likely have begun to form. New growth is a sure sign. Transplant cuttings into individual pots, again filled with soilless potting mix when roots reach a few inches long. Place a cloche over the transplants.

6. Pinch back new growth occasionally to keep plants compact and bushy.

7. Fertilize lightly in March or when the plant begins active growing. Use a diluted solution of fish emulsion or liquid kelp.

8. Harden them off before planting outdoors.

Or bring in the whole plant. Pelargonium, either zonal or scented geranium, make lovely house plants and rarely have problems on the windowsill. Scented pelargonium release a wonderful scent when brushed against. If you choose this method, be sure to wash off the plant with a good spritz of water or an insecticidal soap spray.

Cut down the plant's foliage by half and remove all dead or yellowing leaves.

Geraniums have succulent stems, meaning they store water in their stems and prefer drier conditions. As days shorten, they will need less water. Water when the soil is dry down to your second knuckle. And, don't fertilize from October to March.

While these plants may not look fantastic indoors, the goal is to keep them healthy enough through winter to start spring with something already established.

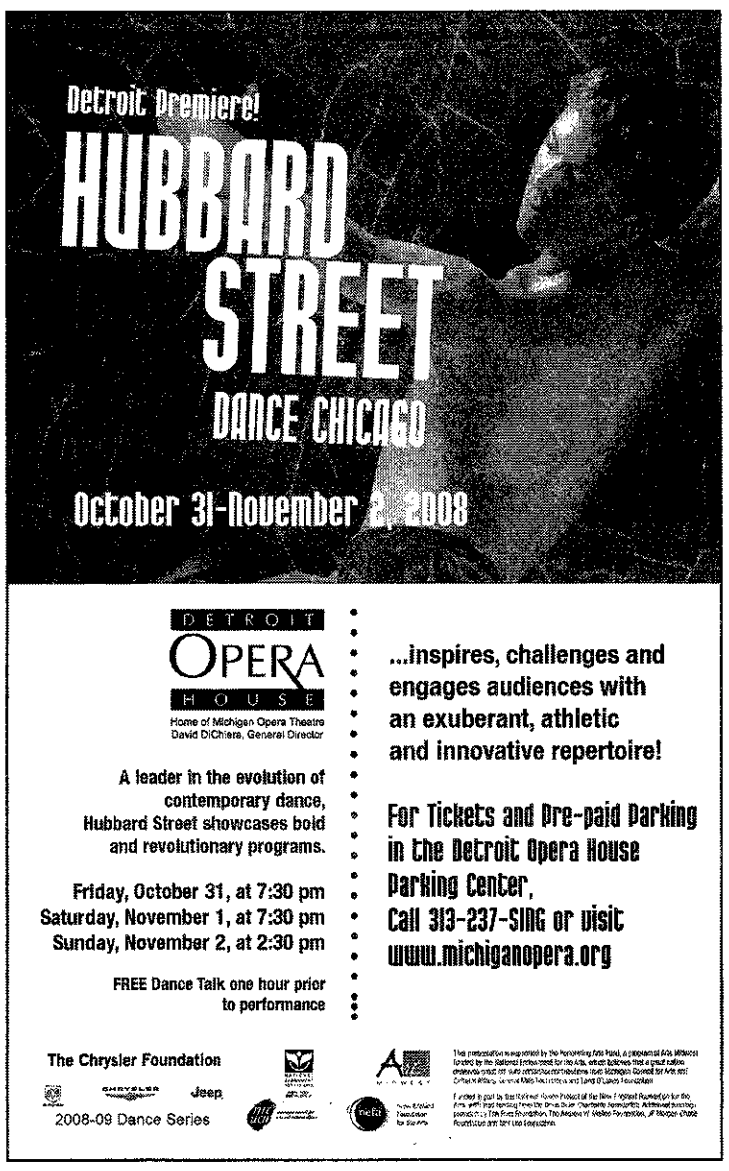
Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods.

What's going on?

◆ The Grosse Pointe Garden Center's series on cultivating youngsters' interest in gardening continues at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Bug Hunt and Put the Garden to Bed is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8; and Build Lego Fairy Houses is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. These programs are best for ages 4 to 7. The $23 per class fee includes a $2 supply fee. Bring a snack. Call (313) 881-7511 to register.

PHOTO BY KATHLEEN PEABODY

This Rex begonia will find itself indoors on a windowsill this winter.



Madame Butterfly flits in

Giacomo Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" will be presented in six performances at the Detroit Opera House November 15-23.

An opera in two acts, Puccini's opera will be sung in Italian with English supertitle translations projected above the stage.

Many artists will make their Michigan Opera Theatre debut during this run, including: Chilean soprano Veronica Villarroel, who alternates in the title role with Japanese soprano Mihoko Kinoshita, who also will be making her MOT debut; American tenor James Valenti singing the role of B. F. Pinkerton; alternates with David Pomeroy who made his MOT debut last spring; Taiwanese-American tenor Joseph Hu plays Goro; American baritone Daniel Sutin as Sharpless; and Japanese-American mezzo-soprano Mika Shigematsu plays Suzuki.

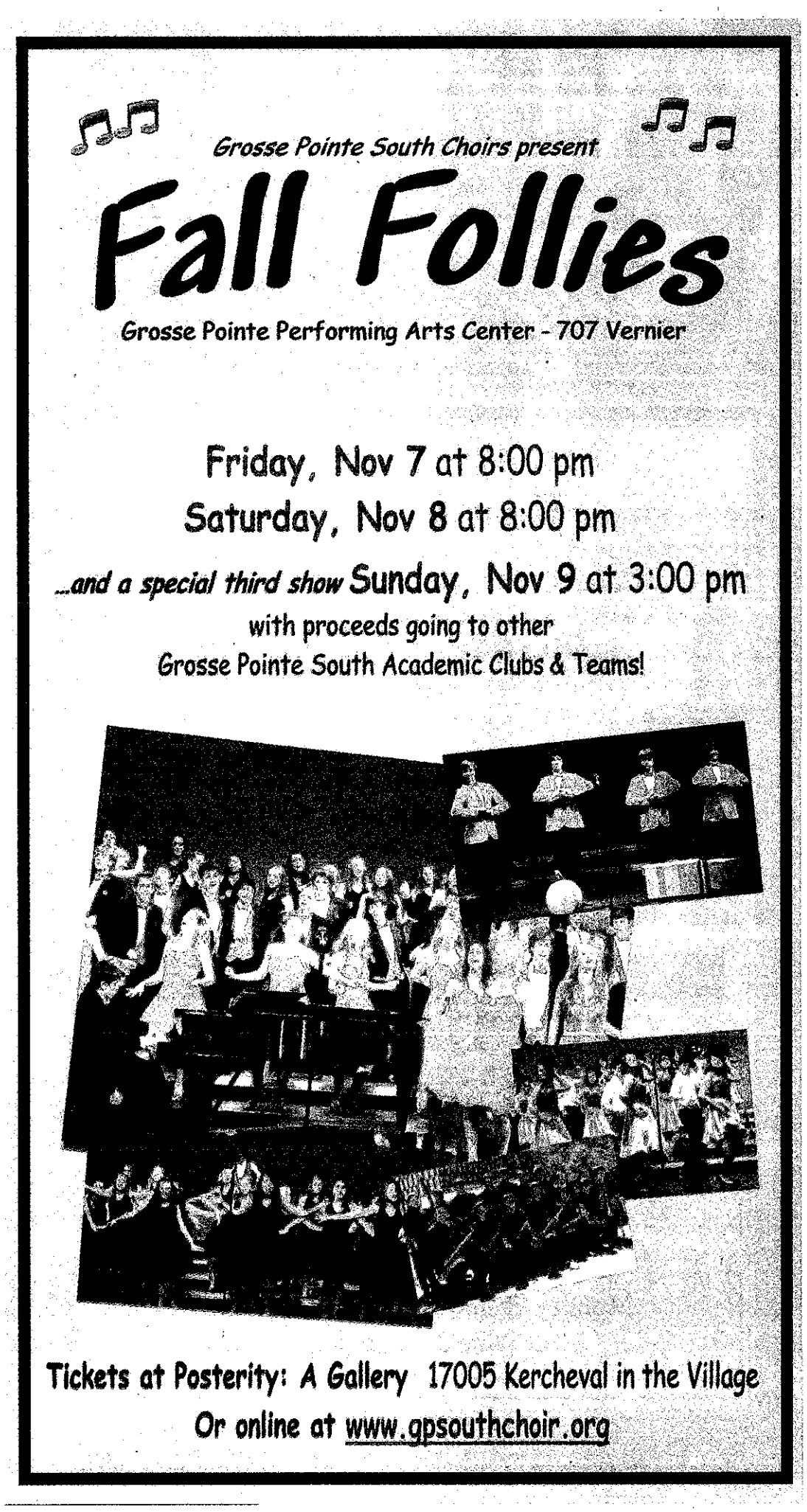
Italian maestro Edoardo Müller returns to the MOT to conduct "Madame Butterfly." Directing the production is Italian stage director and MOT regular Mario Corradi.

Set in Nagasaki, Japan, Madame Butterfly is a 15-year-old Japanese geisha, who falls in love with and marries an American sailor, Lieutenant B. F. Pinkerton, for whom she has renounced her family and faith. Soon, Pinkerton's tour of duty in Japan is over and he returns to the United States, leaving his wife, but promising to return.

Time goes by, Butterfly has delivered their baby and still she still believes Pinkerton will come back for her. Finally, Pinkerton returns to Japan - but with his new American wife. Mrs. Pinkerton pleads with Butterfly to leave the child with the Americans and in a tragic ending, Butterfly relinquishes the child but leaves the lieutenant and the audience with an aria of lost innocence and farewell.

Tickets range in price from $28 to $120, and are available at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, 1526 Broadway, Detroit; by phone at (313) 237-7464; online at MichiganOpera.org; and all TicketMaster outlets, by phone at (248) 645-6666 or online at TicketMaster.com.

Performance times and dates are: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23.



Anime convention

About 5,000 anime enthusiasts are expected to attend Youmacon 2008, an anime convention at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn from Oct. 30 through Nov. 2.

Attendees will meet leading anime voice actors, compete for trophies in a costume contest, purchase anime collectibles and attend a formal Masquerade Ball. The convention provides non-stop 24 hour programming of games, contests, anime music videos, maid café, live events and video programming.

Anime is a form of animation that originated in Japan and is used in television series, films, video games, commercials and internet-based releases and represents all genres of fiction. Anime television series appear on the Cartoon Network, the Fox Kids Network, Warner Brothers stations and Sci Fi Channels.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Special 'pumpkin' meal for trick-or-treaters

Tomorrow is Halloween. This year cook up some fun for the little ones before they hit the streets for treats.

The real treat will be yours when you surprise the children with pita pizzas that look like jack-o-lanterns. There's no mixing or measuring required and no recipe to follow. Just a little sauce, cheese and toppings for the pitas.

Jack-O-Lantern Pita Pizzas

(makes 4 to 5 pita pizzas)

1 package flat pita breads (4 or 5)

1 1/4 cup marinara sauce (from a jar)

2 cups shredded cheese (your choice)

Toppings: sliced pepperoni, cherry tomatoes (halved), sliced mushrooms, sliced olives (black or green), chopped bell pepper, or any vegetables or meats on hand.

To assemble the pizzas, place the pitas on a baking sheet(s). Spread 1/4 cup of the sauce over the bread leaving a 1/2 inch crust around the edge. Sprinkle the shredded cheese over the sauce (about 1/3 cup on each pita).

Trim the edges from the pepperoni to make triangles. Start by using those triangles as the eyes of the jack-o-lanterns. Then use the other toppings to create a nose, mouth and stem at the top of the "pumpkins."

Cover (hide) the prepared pita jack-o-lanterns and store in the refrigerator until read to bake. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Bake the pita pizzas at 400 for 10 to 15 minutes, until the cheese has melted and the pitas are crispy. Cool for five minutes and serve.

A warm simple healthy meal will hit the spot while keeping with the Halloween theme that all children love. Do something special for your trick-or-treaters. They'll think you're the coolest mom on the block.

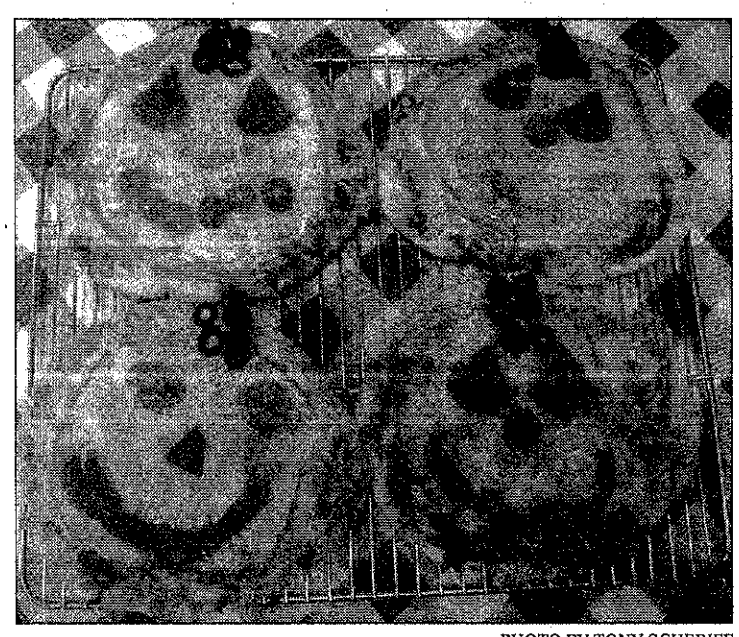


PHOTO BY TONY SCHERIFF

Provide a fun and hot treat for trick-or-treaters, and one that is quick and easy to prepare.

Preparation under way for 'Laura'

Grosse Pointe Theatre's rehearsal facility is humming.

Scene shop volunteers, under the direction of technical director Rick Hawley of Grosse Pointe Woods, are constructing the posh 1940s set for the theater's upcoming production of "Laura" by Vera Caspary and George Sklar.

Set Designer Don Cilluffo of Harrison Township is assembling a padded wall that will be covered in yards of dusty purple fabric.Marissa Di Sante of the City of Grosse Pointe has been busy collecting and refinishing vintage furniture to create the set while Kathy Conlon of Detroit paints the portrait of Laura.

"Laura" is a mystery thriller that twists and turns with new suspects, new evidence and unexpected revelations.

A wealthy, foppish journalist becomes entranced with a beautiful young career woman named Laura. But shortly before her wedding to a dashing Southern playboy, she is found murdered. Stirred by her portrait, the detective assigned to her case finds that he, too, is strangely under Laura's spell.

"Laura" opens at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium. Performances continue at 8 p.m. Nov. 13-15; 2 p.m. Nov. 16; and 8 p.m. Nov. 19-22. For tickets and information about group rates, call (313) 881-4004.

The production is directed by Michele Karl of St. Clair Shores. The cast features Theresa Selvaggio of Grosse Pointe Farms, Timothy P. Higgins of Birmingham, Dennis Martell of Livonia, Peter Di Sante of St. Clair Shores, Emmajean Evans and Mike Evans of the City of Grosse Pointe, Scott Davis of Birmingham and Lynne Marthey of Grosse Pointe Park.

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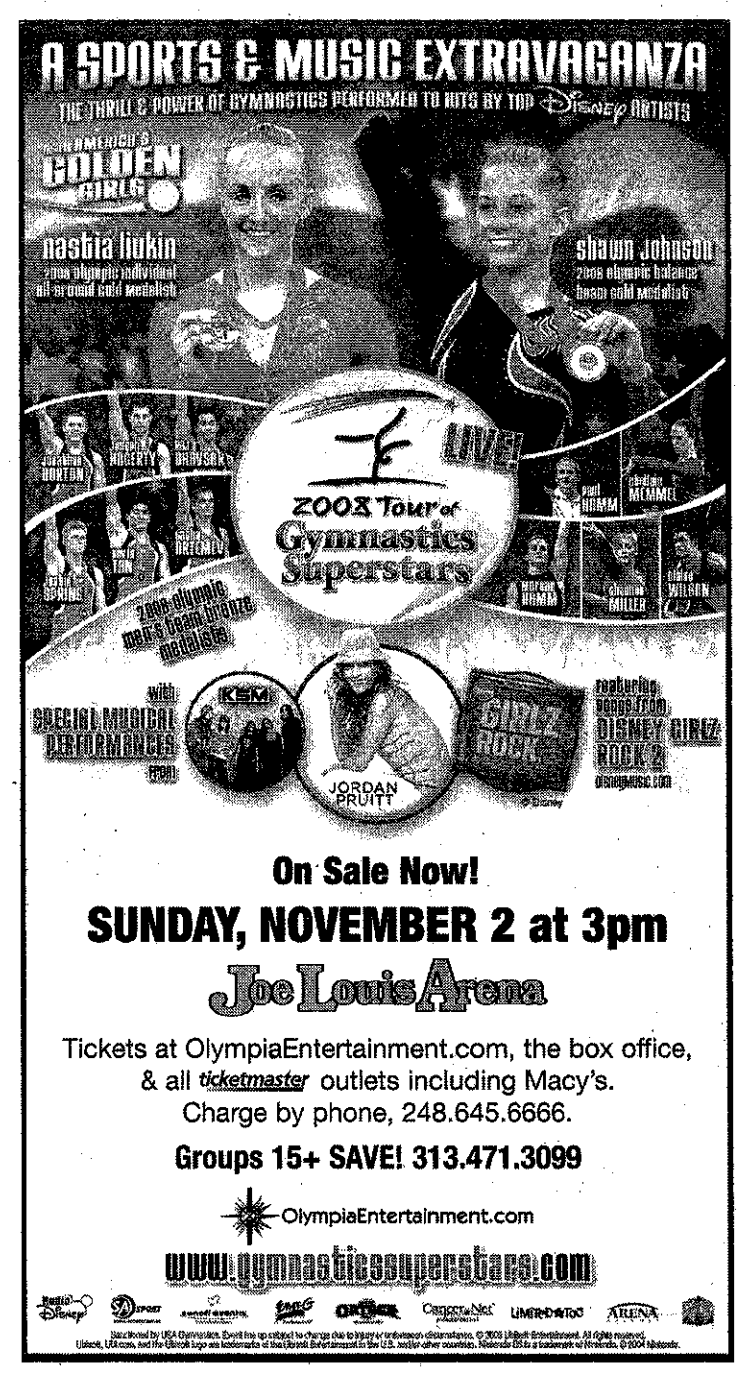
Sal DeMercurio and Bob Brown construct a curved wall.



'It's a Wonderful Life' — the radio version

Old time radioshow performances of "It's a Wonderful Life" by Biz Team Theatricals returns this year.

Performances are at 4:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Award-winning director and actor Marty Bufalini transformed the movie script to play on stage as an old-time radio show. Bufalini and the cast and sound effects technicians work in concert to transport the audience to Bedford Falls.

Tickets go on sale Friday, Nov. 28, at the War Memorial. Tickets are $12 for adults and $11 for seniors and children 12 and under in advance and $15 and $14 respectively at the door.

Seating is limited and tickets may be purchased by calling The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, (313) 881-7511 or at the ticket office, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Scholarship benefit

The 2008 George V. Murray Foundation's Scholarship Wine Tasting Party is from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, at Windmill Pointe Park's Tompkins Center. The party includes music, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction that subsidizes the education of the scholarship's recipient.

Every year, the Grosse Pointe-based foundation provides a scholarship that gives a young woman with financial need an opportunity to attend a Catholic high school.

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HEALTH COLUMN By Carlton Erickson

Define alcohol, other drug dependence disease

Today the word "addiction" is applied so loosely as to become almost meaningless.

People apply "addiction" to gambling, sex, e-mail, work, chocolate, television, shopping, cell phones, exercise, shoes and games.

"Every time I hear people say that they're addicted to something, I feel like shaking my head," says Carlton Erickson, Ph.D., director of the Addiction Science Research and Education Center at the University of Texas at Austin. "When the word is used so loosely, it detracts from the seriousness of problems with heroin, cocaine, alcohol and nicotine."

Professionals in the addiction treatment field generally recognize that "addiction" refers to "dependence on alcohol or other drugs," but the general public does not. Cultural confusion about "addiction" leaves basic questions unanswered. Despite medical advances, the general public still may wonder whether addiction is a disease or a failure of "willpower."

Erickson offers a solution: Avoid the word "addiction" altogether and make a clear distinction between substance dependence and substance abuse. Distinguishing between dependence and abuse is something the word "addiction" fails to do, he said.

Dependence and abuse are different problems and they call for different solutions.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the tool published by the American Psychiatric Association to help diagnose substance abuse and substance dependence, distinguishes dependence from abuse and avoids the term "addiction." The main symptom of dependence is defined as impaired control over substance use. People who are dependent on alcohol and other drugs will continue to use them no matter how negative the consequences. They are powerless over those drugs; they have a serious, chronic disease, but it is treatable.

Causes of impaired control include chemical changes in a specific area of the brain called the mesolimbic dopamine system. This area activates when one feels the pleasure of eating, sex and other activities necessary for survival. As a result, a person with the disease of drug dependence feels the need for drugs with the same intensity as the need for water, food and oxygen. This person will continue drinking and drugging even when the consequences include loss of work, family and friends.

Professional treatment is usually needed to stop the self-destructive cycle.

Drug abuse is a different matter. People who abuse alcohol and other drugs may stop once the consequences get serious enough.

"If we want the public and policymakers to understand addiction as an illness, we need to do a better job of differentiating between people who casually use those substances and those who are unable to stop using them on their own," says William Cope Moyers, executive director of Hazelden's Center for Public Advocacy.

"People like me never just abused those substances. We loved them. We protected them. And we would go to any lengths to get them."

The drinking behavior of college students offers an example of the difference between abuse and dependence.

"My town of Austin, Texas, is home to one of the largest universities in the world," Erickson said. "You can walk into downtown bars on any night of the week and see students getting 'hammered.' Are all of them alcoholics? No. Most of them are making bad judgments about their use of alcohol. But about 90 percent of them are alcohol abusers. After graduating, most of these students will choose to reduce their drinking. Only about 10 percent of them will truly become dependent on the drug and unable to stop drinking on their own.

"To summarize, drug dependence is unintentional and involuntary, while drug abuse is intentional and voluntary," adds Erickson.

This distinction is already being made in the medical literature, including the International Classification of Diseases from the World Health Organization.

Telling a person who is dependent on alcohol to "just say no" is like telling a person with clinical depression to just cheer up, Erickson said. Avoiding the imprecise language of addiction can avoid such ineffective responses.

Promote safe sleep for infants

In some ways, caring for a child hasn't changed. However, in the area of safe sleep, grandparents and new parents alike can benefit from knowing the latest in safe sleep recommendations.

According to Nancy McMenemy, clinical nurse specialist for the St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Birthing Center, current data shows too many infants are dying because of unsafe sleep environments.

"Babies are safest sleeping in a crib on their back," she said. "We try to educate parents and grandparents about the current guidelines, which we take from "Tomorrow's Child Infant Safe Sleep" program and the American Academy of Pediatrics."

American Academy of Pediatrics tips:

◆ Baby sleeps by him/herself in a crib, portable crib or bassinet.

◆ Baby is always placed on his/her back to sleep.

◆ Baby sleeps on a firm mattress with a tightly fitted sheet.

◆ Baby's sleep area is free of blankets, comforters, stuffed animals and other soft items.

◆ Baby's face is kept uncovered during sleep for easy breathing.

◆ Baby sleeps, plays and lives in a smoke-free environment.

◆ Baby is not dressed too warmly to prevent overheating.

Some parents choose to co-sleep also called the "family bed." There are some dangers associated with this practice, including:

◆ Overlay: A person sleeping with a child rolls onto the child and unintentionally smothers the child.

◆ Positional asphyxia: A child's face becomes trapped in soft bedding or wedged in a small space such as between a mattress and a wall or between couch cushions.

◆ Covering of face or chest: Objects such as plastic bags, heavy blankets or furniture cover a child's face or compresses the chest.

◆ Strangulation: A rope, cord, human limb and other object across or around a baby's neck can cause strangulation.

Although babies should always sleep on their back, "tummy time" is important while the child is awake.

Tummy time helps develop the infant's muscles and eyes and prevents flattened areas on the back of the head.

Camp helps children cope with life after loss

Statistics show one child in every seven will experience the death of an immediate family member by the age of 10.

And one in five will experience the death of someone close by the age of 18.

Death at any age is difficult to face, but for children, adolescents and teens it is even more so and outlets to begin conversations can be difficult to come by.

Recognizing this need, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's hospice program launched its first bereavement camp on Oct. 11, giving 39 children from the tri-county area a safe place to talk about their loss.

The children were between the ages of 3 and 15 years old.

Twenty volunteers helped to make VNA's Kamp Kids Matter a meaningful experience with a mixture of fun activities including discussions and arts and crafts.

The camp was provided at no charge with costs underwritten by the Women's Committee for Hospice Care and donations from local businesses.

"Children grieve in small doses," said Claudia Nafsu, VNA camp coordinator.

"We helped them to identify support systems when they go back home and gave an opportunity for the older kids to share phone numbers, so that they can continue their new friendships."

The one-day day camp featured a kids-only environment, (no parents, only adult volunteers) giving children permission to grieve, interact with others, who also experienced the death of a significant family member or friend and to participate in an environment that supports friendship.

"The day culminated with the children tying hand-written notes for their loved ones to helium-filled balloons, which they released skyward.

"We started conversations and helped form new friendships," said Nafsu.

"Expressing grief is a process.

"We will be hosting a follow-up pizza party in November for the kids at the camp to continue their new found friendships."

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Preparing child for kindergarten

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Q. My child will be entering kindergarten next fall. What can I do to ensure he/she is prepared?

A. It is vital in the preschool years to provide your child with experiences that build the foundation for later success in school. One must keep in mind the amazing developmental changes that occur in a child's body and brain during the preschool years. To help your child build these neural connections, parents should provide:

- A variety of hands-on experiences — dig in the dirt, cook, build
- Unstructured time to move and use the body — play on the playground, jump, swing, run
- Use toys that encourage imagination or thinking — plain blocks
- Limit screen time
- Establish a good home routine — healthy meals and snacks, set bedtimes

Q. What is kindergarten like today?

A. Kindergarten is still your child's first experience in a formal education setting. Kindergarten bridges working with parents to working with peers in small and large groups.

Kindergarten programs address the social and emotional as well as the academic needs of your child. They provide opportunities for your child to play and learn in structured and unstructured situations. Kindergarten provides hands-on experiences to enable your child to connect what they already know to their new learning.

Kindergarten, however, has changed drastically in the last 10 years. Expectations include many former first grade skills. Michigan Kindergarten State Guidelines and Expectations now include reading and writing. Sight words as well as emergent spelling skills are included.

Knowing what a word and even what a sentence looks like in a story as well as reading and writing their own words and thoughts are expectations. These skills are at the emergent or beginning level. There are also new guidelines for math, social studies and science. Students will recognize characteristics and patterns, know numerals to 100, count by twos and fives to 30 and express story equations with drawings and numbers.

Q. How do I enroll my child?

A. Enroll your child at your school district's administrative offices. Provide a birth certificate, immunization records and physical examination forms and proof of residency.

Enroll your child as early as possible, so you will be placed on the public school mailing list and receive information by mail. When enrolling your child, you may have to choose between programs. Current kindergarten programs include the traditional half-day as well as all-day programs or extended day programs.

Until then, enjoy talking, playing, riding, cooking, building and exploring with your child every day.

The Family Center presents Kindergarten: Get Ready from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods.

·Grosse Pointe Public School System presenters are Deb Kraft, kindergarten teacher and Dorothy Heitjan, early childhood program teacher and speech pathologist. The fee is $5 per family.

Register by calling The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or online at info@familycenterweb.org.

Henry Ford Cottage Hospital gets grant for Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health Department of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital has been awarded a $140,000 two-year grant from the Ethel & James Flinn Foundation.

The funds will be used to implement Dialectical Behavior Therapy in both the inpatient and partial hospitalization programs.

Dialectical Behavior Therapy is a treatment methodology for patients with multiple chronic problematic behaviors that may include suicidal and other self-destructive tendencies, substance abuse, post traumatic stress disorder and major depression. These patients tend to act on emotion without regard to consequences.

With this grant, the Behavioral Health staff will contract with Behavioral Tech LLC for extensive staff training in the therapy and guidance through the implementation of the program. Physician staff also will receive the training.

In individual and group sessions, participants learn and practice techniques to help control their emotions and process them logically before acting. The program also includes telephone coaching for crisis intervention, assisting the patient in getting back in touch with what they have learned and steering them toward healthy outlets for their emotions.

"In therapy sessions, staff will guide patients as they learn to replace their impulses with constructive choices," said Kevin Castile, coordinator for Quality Initiatives in the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital Behavior Health department.

Castile, along with mental health intern Julie Durocher, wrote the proposal for the Flinn Foundation grant. Based in Detroit, the Flinn Foundation commits its services to improving the scope, quality and care of services for individuals with mental illness.

"The Flinn grant provides our mental health staff with intensive training in this new treatment method, along with the guidance that ensures its implementation," added Castile. "The result is that Henry Ford Cottage Hospital will be more successful in caring for this type of patient, and we may ultimately reduce their need for hospitalization."

The State of Michigan also is training its Community Mental Health agencies in Dialetical Behavior Therapy.

With this training, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital will link into a network that provides improved coordination and continuity of care for mental health patients throughout the state.

New treatment for chest pain, heart failure

Non-invasive therapy to assist patients with chest pain and heart failure that requires no hospital stay is being used by heart care experts at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Known as Enhanced External Counterpulsation, the therapy increases the blood and oxygen supply to the heart muscle and decreases the amount of work the heart has to do to pump blood throughout the body.

While the heart is at rest, large blood pressure-like cuffs that are wrapped around the legs and buttocks inflate, which increases the blood supply to the arteries feeding the heart muscle.

Just before the next heart beat, all the cuffs deflate at the same time, which decreases the amount of work the heart has to do.

A continuous electrocardiogram is used to set the timing so the cuffs inflate while the heart is resting, when it normally gets its supply of blood and oxygen.

Treatments are usually given for an hour each day, five days a week, for a total of 35 hours.

"Our patients have seen dramatic improvements in their quality of life," says Gerald Cohen, a cardiologist. "This treatment has helped patients by reducing pain, easing discomfort and making it possible for them to return to leading active lives."

According to Cohen, clinical studies show that 75 of patients benefit from EECP therapy and sustain improvement up to three years after treatment.

Chest pain, or angina, is a signal the heart muscle is not receiving enough blood and oxygen because the arteries that supply the heart muscle are blocked or narrowed.

Heart failure occurs when the heart muscle becomes so weak it cannot pump enough blood to meet the demands of the rest of the body.

Heart failure symptoms include trouble breathing and feeling very tired after even a small amount of effort. See your doctor.

Online mammography appointments available

Henry Ford Cottage Hospital is offering a special service for women who would like a convenient way to schedule a mammogram.

Henry Ford is the first in the region to offer real-time online mammography appointment scheduling throughout metro Detroit.

Women interested in scheduling an appointment may go to henryford.com and click on mammogram appointment on the left side of the screen. Individuals can then fill out the required information to instantly set up a mammogram at one of several Henry Ford Medical Center sites throughout metro Detroit including Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A physician's prescription is not needed to use this convenient option. The online scheduling is for women 40 years of age and older who require a routine screening mammogram. Those with a history of breast cancer or who require a diagnostic mammography are not be eligible to schedule the online appointment.

Convenient features include searching for an appointment based on date, time period, location or first available appointment. Individuals can also set an appointment up to six months in advance. A confirmation also can be e-mailed back to the individual who has set up the online mammography appointment.

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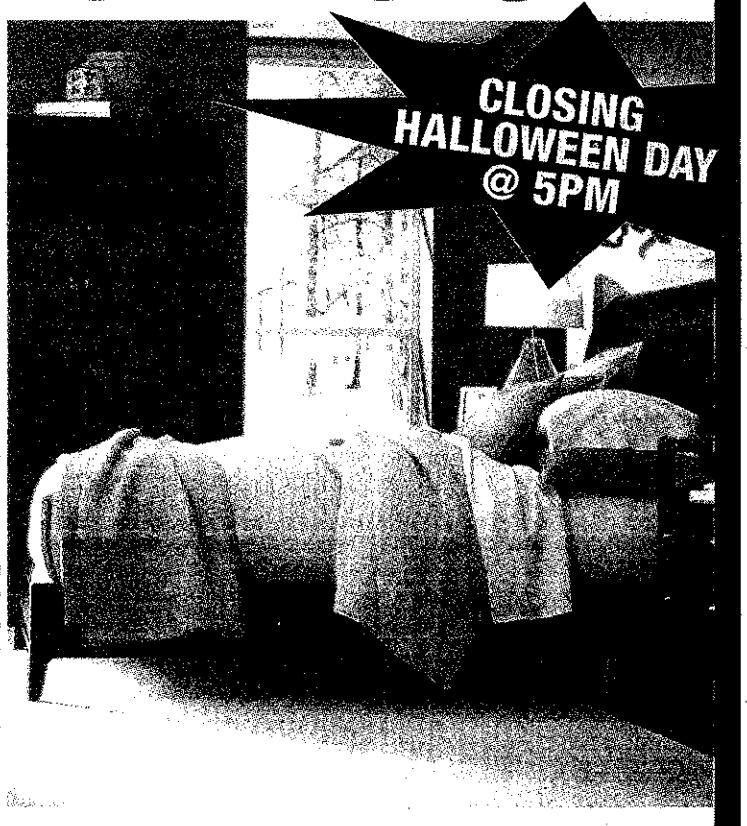

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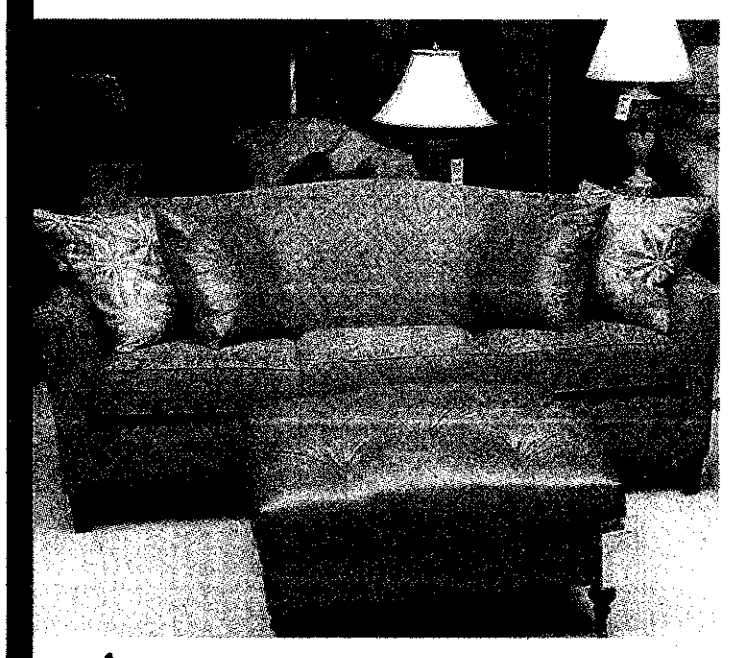

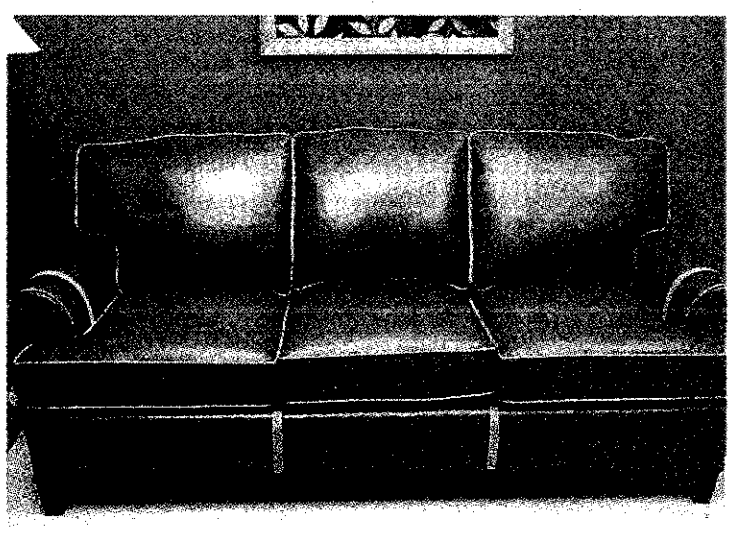

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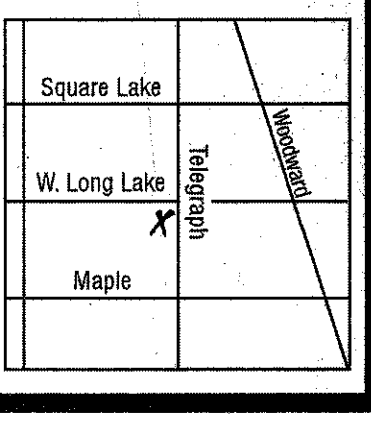

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

North, South dominate regional meet

South wins regional title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Girls Cross Country Team is heading to the state finals for an unprecedented 29th straight season after winning last weekend's Division I regional meet at Metropolitan Beach.

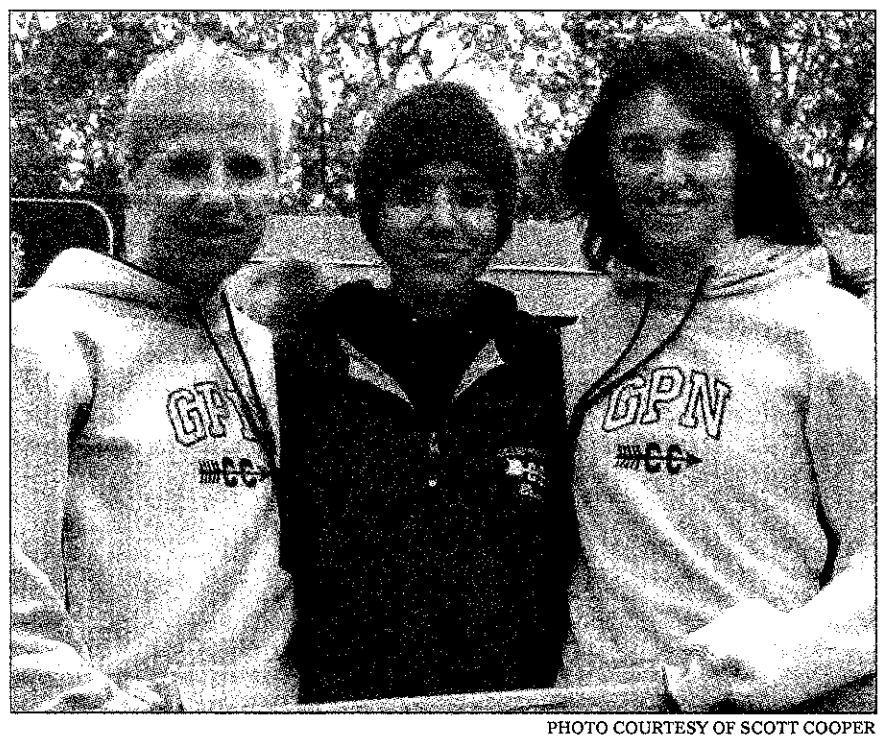
Grosse Pointe North will join its city rivals at the state finals thanks to its runner-up finish. L'Anse Creuse North also made the finals since the top three teams in each of the nine regionals earn a spot.

The Lady Blue Devils finished with 38 points, followed by the Lady Norsemen with 76, L'Anse Creuse North with 106, Anchor Bay with 124, Sterling Heights with 152, L'Anse Creuse with 166, Fraser with 197, Warren Mott with 205, Roseville with 244, Warren Cousino with 248, Chippewa Valley with 265 and Eastpointe East Detroit with 265.

It was the Lady Blue Devils' 22nd regional championship in the past 30 years.

"Our girls ran a superb race," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "Conditions were extremely windy and we knew it would take a very strong performance to win the meet.

"We've been a very strong-willed team all season long and it really helped us meet the expectations of the day."



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North's All-Region runners are, from left, Rachel Gimpert, Cristina Bruno and Kailey Sickmiller.

PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Grosse Pointe South's regional champs are, from left, Ivana Kakos, Sydney Burke, Katie Steen, Kelly Langton, Natalie Gay, Jane Harness and Margaret Levasseur.

"It was a very windy day at the beach and slowed the girls down a bit from the week before," North head coach Scott Cooper said. "Rachel Gimpert joined the (Kailey) Sickmiller and (Cristina) Bruno one-two punch up front.

"This is great to now have three girls in the front pushing the pace and making each other that much stronger."

South placed five girls on the All-Region team, which constitutes the top 15 finishers. They were junior Katie Steen, third with a time of 19:33.8; sophomore Natalie Gay, fourth at 19:34.2; senior Jane Harness, seventh at 20:19.6; sophomore Margaret Levasseur, 9th at 20:29.9; and sophomore Sydney Burke, 15th at 20:44.4.

North had three girls on the All-Region team. They were sophomore Kailey Sickmiller, eighth with a time of 20:25.3; sophomore Cristina Bruno, 12th at 20:40.1; and sophomore Rachel Gimpert, 14th at 20:43.4.

"We set a very difficult goal of having all seven varsity runners earn medals (top 15)," Zaranek said. "While five did finish in the top 15, South came very close to its regional goal with the sixth and seventh runners, freshmen Kelly Langton (21:04) and Ivana Kakos (21:08.1), placing 17th and 18th, respectively."

North's other four finishers were senior Francesca Bruno, 21st with a time of 21:14.5; sophomore Zyanya Wright-Servais, 23rd at 21:21.6; freshman Katy VanEgmond, 24th at 21:22.6; and senior Sam Patterson, 26th at 21:25.8.

"This course pushed all three of them on to better races," Cooper said. "Francesca Bruno ran another great race to ensure a spot in the finals for her senior season. She is one of two seniors who will be competing this Saturday and Sam Patterson also secured a spot for herself."

South, which had 80 competitors, took five of the top 10 spots in the junior varsity race, which consisted of 20 squads.

Leading the way for the Lady Blue

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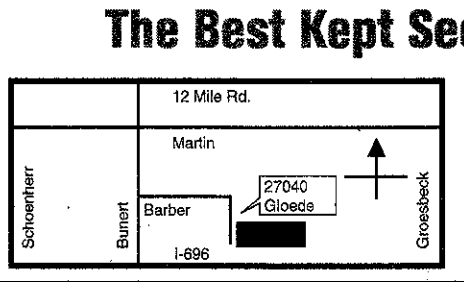

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

North makes finals by slimmest margin

South also in state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South earned a berth to the Division I state championship meet, thanks to finishing in the top three in last weekend's regional meet at Metropolitan Beach.

Warren DeLaSalle won the regional with 44 points, followed by South with 67 and North with 94.

The Norsemen edged Anchor Bay by a single point to get the final spot in the championship meet.

The rest of the teams in the regional were Anchor Bay, fourth with 95 points, followed by L'Anse Creuse North with 113, Roseville with 185, L'Anse Creuse with 233, Eastpointe East Detroit with 236, Chippewa Valley with 244, Warren Cousino with 279, Warren Mott with 281, Sterling Heights with 291, Fraser with 328 and Detroit Denby with 442.

"We had a thrilling meet which came down to one point with Anchor Bay," North head coach Dan Quinn said. "Going into the meet, Anchor Bay was the favorite to go to the state meet. They beat us pretty nicely last week at the MAC meet; so we were expecting a good race.

PHOTO BY TOM VANEGMOND

Grosse Pointers, from left, Matt VanEgmond, Grosse Pointe North; Edwin Gay, Grosse Pointe South; Mark Balle, Grosse Pointe North; and Ben Miller, DeLaSalle; dominated the regional meet at Metropolitan Beach.

"It came down to a 94-95 score. The big difference for us continues to be the strong running of Mark Balle and Matt VanEgmond. Together, they have been our MVPs all season long."

Balle finished second behind South's Ben Miller and VanEgmond, who had the varsity's only personal record, moved up to fourth, only one second behind South's Edwin Gay and three seconds ahead of South's Jack Davies.

"Matt's final push down the homestretch secured the trip to the state finals," Quinn said. "This is our sixth trip in the last seven years."

North's top seven runners were Balle, second with a time of 16:21.7; VanEgmond, fourth at 16:32.2; Kyle Lacey, 27th at 17:44.5; Paul Joseph, 28th at 17:46.1; Mike Seago, 33rd at 17:56.3; Andrew Charnesky, 34th at 17:57.6; and Alex Kopacka, 38th at 18:13.6.

South's top seven runners were Gay, third with a time of 16:31; Davies, fifth at 16:35.7; Daniel Dickson, 13th at 17:09.7; Mike Bellovich, 21st at 17:30.6; Colin Nugent, 25th at 17:42.7; Martin Fleszar, 40th at 18:15.7; and Chris Langenburg, 42nd at 18:27.4.

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Grosse Pointe South runners, back row from left, Mike Bellovich, Dan Dickson, Edwin Gay, Jack Davies, Marty Fleszar and Colin Nugent; and front row from left, Dan Holley and Chris Langenburg; qualified for the state finals by placing second.

"Things were pretty tense for our team as one of our top runners, Dan Holley, sustained a non-running injury that kept him out of the race," South head coach Tom Wise said. "But Edwin Gay, Jack Davies and Dan Dickson secured a berth to the state finals for the boys' 18th straight appearance.

"Mike Bellowvich and Colin Nugent also contributed to one of the worst condition days of the season. The wind was very strong in some parts of the course."

Before the regional, Wise said DeLaSalle was the favorite, thanks to Miller, who is an All-State runner who was fourth in last year's finals with a time of 15:41.8. Miller is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

In the junior varsity race, the Blue Devils were led by Bradley Menchl, Adam Bolton, Patrick Rennell, Michael Mulier, Vince Dusina and Daniel Dou, who each earned a medal.

Others who ran well, according to Wise, were Jacob Carolan, Conor Buckley, Cody Shrader and John Laciura.

Coming up for the Norsemen and Blue Devils is the Division I state championship meet Saturday, Nov. 1, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Quinlan's OT goal lifts North past South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Alexa Quinlan played the role of heroine in Monday night's girls field hockey playoff game, scoring the winning goal to lift Grosse Pointe North past rival Grosse Pointe South 2-1 in overtime.

She broke into the open 30 yards from South goalkeeper Maggie Miller and made a move on a defender before sending the game-winning shot into the back of the net with 5:21 left in the extra session.

"I closed my eyes when I let the shot go, hoping it would go in," Quinlan, a senior, said. "It's awesome to beat South. It was a total team effort tonight."

The game was played under the lights and under cold, windy conditions with the wind chill dipping into the high 20s.

"The girls progressed a lot since the first time we faced South (a 6-0 loss Sept. 5)," North head coach Jen Nadeau said. "They read South's defense and passed to the open spots on the field, which we knew would be there.

"It's a huge win for our program and now we move on to the quarterfinals. The girls played great and they deserve a lot of credit."

"North was quicker to the ball and I think that was the difference," South head coach Meg Atwood said. "We had our opportunities to score, but our girls tried to shoot too hard instead of just finessing the ball past the goalkeeper."

The host Lady Norsemen dominated the opening half, which was scoreless, but Atwood made some adjustments that allowed her Lady Blue Devils to dominate the second stanza.

They outshot the Lady Norsemen by more than a 2-to-1 margin in the second half, but put only one goal on the board when junior Sarah Gilbride tallied at the 21:41 mark.

A little more than five minutes later, Quinlan received a perfect pass and broke in on Miller, beating her with a shot to tie the game 1-1 with 16:31 remaining.

The biggest play of the game came at the 12:44 mark when North's sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Strickland stopped a penalty shot.

The Lady Blue Devils swarmed the front of the net, but they couldn't get a shot into the net. However, a penalty shot was called due to an infraction.

With one quick motion, Strickland blocked the shot, keeping the game tied.

"I had to focus on stopping the ball, but I was pretty nervous," Strickland said. "My heart was pounding, but I was able to make the save. It was a great moment and I'm happy to help the team win."

Strickland was called upon to make several more key saves in the final 10 minutes as the Lady Blue Devils' offense sent wave after wave of shots her way.

It was a much different game than the previous meeting in which South totally dominated every facet of the game.

PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Alexa Quinlan, right, scored both goals to help Grosse Pointe North beat rival Grosse Pointe South in the field hockey playoff game.

South junior goalkeeper Maggie Miller made several nice saves to keep the game tied at 1 through regulation.

"I think our girls have come a long way since that 6-0 loss," Nadeau said. "We're not done yet. Our season isn't over with this one win. We still have more games to play if we want to win a state championship."

Grosse Pointe North, in the midst of its finest season in recent memory, improved to 10-4-2 overall.

South ended its year at 7-8, which included a season-ending seven game losing streak in which they were outscored 19-3.

Included in that streak were losses last week to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 4-0, and Birmingham Marian, 1-0, the top two ranked teams in the state.

Atwood loses seniors Rachel Colletta, Jana Peters, Christine Greiner, Julia Schneider, Lisa Martin, Karlee Humphrey, Sophia Aliotta, Emily Fennell and Julia Poirier to graduation.

The state championship game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the University of Michigan.

X-COUNTRY: Local teams make finals

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Devils were Elise Corden, second; Katie Lanza, third; Bethany Cavanagh, fourth; Hannah Wheeler, fifth; Nanette Motschall, eighth; and Ellen Muniga, ninth.

Others who placed in the top 20 were Haley Martin, Carolyn Sullivan, Jordan Salley, Jessi Aboukasm, Carly Engel and ali Fowler.

Zaranek had 30 runners turn in a season best time, including Elizabeth Connolly-Ng, Kiki Fox, Mary Novak, Jenna Keane, Shannon Thomas, Maggie Teodecki, Savannah Melcher, Stephanie Peck, Leah Turner, Lexi Fountain, Charlotte Dossin, Elizabeth Penman, Kelsey Horn, Claire Mykrantz, Danielle Brayton, Faith Sheldon and Meredith Bury.

Leading the Lady Norsemen in the junior varsity race were Kamille Hamzey, Becca Gimpert, Haley Abessinio, Lindsay Brown, Steffi Shenouda, Christina Embree and Kelsey Richards.

Cooper said the following girls posted a personal best: Rachel Gimpert, Francesca Bruno, VanEgmond, Hamzey, Lindsay Brown, Shenouda, Embree, Richards, Madeline Lacey, Julia SantaLucia, Paige Monforton, Alyse Victor, Cierra Farrar, Stephanie Schucker, Marissa Curran, Amy Cooper, Natasha Eklund, Tia Tsakos, Alex krawetz, Natalie Carter, Lauren Miller, Casey Kempton, Amanda Murphy, Gina Impastato, Jane Collamar and Catie Williams.

Also earning a varsity letter for the Lady Norsemen were Schucker, Lauren Miller and Murphy, who exceeded their goals set by Cooper. Each are seniors who ran in their final race.

Coming up next for North and South is the Division I girls cross country state finals Saturday, Nov. 1, at Michigan International Speedway.

"We will be in great company on Saturday at the finals," Zaranek said. "While our times do not match up well with many of the top teams in the state, it will be a great opportunity for our younger team to gain experience at the highest level, run their best race of the season and see just how close we can come to that top group."

FOOTBALL

Norsemen crunch Ford, prep for playoffs

Detroit Osborn playoff foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team heads into the state playoffs with a head full of steam, thanks to another dominating victory last weekend, 36-22, over Utica Ford.

"We really wanted to come in here and get that seventh win," head coach Frank Sumbera said. "We beat another (MAC) Red team and now we have a good chance to get a home playoff game."

Senior Darin Willis had his best offensive game of the season, gaining 233 yards on 21 carries with three touchdowns. Junior Tommie Watkins, who is slowly getting back into game shape after suffering a shoulder injury against Warren Mott, gained 44 yards on seven carries and senior Mike Rahaim had 34 yards rushing on seven carries and one touchdown.

Senior quarterback Aaron Cisco made the most out of his running attempts, gaining 44 yards on five carries with one touchdown. Cisco gained all of his yards on the Norsemen's final few drives which put the game away.

"Our running game dominated the game and our defense bent, but didn't break against an explosive offense," Sumbera said. "One thing we need to work on is our special teams play, which gave up a couple of scores. Otherwise, our defense did a nice job containing and tackling."

Defensively, senior Theron Carter recovered a first-half fumble, while senior cornerback John-Michael Guest had an interception and a couple of bone-jarring hits in the second half.

Each team had two turnovers, while North had 48 offensive plays to 47 for Ford.

Carter took the opening kickoff and returned it 41 yards. The offense did the rest as Rahaim capped off the six-play drive with a 15-yard touchdown run. Senior Andrew Doetsch kicked the extra point.

Ford sophomore Aaron Berthet kicked a 33-yard field goal on the ensuing possession, but just like that, Willis made it 13-0 after running 79 yards for a score near the end of the opening quarter.

Doetsch's extra point made it 14-3.

Ford's Damar Ivory returned the kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown, but the two-point conversion was no good, making it 14-9, North.

Berthet kicked another field goal near the end of of the half, cutting the deficit to 14-12.

North junior defensive lineman Greg Cox stopped the Falcons on a third and one and the entire defensive line stuffed Ford on the next play to give them the ball back at Ford's 49-yard line.

Willis made them pay, scoring on a 19-yard run and Doetsch kicked the extra point to make it 21-12.

A second kickoff return for a touchdown, this one covering 56 yards, made it 21-18. The PAT made it 21-19.

The Norsemen's offensive line of Josh Franklin, Daniel El-Hosni, Devon Carson, Paul Brucker, Michael Tolliver and Doetsch dominated the next possession.

They paved the way as the Norsemen ran on 11 consecutive plays covering 90 yards and crucial time off the clock.

Cisco capped the drive with a 5-yard run, faking everyone out with the play.

Guest intercepted a pass on Ford's next possession and Cox stopped a fake punt to give them great field position.

Ford forced a turnover and drove for another field goal to make it a six-point game with 2:07 left.

Senior John Neveux fell on the ensuing on-side kick and Willis put the game out of reach, running 46 yards for a score with 1:40 left in the game. Cisco hit Guest with the two-point conversion pass to account for the final score.

Grosse Pointe North finished its regular season 7-2 overall, which included a 2-1 record against MAC Red teams, 4-1 against the MAC White and 1-0 against the MAC Blue.

Coming up for the Norsemen is a Division 2 district first-round playoff game against Detroit Osborn, which had its best season in school history at 8-1. It's only loss was to Detroit Southwestern in last weekend's Detroit Public School League B Division championship game.

The game is at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1.

"We have to continue to control the line of scrimmage and run the ball to win our playoff opener," Sumbera said.

MAC WHITE DIVISION
Standings

School	Conference Wins	Conference Losses	Overall Wins	Overall Losses
Warren Mott*	5	0	6	3
Grosse Pointe North	4	1	7	2
Warren Cousino	2	3	3	6
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Anchor Bay	2	3	2	7
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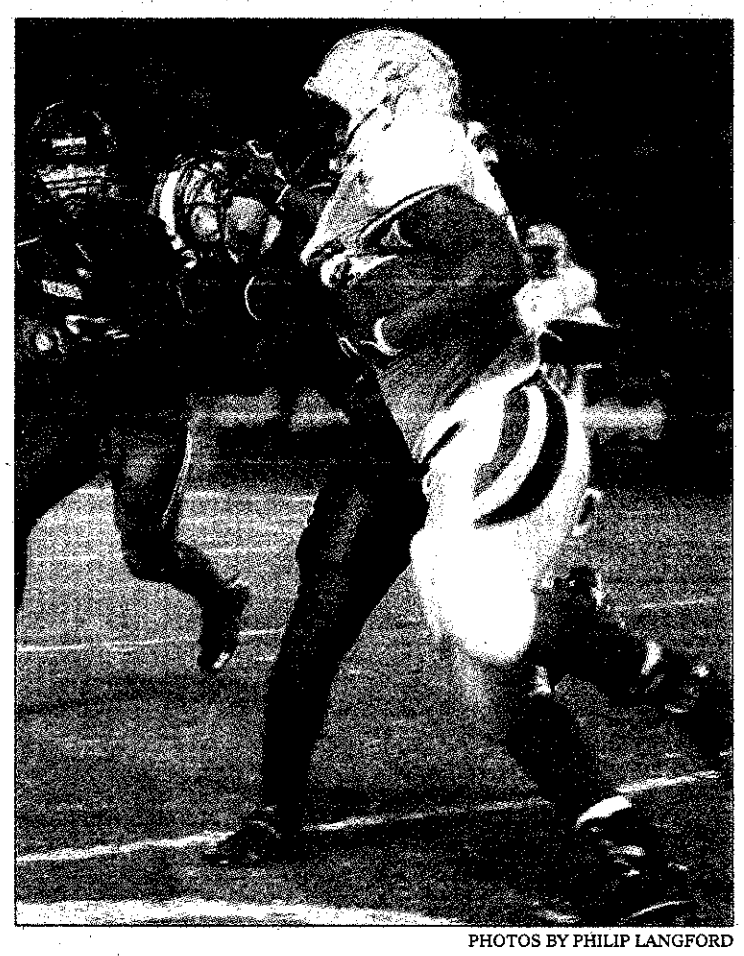

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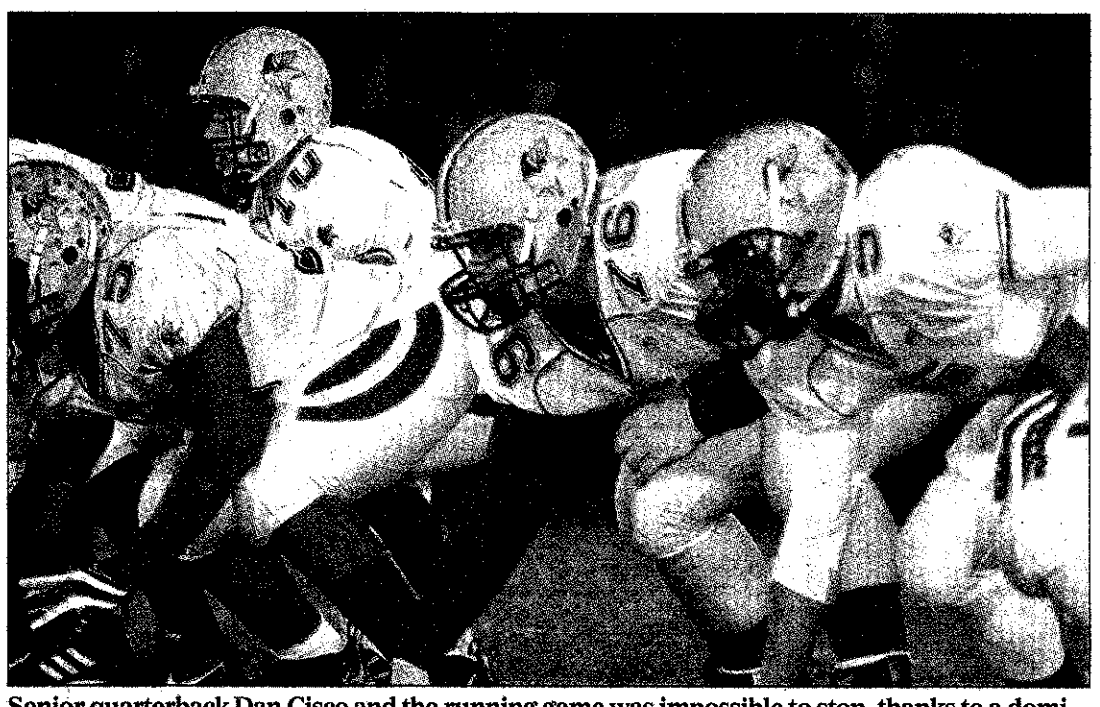
Grosse Pointe North fullback Tommie Watkins, right, is hard to tackle during one of his several rushes during the Norsemen's big road victory over Utica Ford.



Senior quarterback Dan Cisco and the running game was impossible to stop, thanks to a dominating performance by the offensive line.

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University Liggett School

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

ULS sweeps Mercy, wins division title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School girls field hockey team won back-to-back division championships last week.

The title boiled down to a home-and-home series against Farmington Hills Mercy.

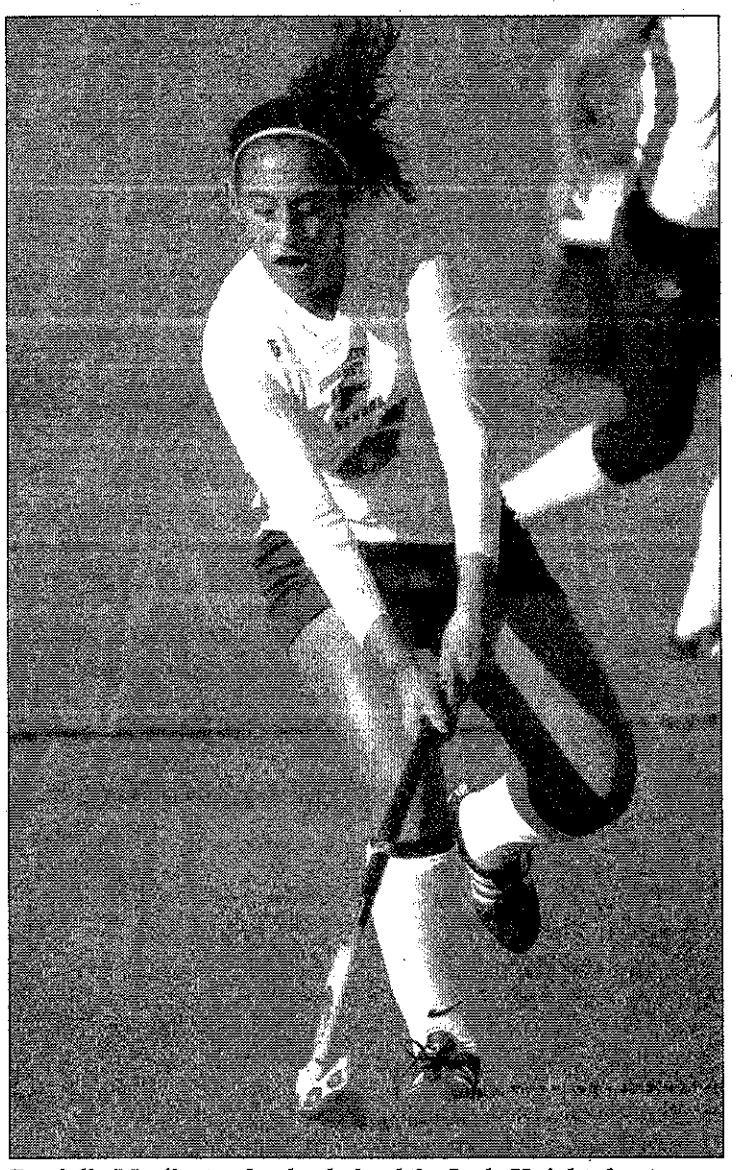
The Lady Knights won each game 1-0, including last week's game that clinched first place in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

"We talked about winning the division title for a second straight year, but never gave it much serious thought until a couple of weeks ago," head coach Tamara Fobare said. "Winning back-to-back titles is a great accomplishment for our girls and our program."

Paige Counsman was the offensive heroine in each game, scoring a goal at the 16:31 mark in last week's home tilt with Mercy.

"Paige has been an offensive standout for us," Fobare said. "Our midfielders have done a nice job getting her the ball in open spots on the field. We work on that a lot in practice and it has paid off."

Janaya Gripper earned the shutout in each game and converted a third straight shutout when the Lady Knights traveled to Ann Arbor Huron and beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills 5-0.



Danielle Masi's steady play helped the Lady Knights beat Mercy twice in the past week.

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Paige Counsman, left, scored the game's lone goal to lead University Liggett School past Farmington Hills Mercy and win a division title.

Against Forest Hills, Counsman, Nozomi Yamasaki, Natalie Boll, Charlotte Waldmeir and Abby Belcrest scored goals.

Fobare's squad finished the regular season 7-0-1 in Division 2 and 10-4-2 overall. Two of those losses came to out-of-state foe Ottawa Hills.

Coming up for the Lady Knights is a possible berth in a state semifinal playoff game Thursday, Oct. 30, at Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

The state championship game is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the University of Michigan.

The Lady Knights earned the No. 3 seed in the 21-team Michigan High School Field Hockey Association playoffs.

BOYS SOCCER

Favored ULS stunned in regional semifinal defeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys soccer team now understands the frustration Charlie Brown feels every time he attempts to kick the football and lands flat on his back after Lucy pulls it away.

The Knights, a heavy favorite in their Division IV regional semifinal game against Harbor Beach last week, lost 2-1 in double-overtime, ending the season quicker than anticipated.

"We had total control of the game at both ends of the field, but couldn't get any more goals on the board than just the one," head coach David Backhurst said. "I thought we were the better team and played like it, but in the end we fell short and lost the game.

"It's a tough one to lose because we haven't lost a game in which we were the heavy favorite since maybe the 1993 district game against an up-and-coming Oakland Christian team upset us.

"It was a long ride home."

Senior Jack Fisher scored in the first half, giving the Knights a 1-0 lead that held up until 17 minutes remained in the game when the Pirates tied the game off a defensive breakdown.

"We were all a little shocked when Harbor Beach scored to tie the game," Backhurst said. "After that, it was an even game with both teams getting chances to score and possibly win the game in regulation."

Neither team scored in the first 15-minute overtime, but the Pirates pulled the shocker scoring with 10 minutes left in the second OT.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Jack Fisher, No. 7, finished his final season of high school soccer with a team-leading 30 goals. Fisher and his teammates lost a double-overtime regional semifinal to Harbor Beach.

Harbor Beach, out of the Greater Thumb Conference, earned one of its biggest-ever victories, while ULS gets to wash the jerseys one more time before putting them in storage for the next nine months.

"I would have liked to see what we could have done against Oakland Christian, the host of the regional and one of the top-ranked squads in Division IV.

"I would say Oakland Christian has to be the favorite and it should have one heck of a game coming up against (Ann Arbor) Greenhills," Backhurst said.

Oakland Christian nearly fell into the upset mode, but it hung on to win its regional semifinal 1-0 in double-time over Genesee Christian.

The University Liggett School soccer team ended its season 11-8-1 overall. Fisher led the team in scoring with 30 goals.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Ladies rally, beat Cosmos

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It took a little longer than anticipated, but the University Liggett School girls volleyball team put a Metro Conference match into the win column.

The host Lady Knights fought back from a 2-1 deficit to beat Hamtramck 23-25, 25-13, 23-25, 25-18, 15-10.

"It was a battle, but we pulled out the win with a lot of hard work," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "We made too many mental mistakes in those two games we lost, but the girls didn't hang their heads and instead stepped up and played very well.

"I'm proud of the girls for displaying a tremendous amount of effort."

It looked as if the home team would run away with the match after easily winning the second game.

However, several unforced errors allowed the Cosmos to win game three and put themselves on the cusp of winning the match, which would have put the Lady Knights in the No. 8 slot in the upcoming conference tournament.

"I told the girls they had to forget what just happened and concentrate on playing better volleyball," Sullivan said.

In the game four and five wins, senior Megan Amicucci was a force serving and setting, while sophomore Grace Edmonds and junior Maggie Zinkel had several kills apiece.

Senior Kristin Peterson played her best match of the season, according to Sullivan, as did junior Mary Grech and sophomore Medea Shanidze.

Sophomores Sarah Altimore, Carrie Chouinard and Mariah Passalacqua, as well as senior Jill Tines, came up with big points that helped the Lady Knights take control of each game.

"We needed this win as we get closer to district time," Sullivan said.

In other action last week, the Lady Knights lost to visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills and to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in the first round of and to Harper Woods in the consolation round of the Metro Conference Tournament at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The University Liggett School volleyball team finished the regular season 1-8 in the Metro Conference and is 4-19-2 overall.

Grosse Pointe South

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

South takes step back before moving forward

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Sometimes, it's best to take a step back before moving forward.

Heading into the state tournament, the volleyball squad from Grosse Pointe South certainly hopes this is the case.

A tough loss to division rival Sterling Heights Stevenson High Oct. 23 dashed any hopes the Blue Devils had of capturing a Macomb Area Conference Blue Division crown, but head coach Ryan Welser sees the tough defeat as a possible blessing in disguise.

"They (Stevenson) are a very good team and you can't take that away from them," Welser said. "But we have to take this as a learning experience and use it as we get ready for districts."

Heading into the Oct. 23 showdown with Stevenson, South found itself trailing the Titans by a game in the division.

A win would have knotted the two teams atop the Blue. However, Stevenson's (8-1 in the MAC Blue) victory wrapped up the crown and left the Blue Devils (6-3 in the MAC Blue) with little choice but to find some comfort in a runners-up finish.

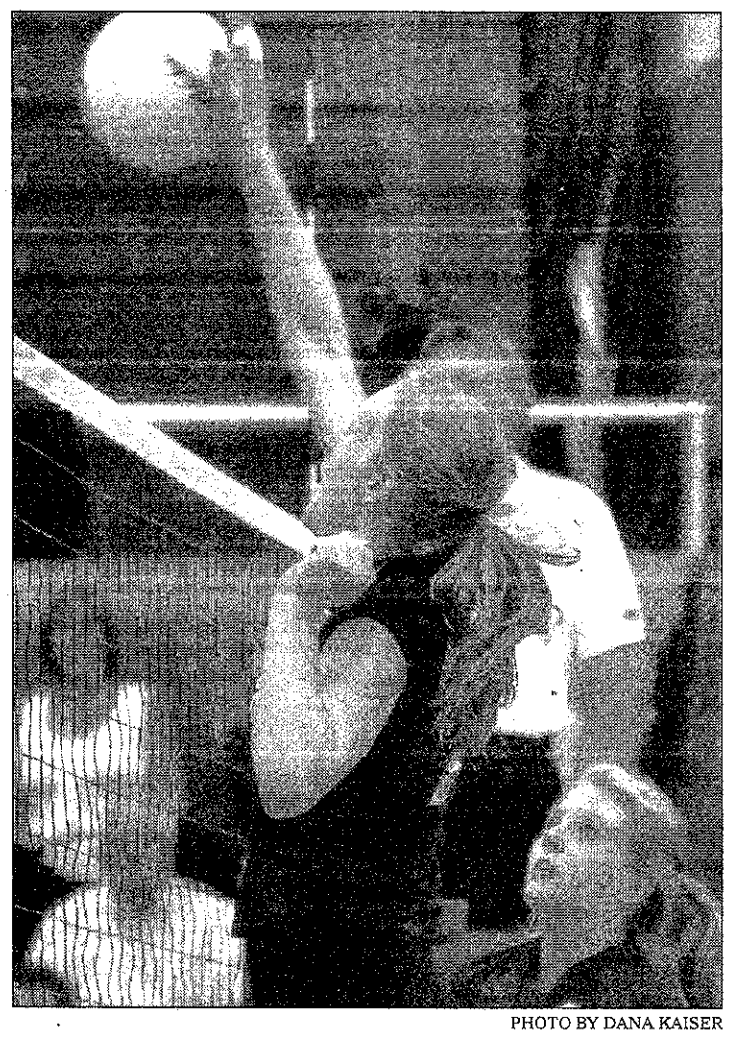

PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

South senior Nikki Stratelek, shown here spiking the ball against Utica Eisenhower, and her teammates are shooting for a district title.

"It's disappointing," South senior Nikki Stratelek explained. "But to know how far we've come this season, as a team, makes me feel very proud of my teammates."

South fought hard in the contest, capturing the opening game 28-26, before dropping the next three, 18-25, 10-25, and 22-25.

The Titans size and experience, particularly at the net, was simply too much for the Blue Devils to counter.

"We knew that they were a great offensive team," Welser admitted. "They have a ton of offensive firepower. We needed to do a better job blocking and with our defensive positioning. A lot of that, though, has to do with experience. We've got a lot of young girls in there blocking right now. We're going to get better."

Although South is paced by a group of outstanding seniors, namely Ellen Switalski, Christina Bertakis, Megan Sax, Mary Kate Kramer, Kate Graham-McNeil and Stratelek, there is plenty of youth on the roster, and against a veteran team such as Stevenson – it showed at times.

"Experience does make a difference. When you do take a step back though, especially after a game like this, you can see the development of not only the young players, but some of the seniors too," Welser said. "It's an amazing difference in the past year or two. We've come an amazingly long way."

The progression of the program since Welser took over the helm before the 2007 season has been stunning. In less than two seasons, the program has gone from also-ran to contender in the division.

"We've become a much better team," Stratelek said. "It really is amazing. It's been hard work, but it's also so much fun."

A district championship would undoubtedly add to the team's fun this season. This lofty goal, once a pipe dream for the program, is now a real possibility, according to Welser

"We're turning our attention to districts, no doubt," Welser said. "We believe we can win a district title, and we're going to work very hard to do that."

The state tournament gets underway Nov. 3. The Blue Devils travel to Grosse Pointe North for district play, and begin the tournament against the Norsemen.

"I think this match against Stevenson will really help us in districts," Stratelek said. "We really wanted to win badly, but we learned tonight that we've got a lot to work on, and that's what we're going to do in practice. We know we need to get better, and we can."

Welser agrees with his standout senior.

"We've got to work on defensive positioning, for starters," Welser explained. "It's something we've stressed all year, but we still need more work. Believe me, we're going to work very hard on that until districts."

Defensive positioning, along with other subtleties of the game, is certainly on the practice to-do list for Welser's squad between now and the Nov. 3 district opener.

"We wanted to be division champs, that was one of our goals, and I believed we could do that," Welser admitted. "But maybe we needed to take a step back here and see that we've come a long way from where we started. Now that we've done that, we need to move forward and win a district title. And I believe we can do that."

FOOTBALL

South wins season finale

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's football team fell one game shy of making the state playoffs for a second straight year.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils beat visiting St. Clair 20-6 to finish 5-4 overall, which is the identical mark to the 2007 season.

The back-to-back winning seasons give head coach Tim Brandon a 10-8 record in his two years at the helm.

"Finishing 5-4 is tough because I'm going to constantly think about a play here or a play there that could have made the difference between 5-4 or 6-3 and making the state playoffs," Brandon said. "Having a winning record two years in a row is great for our program and great for our seniors, but our goal was to make the playoffs, not finish 5-4."

The host Blue Devils grabbed a 7-0 first-quarter lead after Alex Koski scored on an 8-yard run. Mike Cunningham kicked the extra point.

A turnover led the Blue Devils to stretch the lead to 14-0, thanks to Koski's 20-yard TD run and Cunningham's PAT.

In the fourth quarter, Spencer Ray ran 45 yards for the Blue Devils' final touchdown of the season. The extra point was missed, making it 20-0.

"Our kids played a great game and ended the season on a positive note," Brandon said.

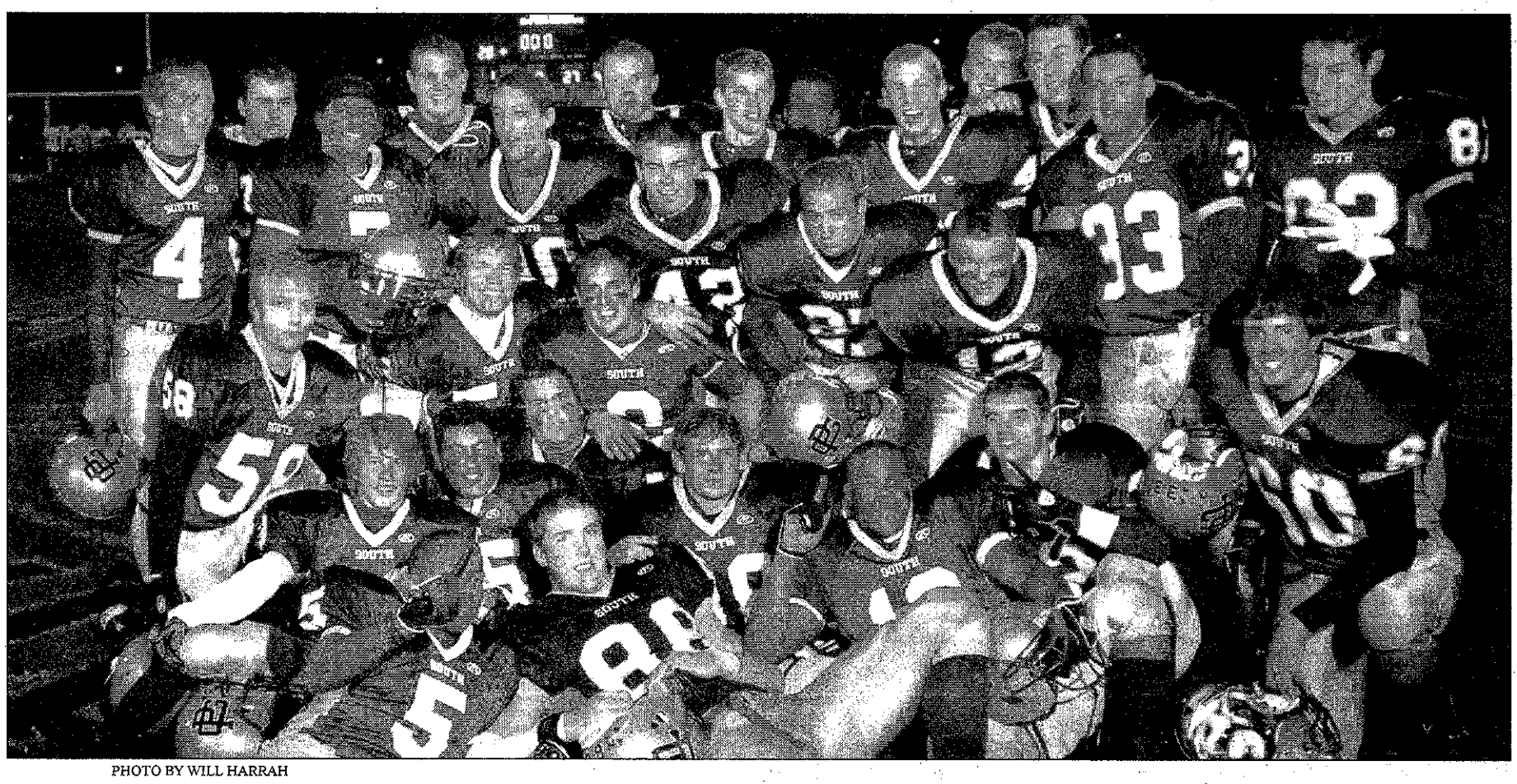

PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

Grosse Pointe South seniors finished their high school career on a positive note, beating St. Clair 20-6 to finish 5-4 overall.

"It's been a while since South had back-to-back winning seasons and we intend to make it three in a row next fall."

Koski finished with 64 yards rushing on seven carries with two touchdowns, while Maurice Bunting had 89 yards rushing on seven carries. Ray added 50 yards rushing on four carries.

Defensively, Will Reeves had 15 tackles, three for losses, and a quarterback sack, while Stanley Scott had 10 tackles, three for losses.

Reid Fragel had nine tackles, four for losses, one quarterback sack and an interception, and Kevin Ginnebaugh had six tackles and an interception.

Ryan Miller had five tackles and two interceptions, giving him a team-leading six on the season, and Will Vintevoghel had two tackles and an interception.

MAC BLUE DIVISION

Standings

School	Conference Wins	Conference Losses	Overall Wins	Overall Losses
Sterling Heights*	5	0	5	4
Port Huron	4	1	7	2
Grosse Pointe South	3	2	5	4
Port Huron Northern	1	4	4	5
Roseville	1	4	2	7
Fraser	1	4	1	8

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Grosse Pointe North

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

North falls to Marysville

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The challenge of winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division officially ended for Grosse Pointe North last week.

The host Lady Norsemen, needing a win over perennial state power Marysville, lost 22-25, 16-25, 17-25.

That dropped North to 4-5 in the Red Division with only one match left. Marysville and Fraser, which beat Port Huron Northern 25-17, 25-21, 26-28, 25-22, sit atop the division at 6-3.

Macomb Dakota and L'Anse Creuse are tied for third at 5-4.

For the Lady Norsemen, it was their worst defeat of the season and the sixth straight game they lost to the Vikings.

From the get-go, energy was high as both teams came out on fire, throwing their best offensive arsenal at each other.

Seniors Madie Kent, Teresa Nagel and Jasmine Kennedy were getting their kills off senior Jillian Kulka's passes and the defense was crisp.

With the score tied at 11, the Vikings started to take control, forcing a North timeout after a 5-0 run made it 16-11.

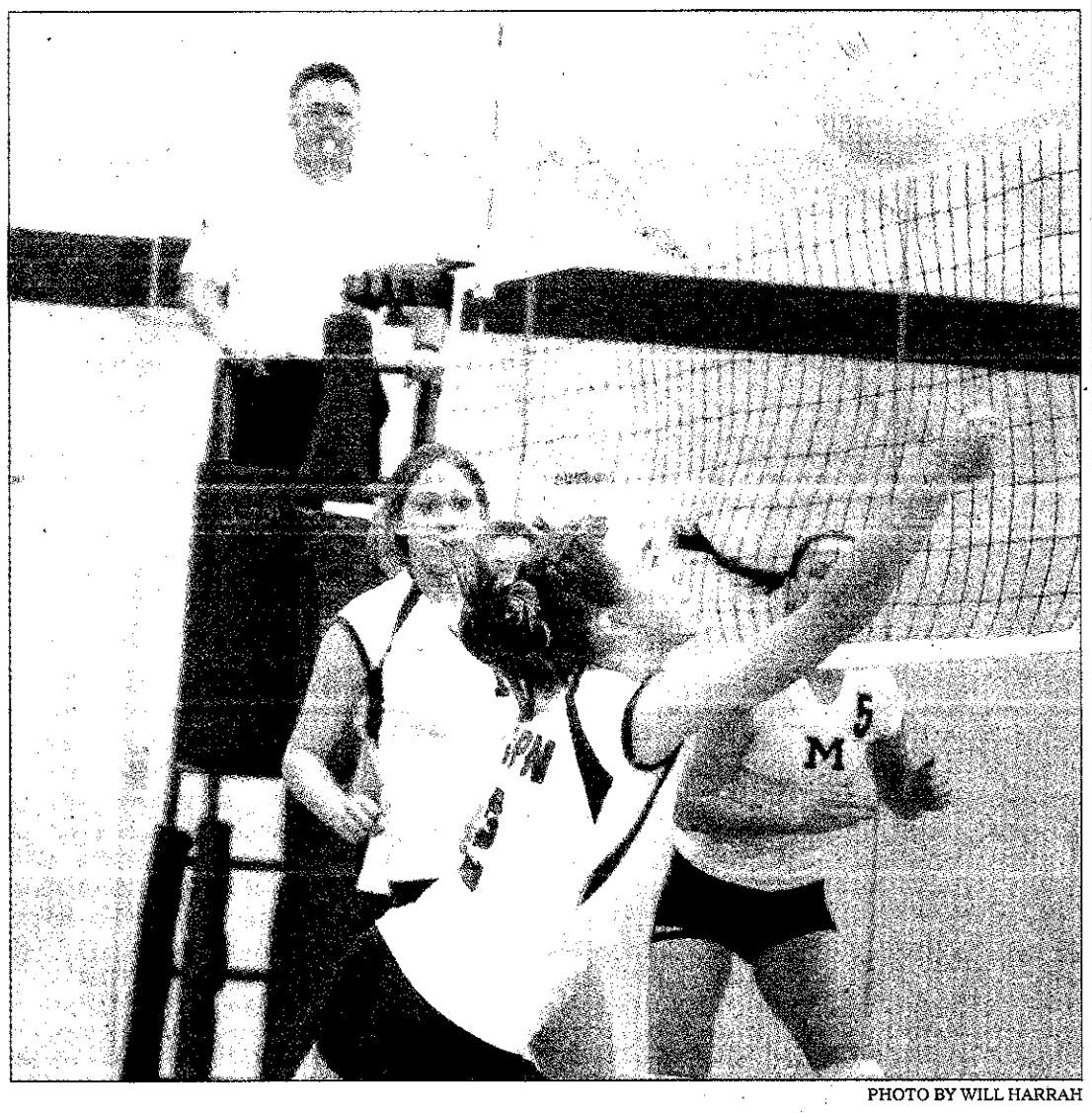
The deficit hit 18-11 before the Lady Norsemen roared back to make it a game, cutting the deficit to 22-23.

That would be the closest the match would be since the Vikings won the next two points and then took all of the momentum during the next two games, turning the match into a rout.

North head coach Kim Lockhart now has to get her players to forget about this disappointment and focus on defending their district title.

The Lady Norsemen's quest for a district championship begins on their home court Monday, Nov. 3, against arch rival Grosse Pointe South.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 21-8 overall.



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Senior Allison Liddane, No. 2, returns the ball during Grosse Pointe North's division loss to visiting Marysville.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Ladies face ranked foe

The Grosse Pointe North girls swimming and diving team lost 127-59 to No. 6-ranked Ann Arbor Huron last week.

Senior Jenny Rusch once again won the 50- and 100-yard freestyles to lead the Lady Norsemen against the River Rats.

Head coach Mike O'Connor pointed out season-best times were posted by Carly Mellos, Ellen Schaber and Megan Tomasi in the 50-freestyle; Mellos in the 100-freestyle; Samantha Scoggin, Courtney Rusch and Kathryn Hartzell in the 200-yard freestyle; Scoggin and Hartzell in the 500-yard freestyle; Tomaski and Pagie Castile in the 100-yard baskstroke; Jackie Shea, Jenna Isherwood and Katie Buda in the 100-yard breaststroke; Castile and Schaber in the 100-yard butterfly; Shea, Mellos and Buda in the 200-yard individual medley; and Alyssa Mammen in the 1-meter diving competition.

North dropped to 3-7 overall.

Coming up for the Lady Norsemen is the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Swimming and Diving Championship Meet Thursday, Nov. 6, through Saturday, Nov. 8, at Grosse Pointe South.

Host South is the heavy favorite, but North might be able to battle for second.

—Bob St. John

Local athletes ready for season at Albion

Albion College head swimming and diving coach Keith Havens announced the list of 24 men who will compete this winter.

Among those on the list are Grosse Pointe residents Chris Blunden, Ryan Gunderson and Ty Lattimore.

Blunden is the son of Paul and Elizabeth Blunden of Grosse Pointe Shores and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Gunderson is the son of Michael and Patricia Gunderson of the City of Grosse Pointe and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. A two-sport athlete at Albion, Gunderson reached the 'B' qualifying time for the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships last February when he posted a time of 21.12 to finish second in the 50-yard freestyle at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships.

Lattimore is the son of Scott and Julie Lattimore of Grosse Pointe Farms and a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate. He was the MIAA's most valuable diver in 2008, winning the league title in the 3-meter diving event with 443.80 points.

Albion begins its season Saturday, Nov. 1, with a dual meet against MIAA rival Calvin College at East Grand Rapids High School.

In addition, Keith Havens, Albion's women's swimming and diving head coach announced his 22-member squad.

Among the 22 members is Jennifer Dunaway, the daughter of John and Kathy Dunaway of Grosse Pointe Farms.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and will be in the water when the Britons open their season Saturday, Nov. 1, against MIAA rival Calvin College.

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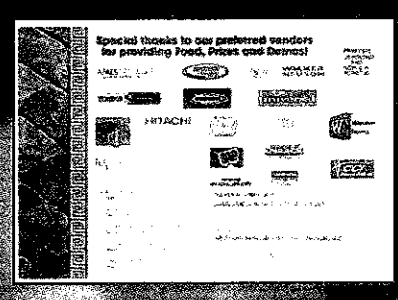

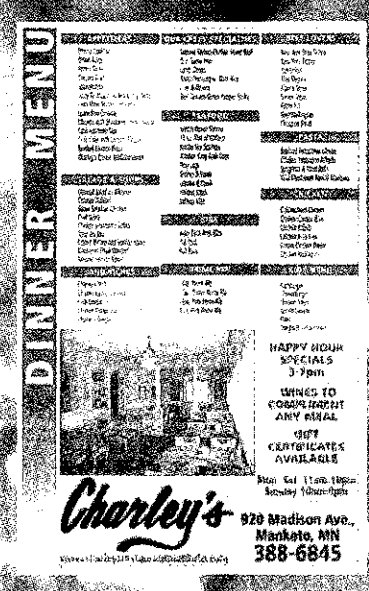

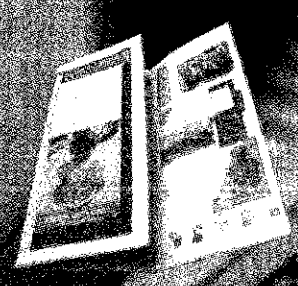

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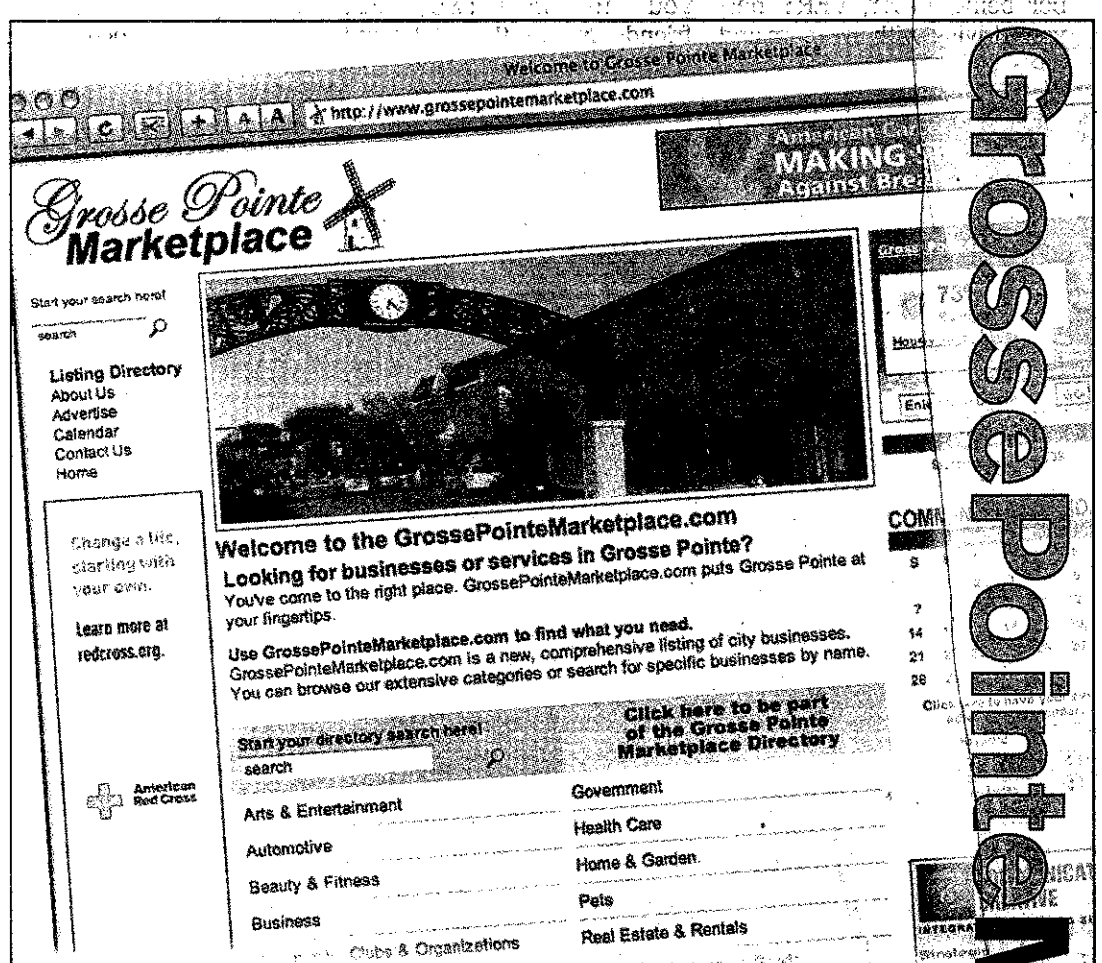

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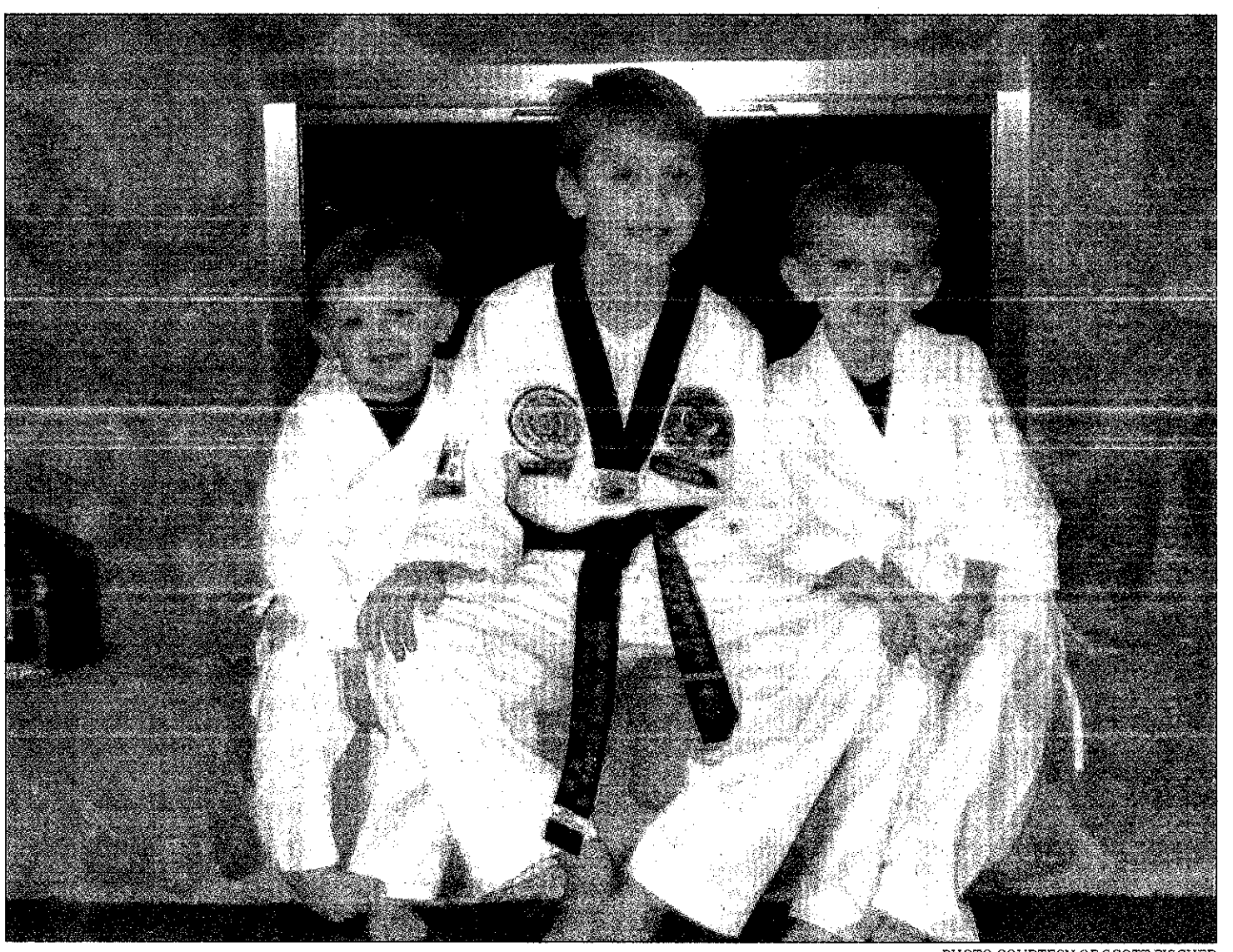
Fifth-grader an inspiration for everyone

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor



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The Fischer boys, from left, Joey, Josh and Jake, posing for a family picture after Josh earned his 1st Degree Junior Black Belt.

You don't have to be an adult to be a role model.

Just ask 11-year-old Josh Fischer, who used athletics to transform himself from a shy young boy into a confident fifth-grader ready to enter junior high.

Here is his story as told by Fischer.

"Hi, my name is Josh Fischer and I am a fifth-grader at Ferry Elementary School. I just turned 11 years old. I am a 2nd Degree Junior Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. I would like to tell with you how I got involved in Tae Kwon Do and how it has changed things in my life that mean the most to me.

"When I was younger, my mom and dad were very worried about me. I didn't talk much at all and never looked anybody in the eye. I would always look away or look down. I wasn't comfortable talking to people. My behavior was a bit crazy. I didn't listen very good and tended to have temper tantrums when I didn't get what I wanted. My parents say I was a "busy" kid...jumping around from activity to activity. I was a big kid and very clumsy. When I was 4 years old, my parents signed me up for beginning sports teams. This did not work out that well for me. I was still not coordinated and had little self control. In soccer, I thought I should be the only kid kicking the ball...if someone else kicked the ball...I got mad. In T-ball, if I swung and missed the ball...I got mad. Same thing in basketball, if I missed the shot...you got it...I got mad.

"Some friends of my mom and dad suggested that they try putting me in karate classes. I was 5 and-a-half years old at the time. My parents were very skeptical that I could actually get through a karate class, but they gave it a try. I remember being VERY, VERY nervous driving with my mom and dad to my first Tae Kwon Do class. I remember walking into a room that had lots of pictures, trophies and a huge sword. I thought to myself, "this is pretty cool." My nervousness began to go away. Then, this big muscular guy, wearing a cool uniform, came up to me and shook my hand...this was the guy in all of those pictures! The nerves came back. His name was Master Brian. Well, to make a long story short, I made it through my first Tae Kwon Do class. It was awesome! Seeing Master Brian and another instructor, Bill, teach and show us Martial Arts techniques was really fun.

"As I continued my Tae Kwon Do classes, I started to feel more comfortable in my own skin. I was actually very interested in what my instructors were teaching and telling the class. I was starting to learn how to listen, concentrate and stay focused on tasks. At 5 years old, I was beginning to learn and practice what respect actually means. In Tae Kwon Do, we are taught to respect our elders, teachers, other children, our bodies and especially our parents! When you actually respect others, you are giving yourself the chance to learn something. I found this fun and it made me feel good about myself.

"Speaking of feeling good, as my Tae Kwon Do ranks progressed...we are rewarded with new, different colored belts as we learn more and more techniques...I was promoted to a Junior Instructor. This promotion came when I tested for and passed my 1st Degree Junior Black Belt test. I just turned 8 years old. Masters Cindi and Kevin, with their guidance, allowed me to teach other kids in class. I really enjoyed this and it actually made me feel important and needed. I learned how to talk to and teach kids that were both older and younger than me. Kids come in all shapes and sizes with lots of different personalities and backgrounds. I learned how to adjust my teaching style...personality, communication, demonstration methods...to the needs of the child or children in front of me.

"Tae Kwon Do has made a huge impact on my family life. I think I am a better son to my mom and dad. Tae Kwon Do has taught me good habits such as listening, respecting your elders and just focusing and trying hard in all that I do. Practicing forms, self defense drills and sparring are just a few examples Tae Kwon Do offers which can help us learn AND practice respect, listening, concentration, and giving your all. I am not a prefect kid, however I do try to do my best in all my parents ask of me. I would like to now introduce you to my two best friends...my brothers Jake and Joey.

"Jake is 7 years old and is a second-grader at Ferry. He also does Tae Kwon Do. He is a Blue Belt. Joey is 5 years old and is in kindergarten at Ferry. Joey is a Purple Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Being a Junior Instructor in Tae Kwon Do has helped me be a good big brother to Jake and Joey. Setting good examples and listening can really help younger siblings and kids in general. They see me do homework, they see me talk to mom and dad about all sorts of stuff...good and bad, they see me play soccer and baseball and they see me in Tae Kwon Do class. Since they see me do so many things... I have an influence them. The more good stuff they see me do, the more they will do the same.

"Other than being brothers, Tae Kwon Do was our first bond. Joey is one big ball of energy. Unlike me when I was little, his energy is focused. Whether he is doing push-ups, forms, self defense, sparring or even warm ups...he is giving 150%...and by the way...always smiling too! For being a young 5-year-old, he can do things in Tae Kwon Do that I could not do when I was seven!

"Jakey has a special place in my heart. I write this for two reasons. One, we have very different personalities. Being a Junior Instructor has really helped me recognize that Jake and I are very different from each other and that I need to be more patient and sensitive when dealing with him. Jake needs me to be a "great" listener. Secondly, Jake has been sick most of his life fighting asthma and all of the nasty infections that go along with it. In fact, in the middle of the night five years ago, Jake had a severe asthma attack. When Jake was little he always wanted to sleep with me in my bed. As Jake struggled to breath he hit me and woke me up. I remember the room being dark but I could see this light blue glow to Jakey's face. I carried him into the hallway and yelled for mom and dad. Jake was taken to the hospital where he stayed about a week. I saved his life. I slept with Jake for about two years after this. This time it was me wanting to sleep with my little brother. I would wake up a bunch of times in the middle of the night and check his face for that light blue glow and I would put my hand on his chest or back to make sure he was breathing okay.

"Unlike me, Jakey has a feisty streak in him. He has a temper and gets frustrated very easily. Tae Kwon Do has helped Jake...BIG TIME. Jake now does a very good job thinking... before saying or doing...most of the time. I have learned from Jake's training and his own actions that it is okay to get mad or frustrated as long as you focus and use self control. Jake has great speed for a little guy. You should see him run in soccer and in baseball. In Tae Kwon Do, his kicks and punches are about as quick as mine...and I am three years older than him! Family is most important to me, but school and sports are important too.

"All Tae Kwon Do exercises, whether it be a basic kicking drill or an advanced form, requires us to listen to direction and to concentrate on the technique being asked of us. Because I respect my instructors, teachers, and coaches, I am open to new ways of learning a self defense move, or a new way to look at a math problem, or a new approach to hitting a baseball, or maybe a new trapping drill in soccer. Using my skills to master the tasks that are being asked of me has provided me with a very valuable tool...SELF CONFIDENCE. Am I a perfect student? No. Am I great athlete. No. However, I am a good student and athlete and I have to thank my parents, teachers, coaches and Tae Kwon Do instructors with providing me the mind set and necessary skills to do a good job in school and sports. I no longer have the fear of failing.

"Speaking of fear, a defining moment in my Tae Kwon Do training occurred when I was 7 years old. I was placed in sparring drills with the Gosselin brothers. They were older than me, quicker than me and ranked higher than me. I was scared. In the first round of sparring...I was schooled...BIG TIME! After that first round, I thought to myself, "Josh, you're still standing, you didn't get hurt." I did much better the next two rounds. Did I loose these sparring sessions? Yes. But this was NOT a competition, this was a learning exercise. Did the Gosselins' learn anything from me? Probably not. But I sure learned a lot from them.

"I would like to end this article with sharing two goals of mine. First, I am so looking forward to becoming a Tae Kwon Do Master, a 5th Degree Black Belt. I will be 22 years old. Some schools recognize a 4th Degree Black Belt as a Master. I would be 17. I am not wishing my life away, but I am looking forward to someone saying, "Good Evening, Master Josh." I am sure my brothers want to become Masters too. It would be cool if we could open our own school someday, "Triple J's Tae Kwon Do Academy."

"Another goal of mine is to help others in need, specifically, kids with Diabetes. I would like to help raise money in the hopes of finding a cure. I think it would also be cool to help the elderly living in nursing homes. Maybe me and some of my fellow Tae Kwon Do students can go to nursing homes and do some demonstrations. Another idea is having some of my classmates at school bring their pets into nursing homes. Our dog, Jessie...yes... another "J," would love that! The world can be a pretty mean place. I see a lot of selfish people out there. Helping people makes me feel good. The action of helping others is just another way of helping yourself.

"Thank you for reading my story. I really would like you to know that Tae Kwon Do is NOT about fighting and intimidation. Don't get me wrong, Tae Kwon Do is very physical. It is great exercise. Martial Artists are extremely skilled in hand and feet techniques but these tactics are practiced to strengthen our inner selves and to prepare us for competition, self defense and daily life. Our minds get just as much, or more, exercise than our bodies. We are trained to think, think quickly, and think correctly. Tae Kwon Do is about self improvement. Tae Kwon Do class is the one safe place where my brothers and I can go and work solely on ourselves.

Parents perspective:

"When we were asked to write down our thoughts about how Tae Kwon Do has influenced Josh's life...we knew exactly where to begin. But before we get started, we have to say that we are far from perfect parents. We tend to let the kids play video games and watch TV too much. We also joke around to the excess with our kids. We are doing the best we can with a household that must have both parents working full time jobs to make ends meet. When Josh was younger he was like a turtle stuck in his shell. We just could not get him to relax and be comfortable. He was quiet, shy and generally distracted. His Martial Arts training has shown him how to express himself without the fear of judgment. Even after five years of training, he is still not completely out of his shell. He is still shy at times. He does not look everyone in face, all of the time, when talking to them...but he has improved tremendously! Virtually every Tae Kwon Do exercise stimulates the body and mind simultaneously. This has done wonders for his ability to concentrate and focus on everything he does. Our son has gained confidence.

"As his Tae Kwon Do training has progressed, we have actually watched a young boy's personality develop and grow. It has been really neat to see. Actually we have seen this with all of our boys. Josh has transformed into a very funny and animated kid at times. He also knows when and how to be serious. He has developed a personality that we are both proud of yet worried about as well.

You see, Josh has very high expectations of himself. Josh, in his eleven year old mind, does not see failure as an option. We are happy about him setting goals and having high expectations of himself. However, this personality style can breed frequent disappointments. Here are some examples: he was a bit upset about a recent B+ on a Math test, over the summer he struck out in a baseball game with the bases loaded, just a couple of weeks ago he had a couple of chances to score in his soccer game when his team was being shut out. In regards to the math test, he was disappointed in himself but felt he let his teacher down too. In baseball and soccer, he felt he let his teammates and coaches down.

We would say Josh's reaction to these issues has been quite mild to moderate in nature. He does NOT act like a poor sport and he definitely does not go back into his "shell." He is just "bummed out" a bit. The kid just cares about doing a good job and cares about his coaches and teachers as well as classmates and teammates. As parents, we want our son to be happy. We obviously want to limit hardships yet learn from them as well.

We deal with each and every situation as a family. Josh talks to us...about everything...good and bad... and with great detail. Sometimes in excess, going on and on, but we guess this is better than him not talking much at all. Tae Kwon Do has helped him open up to the world. As parents we want our kids prepared for life. Tae Kwon Do teaches preparedness in a totally different format than parenting. This is why Tae Kwon Do has been a perfect adjunct to us raising our kids.

In regards to those disappointments mentioned above. We talked about them and came to the conclusions that if he wants to be good in school...then he cannot prepare for a test the night before. In baseball and soccer, he cannot expect to be good if he only picks up a bat and glove or a soccer ball three or four months out of the year. As a family, we have to organize our time, in such a way, so that our kids are prepared for school and for the activities they love to take part in. We try to get our boys to understand that there is nothing wrong with failing if you prepared yourself and gave it your all."

Grandparents view:

"It has been a blessing watching our son, Scott, and daughter-in-law, Deanna, raise three handsome little boys. We have watched and learned how different it is to raise kids now versus when we raised our two sons several years ago. The world is such a different place now. We cherish the many times Scott and Deanna have talked to us about the trials and tribulations of being married and having kids in this day and age. It seems like yesterday when they would talk to us about Joshua.

Actually, Josh and Scott were very similar as kids. Both were shy, they each had similar behavioral issues, self confidence was absent, and both were big kids. Sports seemed to help Scott with everything except the self confidence which was kind of odd because he was a good athlete. Scott admits, to this day, that it was his lack of self confidence which prevented him from becoming a great athlete and student. He says, "It was what I lacked on the inside that influenced virtually everything I did."

In June of 1987, Scott was involved in a very serious auto accident in which it was a miracle that he even survived. He was given little chance to ever live a normal life. Scott fought through rehabilitation, and even college, for almost five years to gain his normal life back. This is how our son gained self confidence. What rehabilitation and college was to Scott is what Tae Kwon Do is to Josh. We have witnessed a child (Joshua), lost within himself, transform into a happy, expressive young boy.

"We have also witnessed something very intriguing with Josh. During the baseball and soccer seasons, which he loves so dearly, Josh rarely gets to Tae Kwon Do class. We witness regressions in the things he has fought so hard to achieve...confidence, focus, concentration, and self discipline. This should give you a really good idea of how stimulating Tae Kwon Do is to Josh's mind. This is not to say that baseball and soccer are not enlightening to him. There is just something about the Martial Arts that really engages him and influences his behavior.

"As a corporate executive for many years, I was routinely looking for talented people. I asked myself the same questions over and over with potential candidates: Does this person have leadership skills? Is he or she a good person? Can I trust this candidate? Can this person work with and get along with other people? Is this candidate self motivated? Does this person possess communication skills? We have seen first hand how the Martial Arts prepare these kids for the questions asked above.

Throughout Josh's Tae Kwon Do training, he has been asked to lead and demonstrate techniques in front of both kids and adults...lead by example. He has written and given speeches. Jake and Joey have had to study and memorize material and to talk to the class about it.

All Tae Kwon Do students are asked to work in pairs and small groups. They have to learn how to work and get along with their peers. The instructors preach and illustrate how and why one should help himself or herself...motivation. Lastly, and most importantly, the instructors talk about ethical behavior and the importance of school and family. We fully understand that the goal of parenting, school and organized sports should be to prepare our children and grandchildren for the future.

Tae Kwon Do has been a tremendous adjunct to Scott and Deanna's parenting, the kids' education in the Grosse Pointe Schools, as well as organized sports."

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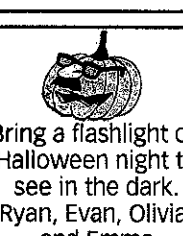

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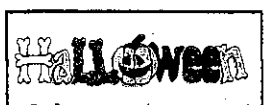

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201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER

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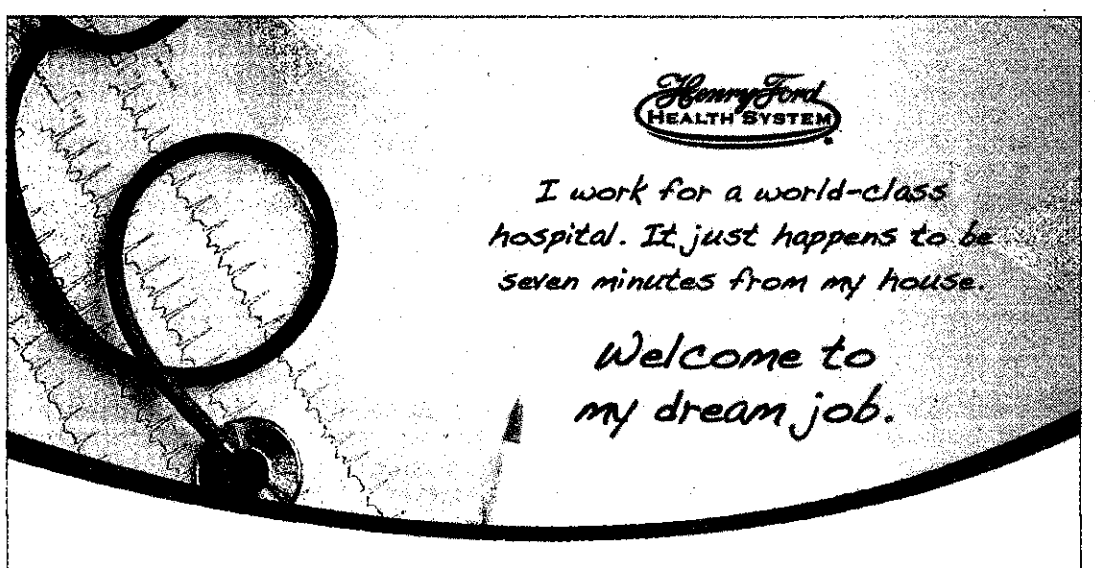

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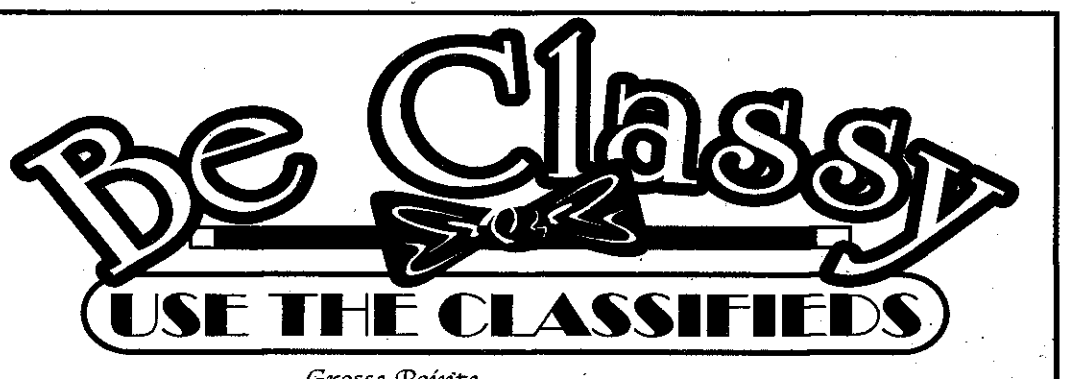

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22507 Red Maple Lane, St. Clair Sores. 11- 1 (9- 4), 11- 2 (10- 4). Household items, winter clothes, boy's winter clothes (sizes 2T- 8). Great shape, baby items.

ANNUAL garage sale- Respond Inc./ Michigan Chamber Orchestra. Friday, Saturday; 10am- 4pm. University at Charlevoix. Jewelry, watches, furniture, books, household, craft table.

BLOCK sale! Carmel Lane/ Christine, Grosse Pointe Farms, off Lakeshore Drive- Friday, 8:30am- 2:30pm. Little Tikes, Rescue Heroes, boys & girls clothing, up to size 5/ 6, household & garden wares, crystal, small furniture, kids items, much more!

FINAL moving sale- Everything must go! Grosse Pointe City, 9 Lakeside Court. (Cadieux/ Jefferson). Friday, 9am- 3pm. Saturday, 9am- 2pm.

FREE! Saturday! 9am- ? 1322 Somerset, Grosse Pointe Park. Priced to move. Whatever remains is free.

GARAGE sale- Friday, 10/ 31; 9am- 4pm. 22332 Maple, St. Clair Shores. Antiques, furniture, I-Mac, dishes, 8 antique dining chairs, skis, WWII file cabinet, Iron- rite, 1930's Garland stove, drafting table, and more, baby stuff.

GROSSE Pointe City, Dodge Place, 5 families. (Off Jefferson, near Fisher Road). Friday, noon- 5pm. Saturday, 10am- 5pm. Designer clothes, tools, household goods, etc.

GROSSE Pointe Park. 1324 Audubon, Saturday November 1st, 9:00am- 4:00pm. 2 family, everything must go!

MOVING sale, downsizing, 1025 Beaconsfield. Saturday 9- 5/ Sunday 12- 5. Miscellaneous.

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409 GARAGE/YARD/ RUMMAGE SALE

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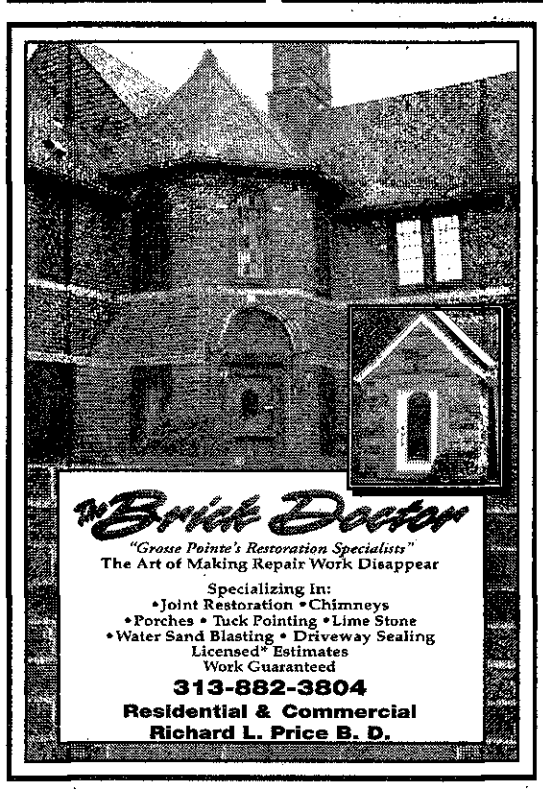

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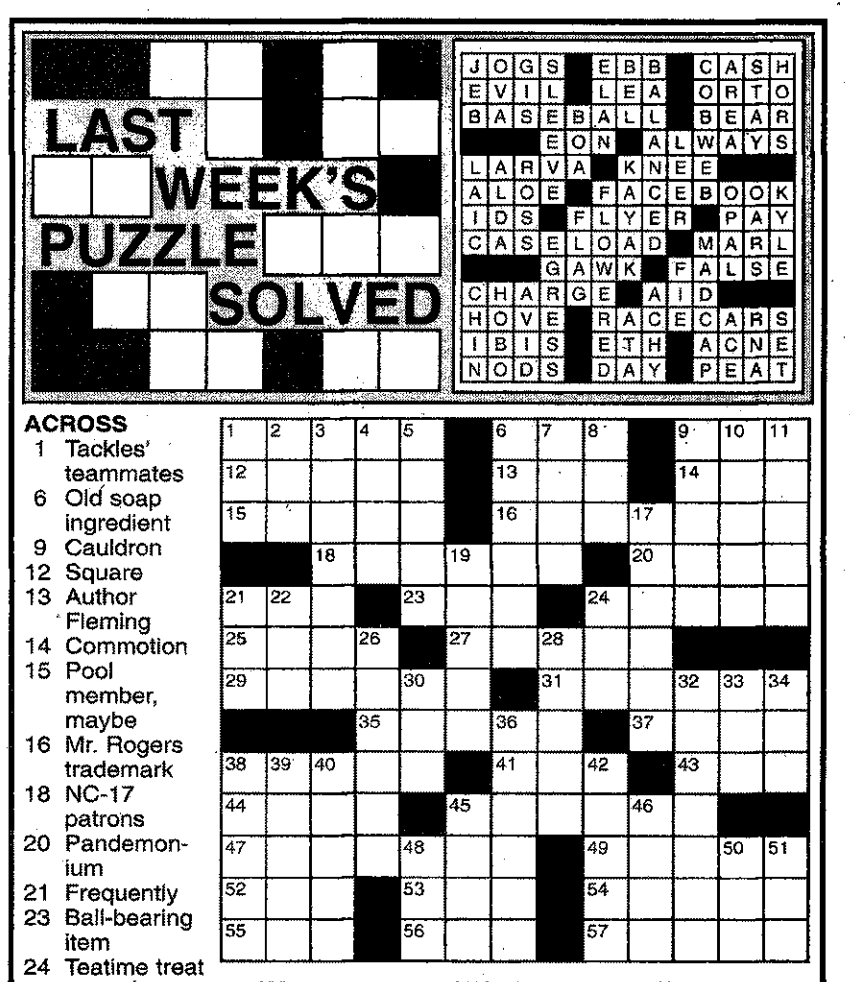

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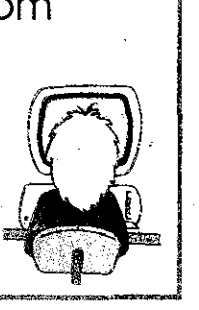

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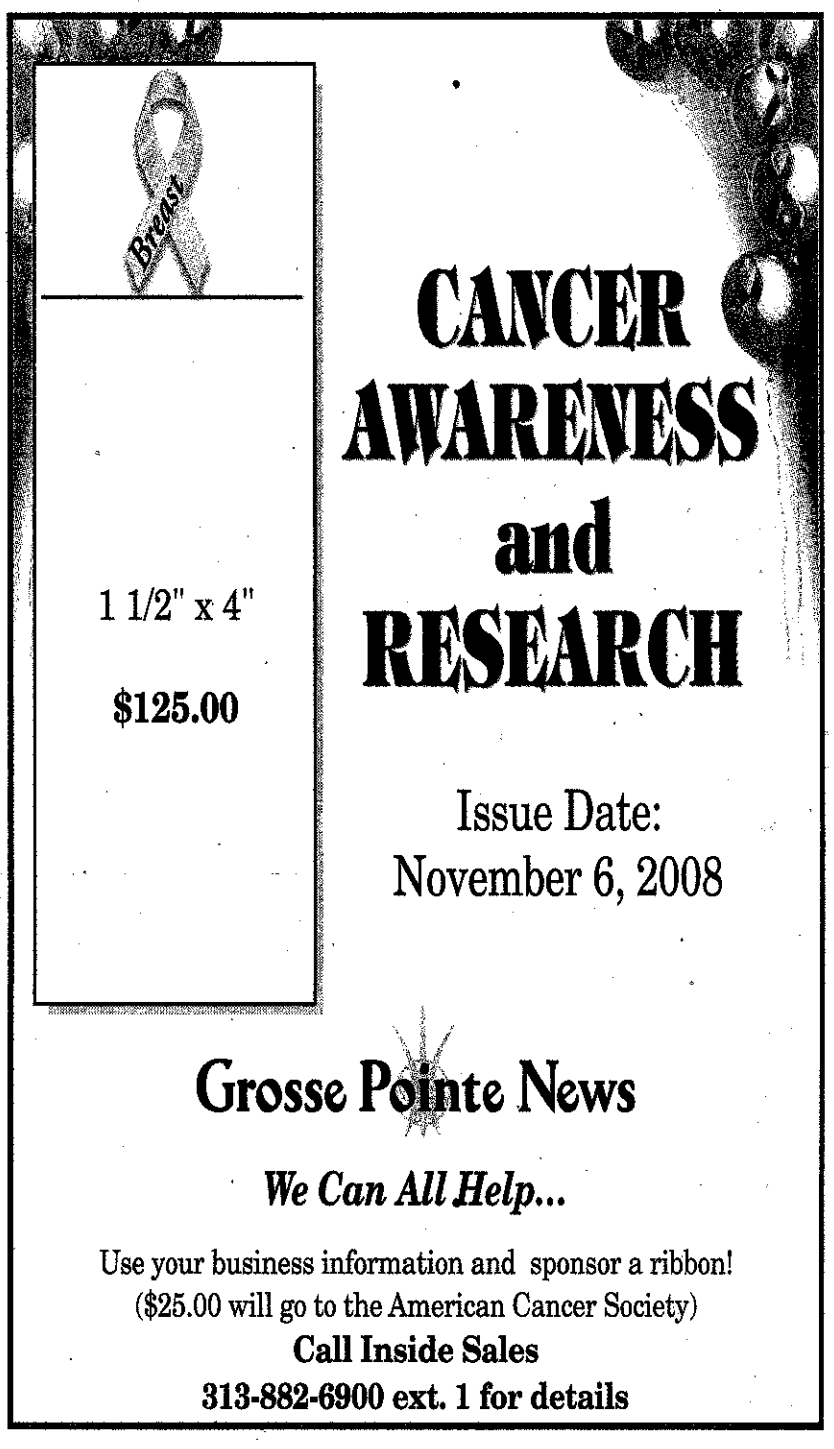

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HINT: There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Can you find 8 words? Happy Hunting!

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Last Weeks Puzzle Solved

Col. 1: **RADISH**
Col. 2: **LEANER**
Col. 3: **DILUTE**
Col. 4: **GUISES**
Top Left Diag.: **AGREED / GEARED**

A	L	L	U	R	E
R	E	U	S	E	D
D	R	E	S	S	Y
H	E	I	G	H	T
S	A	T	I	R	E
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	9				5		6	
			7	8				5
	5					1		3
4		8		2	1		9	
	2		8	9		6		4
6		2					5	
3				7	6			
	8		3				4	

M-9 Thursday 10-30-08

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.

H-12 SOLUTION 10-23-08

1	8	2	5	3	6	9	7	4
3	9	7	2	4	1	8	6	5
4	6	5	7	9	8	1	3	2
6	1	9	4	7	5	3	2	8
7	2	4	1	8	3	6	5	9
8	5	3	9	6	2	7	4	1
5	3	1	8	2	7	4	9	6
9	7	8	6	5	4	2	1	3
2	4	6	3	1	9	5	8	7

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