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THURSDAY, OCT. 15

◆ The Grosse Pointe North High School choirs perform at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets cost $10 for adults and $5 for students and seniors and available at the door and at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ The 2009 Holiday Mart Gala Patron Party is from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

◆ The 2009 Holiday Mart is from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club hosts Oktoberfest at 7:30 p.m. in the Pier Park clubhouse. The cost is $20 for boat club members and $25 for guests. For more information, call Gene Carswell at (313) 647-0749.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

◆ The 2009 Holiday Mart is from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The Let's Crow Party is from 7 to 10 p.m. at Stefek's Auctioneers, 18450 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is hosted by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. The cost is $40.

◆ A rarities and obscurities sale is from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the former Hickey Walton Pierce store, corner of St. Clair and Kercheval in the Village. Items come from Grosse

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'For Lease' sign out at Vernier Terrace

Three-acre complex receives face-lift

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

With apologies to Mark Twain, reports of the demise of the Vernier Terrace townhouse complex have been greatly exaggerated.

However, the three-acre site was on life support for a few years as developers and Grosse Pointe Woods haggled over plans to tear down the townhouses and build senior housing. But once the final deal was scuttled due to lack of funding, owner Matt Kornmeier of ANK Enterprises, Inc. decided it was time to rehab the units and the property located on Vernier near Morningside.

"Obviously, when there were deals on the table to sell the property, I wasn't going to put that much money into the complex," he explained. "But once those deals fell through, I knew it was time to bring it up to date, to bring it back to a level that renters in Grosse Pointe are looking for. We weren't going to allow it to sit vacant, and we knew in order to bring it back to a quality rental property, we had to make an investment in it."



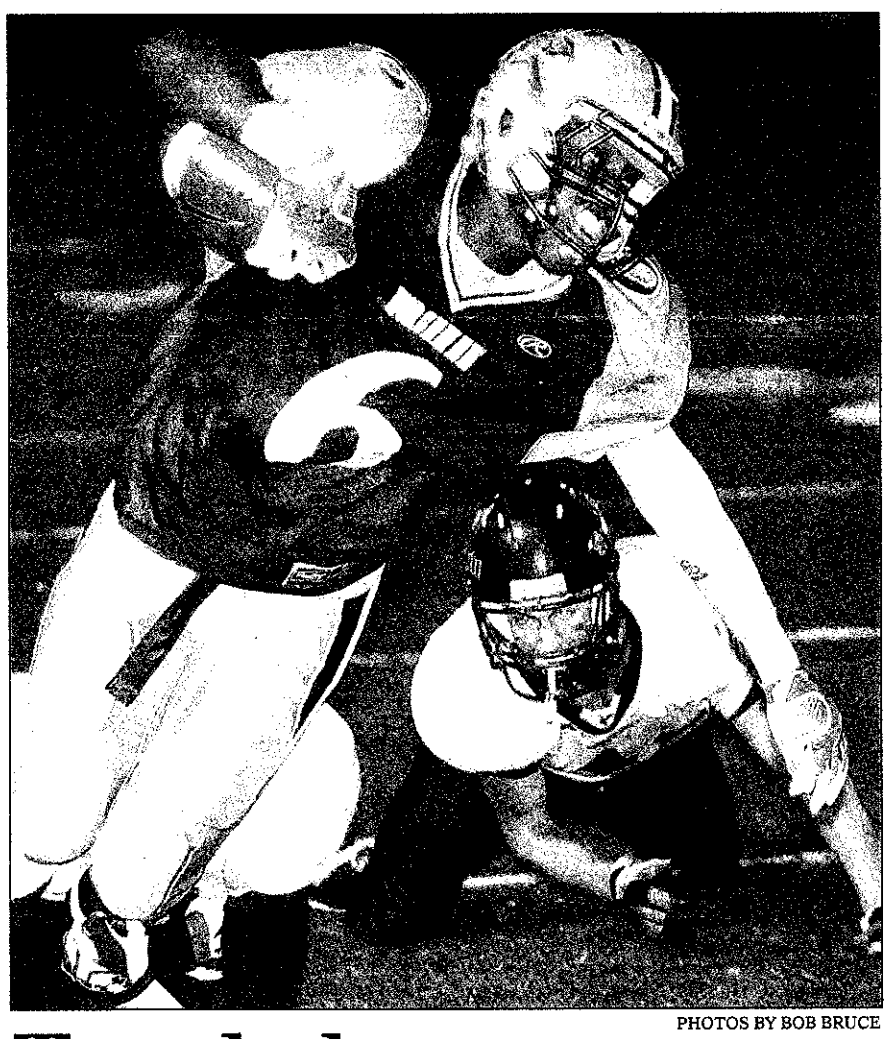
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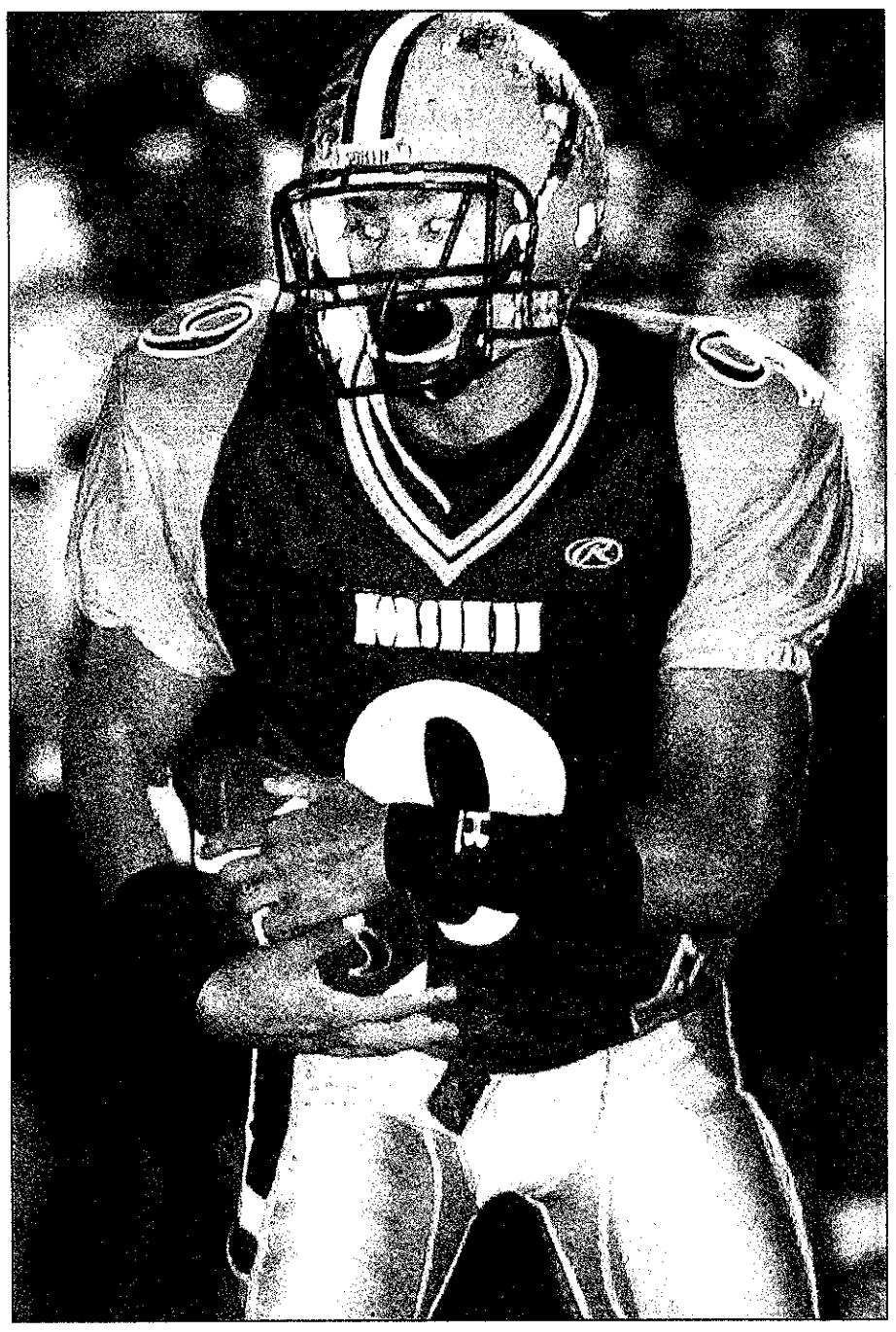
Vernier Grosse Pointe Terraces ready for occupancy.

And since the units date back to the early 1950s, Kornmeier knew they needed more than just a fresh coat of paint.

"We had put off several projects, as we anticipated the site would be sold," Kornmeier explained. "Now all that work is being done, including new furnaces and air conditioners. We are also installing new kitchens with stainless steel appliances. We have added half baths on the first floor in

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PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Toppled

Grosse Pointe North senior Ryan Gregory, No. 6, tries to keep his balance while getting tackled during the Norsemen's annual homecoming game last weekend. This year's foe, Warren Mott, was tied with North at the top of the Macomb Area Conference White Division before kickoff. At right, Troy Williams dodging the raindrops. For results, see page 6C.

Police not toasting idea of late-night bar hours

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The idea of bars staying open until 4 a.m. doesn't lift the spirits of police.

"I think it would cause more problems that it would help, especially with drunk driving," said James Fox, public safety director of the City of Grosse Pointe.

"If you're drunk at 2 a.m., you're going to be drunker at 4 a.m.," added Grosse Pointe Farms Lt. Richard Rosati. "Someone might say they'll use the extra time to sober up. But, nobody sits in a bar to sober up."

A bill passed last week by the House appropriations committee pushes back Michigan's 2 a.m. deadline to stop serving alcohol to 4 a.m.

If enacted, House Bill 5056, introduced by

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'Grosse Pointe Woods is such a great community to raise a family.'

Suzette Kapla



Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 33
Family: Husband, Scott; daughter, Sophia; son, Stanton
Claim to fame: Country Club Woods Progressive Association Social chairwoman

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Foundation's ears ringing



Joy Bells are presently lit at night by two lamp posts.

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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

There were bells on a hill, but no one heard them ringing until there was the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

That's an exaggeration.

The Joy Bells carillon, located on a lakeside hill at Moross and Chalfonte, dates to early in the last century. Mrs. Henry B. Joy rang them as dinner bells when her husband, head of Packard Motor Co., was on his yacht, according to a note on the Grosse Pointe Historical Society Web site.

The bells, formerly located at the Joy estate, "Fair Acres," at 301 Lakeshore, were moved to their present location and, 18 years ago, renovated with money raised by the private foundation.

The foundation may be asked to revisit the bells and nearby area for its next campaign.

Other possibilities involve Kerby Field and include installing a playscape, relining the ice skating rink, refrigerating the rink or putting in plastic ice.

"The foundation wants to continue to make enhancements to the community and continue its mission of providing public good with private dollars," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager and liaison to the foundation.

Foundation members are coming off multi-years of major fundraising campaigns to build tennis courts, platform tennis courts, a skating rink and warming building at Pier Park.

"They're looking at a more modest project that can be accomplished in a short period of time," Reeside said. "We've mentioned potential projects: relining the rink, restoration of the historical Joy Bells structure and providing some type of playscape feature at Kerby Field."

Foundation members don't initiate municipal improvements. They answer requests from the city to fund improvements.

"That (request) will come to us in the form of a letter from the city," said Roger Hull, foundation president. "They'll make a formal request and we, as the foundation, will decide which one or more of those options we'd like to help fund. Certainly, we will give great weight to their recommendation and request. Depending on the success of our appeal and the funds available, the foundation will make a decision."

The foundation, established in 1980, has the mission of using private support to help enrich the lives of Farms residents. Yet, the economic recession is a factor in accepting which municipal project can be achieved.

"Right now, most of the big projects have been done," Hull said. "I think that whatever the city comes to us for this year, we'll probably be able to do from existing funds. But, we still want to reach out to keep people supporting the foundation."

Reeside said relining or refrigerating the skating rink might be "somewhat cost prohibitive" and more appropriate as a long-term goal.

The new restoration of Joy Bells, which aren't fully functional at this time, would be a smaller investment and fit in with a recent foundation project at the neighboring water filtration plant.

"A few years ago, through the foundation, we were able to restore the original fountain in front of the water plant and clean up the building with new gutters, roof, windows and landscaping," Reeside said. "We could preserve the bells and add ornamental lighting to accent the bells and some of the filtration building's architectural detail, which also would improve security for the building."

Hull isn't ready to announce his group's plans for next year.

"Maybe in a couple of weeks I will be," he said. "We are beginning the process of considering what the next project we'd like to help fund. We're getting ready for our annual appeal in November."

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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **FURS STOLEN:** Fur thieves broke through the wall of an adjoining building of the Kay Anos Fur store and stole 51 mink garments valued just less than $45,000.

It appeared the burglars knew what they were doing, having broken in through a door of the adjoining building, and going about 50 feet to the rear before using a sledgehammer to create a hole in the wall between the buildings.

Woods authorities sent a teletype throughout the nation, alerting law enforcement agencies and fur buyers to watch for the stolen garments.

◆ **LESSON LEARNED:** Two belligerent customers in a Grosse Pointe Park restaurant "tangled" with the wrong woman.

A Detroit man was locked up by police on a disorderly conduct charge and his wife was taken to Bon Secours Hospital with a slight skull fracture.

According to authorities, the couple entered the restaurant and used abusive language while placing their order.

The waitress ignored the language and went toward the back room after politely asking the two to leave. When she had her back turned, the female customer picked up an object from the counter and hurled it at the waitress, striking her in the shoulder.

The waitress turned, picked up a sugar bowl and threw it at her adversary, hitting her in the head.

◆ **WHERE TO LEAVE A STOLEN CAR:** Grosse Pointe Farms police recovered a car stolen from the parking lot of the War Memorial and abandoned in front of Farms Mayor William Connolly's house. The car was returned to its owner.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **STUDENTS RATE DEBATE:** Walter Mondale projected a better image while Ronald Reagan used sounder reasoning.

That was the consensus of three members of a high school debate team following Sunday's nationally televised debate.

One panelist said Mondale "definitely won on image" and Reagan's "age showed through."

◆ **PROP C WILL HURT:** According to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, cutbacks based on approval of Proposal C will hurt the quality of education in the district.

Proposal C, dubbed Voters Choice during the petition drive that put it on the upcoming November ballot, would roll all state taxes back to 1981 levels, cap non-resident city income taxes at .5 percent and require voter approval or an 80 percent approval by the state legislature for all new increases.

◆ **$25,000 STOLEN:** A brazen daylight breaking and entering into a Kercheval Avenue house last week netted a thief $25,000 in assorted jewelry and sterling silver dinnerware, according to Grosse Pointe Farms police reports.

1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOL TAX VOTE SET:** Voters living in the Grosse Pointe Public School System boundaries will be going to the polls to vote for a new five-year school millage in March 2000.

The district is asking for a continuation of a 6.8303 mill general operating homestead millage, a 1.3255 mill technology millage and a 18.000 mill general operating non-homestead millage.

The millage rates are a continuation of the existing millages.

◆ **PARK EYES GENERATOR:** Not wanting to face backed up sewers during a power outage, Grosse Pointe Park officials are shopping for a generator to provide backup power for the city's sewage pumps.

Park officials are hoping to protect residents from the trouble that happened last spring when cables powering the Farms water plant and water pressure failed.

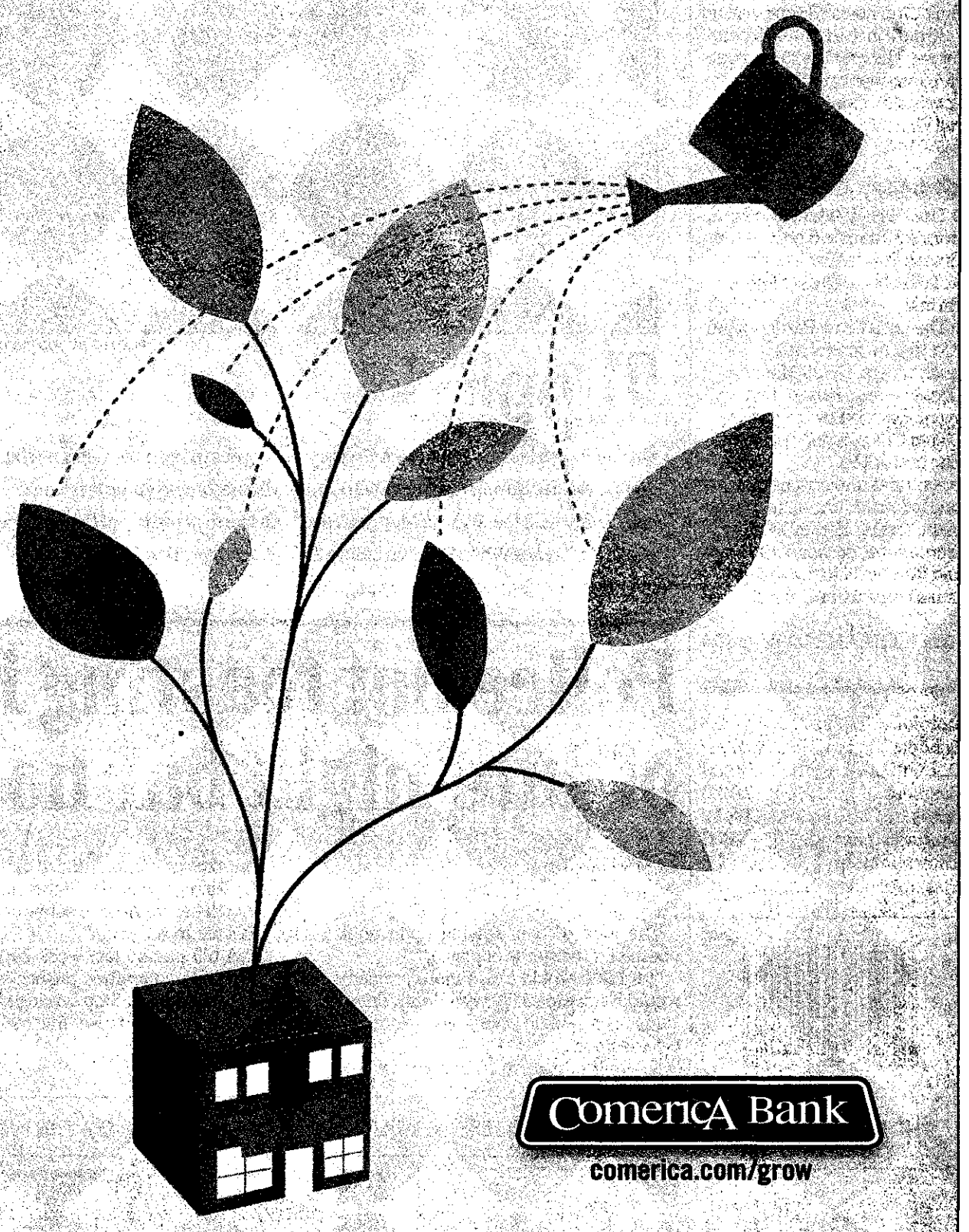
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Development held up by down economy

Mack and Moross use may be determined by public survey results

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The development of nearly eight acres of city-owned property at Mack and Moross may be the biggest deal in the Grosse Pointes shackled by the down economy.

Things probably will stay that way until credit markets loosen.

Until then, people controlling the property can only wonder what it will be used for: residential, commercial, municipal, each, all three, or more.

"Whatever is being contemplated is on hold right now," said Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Farms bought the property a decade ago for $6 million.

"Over the last years the city council and administration have worked for development of the property, allowing for potential mixed uses," Reeside said.

Rather than city officials ordaining what the property should become, they will ask developers to come up with projects incorporating ideas already favored in public surveys.

"We took the four or five uses from studies paid for by previous city councils that people wanted to see up there," said Councilman Terry Davis.

Preferences included a hotel, commercial operations, relocating city offices, more recreational space and residences.

Developers will be allowed to mix, match and do whatever with uses preferred in the surveys. Each submission must include at least one more playing field than exists now on the property.

"We're telling developers to show us competing designs and how much they're willing to pay to lease the land," said Davis, head of the city's finance committee. "We'll have presentations to the public. We'll see which design satisfies the majority of citizens. The council will make the final decision, but the public will be intimately involved."

An invitation for developers to submit proposals is ready for distribution.

"The city would be better served by holding off on letting out a request for proposal at this time," Reeside said. "It would be to our advantage to wait until the economy picks up, credit becomes more available and city options become greater."

Until then, a lease with Kroger continues month-to-month.

"It is to our advantage during these economic times to generate some dollars from the lease," Reeside said. "Since the city acquired the property, we've earned over $1 million in lease revenue."

Keeping control

The land will be leased, not sold, to developers.

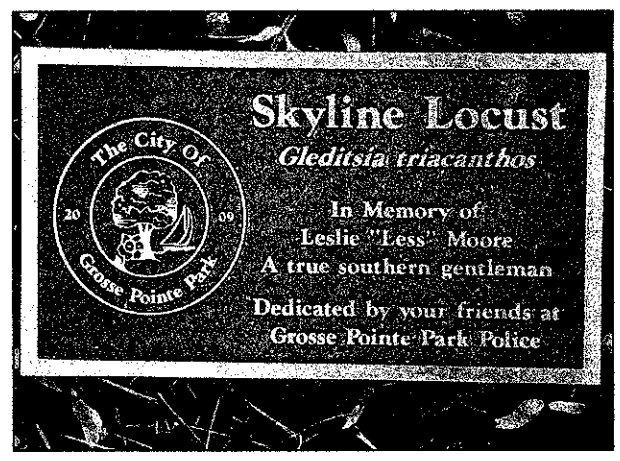
"We're not selling the land, because we'd lose total control," Davis said. "We're leasing the land on a long-term lease. They have to operate within parameters of the lease."

Developers would save money by not spending millions to buy the land.

"We'll have developers see the opportunity to get a higher return and less risk on their investment at Mack and Moross than at competing properties," Davis said. "They're going to pay us a use fee equal to taxes. We will be getting a higher return than we probably could get if we invested that money in bonds or government notes."

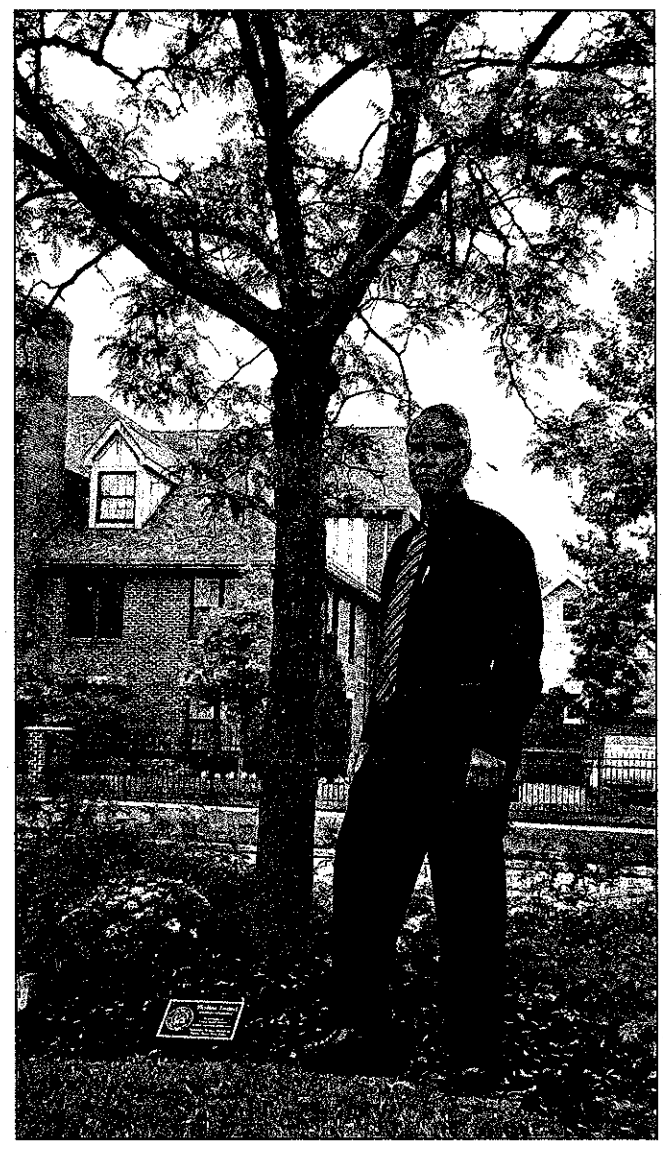
"On a typical weekend, the parking lot is full with families at the soccer fields or using the baseball diamond or the dog park," Reeside said.

Southern gentleman



Leslie "Les" Moore was on the job at the Grosse Pointe Park Sunoco gas station at 5:30 a.m. to fill patrol cars as the midnight shift of Grosse Pointe Park Police officers was going off duty. "He always called everyone sir, he was loyal and helpful," said Park Police Chief Dave Hiller, right. "He passed away this spring and I couldn't believe it when I saw in the obit that Les had asked that contributions be made in lieu of flowers to the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department. I think it was his way of saying 'thank you.' We meant a lot to each other and he was around as far back as I can remember. But since the police department can't take contributions we decided use the money to dedicate a tree to Les and we picked out a tree with the help of Brian Colter, the city forester. He was right there for full service, checking your oil and washing the windows. He was a true traditionalist," Hiller said.

The contribution money will be used for upkeep and planting of seasonal flowers. A skyline locust was planted in the median on Jefferson across from the gas station.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe News — No. 1

The Michigan Press Association has named the Grosse Pointe News 2009 Newspaper of the Year in its class B weekly circulation category. Class B includes weekly newspapers with 10,001 to 25,000 circulation.

Thousands of entries were judged by members of the Iowa Press Association in nearly two dozen categories. Other class winners included the Detroit Free Press, Kalamazoo Gazette, Traverse City Record-Eagle and Ludington Daily News for the dailies, and The News-Herald in Southgate, Leelanau Enterprise and State Line Observer in Morenci on the weekly side.

"It's great to see individuals and the whole staff receive honors for their hard work this year," said General Manager and Editor Joe Warner.

"They deserve it. The General Excellence award is for everything cover-to-cover, including editorial, sales, production, design — everything. It's an honor to be judged by our peers as Newspaper of the Year.

"We are fortunate to be part of an incredible community with very loyal readers and advertisers.

"I'm proud of everyone who contributes to this newspaper's success."

The Grosse Pointe News earned the following awards:

◆ First place, General Excellence, staff. Judge's comments:

"There's something worth reading on every page. The design is open and inviting. The stories are often crisp and thorough.

"Clearly, this paper is a winner, it even has its own editorial cartoonist. Surprised mug shots are so large. Sometimes photographs get space they don't deserve. Edit and you'll have room for more content. That said, you cover your community like a blanket — something more newspapers need to do. Grosse Pointe is lucky to have you writing its story."

◆ First place, Spot News, Car Found in Lake, by Brad Lindberg.

Judge's comments: "Story has an intriguing mystery element. Quotes from several different people involved strengthens the story."

◆ First place, Design, staff. Judge's comments: "Overall the stand-out design. Good use of photos and headline fonts. White space, features, content, visually pleasing."

◆ First place, Editorial Pages, Diane Morelli and staff.

Judge's comments: "Perfect formula for editorial pages. Editorial, letters, cartoon, guest column, columnists and man-on-the-street. Great topics, great layout. Overall the best.

◆ First place, Columnist, Bob St. John. Judge's comments: "A lengthy column that kept me reading. Great topics — both local and personal. Great writing."

◆ Second place, Sports Picture, University Liggett lacrosse, by Renato Jamett.

Judge's comments: Right place, right time. Good shot by both the photographer and player."

◆ Third place, Sports Writing, Let the Race Begin by Brad Lindberg.

Judge's comments: "Good story with a nice local angle."

◆ Second place, Sports Coverage, Bob St. John, sports staff.

Judge's comments: "The sheer breadth of coverage by Bob St. John is impressive. Grosse Pointe News readers are lucky they have one of the best."

◆ First place, Lifestyle Pages, Ann L. Fouty, staff.

Judge's comments: "What a great section. Good cover, good coverage, includes health and entertainment. Overall, the best."

◆ Second place, Special Section, Winter Sports by Bob St. John.

Judges comments: "Well-written long stories. Sports are well covered and laid out. Good coverage of local sports.

Bruce Ferguson, CEO of the Pointe News Group, said the honors fall in line with a number of goals owner Robert Liggett Jr. had when he purchased the newspaper in 2007.

"There was a strong desire to see the paper remain locally owned and to see it become the very best community newspaper," Ferguson said. "We are gratified by the MPA's awards, and the recognition this brings to the entire Grosse Pointe community. Certainly credit for this award goes to Joe Warner and our entire staff for the high quality of our newspaper.

"Our editorial, sales, production and support staffs are second-to-none, and their affection for the paper is clearly evident in this award," Ferguson said.

"A big thanks also to the paper's teammates, our advertisers and our readers. They, too, have played an integral part in making this honor possible.

"We look forward to making the paper even better in the days and years to come."

Correction

In the Oct. 8 story, "Recall language filed with county," the recall wording Dr. Robert Lee submitted to Wayne County officials should have read: "Voted at the regular city council meeting on July 16, 2009 to increase the tax rate on real estate within the city for the 2009-2010 fiscal year."

Also, petitioners have 180 days to file recall petitions after the petition language is approved. Signatures must be gathered within a 90-day window during the 180-day period.



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POINTER OF INTEREST

A new house had its appeal, but it wasn't long before **Suzette Atrasz Kapla** wanted to return to her hometown.

The Pointes' boomerang effect

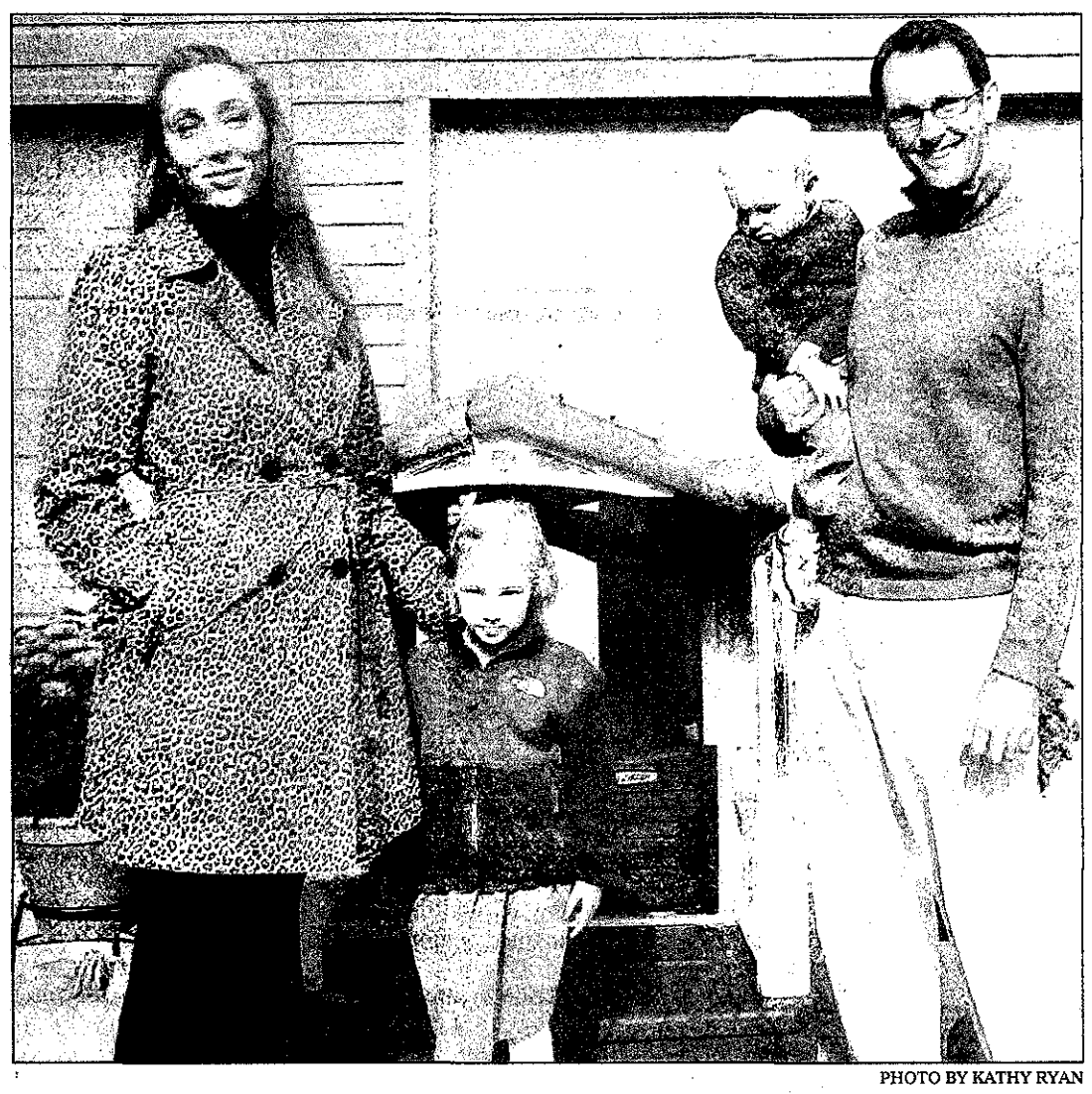


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The Kapla family: Suzette, daughter Sophia, and husband, Scott with son, Stanton. The family lived in a newer house in Macomb Township, but the lure of an established community of tree-lined streets filled with good neighbors and family friendly activities, brought them back to Grosse Pointe Woods. "We wanted to raise our family here," Kapla said.

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Suzette Atrasz Kapla is glad to be home, and, no pun intended, back in the swim of things.

Not that she went that far, but Kapla, a Grosse Pointe native, left her hometown following her marriage in 2002. She and her husband, Scott, bought a house in Macomb Township.

"It was brand new, with walk-in closets and an island in the kitchen," said Kapla, "and I hated it. It just wasn't Grosse Pointe."

So in 2006, along with their new baby, Sophia, the Kaplas bought a house on Littlestone in Grosse Pointe Woods. Shortly after she moved in, she was approached by the Country Club Woods Progressive Association Inc. block representative and was asked to join. Kapla and her husband gladly enrolled.

"What a wonderful way to get to know neighbors," she explained. "They made us feel so welcome and it really gave us a sense of community."

So much so that Kapla volunteered to become its social chair.

Formed in 1941, the CCWPA promotes and provides residents with information and support living on Bournemouth, Newcastle, Prestwick, Severn, Broadstone and Littlestone from Mack to the Harper Woods border.

For Kapla, it's all about the families.

"We really want to promote that sense of community," she said. "We touch base with each other and work with the city on concerns we might have about foreclosures and crime. We know we're in tough economic times and we're working together with the city to make sure that there is as little impact as possible on our city and our neighborhood.

"I believe that one of the best ways to keep our neighborhood the great place it is is to get to know our neighbors and that's why I think the social committee is important," said Kapla.

"We kicked off this year's events with a 'get to know you' party on Sept. 26 and we're already planning for a holiday party. We have events planned for the adults, but our main focus will be on family events."

Family has always been important to Kapla. One reason she moved back to Grosse Pointe Woods was to be near her parents who live a few blocks away.

Kapla attended St. Clare de Montefalco for grade school and Grosse Pointe North where she was a champion swimmer. Her swimming talents earned her a scholarship to Eastern Michigan University.

Kapla started swimming when she was eight years old at the old Detroit Boat Club with Les Roddis. During the winter, she swam with Pointe Aquatics and was an all-state and all-American qualifier. She swam both the freestyle and breaststroke, both relay and individual.

She earned a degree in fashion merchandising from EMU in 1998 and worked for Nordstrom.

"It wasn't what I thought it was going to be," she said. "I realized that my passion was swimming, so I went back to school and earned a master's in teaching from Wayne State and went to work at Chippewa Valley High School."

Kapla teaches physical education, including swimming, and stresses a healthy lifestyle and leadership to her students.

"I teach my students that leadership is important whether you win or lose," she said. "Phys ed is not just about sports; it teaches you how to function in the real world. I tell my students that leaders are not followers and we work on not being afraid to get up in front of a group of people. We also work on leading a healthy lifestyle."

She pursued that passion for swimming as a coach for both boys and girls at Chippewa Valley for several years before "retiring" when her own children arrived. She was also an assistant coach for The Detroit Golf Club's summer swim team and in 2003, became head coach at The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

> *'I can't say enough good things about Grosse Pointe Woods. We're glad to be home.'*
>
> *Suzette Atrasz Kapla, Grosse Pointe Woods*

"I'm so proud of the Hunt Club swim team," said Kapla. "We had our best season in years and moved to the upper division of the Michigan Interclub Swimming Association. I'm so proud of our swimmers and really appreciate the support of their parents."

Kapla advises parents to support their children in all endeavors.

"The best way to insure success for a child in a sport is to make sure that their children are having fun," she advises. "If there's no fun, it's just not fair to the child. I see that especially in the summer swim leagues that are offered through clubs and the parks. It's summer and it should be fun. That's not to say there shouldn't be competition, but it's easy for children to burn out on something. By keeping it fun, it keeps their interest."

Kapla is already seeing four-year-old Sophia express an interest in swimming. She's now taking swimming lessons.

"She's my fish," Kapla said with a laugh.

Kapla's son, Stanton, who's one, is not as enamored with the water as his older sister.

"I think he might be a baseball player like his dad," Kapla said. Her husband played baseball at EMU.

For now, the Kapla family is finding its passion in its Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood.

"It's such a wonderful community to raise a family," Kapla said. "We love the trees and the fact that so many people are out walking and visiting. Our neighbors are awesome. I can't say enough good things about Grosse Pointe Woods. We're glad to be home."

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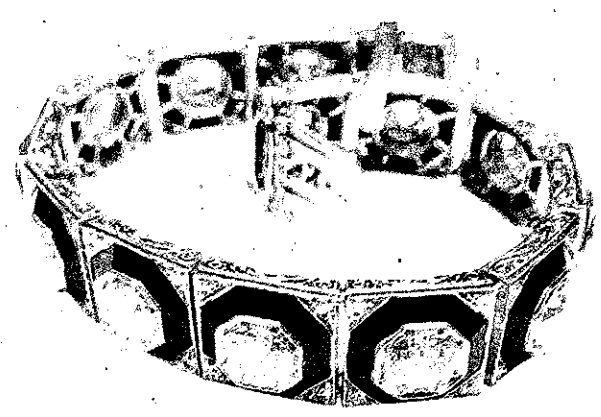
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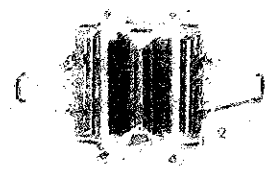
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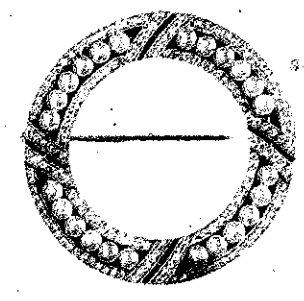
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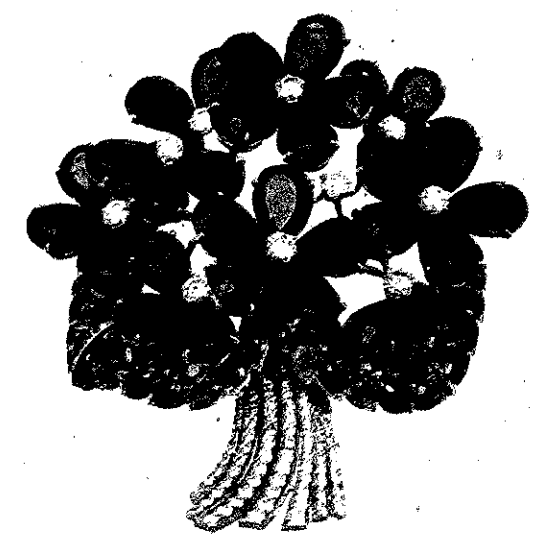
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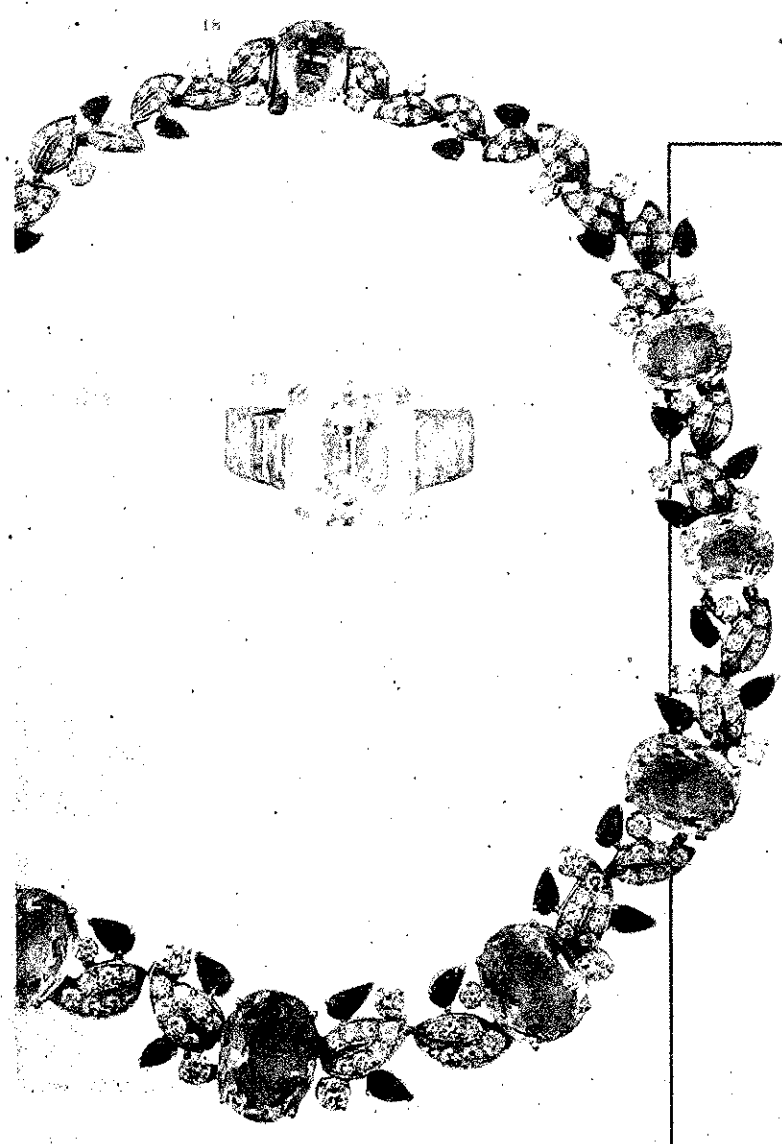


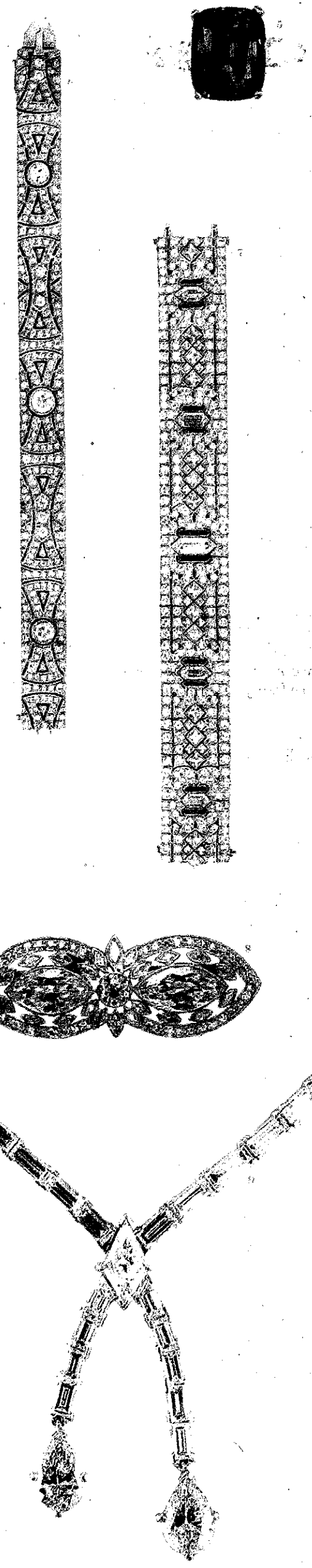


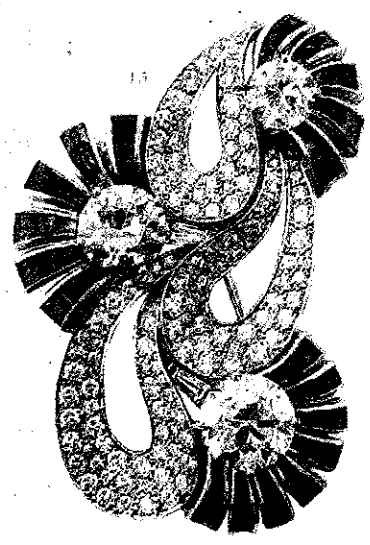


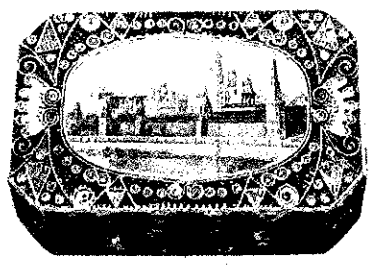
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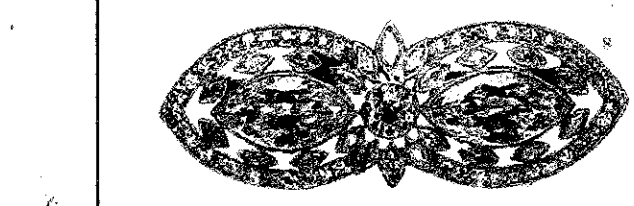
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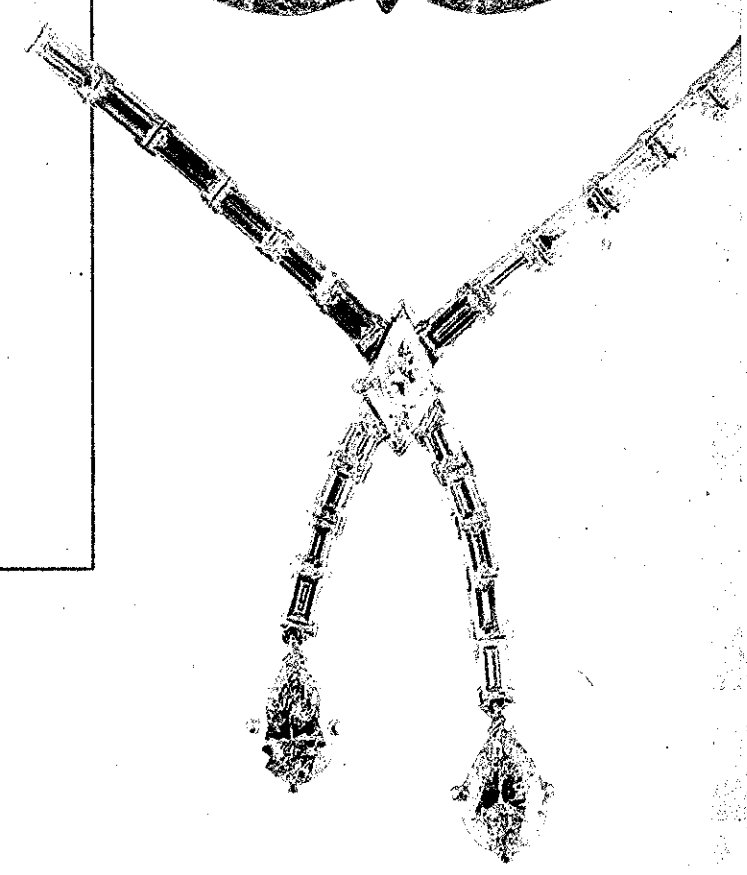
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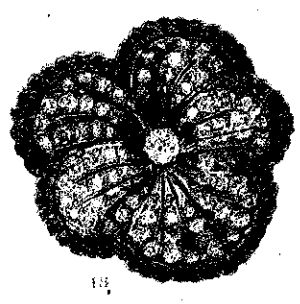
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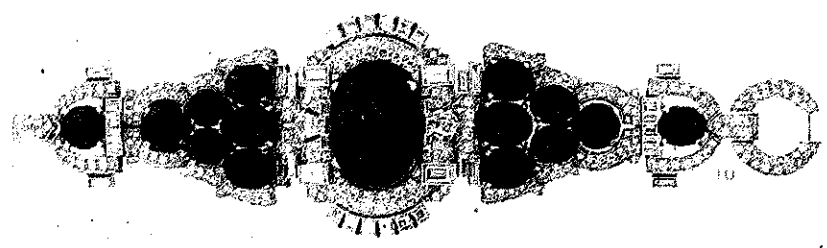
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TERRACE: New look for new tenants

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several units."

Landscaping projects include new trees, hedges, flower beds and brick pillars at the entryways.

"We really enhanced the curb appeal of the property. Speaking as the property owner, it is important for tenants to know that you care, because if they don't think you do, they won't care about the property either."

Kornmeier said he has welcomed back several former tenants.

"When it looked like the property was going to be sold, many of the tenants moved out," he said. "But at least seven have moved back and they are happy to be 'home' again."

Calling Vernier Terrace home for the first time is Terry Lindsey.

"I grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from 'The High' in 1966," she said. "I'm just moving back to Grosse Pointe and this is a great location for me."

Several developers expressed interest in Vernier Terrace as a site for senior housing and faced several hurdles, including zoning restrictions and lack of funding.

The first was Sunrise Assisted Living Centers whose plan failed when it couldn't get the necessary zoning approval for the development. In 2008, The Beztak Cos. of Farmington Hills entered into an agreement with Kornmeier to purchase the property. However, citing lack of funding, Beztak withdrew its offer in May, 2009.

'This is a great location for me.'

TERRY LINDSEY, Vernier Terrace resident

That's when Kornmeier went to work.

"The market just isn't there for selling the property right now," he said. "But I couldn't allow it to sit and deteriorate. It was time to update the units and landscaping, and I'm pleased with the results. We have a great mix of tenants, both seniors and young families. We're very excited to be moving forward."

HOURS: Broad tax increase

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Rep. Richard Hammel, D-Mount Morris Township, would give restaurants, bars and convenience stores with class C liquor licenses the option of buying an additional $1,500 permit to stay open late. Hammel's reported intent is to raise up to $13.7 million each year for the cash-strapped state budget.

For the Grosse Pointe's Lansing lawmaker, Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, the extra revenue isn't worth the possible cost.

"It's a public safety issue," he said. "I have told my leadership I'll vote no on that. Also, that bill doubles the annual license fees for establishments that sell alcoholic beverages. It's a broad tax increase on anyone in that industry."

Municipalities have an option under the bill to prohibit late-night permits.

James Robson, a Grosse Pointe Park councilman and retired Wayne County law enforcement officer, is against late-night liquor sales.

"This measure, if approved, would most assuredly result in an increase in drunk driving injuries and death," Robson said. "I am disappointed that the proponents of this proposal would put Michigan citizens lives at risk for a relatively small increase in state revenue."

"Only the bar would benefit from it," Rosati said. "I don't think it benefits anybody else."

"In our city, the three places that serve alcohol close before 2 a.m. anyway," Fox said. "In that sense, it wouldn't effect us, except for having more drunks traveling through town."

Bledsoe also opposed late-night bar hours because it might put more drunken drivers on the road at the cusp of people leaving for work.

"They're closing bars just a short time before morning rush hour," Bledsoe said. "It doesn't make a lot of sense from a public safety standpoint."

Forum focuses on school board election

The Eastside Republican Club hosts a forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, for Grosse Pointe Board of Education candidates at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Light refreshments are available before the meeting.

"We've invited the candidates to present their insights, ideas and positions," said John Chouinard, Eastside Republican Club chairman. "This forum will serve several purposes: Board candidates will have an opportunity to present their ideas directly to voters, our members and the public will have a chance to ask questions, and members and the public will be encouraged to vote."

Three seats on the seven-member board are up for grabs on the non-partisan ballot Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Two members will be elected to a four-year term, and one for the remaining three years of the seat recently vacated by resigning member Ahmed Ismail.

For the pair of four-year seats, only incumbent Joan Dindoffer of Grosse Pointe Park is seeking re-election. Others in the race for the two seats are: Anthony Ambrogio of Grosse Pointe Park, Tom Jakubiec of Grosse Pointe Woods, George McMullen of Grosse Pointe Woods and Michelle Peabody of Grosse Pointe Park.

The two with the highest number of votes will be elected for a term expiring in 2013.

Separately, two other candidates are vying for a single board seat with three years remaining in the term expiring in 2012. They are Cindy Pangborn of Grosse Pointe Woods and Karl Kratz of Grosse Pointe Shores who was appointed by the board in August to serve for five months.

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EDITORIAL

Help us by sharing your parking stories, tips and solutions

Parking in the Pointes.

If you're a business owner near or along Mack or Kercheval, just the mention of the word "parking" ruffles feathers.

It doesn't matter in which Pointe you seek parking, it's always an issue. On the Hill, business owners watch their employees race out of the building every three hours, drive their car out of the parking lot west of Kercheval, around the block and back into the lot. Parking in that half-empty lot is 75 cents for three hours. A minute over and it jumps to $4, with a maximum of $8 per day. A monthly pass will save you the headache of moving the car, but that lot is another block away. If you aren't good about moving your car, the $2.25 a day you pay quickly turns to $8. Many businesses reimburse their employees for parking. A company with 20 employees pays approximately $15,000 a year in parking fees. It's cheaper than paying tickets.

On-street parking varies in price. Twenty-five cents can net you an hour along Mack north of Moross, but only 30 minutes on The Hill. Both places strongly discourage "stuffing the meter," or putting money in multiple times to keep the space. An appointment at a doctor's office or lunch at a nice restaurant usually takes more than an hour.

There are times when companies performing repairs or modifications to buildings are ticketed or only warned to pay – depending on who is writing tickets that day. One contractor on The Hill said he wouldn't be in a hurry to come back after he was threatened with a ticket if he didn't put money in the meter right away.

We are inviting you, our readers, to share your positive or not-so-positive views on parking in the Pointes.

Streets near the business districts offer limited parking, where enforcement officers record times and the vehicles and then write costly tickets for parking in the neighborhoods if you stay too long. Most have two-hour parking.

Some businesses have told us they've lost customers because of strict parking enforcement. Other businesses dread the holiday season, because they feel parking costs and enforcement drive customers elsewhere.

Municipalities depend on the revenue to help balance a budget that sees less in tax money and less state revenue. But some municipalities, including Birmingham, offer a couple hours of free parking before they charge shoppers.

Municipal leaders have battled business owners on this issue and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is looking how it can help businesses coming into this holiday season. Some businesses pay for customer parking. Others, in a tight economy, are just hoping to keep their doors open.

There are dozens of stories, and we're going to share them.

Beginning next week, the Grosse Pointe News will delve into the issue of parking in the Pointes. We will cover every angle – from the business and city side, to the local customer and out-of-town guest side. In our series, we'll explore the issues and hopefully discuss some of the solutions.

We are inviting you, our readers, to share your positive or not-so-positive views on parking in the Pointes. We welcome your thoughts and proposals.

We want to know what you think.

E-mail us at jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

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Send us a note at 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Visit www.grossepointenews.com and answer our Question of the Week about parking in the Pointes. The series will begin next week in the Grosse Pointe News and at grossepointenews.com.

We can't wait to share your thoughts with our readers. Let us know!

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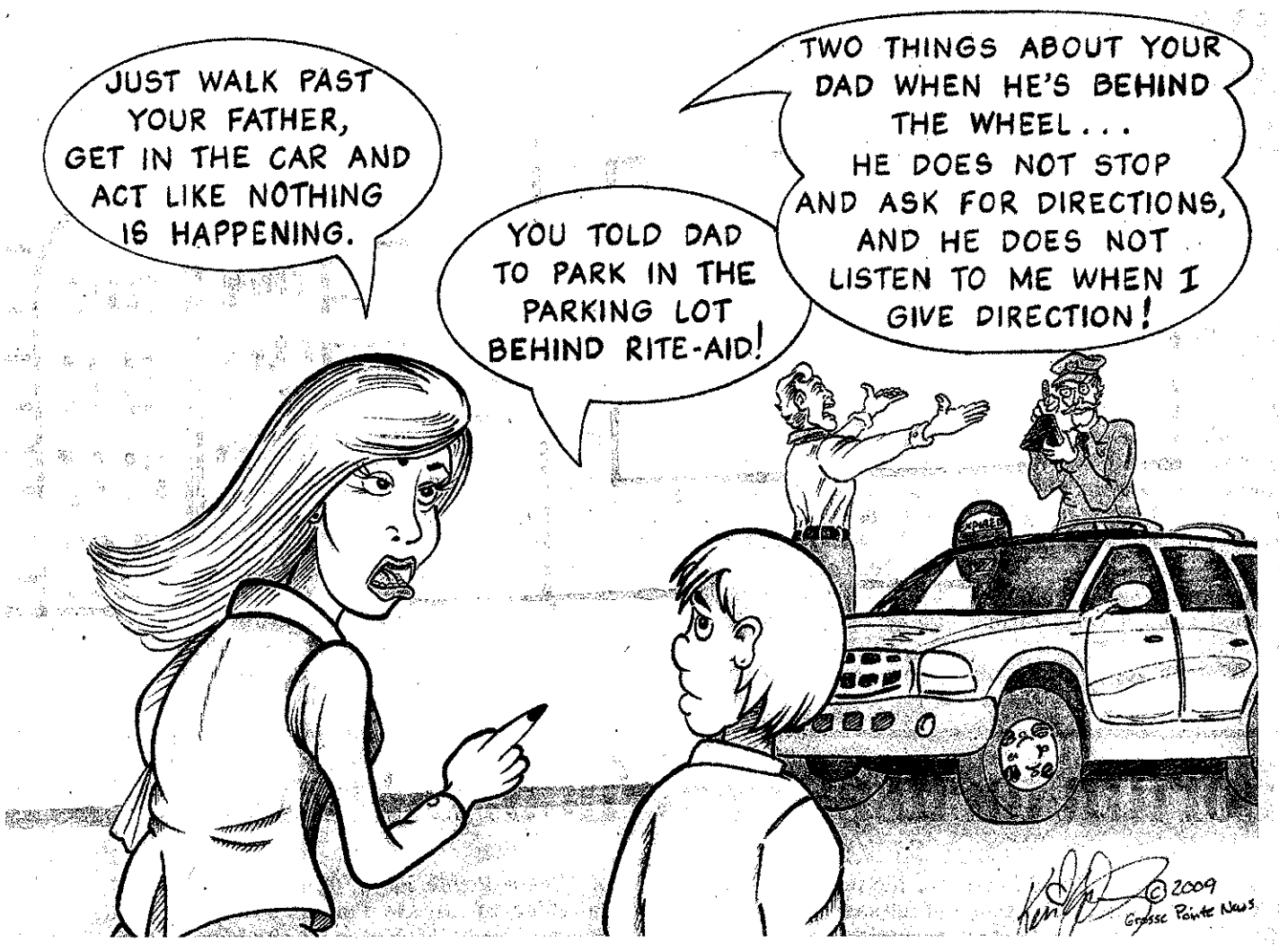
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Campaign materials

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News' increased investigative coverage of Grosse Pointe Shores has helped raise community awareness.

The Grosse Pointe News' reporting on allegations that some of our city officials violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act included input from both sides, excerpts from the State Department, even a transcription of the respondents' three key denial points.

What's disappointing is while the Grosse Pointe News has printed a portion of the defendants' response, verbatim, it has yet to print the document that is most central to the entire story — no different than a story about text messages, where the messages themselves are never identified.

That is, the Clark Hill billing description of Jan. 28 which clearly states: "Review Pemberton and Schulte campaign materials."

This statement should have been included in at least one of the Grosse Pointe News' MCFA articles so readers could see for themselves.

Now that a complaint has been brought to the state, the respondents are claiming this is nothing more than a clarification of the city's charter.

Yet, nowhere in the Jan. 28 billing description does the word "charter" ever appear, while the words "review campaign materials" are clearly in evidence.

Since this statement so clearly illustrates the actions that took place, why has it not been reported?

DAN SCHULTE
Grosse Pointe Shores City Councilman

Sunrise field

To the Editor:

Thank you for bringing to attention, "Sunrise field — a mess" (Oct. 1 Grosse Pointe News), the lack of care by Sunrise Senior Living for the empty lot on St. Clair Ave., next to the Village.

I attended a recent City of Grosse Pointe council meeting to discuss our neighbors concerns and wanted to inform you of the immediate response by the City.

The next day I was contacted by a City employee, Frank Schulte, and he outlined exactly what they planned to do to improve the site and then followed with several calls to keep me up-to-date. The City does not own the property but has taken the steps needed to correct the "mess" — thank you for your immediate action.

Also, for the record, the article stated I was walking in the field with my dog when he stepped into an open water pipe and nearly broke his leg. Actually, I was walking on the sidewalk and my dog was barely on the Sunrise property when he stepped in the pipe.

DUNCAN MACEACHERN
City of Grosse Pointe

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To the Editor:

I was so taken aback, and disappointed, the Grosse Pointe News would publish a color photo of a 12-year-old child, with his rifle on top of a three-point deer that he had "taken down" and "bagged," "Bagged," Oct. 8 Grosse Pointe News.

I have yet to find any newsworthy quality in this item; however, it has moved me to write and express my dissatisfaction for such a photo opportunity in a community paper.

VALERIE LIGHTBODY
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

It's a 'last call' proposal



During the 1980 presidential debate, Republican candidate Ronald Reagan used the phrase, "There you go again" against his opponent Jimmy Carter.

In a fatherly way, it disarmed Carter as Reagan chided him for his various political positions on a variety of topics. If Reagan were alive today, I suspect the phrase would find a new foil in the person of Gov. Jennifer Granholm. It seems not a week goes by Granholm doesn't surface with another one of her fractured nonsensical ramblings.

Case in point is her plan to allow liquor stores, restaurants and saloons to expand alcohol sales until 4 a.m. Granholm also wants to rescind the Sunday noon sale of liquor and allow sales much earlier.

A spokesperson for Granholm sees this as a way to enhance revenue for the state as merchants would have to purchase permits for the extended sales period. This in turn is seen as a way for businesses to expand their profits.

As it is now, saloons and restaurants must cease sales of alcohol at 2 a.m. when the familiar exhortation of "last call" is heard.

Several things come to mind:

◆ Is it really necessary to allow saloon patrons an extra two hours to liquor up before they hit the road? As it is now, most of the imbibers have returned to the confines of their houses before workday traffic begins. If the time frame were extended to 4 a.m., the possibility exists early morning travelers on their way to work will now be confronted by a flotilla of over-served Jack Daniel and Bud Lite aficionados.

◆ Is it really necessary to rescind the Sunday liquor laws so Michiganders can quench their thirst earlier than the noon restriction? Boaters now complain to fill their coolers with brewskies on Sunday, they have to plan in advance because of the ban on Sunday sales before noon. Just what our U.S. Coast Guard needs — more alcohol influenced boaters on our already crowded waterways.

◆ Over-extended police agencies certainly don't need an influx of possible "driving under the influence" offenders roaming the highways and byways. I am aware most patrons will be responsible drinkers, but we all know there is a segment who will not be as mature. People who drink and drive and are the cause of a deadly accident, should be incarcerated just like armed murderers. If that sounds harsh, so be it.

I don't want to hear about a person's upbringing or family life or if a teacher failed to acknowledge a raised hand in class. Drunks who kill automatically give up their rights to remain part of society.

Let's hope Granholm's proposal never sees the light of day. What we don't need are more drunks behind the wheels of a 1-ton metal battering ram.

As Granholm winds down her less than illustrious reign as governor, maybe she could just concentrate on identifying and naming more "Cool Cities" which is a perfectly harmless activity. The alternative would be for President Barack Obama to name her Ambassador to Canada so she can return to the relative obscurity she so richly deserves.

In the meantime, our representatives in Lansing need to paraphrase the famous words from Seinfeld Show character "The Soup Nazi" — "No liquor after 2 a.m. and before noon on Sundays for you! Next!"

Bill Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

GUEST OPINION By Freddy Groves

Ways to help veterans

If you want to help veterans, this is a good time to start planning your efforts for this winter and next year.

Donating to groups that let veterans go on adventures free of cost; Stand Downs, va.gov; and the Moving Wall, themovingwall.org, are all good places to direct your energies.

Contact the volunteer group at the closest Department of Veterans Affairs medical center, and block out one day a month to assist. Get its annual calendar and sign up to help at some of the larger events, such as root beer float parties, barbecues and field trips.

Host a Christmas party for a whole unit at the closest VA medical center. Call the volunteer department in advance to see what is needed.

Sign up to drive veterans to distant medical centers for care. This door-to-door chauffeuring — and back home again — can be invaluable to veterans unable to drive.

If you're an attorney who does pro bono work to help veterans with their claims, commit to helping an additional veteran each month.

If you're in college, see about tutoring a veteran who's going back to school.

If you want to make a cash donation to an organization, visit charitywatch.org to verify your dollars will go to veterans.

Freddy Groves is a writer for King Features Syndicate.

I SAY By Bob St. John

Fans disappointed with Tigers debacle





PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

Comerica Park will take its annual winter hibernation since the Tigers were eliminated from playoff contention last week. It will reopen for the season opener Friday, April 9, against the Cleveland Indians.

The Detroit Tigers ended the 2009 season in fitting fashion, losing to the Minnesota Twins 6-5 in 12 innings in a play-in game to determine who won the American League Central Division crown.

The winner earned a playoff first-round date with the AL's East Division champ New York Yankees. The Tigers became the first team in Major League Baseball history to blow a three game division lead with four games to play.

Tiger fans are disappointed because the team had the game won not once, but twice. They let the win slip away five hours after the first pitch.

Fernando Rodney, pitching his third inning of relief, gave up the winning single. As Twins fans celebrated, Detroit fans cussed at the television.

"I guess it's fitting to say there was a loser in this game because we lost the game, but it's hard for me to believe there was a loser in this game," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said in a quote posted by cbssports.com. "Both teams played their hearts out. You can't ask for anything more than that."

The Tigers left too many runners on base, including leaving the bases loaded in the top of the 12th. With one out, Brandon Inge hit into a fielder's choice with Twins second baseman Nick Punto throwing home to force Miguel Cabrera and Gerald Laird struck out.

Officially, the Tigers left 12 men on base.

The Twins also missed an opportunity to win the game after they had a chance in the bottom of the 10th inning, but Ryan Raburn threw out a runner at the plate for an inning-ending double play.

It was a fitting end to the season for the Tigers, who only had to win another game during the final week to capture the division title. Instead, they lost a potential clinching game at home to Minnesota last Thursday and dropped the next two home games to the Chicago White Sox before Justin Verlander rescued the team by winning Sunday's game to force the tiebreaker.

Rookie pitcher Rick Porcello, who is only 20 years old, pitched like a veteran, limiting the Twins to only two runs in his six innings on the mound.

The longer the game went with the Tigers leaving runners in scoring position, the easier it was to see them lose it in the end.

Despite the Tigers' success this summer, it was the lost opportunities that will haunt fans through the winter. Time and again the Tigers wasted good pitching performances with a pathetic offense.

How many times did we see the Tigers strand a runner on third base by not hitting the ball out of the infield with one out. A sacrifice fly gets the runner home, not a strikeout.

These are professional baseball players who are the best hitters in the world and they couldn't drive in a runner from third base by just making contact.

Changes will be made, but how many is the question.

The starting pitching is strong with Verlander, Porcello and Edwin Jackson at the top. The bullpen is a weakness that needs fixing and the offense needs an overhaul.

Miguel Cabrera, the team's highest paid player in the history of the franchise, had several run-ins toward the latter part of the season and was unproductive when the team needed him the most.

Magglio Ordonez struggled the first half of the season, but turned it around in August and September. However, he lost his ability to drive the ball out of the ballpark.

Inge plays very good defense, but can't hit his weight. That is a problem at the end of the line-up. Toward the end of the season, Laird and Adam Everett were nearly automatic outs. Fan favorite Curtis Granderson was also in an offensive funk and was a liability at the plate.

The defense was outstanding the entire season and the fan support was a shot in the arm for the city of Detroit.

The Tigers' success helped fans escape some of the troubles with layoffs and other problems by playing winning baseball. Despite the roller-coaster ride through the final month of the season, the Tigers provided enough excitement to get excited about next season.

The Tigers' chances at winning the Central Division in 2010 look good on paper and it should be another battle with the Twins at the top.

Chicago will overhaul its aging roster and it's pitching staff could be dominant. Cleveland and Kansas City will stink again next summer, so you would think the Tigers can feast on those three foes since they play them 19 times apiece for a total of 57 games.

You would think the Tigers should be able to win between 35 to 40 of those games if the correct changes are made.

I hope the changes the team makes turn this team from good to great and I want to thank owner Mike Ilitch and the Tigers for bringing some fun back to Comerica Park this summer and early fall.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you could invent a new product, what would it be?

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



'A fold-up chair to pull open that would have vibration, heat, a food center and a radio.'

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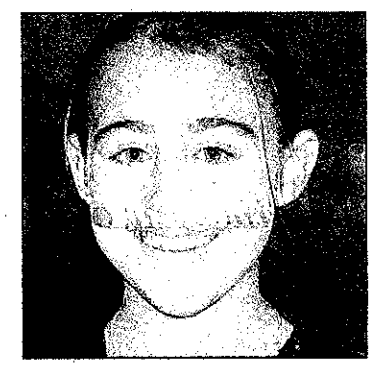
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Windmill Pointe light station illuminates



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



Windmill Pointe Light required no steady attendant.

"Purchase date of deed Aug. 9th, 1837. Area of the entire site 3 3/4 acres, besides roadway and submarine site, character of soil sand, distance of tower from high water mark about 50 feet. Enclosure of premises including tower dwelling, and oil house; a concrete wall of the lake side and picket fence on the north and west sides enclosing remainder of site.

"A fence of cedar posts top board and wire, one landing for small boats. Boat landing; board walk 4 feet, 6 inches – by - 98 feet, 6 inches on light trestle work leads from sea wall to landing crib 29 feet, 6 inches – by – 9 feet, 3 inches with plank, at mean level and the landing can be reached by steam launch, (no boat house), a gravel driveway through the site from the main road to about 100 feet of tower.

"Light station may be reached by small boat from Detroit River and Lake St. Clair or by public highway. Distance to nearest public road 500 feet, distance to main highway Jefferson Avenue, on mile distance to nearest village or town 7 1/2 miles to Detroit city hall. Number of lights one, built in 1838. Rebuilt in 1875, 18 feet west of original site, shape of tower circular height of tower 56 feet, 9" color of tower white, lantern black, connected to keepers dwelling a brick two story double house by a concrete passageway 15 feet long, material of tower stone wall brick lining thickness of wall 3 feet 8 inches in diameter of tower 14 feet, 10 inches.

"Lantern has 10 sides vertical bare 3 feet high, base ring and roof east iron, light conductor spindle is copper with platinum tip 36" iron balustrade outside gallery, spiral case iron stairway inside. Fixed white light varied by red flashes every 15 seconds revolves by clockwork in base of tower. Color of flashes produced by ruby glass screens hung by hooks outside each flash panel.

"This old lighthouse remains standing in rear of and 50 feet from U.S. Marine Hospital main building. The Windmill Pointe Lighthouse, located at the foot of Alter Road, Detroit, Mich. in rear of, and on the premises of the U.S. Marine Hospital. Windmill Pointe Lighthouse station, on Windmill Pointe, north side of the outlet of Lake St. Clair.

"Distinguishing character of light, fixed white, varied by a red flash every 15 seconds. Kind of light, coast, order of light, 4th, base of tower, above water level 4 feet, focal plane 55 feet, latitude of tower 42 degrees 21' 30" 39, longitude of tower 32 degrees 55' 48" 52 triangulation, `Authority U.S. Lake Survey 1901.'

"The new light house was built in 1933, about 30 feet south of old one, on filled ground next to officers quarters on a concrete pier and is 42 feet in height on octagonal base of concrete with circular tower of steel, using commercial power of 12,000 candle power, exposing three white light flashes, of one second each, every 10 seconds and can be seen a distance of 14 miles.

"The light house requires no steady attendant."

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A wine reception begins at 7 p.m. with a book signing and dessert reception at 8:30 p.m.



James W. Tottis

The 40-story Guardian Building has a Gothic-inspired elements, bright orange brick facade and colored ceramic accents, including Pewabic tile. The lobby ceiling is made entirely of multi-colored tiles, walls and floors accented by marble and platinum-colored Monel metal elevator doors, gates and handrails.

Tottis will also discuss the Grosse Pointe residents behind the company that created this building. It was the world's tallest masonry structure when completed in 1929.

The event is free and open to the public.

Co-sponsors for the event are Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Wayne State University Press and the War Memorial.

Show house located in Farms this year

Readers of last week's Grosse Pointe News hoping to get an advance glimpse the 2009 Junior League of Detroit Show House may wonder if they need new glasses.

The house's address at 78 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, appeared incorrectly in the Oct. 8 edition.

The $2 per-person sneak-a-peek day is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, not as it was listed in the league's tentative schedule of events leading up to the show house's run starting in May.

Sneak-a-peek is an opportunity for people to see the interior of the house before designers arrive and commence their transformations.

The decorated show house will be open to the public May 1-16.

House hours also have been firmed up, as follows:

- Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sundays: noon to 5 p.m.

Tickets cost $15 if bought before April 30, and $20 thereafter. Tickets will be sold at local retailers.

This year's show house is a 6,500-square-foot stone-clad French Normandy structure built in 1928 on the Lake St. Clair side of Lakeshore.

Architect Hugh T. Keyes designed the house for the Palms family. Keyes included high ceilings, multiple fireplaces and a sweeping staircase.

For the show house, area designers, builders and decorators will be invited to exhibit their talents by transforming rooms for tours this spring.

Two bays of the house's finished garage will be used for the show house boutique and greenery featuring one-of-a-kind art for the home, kitchen, family and holidays as well as garden art and plant materials.

For more information, including a schedule of preliminary events, parties and parking arrangements at nearby lots (attendees must be shuttled to the house), call the league office at (313) 881-0040 or see jldetroit.org.

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- Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra performs "A Salute to Vienna" at 7:30 p.m. at Lakeview High School, 21101 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are $13 for adults, $10 for seniors and college students and students $5.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

- More than 100 houses in the Grosse Pointes are open from 1 to 5 p.m. For a list, visit grossepointechamberofcommerce.org or call (313) 881-4722.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

- Psychologist Marcia McEvoy's discussion of bullying prevention is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Parents and children are invited.
- The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Executive Director of Transportation Riders United Megan Owens discusses mass transit development and plans for southeast Michigan. Grosse Pointe Board of Education Vice President Brendan Walsh discusses the Grosse Pointe public schools millage renewal, the status of state public education funding and its impact on the school system.

State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-Grosse Pointe, provides an update on state government and the budget.

Candidates for local municipal offices are featured. For more information, visit gpdems.com.

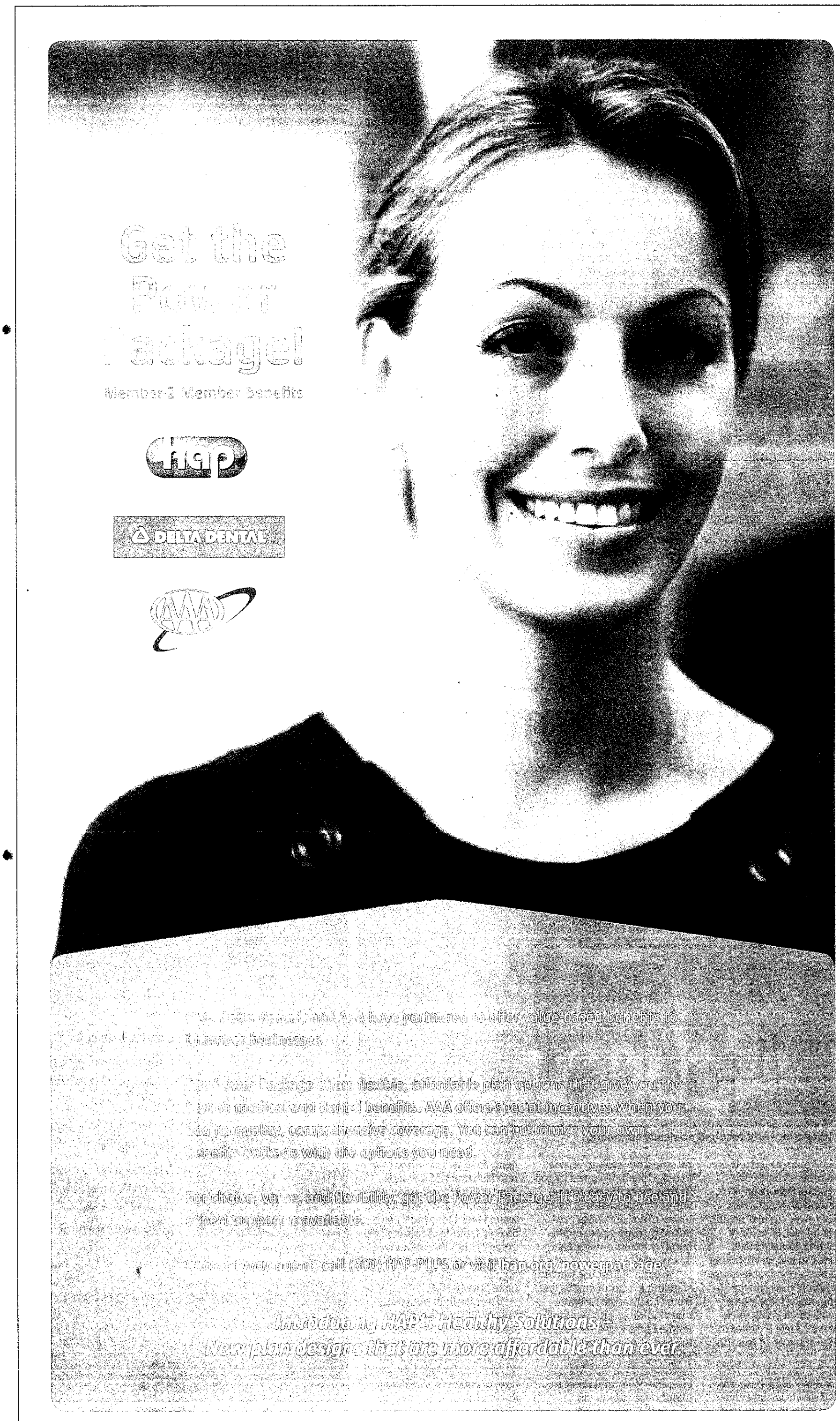
- The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
- Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.

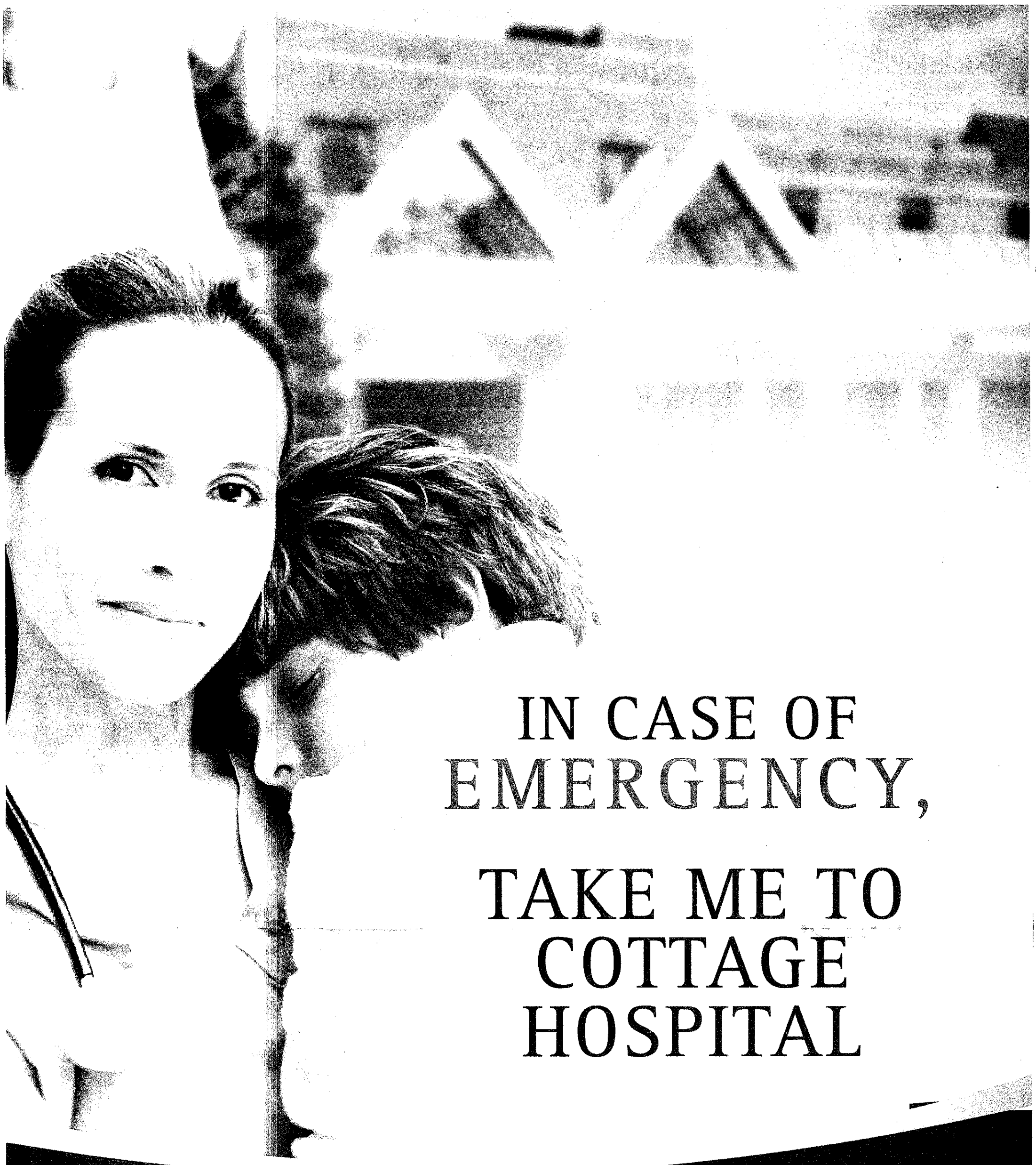
TUESDAY, OCT. 20

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Arts Center, 16900 Kercheval in the Village.
- Poets Follies reading series with poet Matthew Olzmann and short fiction writer Dawn Paul is from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. An open mike follows. For more information, visit schneiderross@marickpress.com, or call (313) 86-2051.
- "Love and Knowledge in Jane Austen," presented by Adela Pinch, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium. Admission is $10. Friends of the Library, teachers and students are admitted free.
- Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

- The Great Book Discussion is from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch.
- Rick Gosselin discusses his book "Goodfellows: The Champions of St. Ambrose" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe hosts a Grosse Pointe Board of Education candidate forum at 7 p.m. in the Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School.
- "Breast Reduction ... What Are All the Scars About?" is Dr. Herman Houin's lecture from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.





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Budget disrupts district

Lansing's K-12 cuts add stress to already trimmed plan

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

The state legislature's decision to cut public school funding by $165 per student means a loss of nearly $1.4 million for Grosse Pointe schools.

District officials must now struggle to make amendments to the 2009-10 fiscal year budget to offset the new, unanticipated shortfall.

"It will be a very difficult task and very limited in terms of our availability to reduce staff mid-year. The majority of our employees are teachers. Not only do we not want to cut teachers, but it's nearly impossible to do that mid-year as a contract matter and a practice matter," said Board of Education Vice President Brendan Walsh.

"We know how tight it was to allocate those at the outset. It's a matter of driving out of our variable costs, which we have been doing for the last five years. That would not be found in large chunks in the budget, we would have to do a variety of smaller cost reductions."

The 8,408-student district already trimmed $5.4 million this spring.

'Local school districts don't have the luxury of being philosophical. Lansing has made our choice for us.'

BRENDAN WALSH, School board vice president

The state's K-12 spending budget was approved late Thursday, Oct. 8, meeting a deadline to send out the first state aid payments of the new fiscal year. Much of Lansing is operating under a temporary budget that expires Oct. 31.

"There was lots of talk in Lansing about what the K-12 cut means and who it punishes. Local school districts don't have the luxury of being philosophical about this. Lansing has made our choices for us," Walsh said. "The districts that will survive this challenge with a good educational program in place will be those that recognize the new reality of the Michigan economy. These cuts are real and immediate and we have every reason to believe there will be more cuts next year. This isn't temporary. We are witnessing a total correction of the Michigan economic structure and all of us had better be ready to deal with that new reality immediately."

The budget leaves unanswered where lawmakers will find $100 million added to soften the original $218 per-student cut rejected two weeks ago.

"We either cut additional expenses, which is pretty difficult to do because most of our staff is in place ... we only have about 15 percent to look to for cuts. The other option is to use some of our fund equity. Our revenue options are very limited, in fact nonexistent at this point, so we have only two major options or a combination of both," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services.

"This is an ongoing problem. We're going to be looking at this later and next year. It's really tenuous."

Lawmakers have considered using more federal stimulus money to lessen the cuts. But they can't agree on how much stimulus cash to use because they want to save some for 2011, when state budget problems could be even more severe.

Walsh said district officials were told by the state that one of the prerequisites to states receiving federal stimulus dollars was school funding could not be decreased. The net effect on the foundation allowance projections was they were to be flat year after year.

"We built the budget on this assumption. The stimulus dollars would be used to some extent to bridge a projected shortfall in the school aid fund, thus keeping per pupil funding

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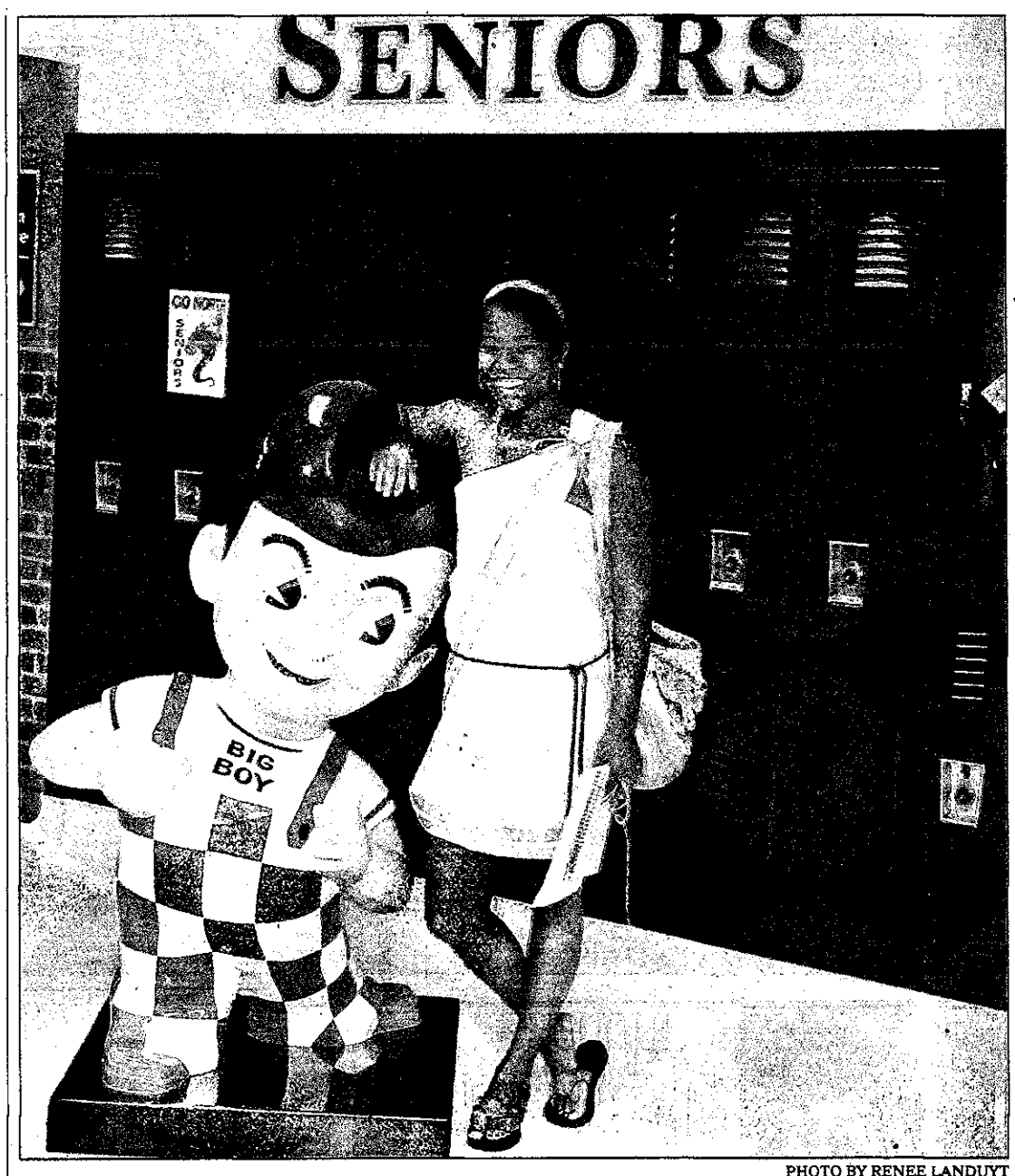


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Spirit-filled

Toga-clad senior Ciara Lash-Josey poses in her Grosse Pointe North High School Spirit Week garment with Big Boy. The restaurant chain mascot has been part of the Homecoming week tradition for more than 20 years. Every night, classes move each of the five on-loan figures to a different place around campus — the balcony overhang, on top of the ticket booth or in the breezeway.

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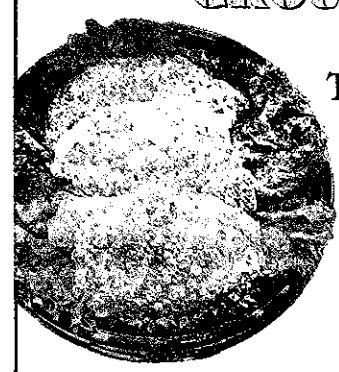
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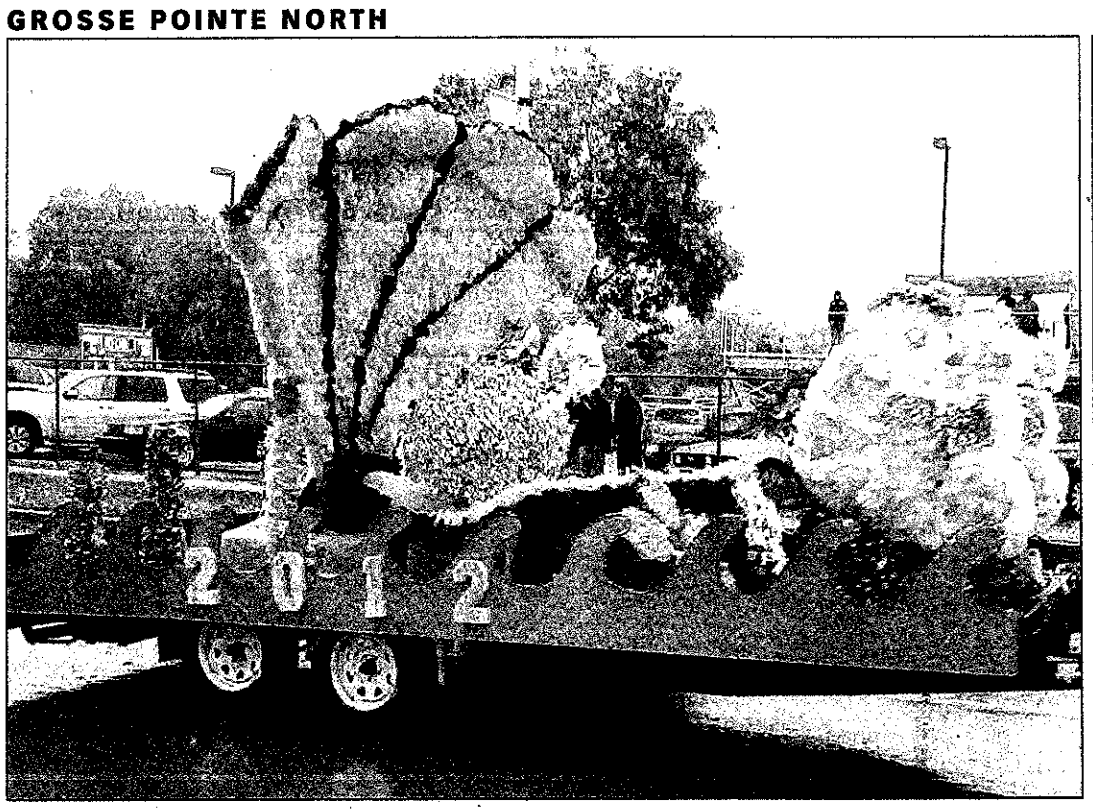
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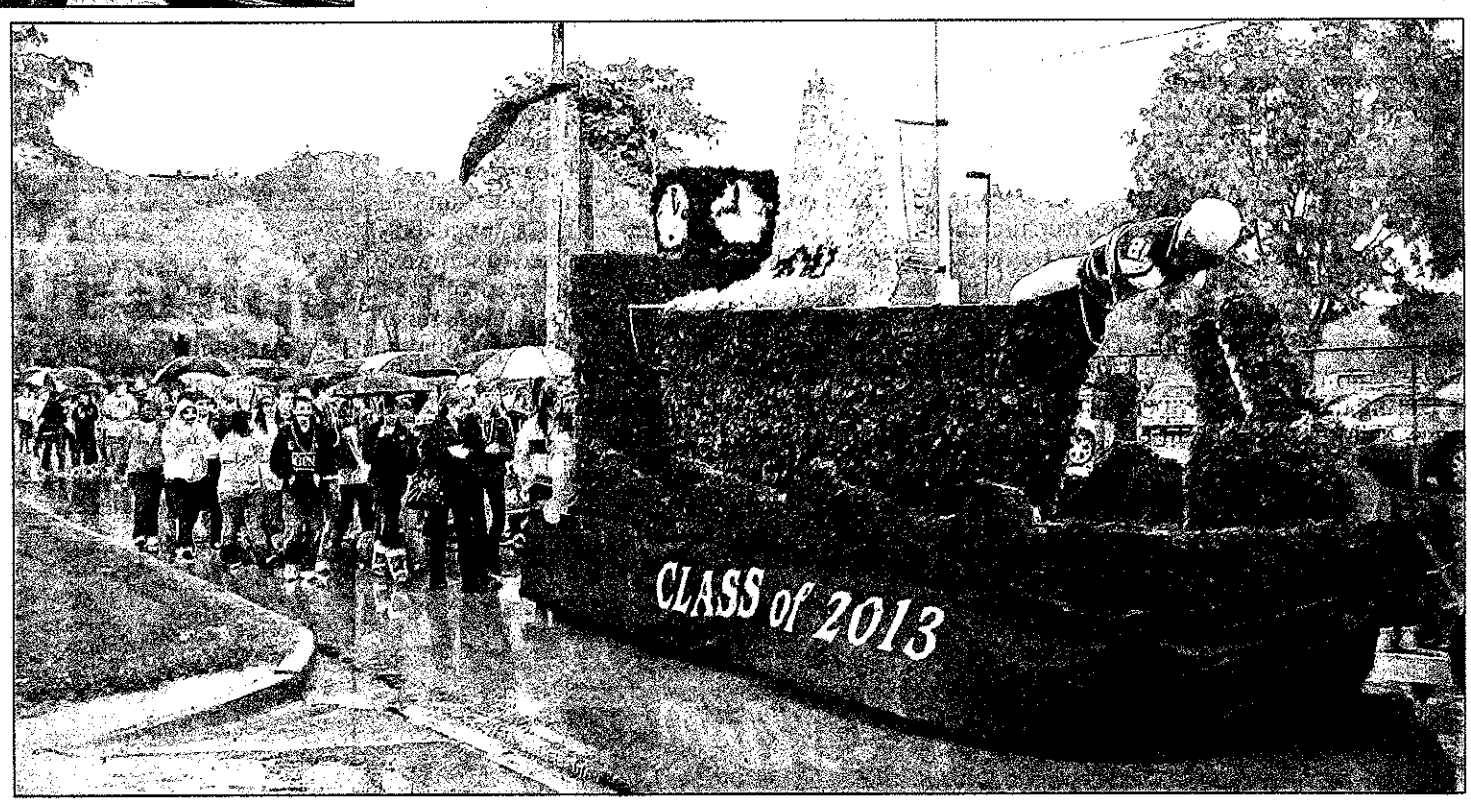




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The parade marches on

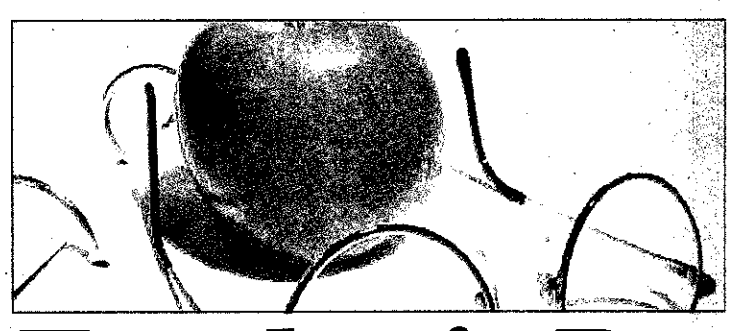
A steady downpour during the Grosse Pointe North High School Homecoming parade Friday, Oct. 9, didn't dampen spirits of float followers who spent weeks building their Disney-themed class creations. Top left: The sophomore "Little Mermaid" float. Left: The junior "Lion King" float. Above: The senior "Aladdin" float. Below: The freshmen "Peter Pan" float.




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At schoolhouse, children are students of yesteryear

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

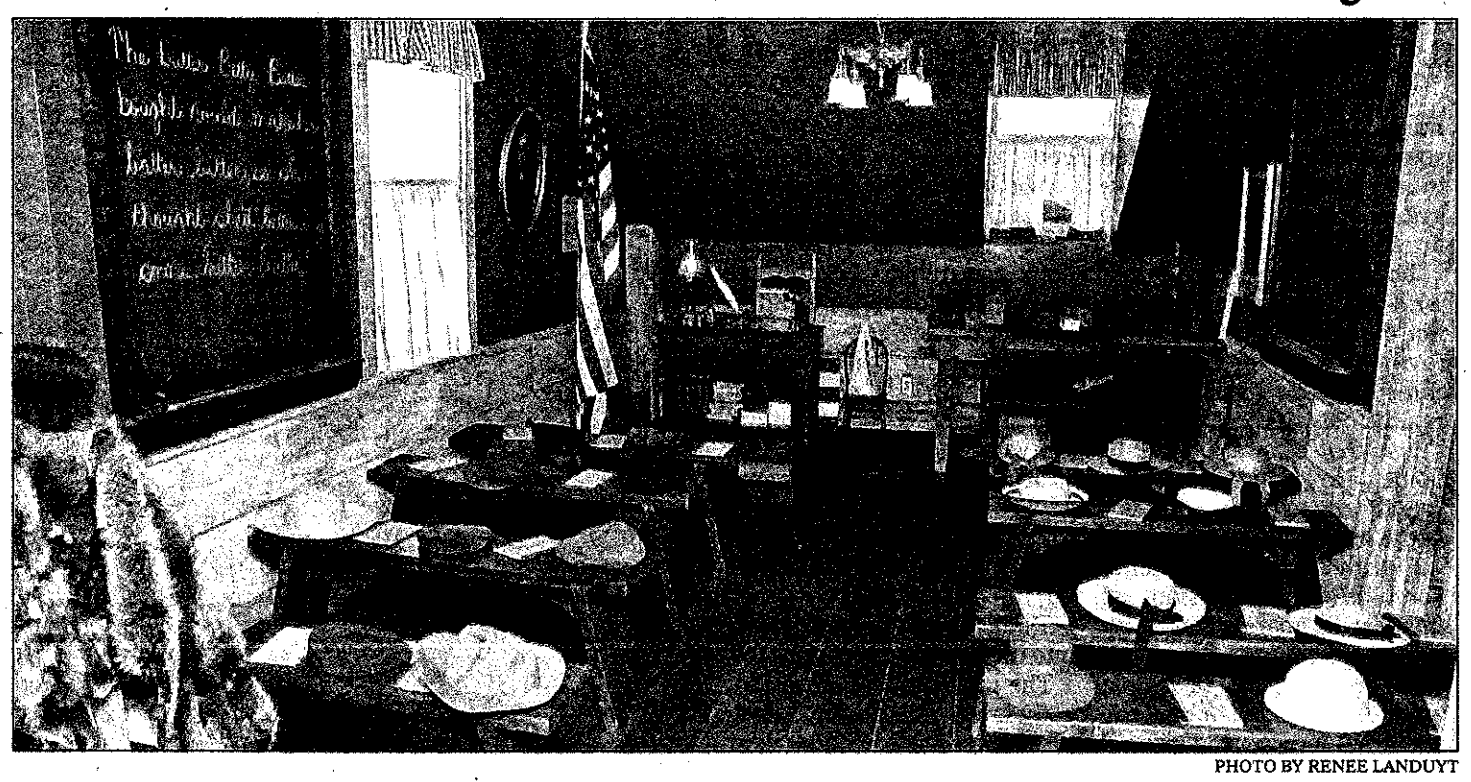


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The one-room schoolhouse at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1900, takes today's students back in time.

In the early 1900s, Grosse Pointe children learned to read, write, add and subtract in the humble Cook School House and the original Kerby and Trombly schools, both initially clapboard structures.

They completed classwork on a chalk slate, sat on stiff benches as they listened to the day's lesson and enjoyed recess, girls in dresses and boys in suspenders.

For years, local students could only pull pictures of these bygone school days from the pages of a history book.

But four years ago, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society brought the old-time experience to life when it opened a one-room schoolhouse in the loft of the Provencal-Weir House.

"Students come in and say, 'Wow.' They're genuinely impressed," said Izzy Donnelly, the new teacher at the schoolhouse. "It teaches them to preserve the things they have at home and things in the community, so as they get older, they're encouraged respect for their and other people's property."

Former curator Suzy Berschback designed the interior of the schoolhouse after researching a variety of historic photos: Benches sit atop the historic house's original wood floors and other antiques complete the small space, including individual chalkboards and restored McGuffy Readers, circa 1888.

The one-room schoolhouse comes with its own curriculum, showing second-, third- and fourth-grade students how the lessons taught back then are different — and yet sometimes the same — from those today.

During the day-long experience, children dress up in period clothes — girls in bonnets and aprons and boys in overalls — and head up to the classroom for a reading lesson, balancing their book and chalkboard while they try to write. Donnelly says this usually generates a few giggles.

Students additionally participate in a play about the Provencal-Weir House's original occupants before it was moved to Moross: a family of 24 adopted children. They rehearse in class before the visit.

Ferry Elementary School teacher Glenda Lassiter has taken her second-grade class to the schoolhouse for the last three years.

"It's an outstanding opportunity for children to learn about the history of our community. We dress up 'old fashioned' for the day and pretend that we are living in the early 1900s," she said.

The state has several different Grade Level Context Expectations for history at Lassiter's grade level and the field trip, she added, teaches the children in a hands-on way.

"These include such things as chronological understanding of community events, describing the role of individuals in creating history, describing changes in the local community over time, identifying problems in the community's past and constructing a historical narrative about the community," she said. "Ms. Donnelly is an expert at leading the children in a one-room schoolhouse experience, complete with songs of the era. We eat lunch on the lawn and play historical games. It's a blast. It is my favorite second-grade field trip and it is so appropriate for second-grade children."

Donnelly believes the schoolhouse is a treasured tool of which local classrooms should take advantage.

"Our job is to get schools, families and parents in here. It's just a jewel that we have in our backyard," said the former 14-year Grosse Pointe Academy teacher, who grew up in an old Grosse Pointe house. "I've been to Europe enough to know how much they preserve things. So preserving something that is so old and in Grosse Pointe is so special. The one-room classroom — when I first walked in and saw the love the Grosse Pointe Historical Society has for this, it's just magnificent."

The room can accommodate up to 30 students, a teacher and two parent volunteers. The school day runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Curriculum for the second-, third- and fifth-grades is available, though teachers are not required to use it.

Teachers interested in bringing their classes can call the Grosse Pointe Historical Society at (313) 884-7010.

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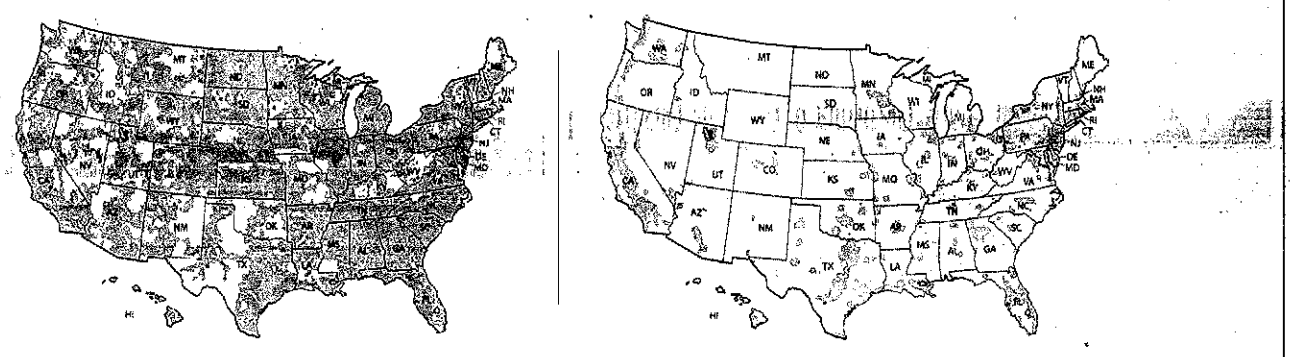
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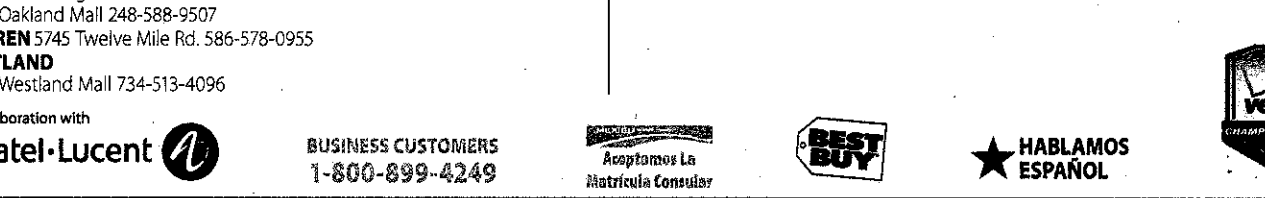
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PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

School's writings, art bring home gold

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

A collection of student poetry, essays and artwork from Pierce Middle School has gotten a read from more than those within its close community.

Inklings, the school's annual literary publication, has been awarded the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Medalist Award for its 2009 issue. It now moves on to the next phase for Crown awards, whose finalists will be notified in December.

"Pierce has a lot of good writers, so I tell everyone to submit everything," said eighth-grader Maggie Rapai, assistant editor. "That'll get us a gold medal."

And it did.

Staff for the after-school publication weed through hundreds of submissions: some are short stories written in class; some are eighth-grade memoirs; others are drawings.

The entries — submitted with the student's number, not their name so there is no favoritism — are read by three Inklings members and ranked between zero and five. Those that earn a total of 12 points are dropped into the "good" pile, typed up and put in the publication.

Eighth-grader Rachel Forchillo says submissions set themselves apart by being interesting and unique.

"There are a lot of people whose poems sound the same. We look for individuality," she said.

The group works until the end of May — deadline for submissions is January — to put the magazine together, laying out each page one by one.

"We worked really hard on it," said Forchillo.

"It's really fun to see the book and think 'I put this together,'" said eighth-grader Elle Keys.

Rapai, who joined as a sixth-grader, convinced Forchillo and Keys to sign up last year.

"It's kind of a mix between goofy and work," Rapai said.

The girls laugh that food often also plays a role in creating fun — snacks and sweets periodically make their way into the weekly meetings.

The publication was put together with the theme, Life's Play List. Each section was organized under a song title, such as "Imagine" and "L.O.V.E."

"I was definitely surprised. Pierce submits Inklings every year, so I just followed tradition. I was not expecting to win anything," said English and journalism teacher Julie Drew, the publication's advisor last year. "I was excited for the girls. They really did work extremely hard. When we ran into a few glitches in the process, they didn't complain about having to redo things, they just committed to coming and working more often. I think receiving the gold medal was a great reward for their dedicated work."

The group is gearing up for another award-winning year.

"I hope we can do even better. Going down from a gold is a letdown," said Rapai.

"I hope we can get more people to submit things. Something they didn't think might be good may actually be good," said Forchillo.



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Inklings Assistant Editor Maggie Rapai, members Rachel Forchillo and Elle Keys, and teacher advisor Julie Drew hope for a repeat of the publication's 2008-09 success.

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Discussion on bullying

The community can attend a bullying prevention presentation by psychologist and nationally-known lecturer, Marcia McEvoy, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

McEvoy gives practical suggestions for managing bullying behavior. Parents with children in preschool, primary grades and middle school may find the presentation useful.

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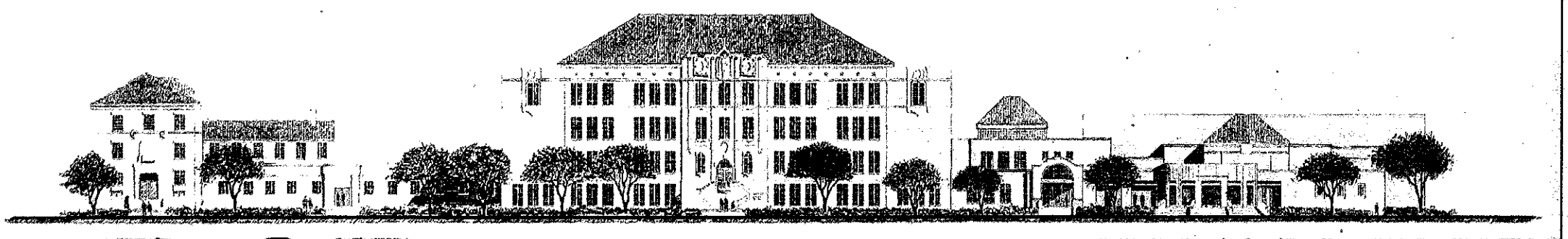


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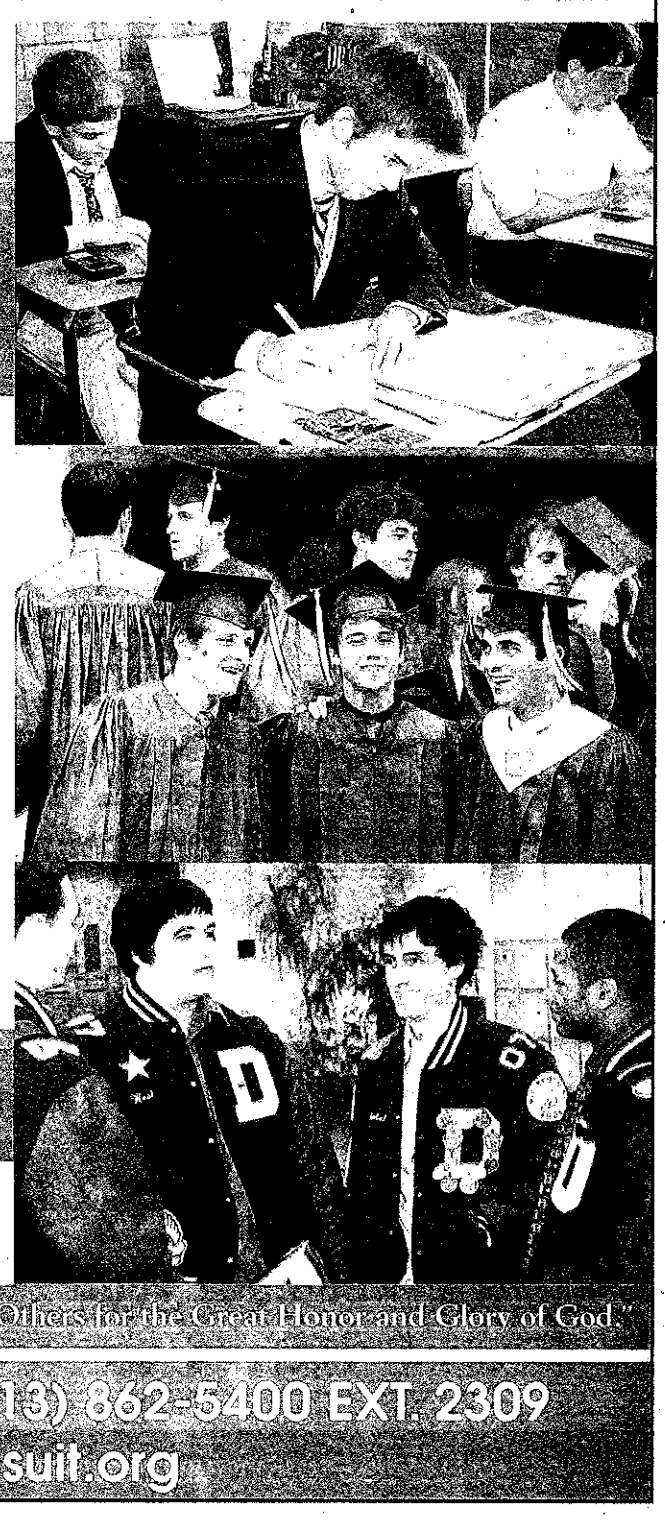
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Jane Bashara and Allison Baker braved the downpour during Grosse Pointe North High School's Homecoming parade to pass out stickers in favor of the school district's millage election. Baker's daughter, Kelsey, hands out a sticker to North parent Marlene VandenBoom.

Group: 'Yes' to millages

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Jane Bashara knows what's at stake when voters head to the polls next month.

The Grosse Pointe Park mother of two has joined a growing group of parents and community members committed to spreading the word about the upcoming school millage election.

Grosse Pointe schools is seeking the passage of two proposals Nov. 3, both of which are renewals of what is currently in place.

One proposal calls for the continuation of the operating millage, which includes the hold harmless millage and the non-homestead millage. The other is for the continuation of the Sinking Fund millage, which generates approximately $3 million per year, depending on the rise and fall of total taxable value in the district. The fund is solely for building improvements and repairs.

All expire at the end of this year.

"The millage is so very important because such a huge amount of the school's operating budget is at risk. If they don't get both passed, then the cuts that would be necessary would be astronomical," said Bashara, whose son graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and whose daughter is in her senior year. "I realized the importance of this and that's why I'm getting involved."

According to school officials, the five-year operating millage accounts for 23 percent of the school system's general fund operating budget — or about $22 million. All money raised remains in the district and is not given to the county or state.

The group in favor of the millage renewal is hundreds-strong, said Bashara, adding parents of children of all ages and even those without children "understand the importance of this millage approval to property values and keeping the schools great."

They are involved at back-to-school nights, board of education meetings and recently, Homecoming parades, armed with "Vote Yes on School Millages" stickers and yard signs.

"We've made sure we've had a presence at any school activity we can," Bashara said. "We're just making sure we're out there."

Additionally, fellow moms and group members Allison Baker and Helen Srebernak have been forwarding on informative e-mails to residents and parents.

The group has also launched a website, continuegpexcellence.com, with detailed information about each millage renewal and a link with frequently asked questions. Bashara said visitors can sign up for a yard sign online and find other ways to get involved.

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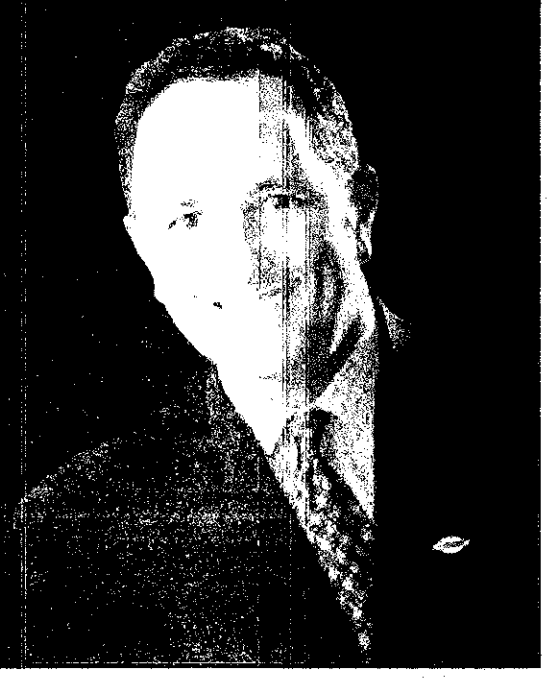
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Milestone memories



Academy Board of Trustee presidents past and present. Front row, from left, is Pat West (2000-2003), Toni Robinson (1971-1983), Marie Brady (1989-1992) and Susan Hastings (1983-1985); back row, from left, is Chuck Becker (2009-present), Michael Fisher (2003-2006), Bret Wacker (2006-2009) and Butch Wardwell (1994-1996).

Grosse Pointe Academy alumni, parents, teachers, administrators and trustees from the school's past and present gathered Friday, Oct. 2, for an evening reception to celebrate 40 years of academic excellence. Co-chairs of the 40th anniversary celebration, Mary Alice O'Brien Mecke, Carole Peabody, Kate Peabody, Paige Peabody and Beth Rentschler, welcomed more than 270 guests in the Fisher Library, which was recently renovated as part of the school's capital campaign: Tradition and Tomorrow. As a special surprise, academy students in grades 1-8 participated in a Congé, a tradition dating back to Academy of the Sacred Heart days, when the ringing of a bell signaled a surprise dismissal from classes. Head of School Phil Demartini rang a bell up and down the hallways and students, faculty and staff congregated in the Tracy Fieldhouse for a special "Then and Now" presentation.



Following the monarch

The monarch butterfly has given third-graders at University Liggett School a multidisciplinary education by incorporating science, art, writing and language to learn more about the insect and track it as it makes its way to its winter home in Mexico. Students were taught how to identify monarchs and practiced observation and identification around campus. The class used the Liggett gardens, including the pollination garden, to discover which plants monarchs prefer and where they lay their eggs. Above: Madison Doletzky and fellow classmates look for monarch eggs in the gardens.

ELA forum planned

Grosse Pointe Public School System holds a public forum regarding revisions to the English Language Arts curriculum from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the Brownell Middle School library, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call (313) 432-3052.

Colleges visit North

College Night returns to Grosse Pointe North High School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Representatives from about 150 colleges and universities will be stationed in the main gym, answering questions and providing information on academics, campus life and how to prepare for college while still in high school.

Additionally, three 30-minute sessions — from 6:40 to 7:10 p.m., 7:25 to 7:50 p.m. and 8 to 8:30 p.m. — allow students and parents to receive more in-depth information about particular schools. This year, Amherst College, Harvard University, Loyola University Chicago, Michigan State University, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Northwestern University and University of Michigan present.

College Night is open to all students in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities, as well as those from De LaSalle Collegiate High School, Regina High School and South Lake High School.

Attend open house

University Liggett School holds an open house/information session from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, for families interested in the 2010-11 school year.

Liggett's two Grosse Pointe Woods campuses — the Lower and Upper Schools are at 1045 Cook Road and the middle school is at 850 Briarcliff Drive — are open for visits. Teachers, students and administrators are on hand to answer any questions.

University Liggett School is Michigan's oldest co-educational independent day school serving students from pre-K through grade 12. Information is also available on scholarships and other ways to pay tuition. For more information, call (313) 884-4444.

'Fall Follies' returns

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir kicks off its 2009-10 season with two Fall Follies performances at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The program includes highlights from "West Side Story" and "The Lion King," along with an anthem from the musical "Chess," an 80's medley and a performance by the South Jazz Band that accompanies the choir on Irving Berlin's "Blue Skies." Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village, 17005 Kercheval, or online at gpsouthchoir.org.



Student's art displayed

The work of University Liggett School senior Luke Eckstein is featured in the Manoogian Arts Wing, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, through Friday, Oct. 30. A reception for the artist is at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, in the arts wing.

Eckstein, of St. Clair Shores, is the first student to have a solo exhibit in 15 years. His work is computer-altered photography.

The gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding school holidays.

For more information, contact Gallery Coordinator Jim Pujdowski at (313) 884-4444, ext. 366 or jpujdowski@uls.org.

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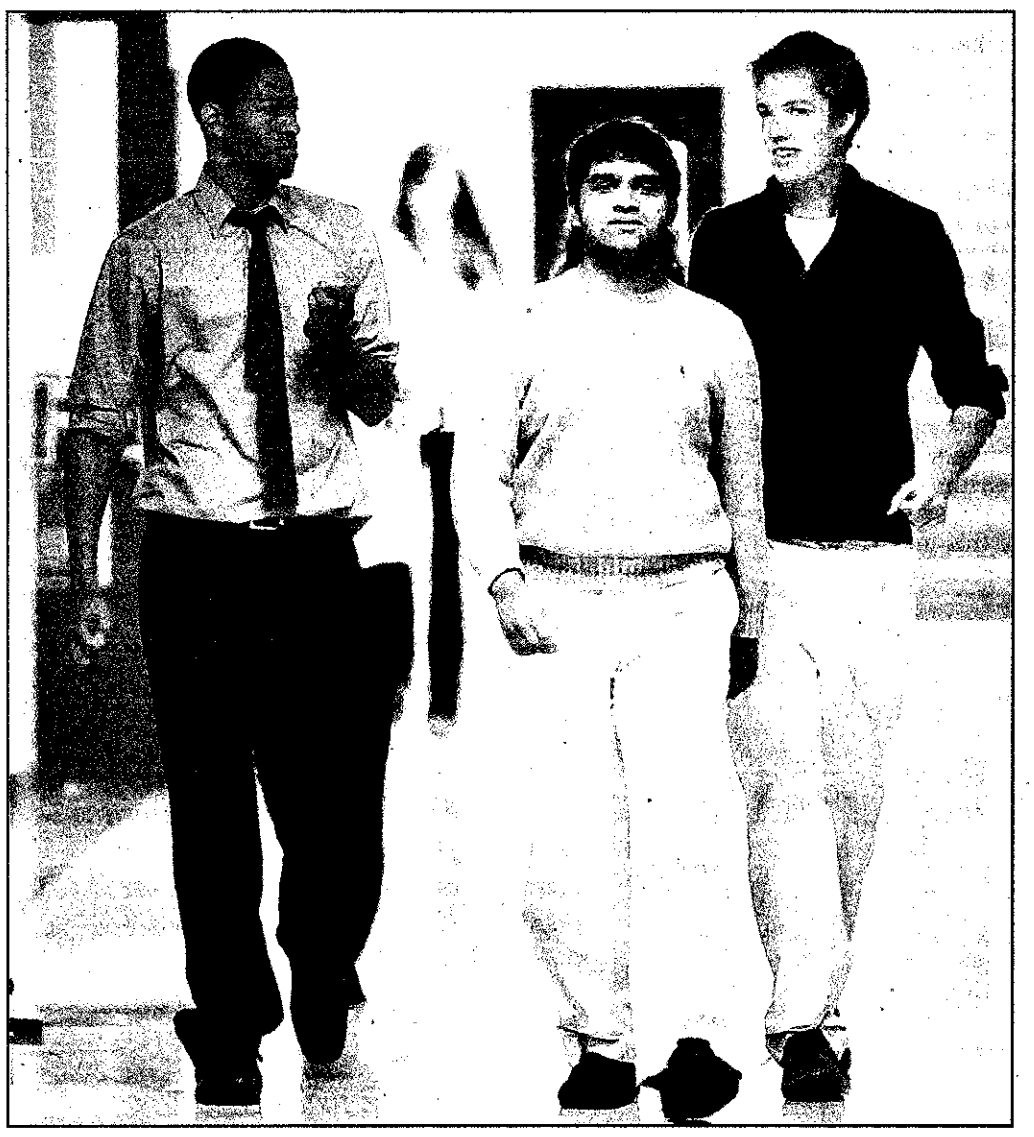
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State, school district fiscal years could align

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Schools officials are on board with a constitutional amendment that would require Lansing to have a budget in place by July 1.

A bipartisan group of freshman House lawmakers, including Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, is responsible for the bill that could impose stricter regulations on the budget process and consequences — a dock in pay — for failing to meet the deadline.

The move came after the Michigan House and Senate did not balance the state's $2.8 billion deficit on time Sept. 30, leading to a two-hour partial government shutdown before a deadline extension was approved.

July 1 is the beginning of the fiscal year for most states and the state's municipalities, public school districts and some universities. Lansing's starts Oct. 1.

> *'It will force them to make a decision three months earlier.'*
>
> *CHRIS FENTON, Assistant superintendent for business and support services*

"The problem this causes, that by law every public school district is required to have a balanced budget by the end of June but state isn't until the end of September ... it's particularly hazardous when such a large percentage of a school district's funding is based on per-pupil funding," said Brendan Walsh, board of education vice president. "I'm definitely in favor of aligning budgeting cycles. It absolutely has to happen."

Walsh said he is also an advocate of Lansing providing a rolling three-year forecast with a commitment to per-pupil funding.

"Even if they're projecting cost reductions, local school districts can prepare for the worse case. What they're doing now is surprising everyone by cuts after (staff) contracts and the budget has been approved," he said.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services, said it makes sense for the state to go back to a July 1-June 30 fiscal year.

"It will force them to make a decision three months earlier. It's better for us to know there will be a cut in June than now," he said.

Fenton added, though, that while the shift would change a bulk of problems, they wouldn't go away entirely.

A state constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds approval from both the House and Senate before the public can vote on the change.

LANSING: State cuts per pupil funds

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in tact," he said. "The less used this year means the greater the reduction in the foundation allowance. It ($165) would amount to the true reduction in funding below what had been budgeted ... for which the district would need to find a solution .... That was not comprehended in the budget development based on previous guidance from the state that funding would be flat."

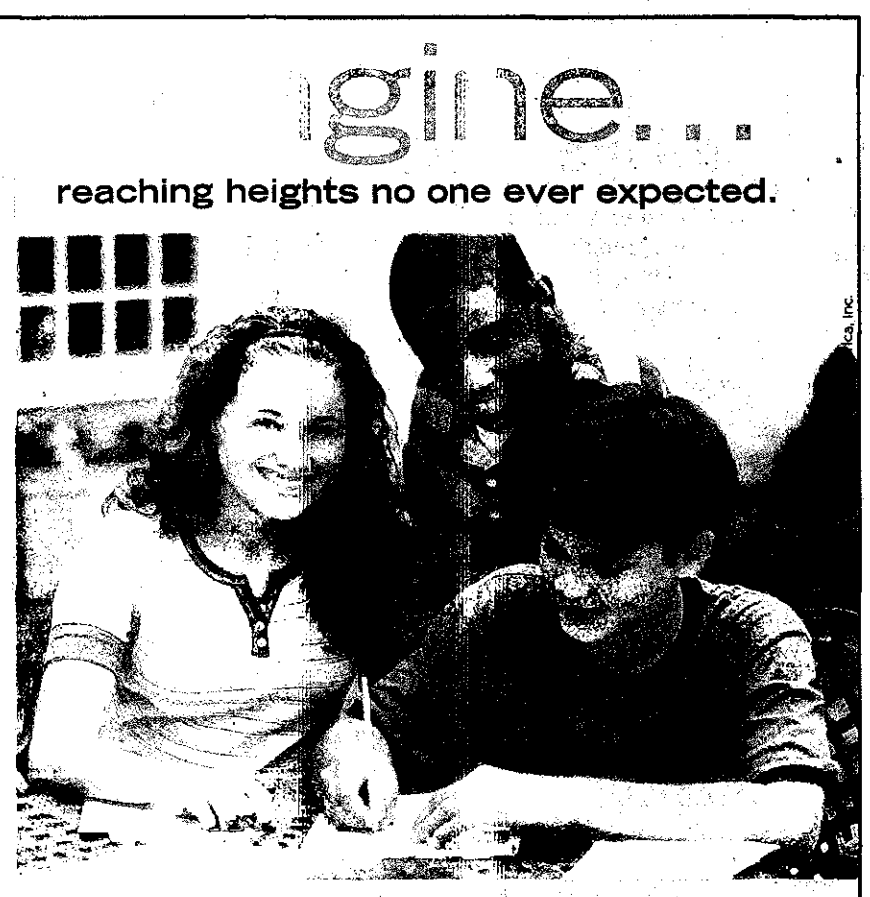
Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, admits the per-pupil cut is going to cause problems around the state.

"But it's more manageable that a $218 hit," he said.

Bledsoe has supported education since starting his campaign.

"My background is in education. Education is our future. We have to do our very, very best to fully fund education," he said. "We have some pretty hard economic times in Michigan. It's clear we can't do everything we want to. It may be we can't do everything we've done before. But we have to try."

"People really need to understand and use this as an opportunity to understand how significantly Lansing's budget decisions have on us locally. There was a day when locally school districts had far greater control over their funding destiny. This series of events really illustrates how the local district is affected," said Walsh. "Many residents have been lobbying state legislators and clearly that's had an impact on the ($218) decision because it didn't pass. The rest of the Grosse Pointe Public School System needs to take a lesson from that and really recognize the impact."



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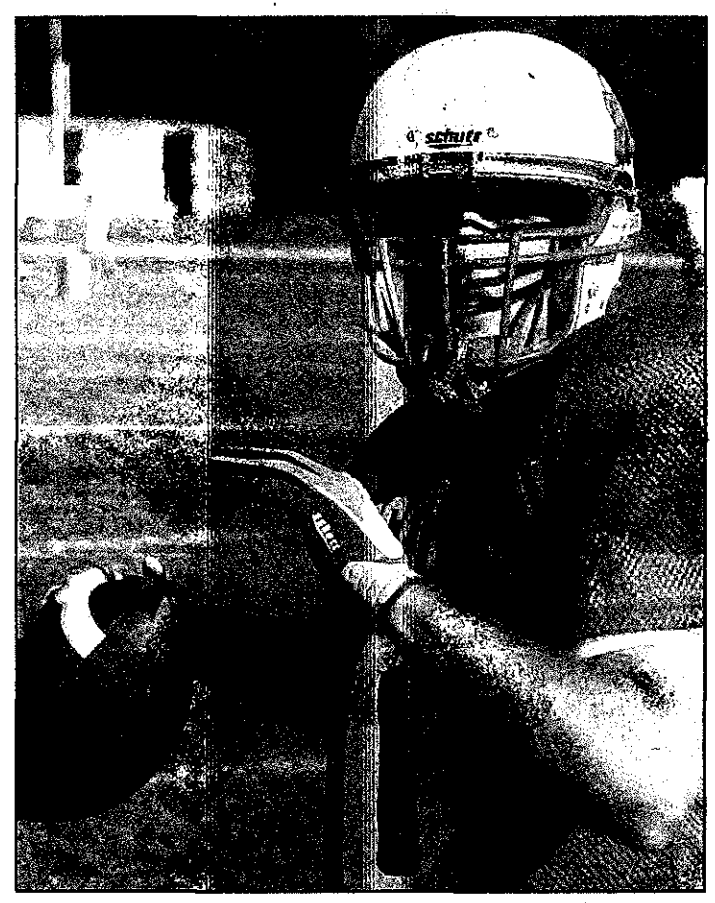
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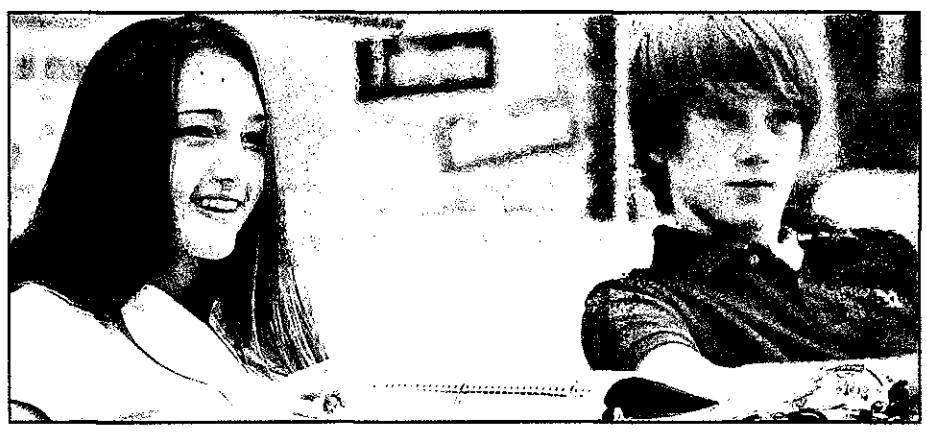
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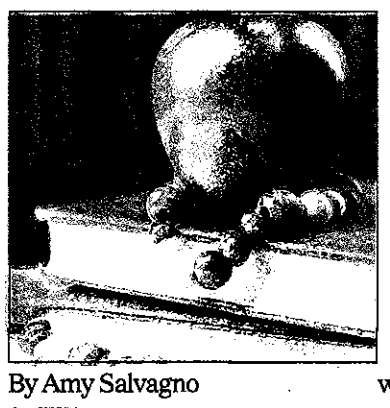


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Meet the school board candidates

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

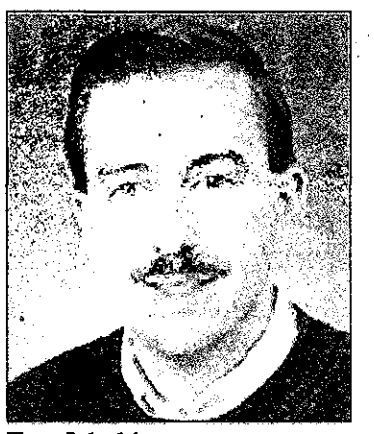
Seven residents have thrown their hat in the ring for three open seats on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education: One, three-year term and two, four-year terms are up for grabs. Here's a look at each hopeful's goals in their desired role. An (I) denotes incumbent.

FOUR-YEAR TERM CANDIDATES

Anthony Ambrogio
Age: 61
City of residence: City of Grosse Pointe
Background: Editor-writer; freelancing for the last eight years after being a technical writer in business for 16 years and prior to that, a university instructor of composition and film. Married to Anca Vlasopolos, professor of English, Wayne State University; two daughters, Olivia, 29, and Beatriz, 19, adopted in 2000.
Involvement in the school district up to this point: Both daughters went to Grosse Pointe public schools. Olivia graduated at the top of the class (from Grosse Pointe South High School); Beatriz didn't graduate.
My wife and I were involved in their educational ups and downs all during their tenure in GPPSS. I worked on committees to get the millage passed the first time around, after the advent of Proposal A, and helped in a small way with the first election of Joan Dindoffer.
• **Why did you decide to run for the school board?** I thought about the possibility of cuts to the school budget because of the terrible economic straits this region and this state find themselves in, and I decided that the board might be in need of one more reasonable voice to ensure that any cuts were fair and did the least amount of damage.
• **What are the most important issues facing the district?** The threat of reduced funding is the most important issue facing the district. The district does an excellent job educating our students, but — if funding were reduced — the quality of a Grosse Pointe public school education could be compromised.
• **How would you plan to address/offer solutions to the above-mentioned issues?** I would strive to do all in my power to keep the millages and the current funding we have, to explore alternative, equitable sources of funding, and to make sure that reduced funding didn't result in a reduction in the quality of a Grosse Pointe education.
• **What would your goals be in this role?** I would stress that the overriding goal is to maintain the quality of education in the district. If cuts were required, my goal would be to ensure that students received the same high level of teaching and to blunt, as much as it was in my power, the harmful effects on GPPSS employees and the community.


Anthony Ambrogio


Joan Dindoffer

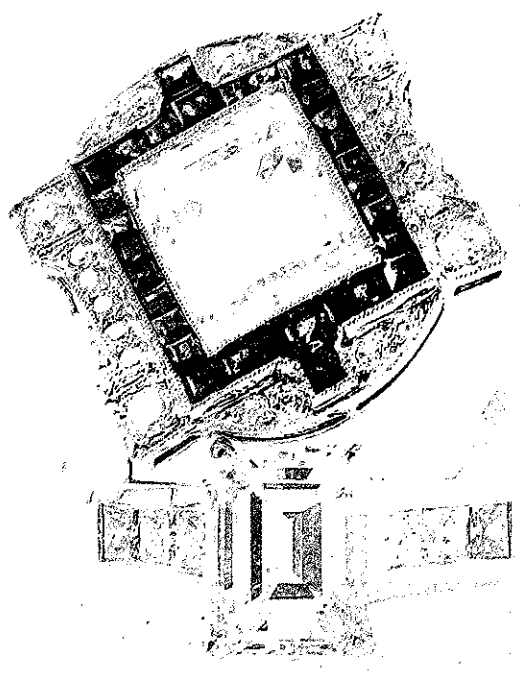

Tom Jakubiec


George McMullen

Joan Dindoffer (I)
Age: 55
City of residence: Grosse Pointe Park
Background: Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan; J.D. from Wayne State University Law School. Married to Fred Dindoffer, mother to three sons, all graduates of Grosse Pointe schools.
Involvement in school district up to this point: Grosse Pointe public schools trustee, 1997 to present; past president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of board; current secretary of board. Served on many board committees including policy (chair), strategic planning, budget and student discipline. Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education founding board member (ex officio). Former Defer PTO president and PTO council vice president. Active classroom volunteer for 18 years.
• **Why did you decide to run for the school board?** We face unprecedented budgetary and curricular challenges in our schools right now. With three out of seven school board seats to be filled in this election, with at least two new members joining the board this year and with no other board member having more than four years of experience, I felt it was important to offer the continuity that my 12 years of experience brings.
• **What are the most important issues facing the district?** Obviously, the budgetary crisis has demanded a great deal of the board's attention, and will continue to do so as we face mid-year budget cuts.
Meanwhile, the state has established stringent new graduation requirements and grade level content expectations for each course and each grade level. Ensuring that our curriculum meets or exceeds these standards, and that each and every student is successful in meeting these standards is core to our district mission.
Finally, succession planning among the administration will be key over the next few years. It will be critical that the next generation of district leadership shares the community's commitment to academic excellence and to the programs that make Grosse Pointe a lighthouse district.
• **How would you plan to address/offer solutions to the above mentioned issues?** First, it is critical that we not compromise on the quality of our curricular and extra-curricular programs. We must recruit and retain district leadership that will be committed to developing cutting edge programs for our students, such as the new medical services and robotics classes. Doing more with less will not be easy. As our budget constricts, we will need to continue to cut operational costs, such as energy and purchasing costs. With over 85 percent of our expenses attributable to human resources, however, we will need to look at staffing efficiencies and cost containment.
• **What would your goals be in this role?** My goal is to ensure that the Grosse Pointe Public School System is viewed as the premier school district in Michigan through attention to three fundamental values: Academic excellence, to preserve and enhance curricular and extra-curricular programs that make Grosse Pointe a lighthouse district; budgetary restraint, to continue to find creative ways to contain costs while maintaining educational excellence; community vitality, to preserve property values and attract families to our community because of the reputation of our schools.

Tom Jakubiec
Age: 42
City of residence: Grosse Pointe Woods
Background: Bachelor of Business Administration in business analysis from Texas A&M University and a Master of Science in industrial engineering from Wayne State University. Helped companies over the last 19 years improve their performance and reduce their costs. Background includes work with EDS, Toyota and for the last 13 years, General Motors.
Like many of you, my wife and I bought a home here in the Grosse Pointe school district to raise our family. While we live on the north end of the district now, my wife was raised in the Park and attended Defer, Pierce and then Grosse Pointe South High School. We have two sons currently attending Ferry Elementary School.
Involvement in school district up to this point: Ferry School PTO member for three years and active participant at PTO meetings and events. I am the only candidate not currently on the board who has regularly attended and actively participated at school board meetings and working sessions this year.
My active participation included speaking at and providing written ideas and alternatives to the board and administration, including solutions for keeping our schools for district residents only when the board was considering opening our district to non-resident students. I also presented a residency verification process currently being used by another school district for use in our schools. After reviewing the budget proposals from the board, I researched and presented written worksheets and pages of alternatives to the board and the administration in May and June.
• **Why did you decide to run for the school board?** As a parent of two sons, I have a vested interest in making sure the school district is the best it can be. I want to help ensure the direction of the school district remains focused on the long-term benefit to the students by maintaining the standard of excellence our residents expect. The board's focus on chasing revenue dollars and relying on one year federal stimulus dollars in-

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stead of making structural changes to how our school dollars are spent has to be changed, and I know I can help make that change.

• **What are the most important issues facing the district?** The budget challenges due to state funding shortfalls, residency and security at the schools, and closing the test performance gap between the schools.

• **How would you plan to address/offer solutions to the above mentioned issues?** The budget: This is the most important issue the school district has now because how the board chooses to address it will impact all other areas and functions in the schools now and for years to come. I would start by changing the planning process for the budget. As enrollment continues to decline, we must restructure and control our spending so our children receive the educational experience our residents expect. I believe the educational experience needed for our kids includes classroom learning, sports programs, fine arts and other extracurricular activities. When we do a better job controlling our school district costs, we can have more stability with our teaching staff and have opportunities to improve our curriculum.

Residency and security at the schools: I would have a 100 percent residency verification process implemented, similar to the one I provided the board and administrators earlier this year, which would have minimal or no additional cost to the district. I would also work on the student code of conduct and then enforcing it to ensure that each student knows what is expected of them to maximize their learning potential.

Closing the test performance gap between the schools: I would start by analyzing the data to see if the problem exists for students who attend from first grade to high school or if the problem occurs for students who transfer into the district at middle or high school grades. If the problem exists for students who attend from the first grade, then it is a curriculum teaching issue. We need to identify the causes for these disparities and address them, not by lowering the ceiling, but by raising the floor.

• **What would your goals be in this role?** I believe the taxpaying community deserves more from the school board and administration than they have been receiving. Our community businesses should also have a priority status when bidding on school system purchases and contracts when all things are equal between bids. I would work to ensure that the school board represents and serves the residents of our district and that the residents are involved in the idea generation stage, not just informed after a decision has already been made.

George McMullen
Age: 52
City of residence: Grosse Pointe Woods
Background: 30 years in the sales industry; currently employed by Rose Pest Solutions.
Involvement in school district up to this point: 100 percent attendance at work session meetings and regular meetings for the last 18 months.

• **Why did you decide to run for the school board?** I'm a native Grosse Pointer and I care very deeply about maintaining the quality and unique lifestyle I have enjoyed and want to continue to enjoy for the next 52 years. When you're born or live in the U.S., you hit the lottery; when you're born or live in Grosse Pointe, it's a double payout. Strong schools mean a strong Grosse Pointe and that is what fills my desire and motivation to run.

• **What are the most important issues facing the district?** Maintaining premier academic achievement and advancement of the students in this challenging time.

• **How would you plan to address/offer solutions to the above mentioned issues?** A team approach — input from board members, parents, teachers and administration to define all the issues of restructuring the system while keeping in mind the goal of academic achievement and advancement of the students. Once the issues are defined, make decisions with consensus of the board and decide.

• **What would your goals be in this role?** Educate and make sure I know all the issues in great detail so I can vote to the best of my abilities and be able to fully defend my vote. It is very apparent to me as I have been meeting with employees, parents and taxpayers there is plenty of help and expertise out there for me to make me feel confident that I can make a very informed argument for my stand and make a very well informed vote that I can defend.



Michelle Peabody



Karl Kratz



Cindy Pangborn

Michelle Peabody
Age: 49
City of residence: Grosse Pointe Park
Background: Bachelor of science from Wayne State University; Master of Science in health sciences in research administration from George Washington University. Currently employed at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit. Managed clinical research projects for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) at Henry Ford Health System for more than 10 years. Written and managed multi-million dollar budgets and written government grant proposals for funding. Nominated and selected as an editor on publications for an NIH writing committee.

Married to James Peabody, physician at Henry Ford Health System; mother to Alexander and Elise, 11, both sixth-graders at Pierce Middle School.

Involvement in school district up to this point: I have been very involved in volunteer work at my children's school. I have volunteered at least once weekly for five years at Trombly Elementary School. I started an after school language program at Trombly when I found there was none. I wanted to see for myself what was happening on a day-to-day basis at my children's school. Because of my volunteer work, I am familiar with the issues facing parents, our children and the schools.

• **Why did you decide to run for the school board?** I feel that I can make a difference. I am the only candidate running a "green campaign" (no lawn signs or fliers). I desire the people of our community to make a difference by giving to their PTO, music, arts or athletic program of their choice.

With my management and budget experience, my knowledge of the classroom and the understanding of the circumstances of many of our children, I am confident that I can help make informed decisions for our community. I have faced the challenges of having a gifted, dyslexic child. My child would have fallen through the cracks of our educational system without intervention. The school did not move on this issue, so I had to. I realize that there are many in our communities that do not have the resources to handle this type of issue and need assistance.

• **What are the most important issues facing the district?** (1)The state financial cuts would have the most devastating effect on our district. I encourage everyone to vote yes on our proposals. With careful stewardship we will be able to see this through. We need to keep cuts far from the classroom. (2)Transparency: We need to follow up on public suggestions at school board meetings with "Action Items" or answers/solutions to publicly stated problems with a publicly stated response to those concerns. Class size for each and every school at every grade level should be public knowledge. (3) Residency: Residency should be checked yearly. We can do this with the aid of volunteers (4) Competency: Early evaluations of incoming students from outside districts to determine literacy and language competency.

• **What would your goals be in this role?** My goals would be for the Grosse Pointe public schools to be not just good schools, but premier schools. I have a vested interest in my children and the children of this community. I want to be sure that we continue our excellence in education, and excellence in our broad range of arts, music, and sports. I want to ensure that our children are prepared for a global world and economy.

THREE-YEAR TERM CANDIDATES

Karl Kratz
Age: 55
City of residence: Grosse Pointe Shores
Background: Bachelor's Degree from Marygrove College with double major in biology and chemistry; master's from Wayne State Medical School in toxicology. Worked for Merck for 12 years as a business director for Automotive Market NA. For the last 14 years was group executive director at Henkel NA. Married to Diane for 32 years. Have opened our home to many cats and dogs over the years from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

Involvement in school district up to this point: Appointed to the Grosse Pointe school board in August to replace resigned trustee Ahmed Ismail. For the last year-and-a-half, worked in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe school board, administrators and teachers to begin Full Circle Upscale Resale store in order to foster increased independence for young adults with special needs within the community.

• **Why did you decide to run for the school board?** We need to control the budget now and for the next couple of years as we move forward in this very tough economy. I have 28 years of business experience and ran a $78 million international business for Henkel Corporation. I have always had to balance the budget and find ways to contain costs while growing the business. I can bring that experience to the school board.

• **What are the most important issues facing the district?** The school system provides an

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Mary Domzalski Heimerdinger

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Domzalski Heimerdinger, 100, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2009.

She was born April 30, 1909, in Detroit to Mary and Walter Domzalski.

Mrs. Heimerdinger was active in the business world as a broker and real estate agent for many years in the Detroit area and in the Domzalski insurance business. After retiring at 85, she moved with her family to Lansing and then to Raleigh, N.C. in 2000.

She felt privileged to celebrate her 100th birthday in April 2009 with all her family and friends. She will be lovingly remembered for her generous heart, warm smile and delightful sense of humor.

Mrs. Heimerdinger is survived by her daughter, Marie Theresa Haag and her husband, James; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, Earl Hugh Heimerdinger; brother, William Dom and sister, Helen Domzalski.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Oct. 14 at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Raleigh, N.C. A graveside prayer service will be held Monday, Oct. 19, at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 17100 Van Dyke, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Liberty Hospice, 3200 Spring Forest Road, Ste. 201, Raleigh, NC 27616.

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Mollie Watson Mackenzie

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City of Grosse Pointe resident Mollie Watson Mackenzie, 86, passed away Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009.

She was born July 27, 1923, in Detroit to Mike and Helen Watson. After graduation from Highland Park High School, she attended the University of Arizona, graduating with a degree in child psychology.

While attending the University of Arizona, she met Don E. Mackenzie, a bomber pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps. They wed in 1944 and remained married for 42 years until Mr. Mackenzie's death in 1986.

Mrs. Mackenzie was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and an administrative assistant for 20 years in various medical offices.

In addition, she volunteered for Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe for more than 10 years.

She enjoyed painting, crafts, reading and crossword puzzles.

Mrs. Mackenzie's grandfather was C.D. Hastings, cofounder and CEO of Huppmobile Car Company. Her father, James M. Watson, was president of the American Society of Metals and her husband held a seat on the former Detroit Stock Exchange.

Mrs. Mackenzie is survived by her four sons, Scott, Jonathan, Cameron and Keith; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents and sisters, Priscilla and Gretchen.

Her family said she was known for her warm and loving personality and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Helen Virginia Winslow

Former Grosse Pointe resident Helen Virginia Winslow, 101, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009. She had been living in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Winslow was a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe until 2008. She graduated from University Liggett School and attended Erskine College in Boston and Finch College in New York.

She was a member and past president of the Ibex Club and was a volunteer at Hutzel Hospital. She was a member of Christ Church, Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Winslow is survived by her son, Kenelm Jr. and his wife, Mary Anne.

She was predeceased by her husband, Kenelm and her granddaughter, Katie.

Graveside services will be private.

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excellent curriculum for all class levels. We need to continue to improve class options, add additional AP courses, provide GAP programs where needed and monitor college entrance exams to measure success and areas needing improvement.

The board and the administration need to work together in order to run our programs on a zero-based budget and find ways to cut costs where possible to overcome state funding shortfalls. I support continuation of both millages, which provide 25 percent of our current budget funding. We need to enforce our residency policy. Class experience focus, class size, security and enforce student conduct policy.

• **How would you plan to address/offer solutions to the above mentioned issues?** Supplementing our current curriculum by adding programs to improve the GAP results and student test results. The board is working with the administration to meet budget goals and ensure we look at all expenses and eliminate those that do not add value. I support the millages in order to maintain our programs and the maintenance of our school buildings. I will review our current strategy to ensure the children in our school system are truly residents. As a board member, I will look at class sizes and take action in order to reduce hot spots, support security programs in our schools, and enforce student code of conduct.

• **What would your goals be in this role?** My goals are to maintain our curriculum and improve our student test scores, balance the budget, enforce student residency, safety and enforce our conduct policy.

Cindy Pangborn
Age: 63
City of residence: Grosse Pointe Woods
Background: Realtor with Johnstone and Johnstone Real Estate; married for 42 years to Jim Pangborn; mother to four children, all Grosse Pointe South High School alumni.

Involvement in school district up to this point: Served in "the trenches" on nearly every committee, organization or event as a volunteer, office holder or chairwoman, at every level of the school system for the past 34 years. Served on the Grosse Pointe school board from 1996-2000.

• **Why did you decide to run for the school board?** I feel the board needs someone with proven experience. With my track record, there won't be a learning curve. I can hit the ground running. We have three of our top administrators eligible for retirement and I have experience in both superintendent search and in the hiring of principals.

• **What are the most important issues facing the district?** The most important issues facing the board are (1) Transparency in finances and accepting that we must look at a new way of budgeting (2) Security at all levels, including enforcement of the residency policy (3) A full teaching staff and strong curriculum with small class sizes (4) Improving communication so that we no longer have one-way conversations at school board meetings.

• **How would you plan to address/offer solutions to the above mentioned issues?** Many of our problems relate back to money. We need money for our teachers, supplies, security and after school activities. It is only recently that the board has given any transparency to our finances and they have done a very clear job of explaining the hold harmless millage and the sinking fund. While the passages of these millages are very important we have to look at a zero based budget that essentially plans the budget as though we were just starting our school system. Everything needs to be evaluated based on need and the benefit it produces. This process cannot just be a bean counters bottom line experience. The human factor, our children, always must be considered first. We must allow a two-way conversation at the board meetings. In the past experts in our community came forth with suggestions that were not always apparent to board members. We have a wealth of people from all walks that we need to include in our discussions.

• **What would your goals be in this role?** My goal on the school board is what it always has been, to do a better job of communicating with the public, introduce new and innovative ways to budget and expand on our efforts toward improving education for all children in our district in a safe and pleasant environment.

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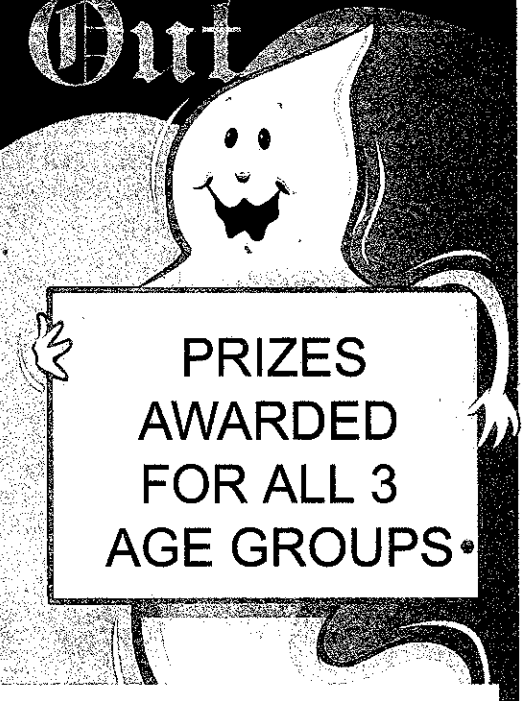
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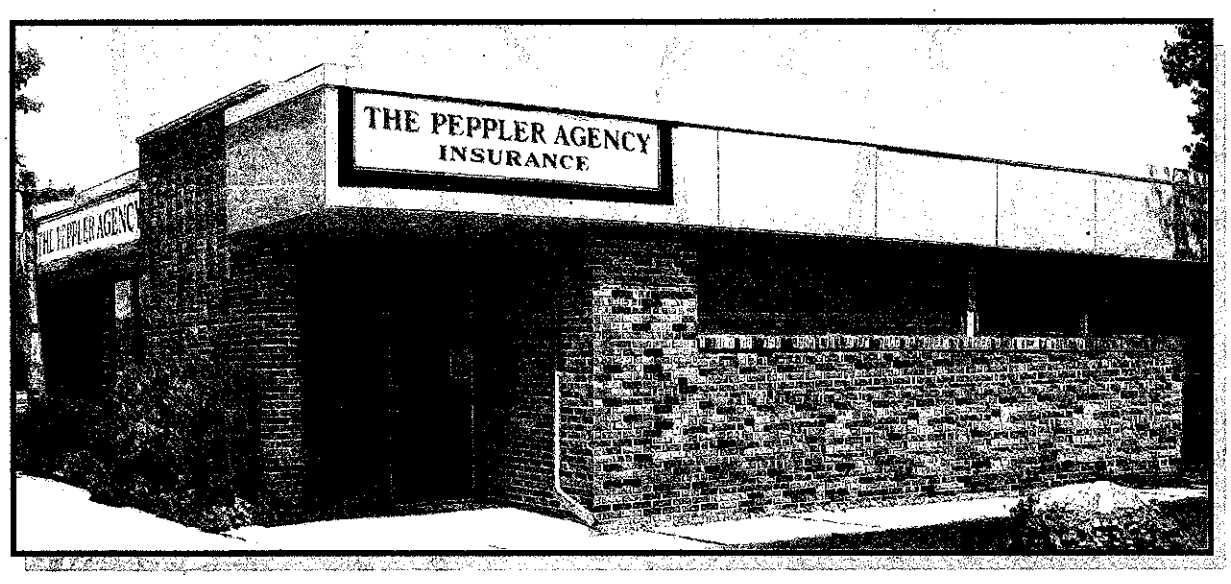
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Three incumbents unopposed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Three candidates, all incumbents, are running for new terms on the city council of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The candidates amount to half of the six-person council, members of which serve four-year terms and are paid $600 per year.

The candidates are, in alphabetical order, Charles S. "Terry" Davis, Louis Theros and Peter W. Waldmeir.

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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Charles S. "Terry" Davis

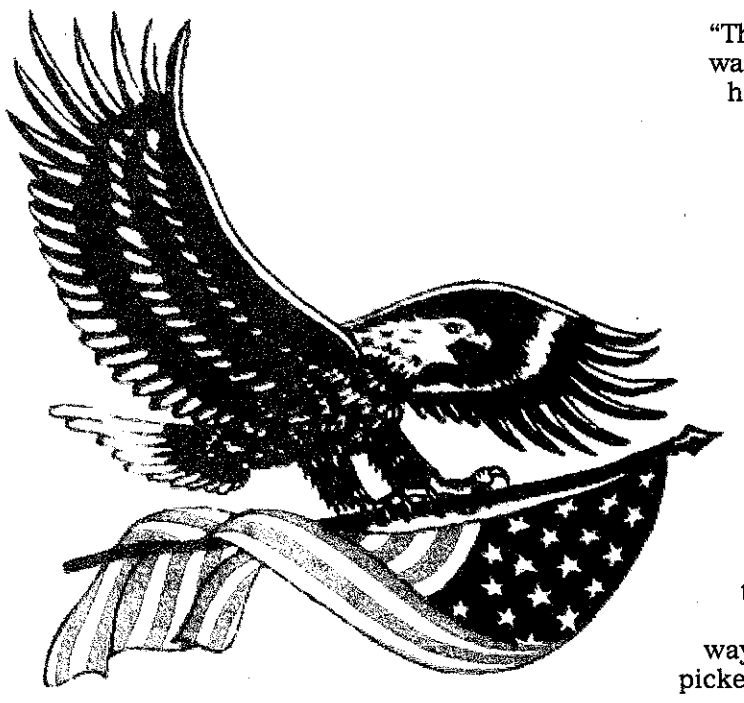
Age: 65
Employment: Managing partner of Goodrich, Davis and Peabody financial counselors and money managers
Council status: Incumbent

Unless Terry Davis somehow loses next month's uncontested election, he'll soon begin his third consecutive term on the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

"I've been chairman of the budget committee since my first year on the council," Davis said. "Every year except last year, we reduced property taxes. We reduced taxes five years out of six. The first year, we reduced it by 1/4 mill and by 1/8 mill the other years. The sixth year — last year — we held taxes even, even with revenues falling sharply from state revenue sharing and property taxes."

Davis is a financial manager. He worked in President Ronald Reagan's administration as chief operating officer of the General Services Administration.

"I thought long and hard about whether I should run again for city council," Davis said. "Normally, I would term limit myself. But, the reasons I ran the first time are still here."



He wants to help continue making the council responsive to residents, cut taxes further, see the city through the current recession and be involved with the development of municipal property at Mack and Moross.

"Next year, revenues are going to fall even more," he said. "The next two years are going to be the critical years on how to continue our level of services, which is one of the things that helps support our property values and makes living in the Farms special. The attitude of the budget committee is to do everything we can to avoid raising taxes."

Cost-cutting actions taken by the council include not filling four municipal job openings and postponing some capital expenditures.

"We've been making the budget tighter and tighter," Davis said. "Our city manager, assistant city manager and controller have helped identify areas where they could make cost reductions. It's a very positive relationship between my committee and city administration."

In addition to annual audits of the general fund, Davis said the council each year picks an area of city operations to analyze how things are administered.

"The first one we did was for procurement," he said. "The next year, we picked cash receipts. Last year, we did the park. We have put the city under the gun to make sure we, as council, get correct information."

Davis credits the entire council for improving operations and making the city operations more transparent.

"We changed the ways committees are picked," he said. "The mayor used to pick all people on committees. Now, each council member gets to nominate people to each committee, so we get good representation of the community."

As for property at Mack and Moross the city bought years ago, Davis said the council is primed to move forward when the economy allows.

"We have a request for proposal approved ready to go," Davis said. "The economic environment isn't correct to put that out. I want to make sure Mack and Moross happens, that the people get back the $6 million we have invested in it. I don't want to just sell the property, take the money and find a way to spend it. I want to do something that will continue to let us reduce taxes and give the people that money back."

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Louis Theros

Age: 45
Employment: Attorney with Butzel Long
Council status: Incumbent

Louis Theros doesn't consider the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council to be a stage for members to show off their egos.

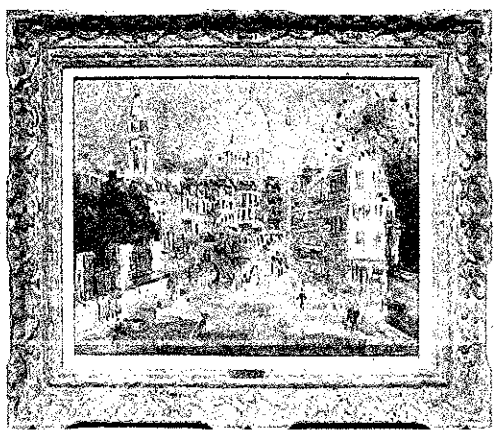
"There is a substantial dose of mutual respect across all members of the council," said Theros. "We can disagree without it becoming personal. That allows us to be very proactive in getting things done. For the most part, we've been able to work through disagreements cooperatively."

Theros is seeking a third term on the council.

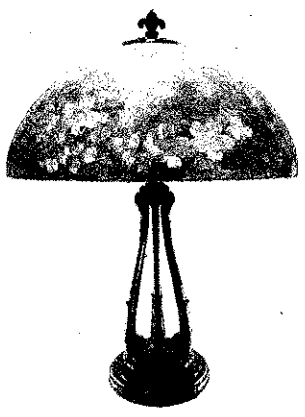
"We want to maintain high levels of services in light of fiscal challenges that all local governments are going to face," he said. "With declining revenue sharing, and somewhat declining tax revenues because of declining property values, our goal is to maintain the high level of services we've provided in the Farms, while at the same time meeting financial challenges."

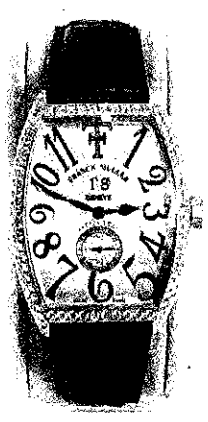
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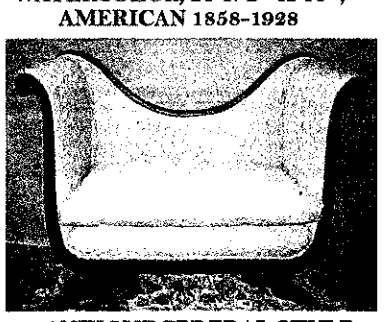
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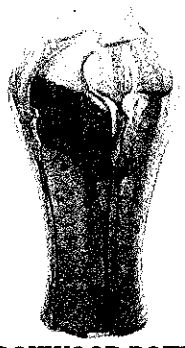

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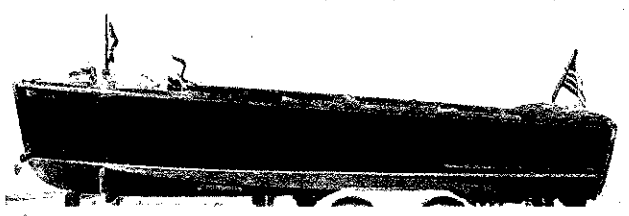

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Woods scarecrow



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Closet Connections co-owner Christine Wurm adds a hangar to her scarecrow in front of the Grosse Pointe Woods store. Scarecrows are part of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's A Fair in Fall on the Hill and in the Village, Oct. 16 -18. For more information, call (313) 881-4722.

Leaf pickup starts Oct. 19

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Gone are the Cold War days of duck and cover. A more benign message is making the rounds in the City of Grosse Pointe: Broom and chute.

The city's 2,100 households are scheduled starting next week to receive weekly leaf collection by the broom and chute method. The method is new to City residents, but old news to those in neighboring Grosse Pointe Farms.

City residents now can rake their leaves once per week into the gutter for pickup by a public service crew. Workers will broom the leaves up a chute into a garbage truck and haul them away.

A pickup schedule runs Monday through Thursday, rotating among four sections of the city.

"If we fall behind on a route, we have Friday as a makeup day," said Gary Huvaere, public service supervisor. "Residents can rake their leaves into the street next to the curb after 4 p.m. the day before collection, or before 7:30 a.m. the day of collection."

Last year, Huvaere's crews collected leaves using a vacuum suction truck.

"The new method is more cost effective," he said. "It takes less time."

Even with having to hire seasonal workers, broom and chute is expected to save money over the old way of doing things.

"There should be no overtime and less hauling because leaves will be put right into a rubbish truck and taken to the disposal site."

A city-wide schedule of once-per-week pickups per household is to begin Monday, Oct. 19, depending on the amount of fallen leaves.

The schedule is:

Monday

- Cranford Lane
- Village Lane
- Cadieux
- Loraine
- Fisher
- All street south of Jefferson

Tuesday

- Notre Dame
- St. Clair
- Neff
- Grosse Pointe Court
- Neff Lane

Wednesday

- Lakeland
- University
- Rivard
- Main streets, block by block during regular leaf pickup.

Thursday

- Washington
- Lincoln
- Roosevelt/Charles
- Main streets, block by block during regular leaf pickup.

Pickups Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 26, will take place Monday, Nov. 30.

Fiber shops team up for Halloween Yarn Crawl

Five Detroit-area yarn shops are holding the 2009 Yarn Crawl Oct. 24-25. It's not only a great excuse to visit some of the most diverse shops in the area, it is also an opportunity to support First Step women's shelter and to earn a chance to win a $200 gift certificate that can be used at any one or combination of crawl destinations.

The Crawl works like this: purchase your personal passport to a weekend of fun, fiber and prizes at any of the participating shops. The passport is just $20 per person with all proceeds donated to First Step, a shelter downriver that helps victims of domestic violence, including their children.

To be eligible for the gift certificate, have your passport signed at each shop that weekend and turn it in at the fifth. (The gift certificate expires Jan. 1, 2010 and can be used at any one or any combination of the participating shops).

You will also receive:

- A Yarn Crawler 'trick or treat' bag,
- Lots of goodies at each stop to fill your bag!
- A detailed map of how to find each shop.
- Coupons from each shop for special offers between Halloween and Christmas. Offers will vary by shop and are for "Yarn Crawlers" only.

"Best of all," said Larry Hart, general manager of Artisán Knitworks in Grosse Pointe Park, "Yarn Crawling is a wonderful team activity. We urge everyone to pile into a car with some friends and enjoy. "

If you don't have a Yarn Crawl buddy, explains Hart, each of the participating stores will be putting together car pools. Just ask when at registration.

Hart adds that the passport is valid only on Oct. 24 and 25. As independent businesses, shops keep varied hours as given below. However, every shop will be open at least on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information call Artisán Knitworks in Grosse Pointe Park at (313) 823-4132 or any of the other participating shops which include: Knit A Round Yarn Shop (Ann Arbor); The Wool & The Floss (Grosse Pointe); Neighborhood Knits (Dearborn) and Gail's Darn Yarn (Birmingham).

Information by e-mail may be obtained from artisanknitworks@sbcglobal.net.



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Woods municipal judge candidates

Five candidates are vying for the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal judge seat.

Ted Metry

Law School: University of Detroit, 1992

Undergraduate: University of Michigan, 1989

Personal: Married; two children

Website: tedmetry4judge.com

Metry is a principal attorney with Metry & Metry. He has served as an independent arbitrator, mediator and court-appointed case evaluator.

Statement: I am running for municipal court judge because we need a judge with the right experience who will uphold the law and treat everyone fairly, with dignity and respect. I am not a politician or a bureaucrat. I am an attorney who handles the cases our court hears every day and will be responsive to residents' concerns.

My commitment to the citizens is simple: I will work every day to keep our families safe and secure. I am committed to making Grosse Pointe Woods the best place to live, to work, to raise a family, to retire or to own a business. I will work to bring innovative programs to our court, and use my legal and business background to ensure that our court is run efficiently and effectively.

Our next judge needs to hit the ground running. Our city cannot afford a judge who needs on-the-job training. With 17 years experience working in courts throughout the state at every level, no other candidate can match my record.

Lisa Pinkos-Howle

Law School: University of Detroit-Mercy, 1997

Graduate School: Oakland University, 1980

Undergraduate: University of Michigan, 1978

Personal: Married; two children

Pinkos-Howle is of counsel to Kelley Casey, P.C. She is currently serving her second term on the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council.

Statement: My broad legal experience includes teaching business law, practicing in the area of complex litigation and extensive familiarity with municipal law as a current member of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council.

During my council tenure I have become familiar with the municipal court and its staff. I have been integrally involved in municipal court budgeting as a member of the finance committee. I have reviewed and approved new ordinances and understand the history behind many of them. I have participated in drafting zoning and planning laws as the newest master plan was published my tenure on council.

I was a member of the faculty of Baker College teaching business law from 1998-2003. I hope to continue the good work of the prior municipal court judge. In 1999, I became involved in the equine community, competing in hunter-jumper shows throughout Michigan and leading to the creation of the Equine Law practice area

William F. Rabaut

Law School: Detroit College of Law, 1985

Undergraduate: Wayne State University, 1980

Personal: Married; three children

Rabaut is a general practice attorney throughout the court systems of Michigan, including the Grosse Pointe municipal courts.

Statement: An area of concern as I seek to become Grosse Pointe Woods' next municipal judge is for the legal system to reach out to the young people of the community, particularly high school students, to make them understand the serious legal consequences of making bad decisions, particularly in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse.

I bring a lifetime of practical, business, family and legal experience to the job: a precinct delegate while a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, school board and parish council for Our Lady Queen of Peace parish while a resident of Harper Woods, and an usher for St. Philomena Parish for 15 years. My family has resided in Grosse Pointe Woods for over seven years and are members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. I am also a member of AmVets Squad 121.



Ted Metry



Lisa Pinkos-Howle



William F. Rabaut

Robert A. Radnick

Law School: University of Detroit, 1974

Undergraduate: Wayne State University, 1964

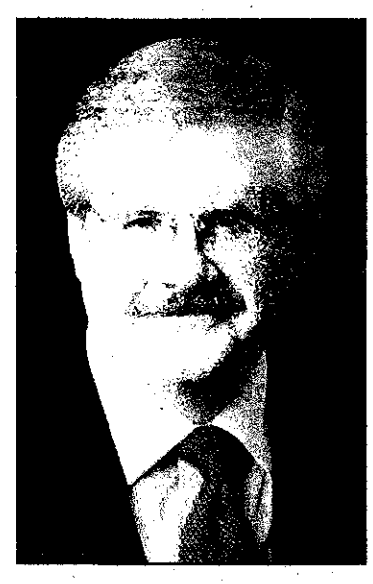
Personal: Married; two children

Website:Radnick4Judge.com

Radnick is a retired Wayne County assistant prosecutor.



Robert A. Radnick



Gregory Ulrich

He also spent eight years in the

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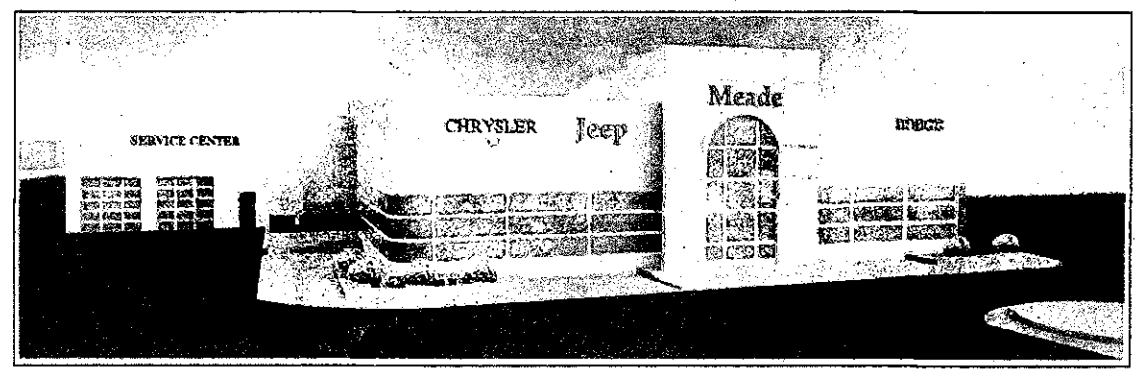
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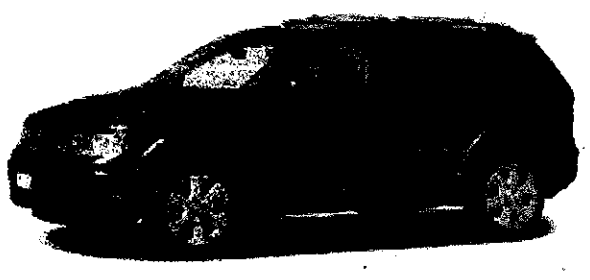
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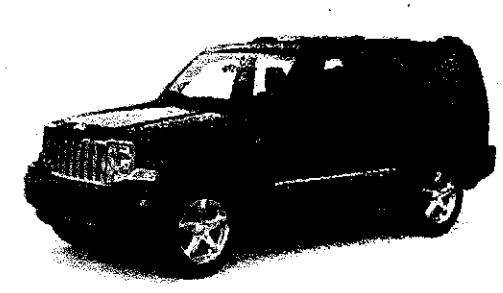


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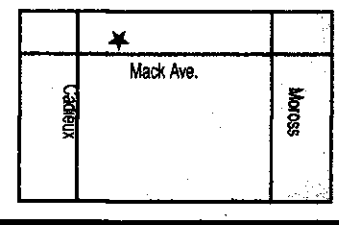
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Farquhar unopposed for Farms mayor

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

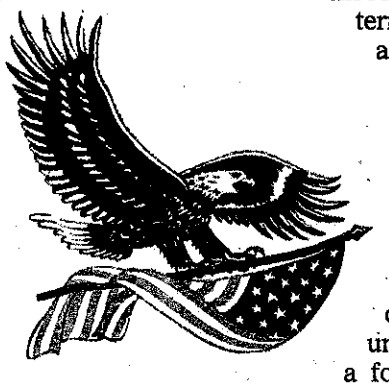
The lone candidate in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election for mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms is incumbent James Farquhar.

Farms mayors serve two-year terms and are paid a $900 annual salary.

James C. Farquhar, Jr.

Age: 50
Incumbent
Employment: Owner of Grosse Pointe Florists

James Farquhar Jr. is the first mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms to be put in office by the general electorate.



Prior to his winning the job in 2003, the 22 Farms mayors who preceded him since 1893 were drawn from the city council by fellow council members.

Farquhar served three two-year terms as mayor and, before those, one term on the council beginning in 2001, for a total of nine years of elected office. He is unopposed for a forth term as mayor.

"I have knowledge from years of service and the background to know our city's needs during these trying times," he said.

This could be Farquhar's most trying term. The national recession that some say shows signs of bottoming out is expected to last longer in Michigan.

"The Michigan economy is going to weigh heavily on us," Farquhar said. "We'll weather the storm and be fine."

The city council is dealing with reduced property tax revenue due to declining property values and cuts in state revenue sharing.

"It's tough," Farquhar said. "We go through our budget line-by-line. When was the last time the state did that? You have to wonder if the state is doing all it can do to trim its budget."

Farms officials this year passed a $12.5 million balanced budget — a 3 percent reduction from the year before — without a tax increase.

"We're looking at ways to trim costs and how to keep our tax rate low," Farquhar said. "We've had three cuts in four years. This year we cut a lot out of our budget, and kept the same tax rate."

As an example of cost savings, Farquhar cited the Farms this year renting a garbage truck rather than buying one.

"They cost about $140,000," he said. "We figured it would be cheaper to rent one than buy one."

He foresees future cost savings by sharing equipment with other cities.

"We're digging deep," Farquhar said. "It's a challenge."

He's proud of the Farms administration and employees for maintaining high levels of service. He cited enhancements to Pier Park as examples of what can be accomplished through teamwork.

"We've won three awards from the Michigan Recreation Association for our park," Farquhar said. "I think improvements to the park are attracting residents here."

GROSSE POINTE FARMS MUNICIPAL JUDGE ELECTION

Rumora back for sixth

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Incumbent Matthew Rumora is unopposed for a sixth term as Grosse Pointe Farms municipal judge. Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The job carries a four-year term and a $12,000 annual salary.

Matthew Rumora

Age: 60
Incumbent
Employment: Attorney in private practice

If you haven't met Matthew Rumora, maybe that's a good thing.

Rumora has been judge of

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He's proud of the council's "ability to expand services to Farms residents while cutting taxes five out of eight years I've been on the council, realizing, of course, that we do the best with what we have: instituting curb-side leaf pickup, a new community center and marina at the park and street repaving."

If he had to leave the council tomorrow, he'd be proud of what he's helped accomplish.

"We've accomplished quite a bit, but there is more work to do," Theros said. "I'm interested in what's going to happen at Mack and Moross and want to be part of the process during the next four years. Maybe the economy won't even let us look at it. The Hill looks better. Unfortunately, some of our businesses are struggling, but that is symptomatic of the whole state."

Theros is former president of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and current trustee of its charitable foundation, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Foundation. He is vice president of Michigan Ice Hawks Hockey Club youth organization, and is vice president of a charitable group that runs a housing project in Harrison Township for low-income senior citizens.

"My family before me, especially my dad, was committed to community service," Theros said. "I find this a good way to continue one of my many avenues of community services."

He added, "We are a very open council. If anybody has issues with what's going on in the city, feel free to contact us directly or through the city administration. We are here to serve the residents of the Farms. To the extent they want to talk to us, they should feel free to do so."

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Peter W. Waldmeir Jr.

Age: 56
Employment: Attorney with Miller Canfield
Council status: Incumbent

Peter Waldmeir Jr. has held elected office in two of the Grosse Pointes for a total of 16 years. He served four years on the City of Grosse Pointe council before moving to the Farms and serving on its council 12 years.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve the community as long as I have," Waldmeir said. "I hope I can continue to meet the residents' expectations."

He appreciates the current Farms council's teamwork.

"We work together," he said. "We find solutions to problems and try to be proactive, not just reactive. Proactively, we're going to have to deal with reduced revenue sharing, the declining property tax base and holding the same level of services."

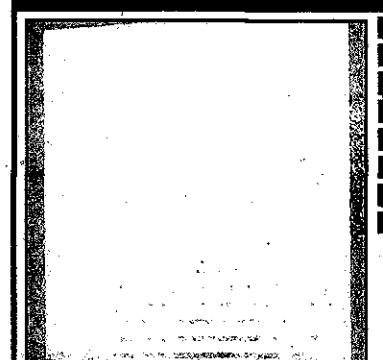
Some of the cost-saving ideas he said were discussed "a long time ago" when he chaired a municipal futuring committee are being brought back to the table.

"We're looking, again, in terms of cooperative efforts, both in the private and public sectors," he said. "Some economies of scale can be best achieved with more involvement with our neighbors. We've done it with recycling and emergency medical services. The city manager is great at trying to find opportunities with other communities that are win-win for residents."

The economy and its effect on the community are among top issues Waldmeir expects to be dealing with during the next four years.

"We've managed to be fiscally responsible without raising taxes," Waldmeir said. "We will continue to look for opportunities. We'll try to press Lansing to increase our revenue share and, failing that, make efforts internally to adjust our costs as best we can."

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Jewelry theft

Eight pieces of jewelry with a combined worth of $4,050 were reported stolen from an estate sale at a house in the 400 block of Fisher.

Thefts occurred sometime between 7:20 a.m. and 9:20 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Missing from a container on a bedroom dresser are two gold bands, one engraved band, one diamond engagement ring, one 22-inch gold chain with a "D" charm, an 18 karat gold bracelet and two silver bracelets.

Stalker

City police are giving special attention to their own parking lot behind headquarters.

A 55-year-old man living in the nearby 500 block of St. Clair said his ladyfriend's 59-year-old ex-boyfriend from Port Huron has been using the lot to stalk the pair.

"(The (resident) is fearful for his safety and feels that (the Port Huron man) may become a threat," said an officer.

B&E

A woman living in the 800 block of Neff said someone broke into her house sometime between 4:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, and stole a $400 T-Mobile cellular telephone, $25 red cooler and a new $100 Ashley Stuart blouse still in a shopping bag.

She told police she called the missing phone. A person who answered, wouldn't say anything, hung up and turned off the phone, she told police.

Bin taken

A recycling bin is missing from Maire Elementary School in the 700 block of Cadieux.

The $60 bin was reportedly stolen between 7 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, and 10 a.m. the next day.

— 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

'On a bender'

A 41-year-old Farms man was arrested for drunken driving last weekend shortly after taking his sick mother to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

Hospital security shortly after 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, reported the man was intoxicated in a gray 1999 Lincoln Continental parked in the hospital lot.

"(He) was seated in the back seat with the door open," said the arresting officer. "He slurred his words. His eyes were bloodshot, glassy and droopy. He freely admitted he was intoxicated and even made the statement that he needs to go to rehab for alcohol."

The man registered a .29 percent blood alcohol content, according to police.

"He advised (me) that he was on a 'bender,'" said the officer.

The arrest was the man's third for drunken driving, police said.

Phone threat

An 87-year-old Farms woman reported being harassed on the telephone by a man with a Jamaican accent demanding she wire him $100 to personally deliver a $1 million cash prize to her house.

During the most recent of many unsolicited calls, the man reportedly said, "If you do not send the money, I will drag you into your front yard and cut your head off."

The woman kept a record of the calls, which she told police came from the 876 area code.

Customers wrong

A credit receipt may help police track down two men and two women for reportedly causing a disturbance at about 11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Lucy's Tavern on the Hill.

"The suspects came in at approximately 8 p.m.," a policemen said. "They eventually ate dinner and paid the bill with a Visa cash card."

They also allegedly ignored requests to be quiet and told the night manager they were going to "blow up the bar."

The suspects reportedly left the area in a dark blue Monte Carlo, and may have returned a short while later to kick the back door.

Trek taken

A 12-year-old Farms boy's $200, black frame Trek bicycle with a red logo was stolen between 6 and 6:10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, while parked unattended in front of a house in the 400 block of Calvin.

Drunken driver

Police said a 45-year-old Farms man registered a .19 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation at 8:41 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, on Chalfonte near Calvin.

A patrolman had pulled over the man for operating a white 1997 Ford Expedition with an unlit license plate. The plate turned out to be expired, said the officer.

— 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 Shores

Nails police car

A public safety officer was in his cruiser parked on Clairview at 8:44 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, when a man backing a car out of a driveway ran into the patrol car. There was no damage.

"(The man) was told to be more careful backing out of driveways," said the officer.

Power out

Electric service in portions of the 600 block of Lakeshore and on Webber was disrupted for more than 24 hours beginning shortly after 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

A DTE Energy representative reportedly told public safety officers the problem was due to a malfunctioning fuse on a utility pole.

Drinking suspect

A 50-year-old man from Lennox Township refused to take a Breathalyzer test during a drunken driving investigation at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, on eastbound Vernier.

Police obtained a search warrant to have the man's blood drawn at a local hospital and tested for alcohol content.

A patrolman had pulled over the man for operating a black PT Cruiser without operating headlights and a flat right front tire.

Hits pole

A few minutes before 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, a 58-year-old Shores woman lost control of her Lexus GS 300 in the 1000 block of eastbound Lakeshore, ran over the right curb and hit a rock and light pole.

Wind damage Oct. 7

◆ Police used yellow caution tape a few minutes before 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, to cordon off the area around a tree high winds blew onto a power line between two houses in the 1000 block of Lakeshore. A DTE Energy crew was called to make repairs.

"The primary line was dangling between driveways," said a public safety officer. "No arching was observed."

◆ At 7:51 a.m., a downed wire behind a house on Fairford caused a tree to smolder. The tree wasn't near a dwelling or garage.

A repair crew was called. The wire continued sparking and caught the tree on fire again shortly after 4:30 p.m.

◆ At 3:12 a.m., a power line was reported down on North Deeplands.

Lost weekend

A 34-year-old Royal Oak woman was arrested for drunken driving at 9:23 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

She spent the weekend in jail waiting to be released on $500 bail.

She'd been arrested on Lakeshore near Fontana for driving a 1998 Suzuki Sidekick while having a .21 percent blood alcohol level.

— 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

Armed robbery

Five people in their early 20s were confronted in the driveway of a house on Severn at 3:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, by someone wearing a mask and holding a gun who demanded they "give me everything you have."

The gunman turned, and ran to a waiting late 90s model Caravan or Voyager minivan. Before he left, he fired one shot in the air.

Purse snatching

Surveillance video caught the pickup truck driven by a purse snatcher in a grocery store parking lot on Mack shortly after he struck at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

According to the victim, a Harper Woods resident, a silver or light gray mid-size pickup truck pulled into the parking spot next to hers. As she was walking toward the store, the driver of the pickup ran up behind her and grabbed her purse, which contained $70, identification and credit cards.

The surveillance camera caught the truck circling the parking lot several times before pulling into the parking space. It also shows a temporary paper license in the back window.

Not crowing

An Anita couple, returning to their house at 12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, found a backpack on their front porch. When the husband picked up the bag, it made an odd sound.

Police were called and they

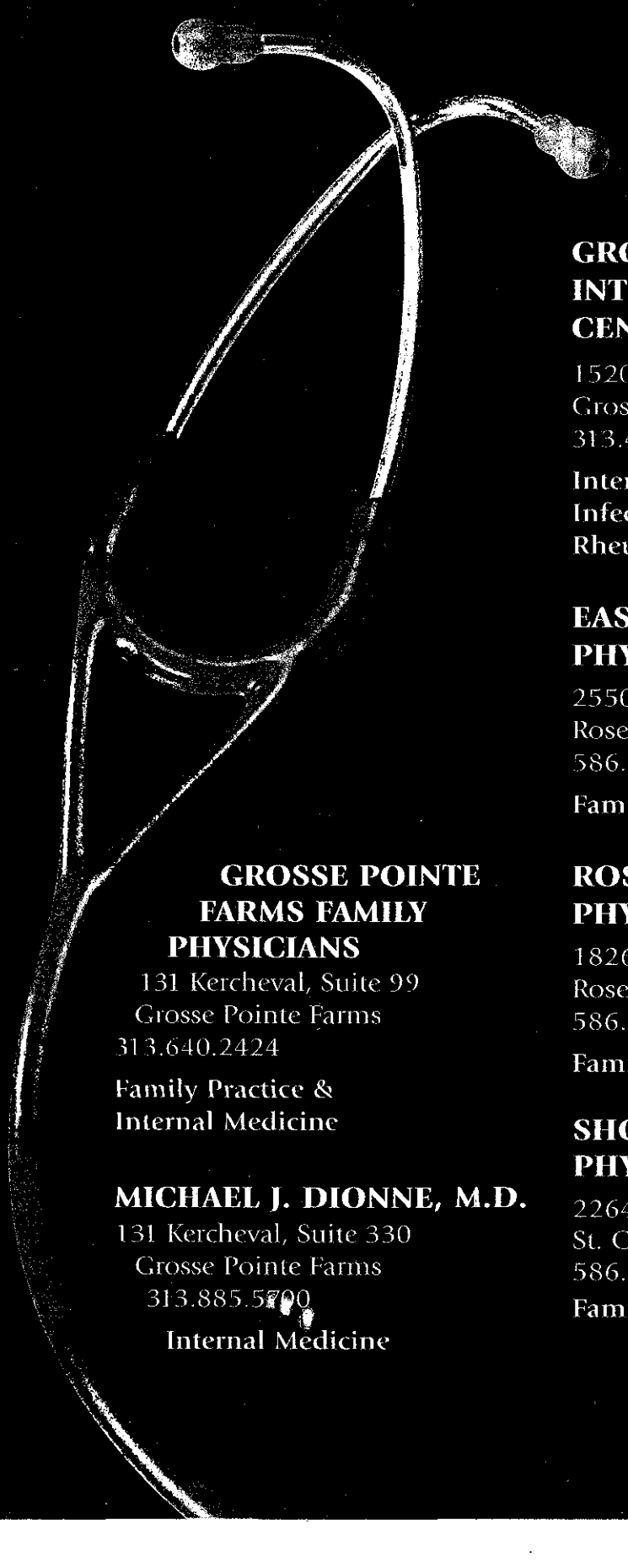
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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE COUNCIL ELECTION

Two incumbents, one newcomer

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Candidates running for seats on the City of Grosse Pointe council are incumbents Christopher D. Walsh and Jean M. Weipert, plus first-time candidate Chris Boettcher. All are unopposed in the election Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Boettcher seeks to fill a chair being vacated by Councilman Kris Pfaehler who has decided not to run again.

Members of the city council serve four-year terms. There is no salary.

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Chris Boettcher

Age: 45

Employment: President of Airtech Corp., a manufacture of custom metal fabricator

Council status: First-time candidate

Chris Boettcher said he can sum up in one statement why he's running for election to the City of Grosse Pointe council:

"As a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, I feel it is very, very important to preserve the integrity, history and safety of the community and to make it the perfect place to work, live and relax."

Boettcher is unopposed in his first campaign. He'll enter office during a recession when elected officials are facing hard decisions.

"My experience running a third-generation family business will give me the experience necessary to make strong, good decisions that will benefit the long term," Boettcher said. "I'm always up for a new challenge. The most important issues I see now is the safety and security of residents of the city."

He wants to ensure the public safety department's quick response time.

"When times get tough, crime can rise," Boettcher said. "It's important not to drop our guard, to be prepared and vigilant and to remind residents how important it is to communicate with the public safety department about things they see that might be a cause for concern."

On another matter, Boettcher is concerned about the housing needs and preferences of senior citizens.

"Grosse Pointe has to look to becoming a community that serves an aging population," Boettcher said. "Demographics change."

He'd like to see housing opportunities for seniors who want to downsize their residences and remain in the community.

"Why aren't they staying right in the community?" Boettcher said. "Longtime residents would be more willing to let go of their longtime homes if there were living accommodations that are not $500,000 condos."

He'd like to see reasonably priced townhouses built close to shopping areas so seniors "can be close to family and friends and remain in a community they probably don't want to leave."

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Christopher D. Walsh

Age: 43

Employment: First vice president, wealth management, of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Council status: Incumbent

Chris Walsh isn't the type of city councilman who wants to leave a job half finished.

He said he's running for a second term on the City of Grosse Pointe council because there's more work to be done.

"In the next four years, we have the very significant challenge of continuing to work for a stable, thriving Village district and also the pending Kroger redevelopment," Walsh said. "I believe that is as significant a project as any that has come through the city in decades. Decisions we make now will have impacts for the next 25 years."

Although the recession has reduced the range of civic improvements affordable today versus what was available a few years ago, Walsh said the core issues remain the same:

"The betterment of the City of Grosse Pointe, especially keeping excellent city services, keeping the city financially stable and making the downtown district not just a viable, but an attractive destination for not only City residents and those from all of the Grosse Pointes. I want to continue working toward some of the goals and objectives I've been working toward."

Yet, the bad economy is forcing municipal leaders to focus on new issues.

"We're down 10 percent year-over-year revenue," Walsh said. "We think we're going to be down another 10 percent. If you're down 20 percent in revenue, how do you continue to provide services without depleting the rainy day fund?"

The answer, he said, is to find new ways to maintain high levels of services.

"We're probably going to see some creative solutions that people have always known are possibilities: shared community services with neighbors," Walsh said. "If not now, when? Now is the time we are going to have to start considering these things. Some issues we will be addressing are significant in terms of how we deliver these high level services in a manner that is going to make the most financial sense for residents."

He cited this year's change in emergency medical service.

"We had a $60,000 option with Grosse Pointe Park or the ability to utilize Beaumont Hospital as a provider," Walsh said. "We chose Beaumont. That was the logical choice."

Other changes include enacting new zoning laws in the Village to attract more businesses.

"My stand is to keep an open mind in terms of a vibrant district," Walsh said. "We have to work even further with landlords to see what they think we should be doing to make this district attractive. We can't market the district, but we can make it as attractive as possible."

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Jean M. Weipert

Age: 48

Employment: Attorney with Clark Hill, specializing in corporate transactional work

Council status: Incumbent

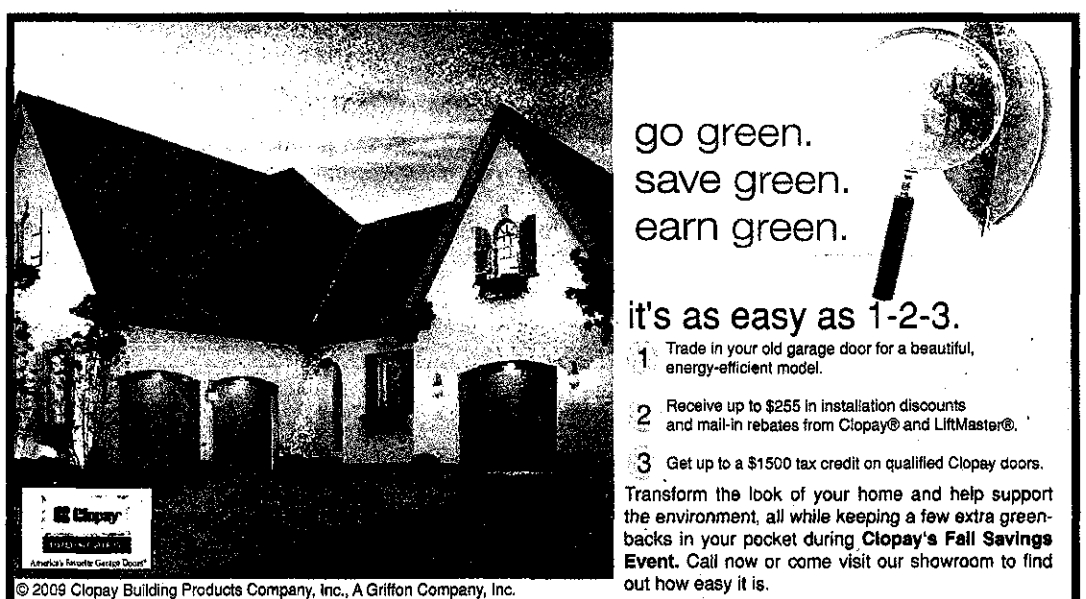
For City Council incumbent Jean Weipert, experience counts when it comes to overseeing a city during tough economic times.

"Financial stresses on the system are severe right now," Weipert said. "We have a very experienced council that knows where we came from, has a good idea of what lies ahead and has a good feeling for the best way to handle it."

Goals include maintaining services that citizens have come to expect while confronting financial issues that aren't expected to go away soon.

"Unfortunately, that has sort of taken over everything else we were working toward," Weipert said. "The development in the Village is still a priority, but we have to be cognizant of the times. To the extent we can accomplish some of that development in the next four years, that's great. But, our main focus is looking for ways to provide services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner."

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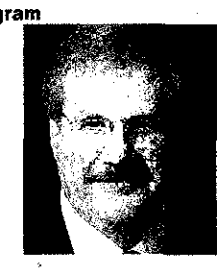
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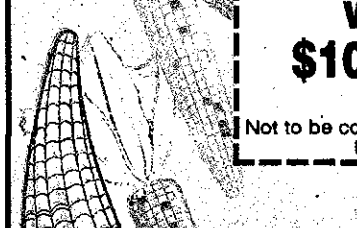


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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE MAYORAL ELECTION

Scrace heading for fifth term as mayor

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Dale Scrace, incumbent mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe, has no opposition for a fifth term in office. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

City mayors serve two-year terms. The job is unpaid.

Dale Scrace

Age: 61
Status: Incumbent
Employment: Architect

There's some heavy lifting to do in the City of Grosse Pointe and incumbent Mayor Dale Scrace wants to be on the team to do it.

"It is going to be brutal the next few years," said Scrace, of economic challenges facing Michigan municipalities. "It isn't going to get better next year and its going to be about the same level of bad the year after that. This isn't a one-year thing where we can suck it up and get by. This is significant change to the structural budget of our city and every other city."

Scrace is unopposed for a fifth term as mayor. He's been in office eight years and, before that, spent 12 years as a councilman.

"I decided to run for mayor again because there are several things we haven't finished," he said. "I want to keep in a leadership role in accomplishing things with our council and management. We have people who dig in and get the job done, collectively and collaboratively."

The city budget this year maintained a 13-mill property tax rate, plus .5 mills to cover a park bond voters passed in 2001. The budget was balanced despite nearly $482,000 less in property tax revenues and a $21,000 cut in state aid.

"The reduction in revenue sharing and dollars received from property taxes have been a challenge," Scrace said. "We've worked hard to maintain our tax rate. It's been that rate for many years."

As the city moves forward, its leaders have to dig deeper into staffing and procedures, according to Scrace.

"Consolidation of certain functions with neighboring communities is something all the mayors, councils and managers continue to explore," he said. "That's something we're going to have to work diligently on in the term ahead. It is critical to move forward for the greater good."

Scrace said the city saved money on some infrastructure projects, such as road resurfacing, by tapping into federal stimulus funds and block grants.

As for the Village, plans are still being made to locate a small hotel in the district and erect developments on two municipal parking lots.

"The proposed hotel has been bid out and a development team selected, which is working diligently," Scrace said. "Kroger has come forward with a significant teardown and rebuild of its store. The Neighborhood Club has selected Beaumont Hospital as its health care partner in the redevelopment of club property. We're still working with the Morningside Group on the project in Lots 2 and 3. Although there's nothing imminent, there is a well-established development team ready for when the economy turns a touch.

"All of these things bode well for the Village and City."

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Weipert said city officials will have to be increasingly creative in providing high levels of services as municipal revenue drops.

"There will have to be changes in how we deliver some services," Weipert said. "We've already seen some of it. For instance, the department of public works used to have two shifts per day for garbage pickup. Now it's gone to one shift. That change has to do with not wanting to pay overtime."

She credits the city's success to teamwork on the council, the foresight of retired city manager Tom Kressbach, plus the work of current city manager Peter Dame.

"Things we've done in the last four years were done smoothly and concisely," Weipert said. "Work was put in by the people who should be putting in the work. It wasn't being micromanaged. We set the policy. There are all sorts of things we accomplished in the last four years that set us up for a renaissance that sooner or later will occur."

RUMORA: Judge going for sixth term

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"I try to treat people fairly who come before me and give everybody an opportunity to present their case in court and make my decisions according to the law," he said.

Rumora is running unopposed for a sixth term.

"I appreciate the confidence the community has in me," he said. "I hope to continue to serve as judge. I'm going to perform the job to the best of my ability."

He said some aspects of being a judge have changed over the years.

"I would say there are more felonies coming in front of me than there used to be," he said. "I don't see an increase in violent crime, though. I don't see too many armed robberies or serious assaults."

Whether handling a misdemeanor or felony, he said his approach to each case is the same.

"I've been pretty consistent over the years how I've handled cases," Rumora said. "The more experience you have, the more knowledgeable you become. When different situations come before me, you're able to deal with them."

His goal is to make rulings that are just.

"Felony cases are the cases I'm toughest on," Rumora said. "A felony is a serious offense. My job is to do the best I can so people who commit serious offenses are dealt with sternly if they are guilty of the crime."

SAFETY: Crime from all over town

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discovered the bag contained a rooster. The bird was taken to police headquarters, then to a local animal hospital.

Something fowl

The animal control officer was called to Grosse Pointe North High School at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, after maintenance personnel reported several chickens were loose in the school. A local veterinarian agreed to hold the chickens overnight.

Patio furniture taken

An Anita resident said Thursday, Oct. 8, that patio furniture was missing from her yard, including a table, an umbrella and a two-seat swing. The pieces were taken at night.

Door décor taken

A floral wreath was taken from the front door of a house on Beaufait overnight Tuesday, Oct. 6. Also missing are a flag pole and flag.

—*Kathy Ryan*

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Grosse Pointe Park City Council candidates

There are four candidates running for three seats on the Grosse Pointe Park City Council. It is a four-year term.

Mayor Palmer Heenan is running unopposed. He has served as mayor for 25 years.

Council Candidates:

Laurie Arora

Education: Michigan State University, 1985

University of Detroit-Mercy, 1988

Fellow – Michigan State University Institute for Public Policy and Social Research

Personal: Married; three children

Website: AroraforGPP.com

Arora is president and CEO of Politically Smart LLC, a training and consulting firm. She also worked for six years as an evaluator for the United States Government Account ability Office. She is a recipient of an "Outstanding Volunteer Award" from the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System and is a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

Statement: I will preserve the quality of our neighborhoods, parks and waterfront. We need to keep our city safe and vibrant. We also need to support our business districts. My endorsements from the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officers Association and the Police Officers Association of Michigan clearly indicate their confidence in my ability to further these standards.

I believe in open and accessible government. I have had the opportunity to go door-to-door and listen to our residents and I welcome their ideas, concerns and questions. Too often I've heard residents say that they've written council members and have received no response. I will respond. I invite residents to contact me at (313) 204-5452.



Laurie Arora



Daniel Grano



Shirley Kennedy



James Robson

I want to ensure that our tax dollars are spent wisely, without sacrificing the services we currently enjoy. We simply can't ask homeowners to pay more in taxes to meet budget shortfalls. As a small business owner, I know the burden of taxes.

We have four business districts in the Park. We need to support all of these districts so they thrive. We also need to attract new businesses that enhance our community. This will contribute to the quality of life in our city.

I will bring a fresh perspective and new energy to our city council. I am the only candidate among all of the council members that currently has school-aged children, an important perspective needed on council.

Daniel Grano

Education: University of Michigan, 2004

Wayne State University School of Law, 2007

Personal: Married

Website: reelectdan.com

Grano is an attorney with Flood Lanctot Connor & Stablein PLLC. He served internships with the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District, U.S. Magistrate Virginia M. Morgan, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter and in the office of former Gov. John Engler. He has served on the Park council since 2005.

Statement: I am running for re-election to continue serving you with leadership that delivers results. The city must continue to provide premier services such as public safety, recycling, trash removal and repaving of streets. We must also continue to invest in our parks, community and schools so that we protect our property values now and ensure that our amenities will be a treasure for our children's children. Most importantly, in these economic times we need leadership that will make hard decisions. I oppose balancing the city's budget by increasing taxes on any of our residents. The city collects enough revenue to provide outstanding services without increasing the already high tax burden on our residents.

As a homeowner just starting his family here, I am dedicated to keeping Grosse Pointe Park a vibrant, family-oriented community. With the help of others, and with the support of the voter-approved bond, we have improved our community in the last four years. We have enhanced our parks with new kayak racks, baby pool/fountain and putting greens. We have repaved streets and replanted trees. We expanded city services by enhancing recycling and approving new wheeled containers. As chair of the building committee, I helped redevelop part of the rental area and have future plans for more downtown/commercial redevelopment. We did all of that without raising taxes and with a balanced budget!

I look forward to continue serving you with leadership that delivers results.

Shirley Kennedy

Education: Detroit Commercial College

Graduate Real Estate Institute

Kennedy has served on the Park city council and the Park planning commission. She is a founding member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation and serves as a trustee for the Services for Older Citizens.

Statement: During my 26 years of service on the city council and planning commission, I have had the opportunity to work on several projects that have improved our city. But our work is not done. During the next four years I would like to continue our efforts to maintain our great parks, improve the appearance of our commercial and residential areas, reduce crime and enhance the image of our city. In these difficult economic times it also is important that we continue to operate our city efficiently in order to keep our tax rates as low as possible.

The success of our efforts to enhance the quality of life in the Park will require the continued hard work of our city manager, public safety, recreation and other departments, all of which have worked extremely well with the council to improve and protect our community.

I intend to "Market the Park" by increasing our communications that tell the story of our excellent schools, parks and other amenities. We will work with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and others to deliver this message. These increased communications will be designed to attract new residents and businesses to our community and to encourage "buying local."

James Robson

Education: Wayne State University, 1971

University of Detroit, 1981

Personal: Married; two children

Robson is a teacher at Center Line High School. He served for 27 years with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, retiring with the rank of commander. He is a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, W.O.R.D. Tutoring Program and the East Side Republican Club. He has served on the Park council from 1985 to 1993, and from 2001 to 2009.

Statement: I've worked hard to represent you down at city hall. I've never taken your trust for granted. I have a 95 percent attendance record at council meetings. And I've not been a shrinking violet at those meetings. I ask the tough questions, and demand the best possible use of your tax dollars. I have driven up and down our streets and alleys in my own car, in search of serious ordinance violations.

In doing so, I have reported hundreds of violations to the city administration. As a result, discarded appliances and furniture and other junk have been removed from yards and dozens of unsightly, abandoned vehicles have been removed from our streets as well.

Additionally, the city's rental unit policy has been enhanced and rental code enforcement has been improved much to the dismay of the few slumlords that prey upon our city.

I have led the fight on crime and will continue to do so. I am committed to keeping our city one of the safest in Michigan. I am honored that my candidacy has been endorsed by the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officers Association, the Police Officers Association of Michigan and the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police.

I want you to know that I continue to be involved, energized and accessible to you. We have a great future, and I am asking for the opportunity to continue to serve you on the council.

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Grosse Pointe Park municipal judges

Carl Jarboe

Law School: Wayne State University, 1981

Undergraduate: Michigan State University, 1978

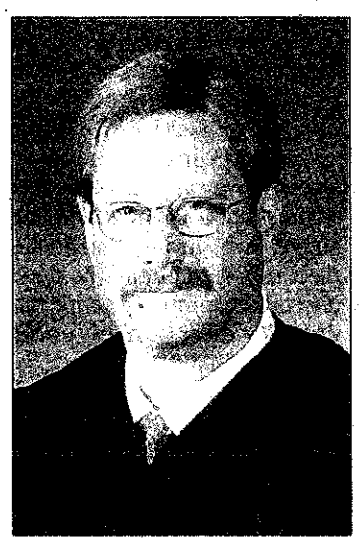
Personal: Married; six children

Jarboe has served as Grosse Pointe Park municipal judge since January 1995. He is a partner and board member at Abbott Nicholson, PC.

Statement: I have had the honor and pleasure of serving as Grosse Pointe Park's municipal judge for the last 15 years. I have applied four core principals to 100 percent of my cases and will continue to do so if re-elected, including: 1) Equal Protection – all persons are treated the same regardless of social-economic status, age group, national origin, class or residency status. Equal protection under the law is paramount. No favoritism is permitted. 2) Respect – Each individual, whether appearing as a plaintiff or defendant, victim or accused, police officer or witness, is treated with the proper respect due in a court of law. 3) Fair Hearing – All persons are constitutionally guaranteed the right to be heard. Parties are provided the opportunity to fully explain their positions and arguments, to hear the arguments of the other side of their case, and to ask questions. 4) Reasoned Decision – All parties receive a reasoned decision which explains how and why the decision was reached.

These principals apply to the entire court, including my staff, and to each case, without exception.

Safe homes and streets are of paramount importance. Over the last 15 years our city has enjoyed a significant reduction in its crime rate. I have worked diligently to discourage repeat criminal behavior and to rehabilitate criminal defendants. Our community service program permits those convicted of minor offenses to make amends and enhance our community through work on our city's streets, parks and gardens.



Carl Jarboe



Dean Valente

Dean Valente

Law School: University of Detroit, 1984

Undergrad: Villanova University, 1981

Personal: Married; three children

Valente is managing partner for Valente, Scharg & Associates. He is also a licensed real estate broker and an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

Statement: While our city council wrestles with balancing our city's budget without increasing our taxes and seriously considers police layoffs, the challenges facing our municipal court are getting just as difficult: from significantly decreasing revenues (down over $100,000 in just the past year) to an increasing backlog of unpaid fines on closed court cases. Our current judge is doing nothing to resolve these problems and, worse, he offers no effective plan to even address these problems in the future. We need a new approach like a practical plan to streamline court procedures so people and police officers don't have to spend so much time waiting in court for hearings when a simple pre-trial meeting between the city attorney and a ticketed driver can resolve most cases with fines paid in a timely manner and without the expense of excessive police overtime. This plan is currently being used very successfully in other Grosse Pointe courts –

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traffic and ordinance Division of Detroit Recorder's Court. He also served as a major (ret.) in the Army National Guard JAG Corps.

Statement: I got a late start in my legal career. I didn't start law school at the University of Detroit until 1971, when I was 29 years old, having first obtained a degree in pharmacy from Wayne State University, and completing an enlistment in the U.S. Navy.

I believe that any court in America has two sacred functions. The first, of course, is to dispense justice. The other is to allow litigants to have their say, regardless of the merits of their case, so that they leave court without feeling that they were "railroaded."

If you compare my professional history with the other candidates, you will see that I am the most experienced. The variety of my experiences, as a licensed pharmacist, a Vietnam veteran, a member of the Army National Guard JAG Corps, and my experience with the Wayne County Prosecutors Office, establishes that I am the most qualified for the position of municipal judge.

Gregory L. Ulrich

Law School: University of Detroit, 1977

Undergraduate: University of Detroit, 1974

Personal: Married; three children

Website: ulrichforjudge.com

Ulrich is a partner in the firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, PLC. He served as an attorney for the Michigan Supreme Court from 1978 to 1993 and as acting associate state court administrator in 1983.

Statement: Judges serve. Lawyers help. That's what I've learned over these 34 years about judges, courts, the need of the public and having an efficient judicial system. Professional leadership since 1975, including election to the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners by my fellow attorneys, has allowed me to do my part to improve our laws and courts.

I'm fortunate to work on both sides of the bench, as an attorney advocating for clients, and on the other side, supporting judges and administrators in managing the "business" side of the court.

I offer to bring new service and financial resources to the Woods court in these ways: reduce court costs and delay, add a small claims docket, provide a free legal services program for seniors, bring civics education back to our Grosse Pointe schools and provide free volunteer attorney mediation as an option to the formal court process.

Bar association observes first anniversary

The Lakeshore Bar Association observes its first anniversary at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at City Kitchen, 16844 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

The event includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine for $20. Membership and renewal forms are available.

Candidates running for Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods municipal court judge seats are featured.

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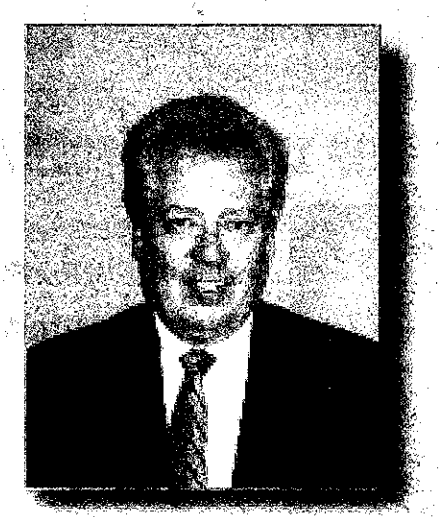
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Grosse Pointe Woods city council candidates

Robert E. Novitke

Robert E. Novitke is running unopposed for the mayor's seat, a position he has held since 1990. He has served on the city council since 1977. A lawyer, Novitke is married with four children.

Statement: I am looking forward to serving the citizens of this community for four more years. I am very proud of what we have accomplished in difficult times. We are financially stable and we are able to provide citizens with the services they desire. I believe we have made Grosse Pointe Woods one of the most desirable communities in which to live, raise a family and do business. It truly is an honor for me to serve the citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The three candidates for the council are running unopposed. Incumbent Vicki Granger is on the ballot, along with two newcomers, Gabriela Boddy and Todd McConaghy.

Gabriela Boddy

Gabriela Boddy is an industrial engineer with 10 years experience in the automotive industry. She has worked in various nonprofit organizations and has served as chair of the Country Club Woods Progressive Association and Mothers of Young Children, Inc. Boddy also serves on the beautification commission. Boddy is married and has two children.

Statement: It is my priority that our city remains a very competitive place to raise a family. My objective is to become an active liaison with the public, and bring new perspectives and values and to work and cooperate with the hard working existing council. I also want to encourage new businesses to come to Mack and Grosse Pointe Woods.

Todd McConaghy

Todd McConaghy is associate counsel to the State of Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission where he investigates and prosecutes attorney misconduct on behalf of the Michigan Supreme Court. He is married and has two children.

Statement: As a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, I take pride in our past and have faith in our future. "Business Week" recently named Grosse Pointe Woods the "Best Affordable Suburb" in Michigan. Our outstanding neighborhoods, parks and services make Grosse Pointe Woods an exceptional place to live. As a member of the council, I will work to maintain the high standards that have made Grosse Pointe Woods special, while ensuring the fiscal responsibility necessary to preserve our community in these difficult economic times.

Vicki Granger

Vicki Granger has served on the city council for 12 years. She has chaired the construction committee that oversees the construction and repair of water and sewer lines as well as street repairs and the rotating maintenance of streets. She also serves on the fireworks committee and the public relations committee. Prior to being elected to the council, Granger served on the GPW Citizens' Recreation Commission and the planning commission.

Statement: It truly is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods as a council member. My goals for the next four years are, first and foremost, the continued work on the budget and continuing throughout the year, not only at budget time, to reduce expenses and continue to provide the quality city services for which Grosse Pointe Woods is known. We have already seen a substantial savings with my suggestion during the budget discussions to put all the parks and our community center under the direction of public works. We also need to continue to find opportunities to collaborate with existing agencies and municipalities; we have to make sure the building department and code enforcement have the resources to handle property maintenance which is directly tied to property values; and going into contract negotiations with our unions this coming year is more critical than ever. We have to make sure that contracts reflect a fair wage for the employees, but also reflect benefits more in line with the private sector.

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Suspect nabbed

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

"I love it when a plan comes together."

That's how Grosse Pointe Park's Director of Public Safety David Hiller feels about the job his officers did in apprehending a suspect after an assault and purse snatching less than a block from police headquarters.

Anthony Lee Moss, 47, a Warren resident, has been arrested and charged in the attack which took place at 11:45 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5. The victim, a 75-year-old Park resident, drove herself to police headquarters after the attack and was able to provide police with details and a good description of the suspect.

According to the victim, she was approached in her car by the suspect who asked for directions. He assaulted her and grabbed her purse.

He fled in a small black SUV. As he was running, he dropped an envelope containing a Warren address.

A patrol officer caught the car on his on-board video system, and with that tape, police were able to determine a partial license plate. Dispatchers pieced together the missing parts of the license plate and put together the complete plate number.

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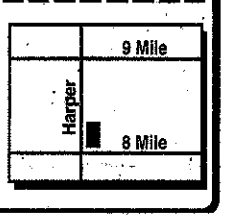
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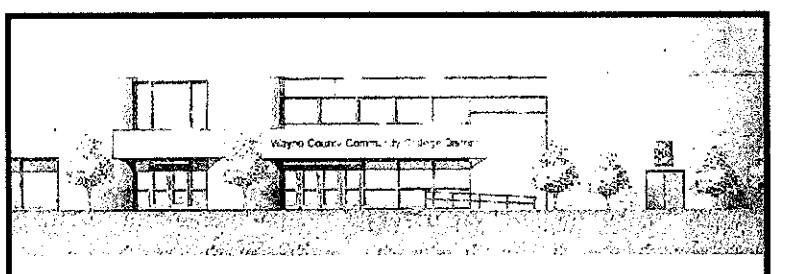
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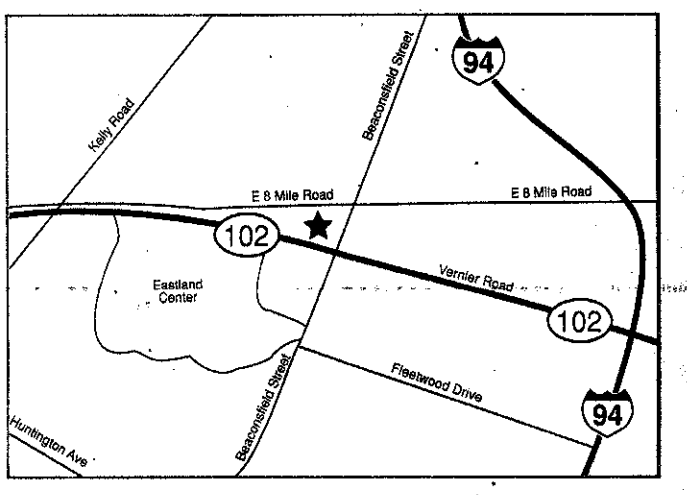
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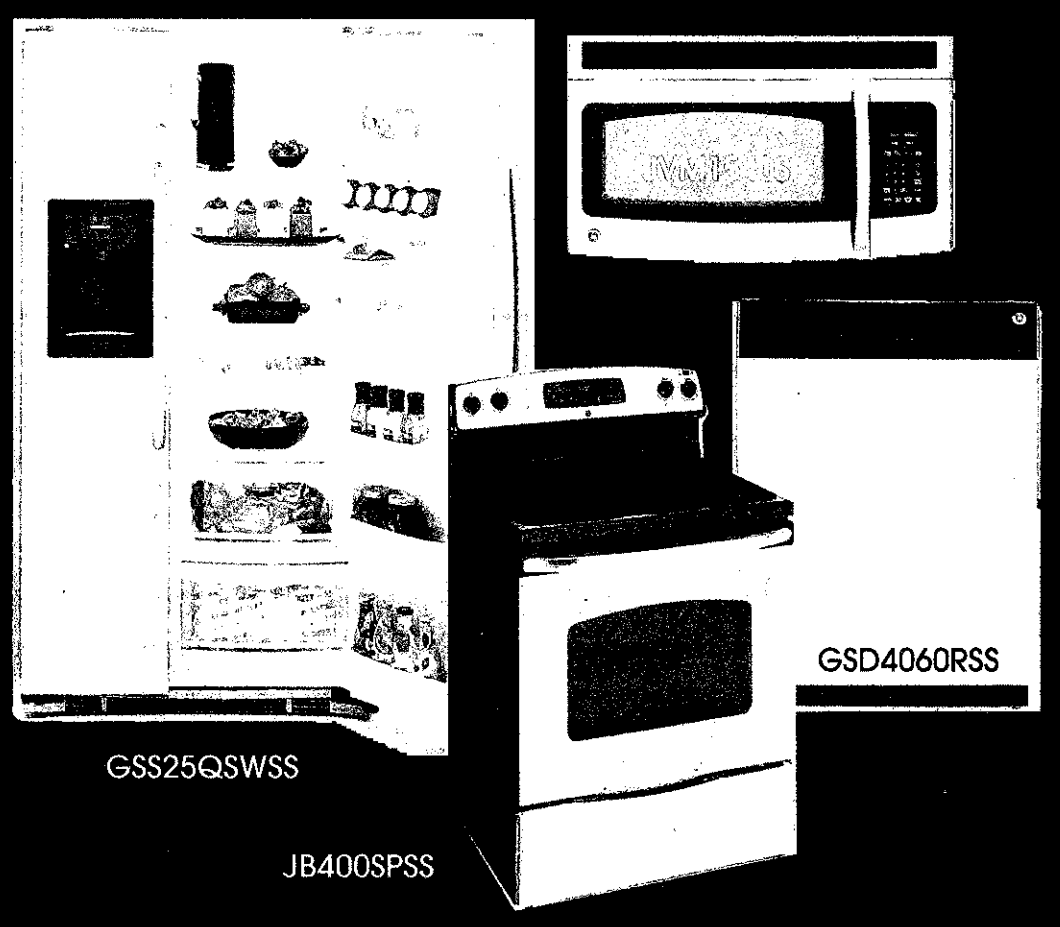
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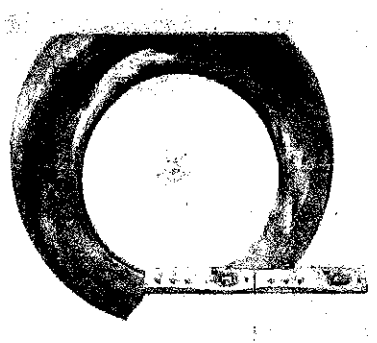
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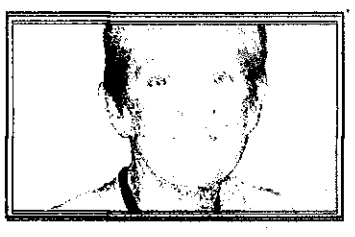
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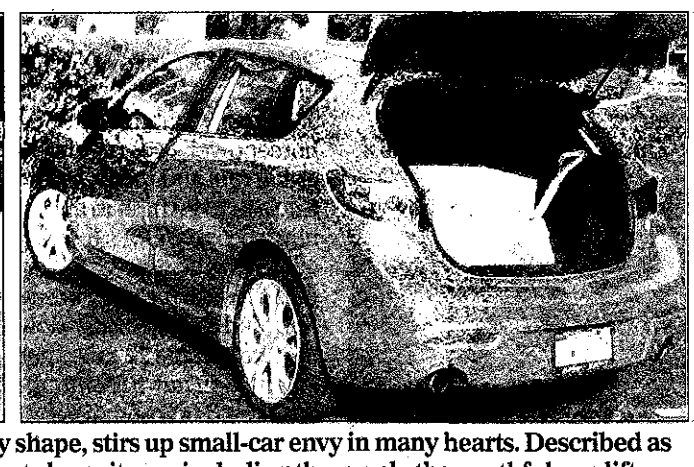
AUTOS By Jenny King

The new **2010 MAZDA3** features distinctive design, class-exclusive features and a decidedly sporty, yet fuel-friendly performance.

Spirited Mazda3 could win converts







The 2010 Mazda3 five-door, with its bright exterior color and slippery shape, stirs up small-car envy in many hearts. Described as having a "youthful personality," the five-door Mazda3 gratefully accepts large items, including those only the youthful can lift.

Maybe it was the zoom-zoom red paint. Or the low, sleek profile. Or the way the Mazda3 looks as if it's having fun hauling groceries, going to work or backing down the driveway.

Maybe it's also a sign of the times. There's some small-car envy going on out there and the Mazda3 Grand Touring five-door sedan is among the compact and subcompact cars fueling it.

Folks are looking more closely at the little guys such as the Mazda3, Chevy Aveo, Toyota Yaris, Ford Focus, Honda Fit, Nissan Versa and Hyundai and Kia products. Even now that our gasoline prices are well below the $4.25 we were shelling out around this time last year, the little guys with good fuel economy ratings continue to turn heads.

As a rule, they are more economical; they are surprisingly spacious inside; and they sure as heck are fun to drive.

Mazda launched its "zoom-zoom" ad slogan years ago. Then the company began turning out products to match that description.

The Mazda3, with four-door and five-door body styles, comes with a base 148 horsepower 2.0-liter engine. A larger, 2.3-liter four turns out 156 horsepower.

The 2.0-liter engine with manual transmission is rated at 24/32 (city/highway) miles per gallon, while the larger 2.3-liter engine with manual transmission gets 22/29 (city/highway) mpg. The five-speed manual is standard on all Mazda3 models. A Sport AT automatic is available for both engine sizes and allows the driver to shift up or down.

The Mazda3 offers an i Touring Value model. It features standard antilock brakes, side-impact air bags, side air curtains, 17-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, color-keyed grille bar and leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob. Grand Touring models — our test car — are equipped with a standard eight-way power driver's seat. A navigation system is available on the Mazda3.

Mazda3's two body styles come in a choice of three models: Mazda3 i, Mazda3 s and the MazdaSpeed3. Information from the maker informs us that our five-door Mazda3 "exudes a youthful personality," while the four-door sedan "promotes a feeling of sophistication."

The Mazda3's standard interior features include a three-spoke steering wheel with audio controls, four-speaker AM/FM/CD audio system, Sirius satellite radio compatibility, auxiliary audio input jack and tilt and telescopic steering column. Heated front seats are standard on Grand Touring models.

If you'd like more horsepower than the 148 and 156 ratings of the base and larger 2.3-liter engines, you might like to look at the MazdaSpeed3. This version of the five-door sedan hides a 263 horsepower, turbocharged 2.3-liter four with direct-injection spark ignition under the hood. This engine powers Mazda's CX-7 crossover SUV.

Mazda says its MazdaSpeed3 is one of the fastest front-wheel drive cars in the world, with a zero to 60 time under six seconds and an electronically limited top-speed of 155 mph. You may be required to register your new MazdaSpeed3 with the local authorities.

According to Mazda spokeswoman Danica Laub, the Mazda3 family tree includes the Protégé, introduced in 1994, and a five-door Protege5 that bowed in the summer of 2001.

The Mazda3 four-door and five-door models went on sale at the end of 2003. The turbocharged MazdaSpeed3 dates from August of 2006. The 2010 Mazda3 arrived at dealerships as early as last March, and the latest version of the MazdaSpeed3 debuted in August.

Back in 1979, Ford Motor Co. commenced what it terms a "capital alliance" with Mazda. That year Ford obtained 25 percent of Mazda shares. Reports indicate the Japanese automaker was on the ropes and felt it couldn't survive without an outside investment.

In May of 1996, Ford ownership increased to 33.4 percent. Most recently, the Dearborn-based automaker sold a chunk of its interest in Mazda, reducing its ratio of ownership in Mazda stock from 33.4 percent to just more than 13 percent.

Prices for the 2010 Mazda3 appear to start at about $15,000 for the four-door sedan. The five-door models begin at around $19,200; the Mazda3 five-door Grand Touring is $21,500.

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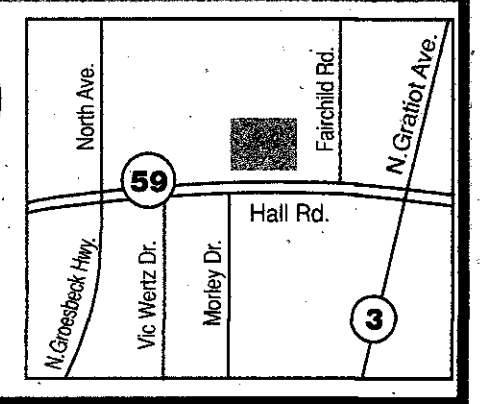
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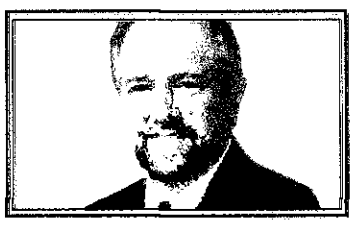
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2009 Buick Enclave CXL AWD



We recently drove Buick's luxury crossover Enclave CXL, equipped with All Wheel Drive — base price: $39,380; price as tested: $40,085.

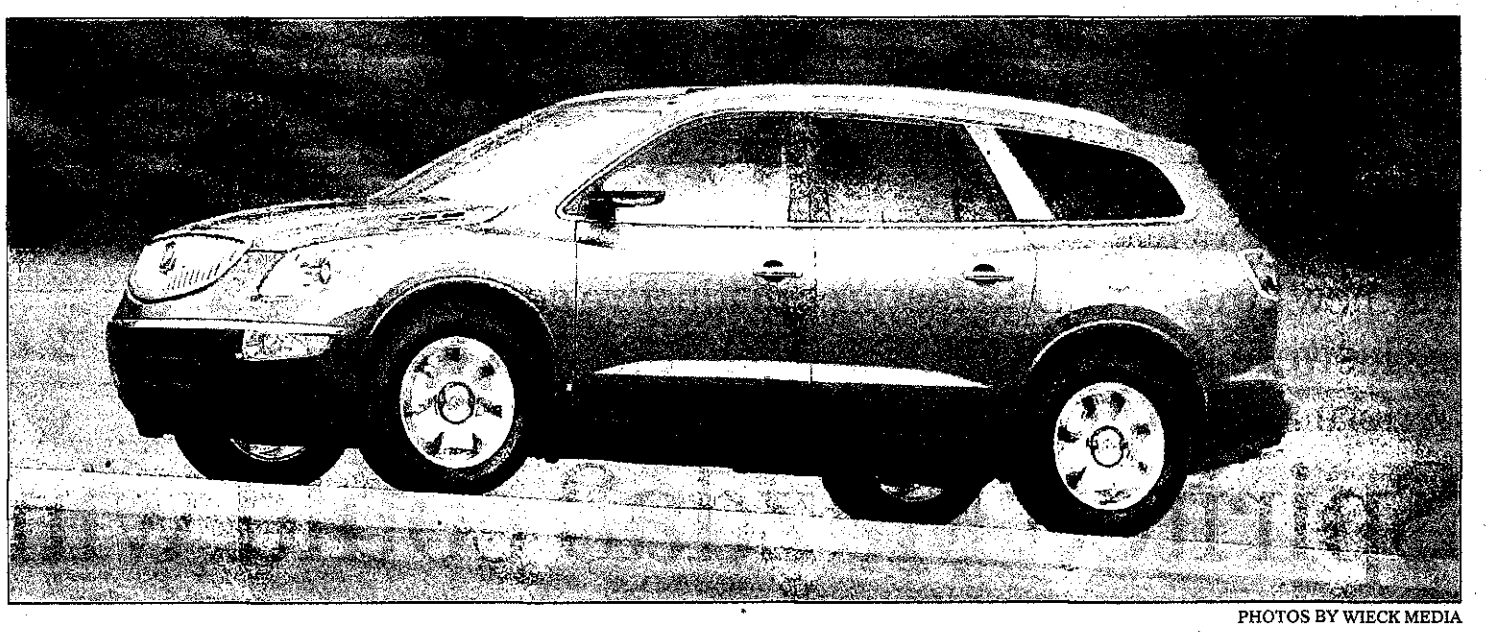
If Buick can attract younger families, sales will surely go upward as Enclave, with its lower in comparison price, is built to do battle with the likes of Acura, Volvo, Mercedes-Benz, Lincoln, Lexus and Infiniti Crossover/SUV/Wagons.

2009 Buick Enclave CXL

Engine: 3.6L V6.
Transmission: 6-speed automatic
EPA Numbers: 19 miles per gallon gasoline.
MSRP: $37,380.
Seats: eight.

Unchanged for 2009 sans a tweak here and there, Enclave shares mechanicals with siblings GMC Arcadia, Chevy Traverse and Saturn Outlook. However, Buick indeed outshines the family in luxurious appointments and build quality, and also receives some nice kudos from J.D. Power and Associates on reliability rankings.

Under Enclave's hood sits a 3.6 liter V6 that makes 288-horsepower, uses regular grade fuel and motivates Enclave to 60 mph in about nine seconds. GM's 6-speed automatic transmission receives credit for good acceleration, and then gearing "down" for a creditable 22 miles per gallon highway EPA rating for this near 5,000 pound vehicle. In town, expect an average of about 16 mpg.

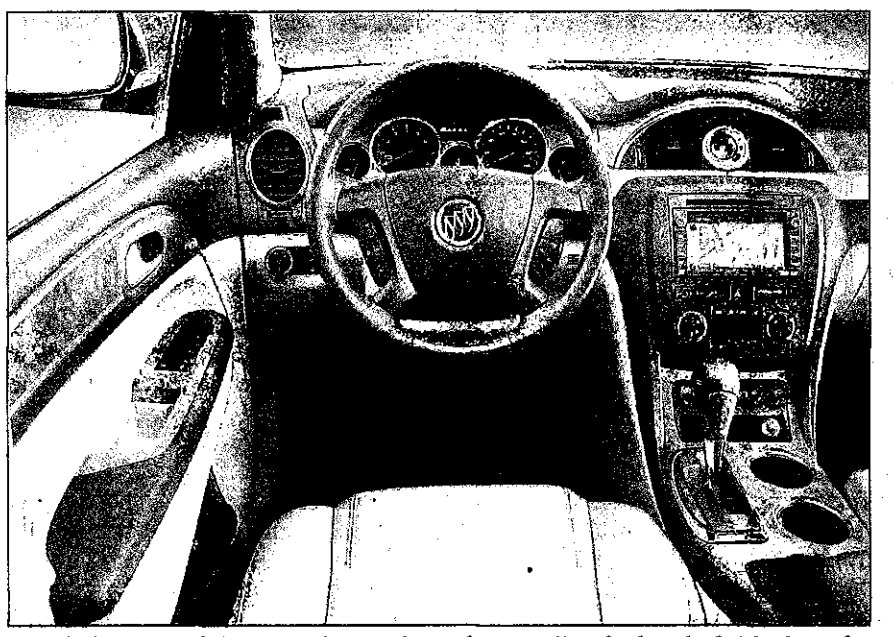


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2009 Buick Enclave CXL AWD

On the highway, Enclave responds exceptionally well on all road types, from freeways to tight mountain roads. Underneath is a softer tuned fully independent suspension, offering the driver and passenger the best of both worlds. Notable are 19-inch wheels and Michelin tires, StabiliTrak with rollover mitigation, and a full-complement of air bags, including an impressive rollover capable head curtain side system. The full time AWD system gives Enclave owners the desired traction and security when traveling in snow storms or off-road situations.

What we still like most about Enclave is its spacious three-row interior. Enclave's third row seat delivers enough space to offset any negatives, like folded tight legs and bumped knees. As I did with our last Enclave test in late 2007, I again sat in the third row and give it my blessing, even though I'd rather be a second row passenger on a long trip. This reality is a major selling point if part of your schedule includes transporting the soccer players to their next game. An eight-passenger bench seat setup is available for $495 less than our tester's standard seven-passenger design.



Our tester came with a few options as the base price includes just about everything imaginable. Options included heated and cooled seats for $650, an entertainment package Bose stereo system upgrade for $860 and a driver confidence package where, for $920, you receive a remote vehicle starter system, ultrasonic rear parking assist and rearview camera system.

With $775 destination, our final tally came to $42,585, but thanks to a current $2,500 discount incentive, it dropped to $40,085.

Important numbers include an 118.9-inch wheelbase; 4,985-pound curb weight; 4,500-pound tow capacity; 22 gallon fuel tank, 8.4-inches of ground clearance; and from 18.9 to 115.1 cubic-feet of cargo space depending on seating configuration.

Overall, we like Buick's Enclave, and rate the crossover an 8.0 on a scale of one to 10.

Likes: Luxury, ride, roomy third row, looks, quality.

Dislikes: Fuel mileage suspect, rear window visibility.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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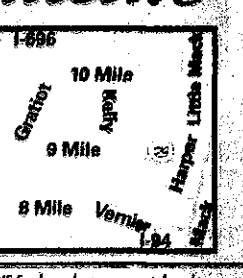
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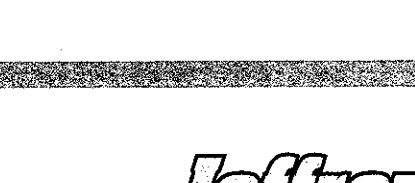
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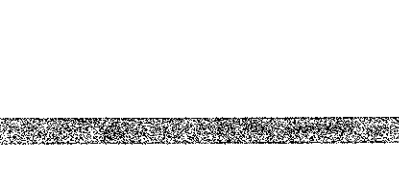
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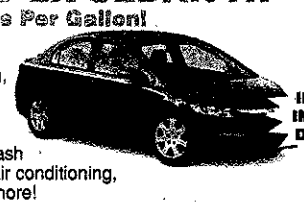
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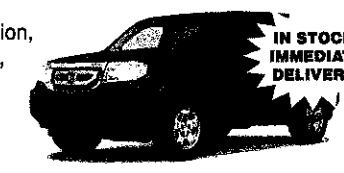
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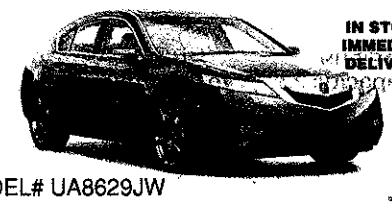
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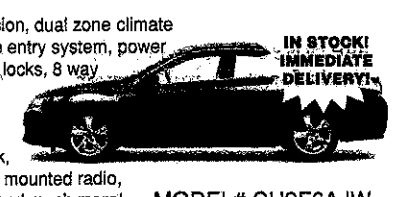
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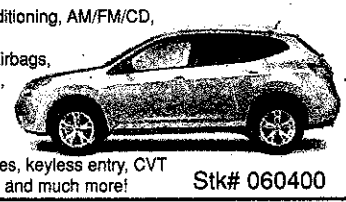
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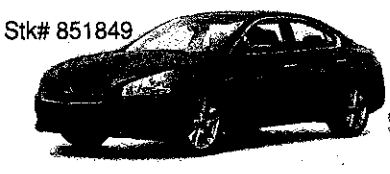
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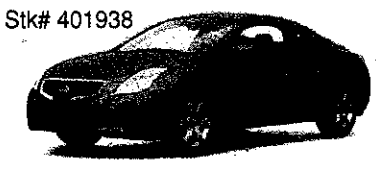
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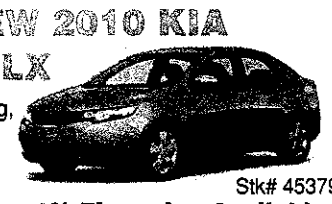
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Season winds down gracefully in Ypsi



The party's over in Ypsilanti's Depot Town. The Thursday evening cruise party, that is.

On Sept. 17, East Cross Street was parked solid with cruisers. Special cars that didn't find room in front of the historic storefronts were squeezed in alleys between buildings. Everyone wanted to participate.

On the last night of the 2009 season, the weather was perfect, the crowds admiring.

They were talking with owners such as Don Stanley of Allen Park about his 1934 Chevrolet street rod, its deep copper color paint rivaling any sunset Mother Nature might put together.

Stanley said his own color perception is flawed. So his wife chose the exterior paint and the car's interior.

"This is an older Outlaw Performance car with hand-laid fiberglass panels," he said. "I bought it in 2005. It has a 383-inch Chevrolet engine with overdrive, but no power steering."

Nor does Ed Goff's 1951 Ford have steer-by-finger cornering capabilities.

And though he doesn't race it, Goff's 1951 likely could more than hold its own in a showdown. The Canton resident said he has done some of the work on the beautifully trimmed coupe with its three/fourths race flathead with Offenhauser heads, Fenton headers and three Stromberg carburetors.

"I have a rare SO-CAL Speed Shop grille on the car," said Goff, whose other 1951 Ford was parked at his house that evening.



Ed Goff brought his 1951 Ford street rod to Ypsilanti from his house in nearby Canton. Goff bought the car 10 years ago out of Baltimore, Md.

Rivaling the Goff 1951 Ford in the best-looking department was a teal-and-black 1935 Plymouth model PJ belonging to Ron Fancsal of New Boston.

"I bought it six years ago. Since then I rewired it and have done some work on the engine — a 318-inch small Plymouth V-8," said Fancsal.

"I've also changed the interior and am planning to install power windows," he continued.

Fancsal found the 1935 Plymouth, which has fiberglass fenders, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

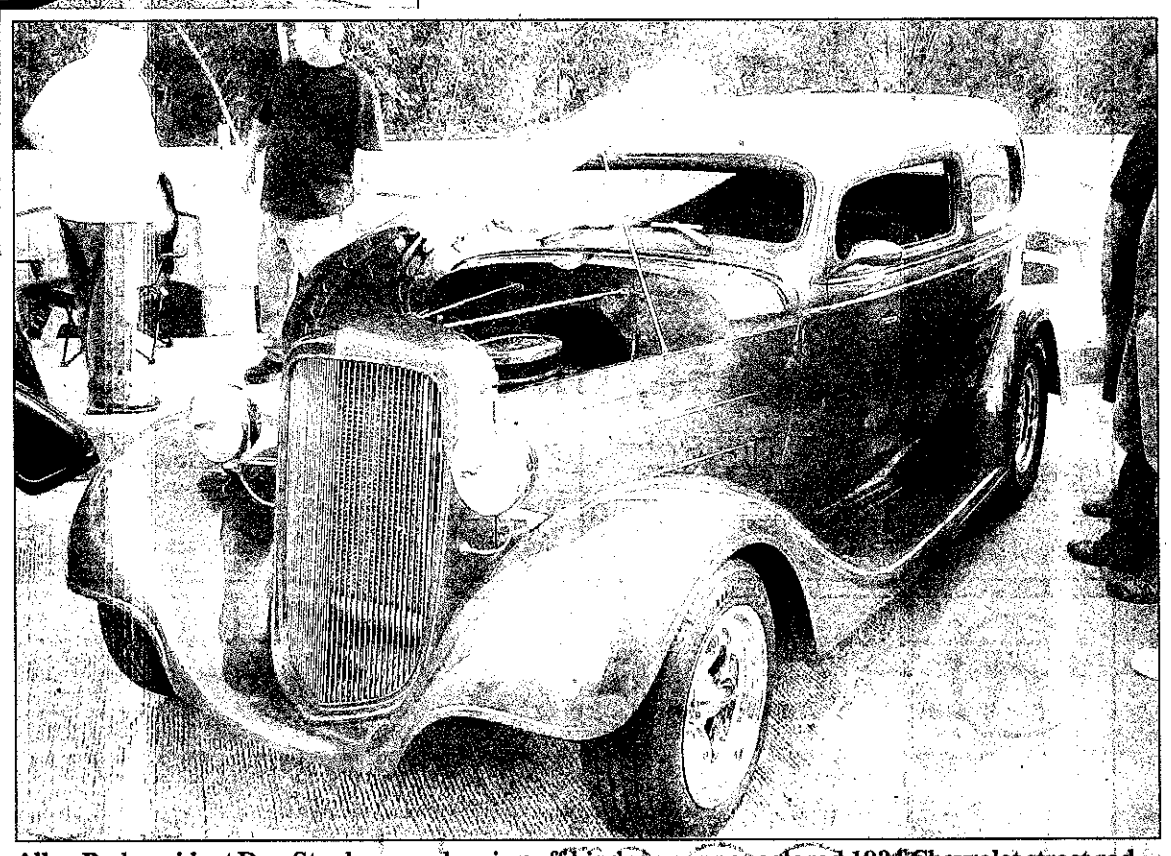
He said he drives it all summer. The final Thursday night cruise in Ypsilanti's Depot Town signals the change of seasons. Fancsal and most other enthusiasts take careful note of weekend weather.

Heavy trucks, on the other hand, are not as delicate as many of the

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Ron Fancsal of New Boston found this 1935 Plymouth in West Palm Beach, Fla.



Allen Park resident Don Stanley was showing off his deep copper colored 1934 Chevrolet street rod with 383-inch Chevy engine and overdrive.

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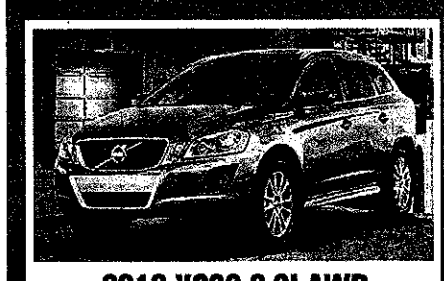
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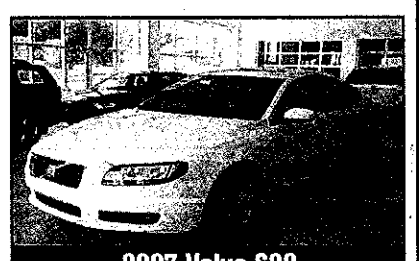
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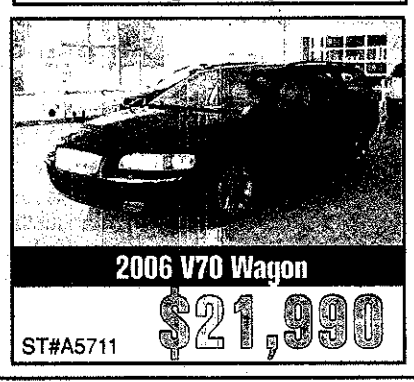
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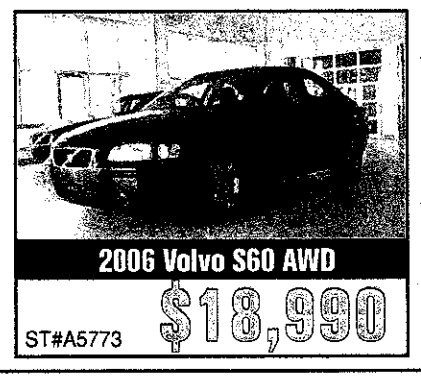
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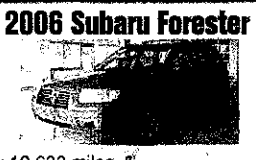
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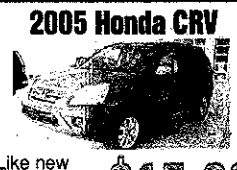
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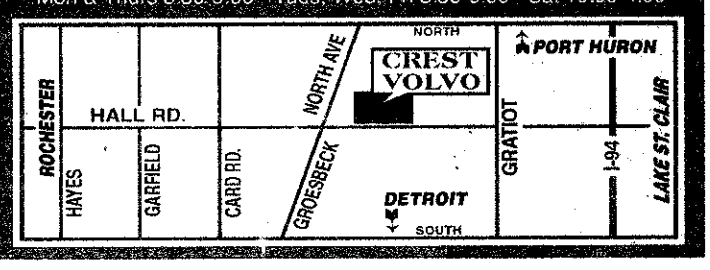
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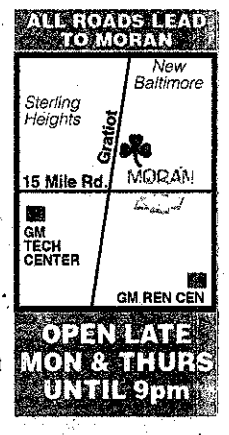
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VW's new Microbus for the times

At the beginning of the new millennium, Volkswagen showed off an exciting new Microbus.

Featuring the famous boxy proportions, but with up-to-date reclined windshield and modern sensibilities, it would have followed the new Beetle in a wave of nostalgia.

I have a 1/38 scale model of it sitting on my shelf. Barbie even got one. But, probably after consulting with their accountants, VW never built it.

Regardless, families often want something larger than a five-passenger Passat sedan. If they weren't smitten with the Touareg SUV, then what could VW offer? The solution is embodied in the Routan minivan.

The new VW minivan represents a compromise for the German giant. To come up with a modern, fully featured vehicle without an enormous investment, they hired Chrysler to build it for them. Considering Chrysler invented the modern minivan (yes, I know, VW was the pioneer with the microbus 30 years earlier), it wasn't a bad idea, really. Millions of Plymouth Voyagers, Chrysler Town and Countrys and Dodge Caravans ply the streets of the U.S. today. Chrysler had the know-how, and, apparently, the capacity.

Stylists went to work putting a recognizable VW face onto and plausible VW interior into the newest version of Chrysler's bestseller. With its distinctive rounded, angled eyes and goatee grille, the Routan looks right in the showroom and on the road. The newest Chrysler minivan, ironically, wears the sharp edginess of a VW, so the rest of the car seems OK without any substantial changes. Matching taillamps and a big VW logo dress it right for Volkswagen duty.

Inside, the engineers and stylists grafted a VW dashboard onto the Chrysler structure. That means a black, appropriately textured dash top with a rounded instrument binnacle tucked behind the steering wheel holding instruments with familiar graphics. The bulge at the top of the center stack has a traditional squared-off shape that would make any VW owner feel right at home. The three-spoke steering wheel wearing the legendary logo completes the effect.

Under the hood are Chrysler engines, in this case either a 3.8-liter or 4.0-liter V6. My midrange SE model had the former, which puts out 197 horsepower and 230 pound-feet of torque, earning EPA ratings of 16 city, 23 highway. I averaged 15.9 miles per gallon.

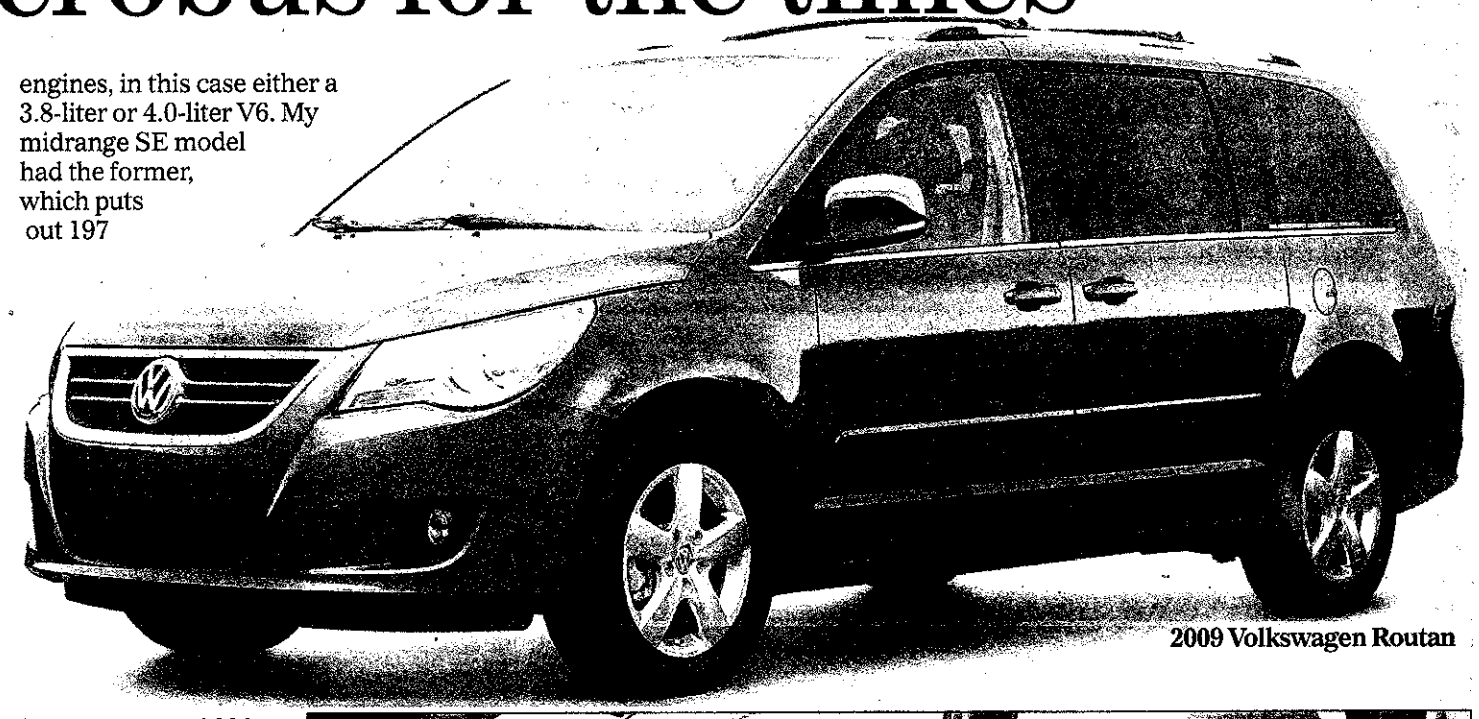
2009 Volkswagen Routan

Engine: Gas 3.8-liter or 4.0-liter V6.

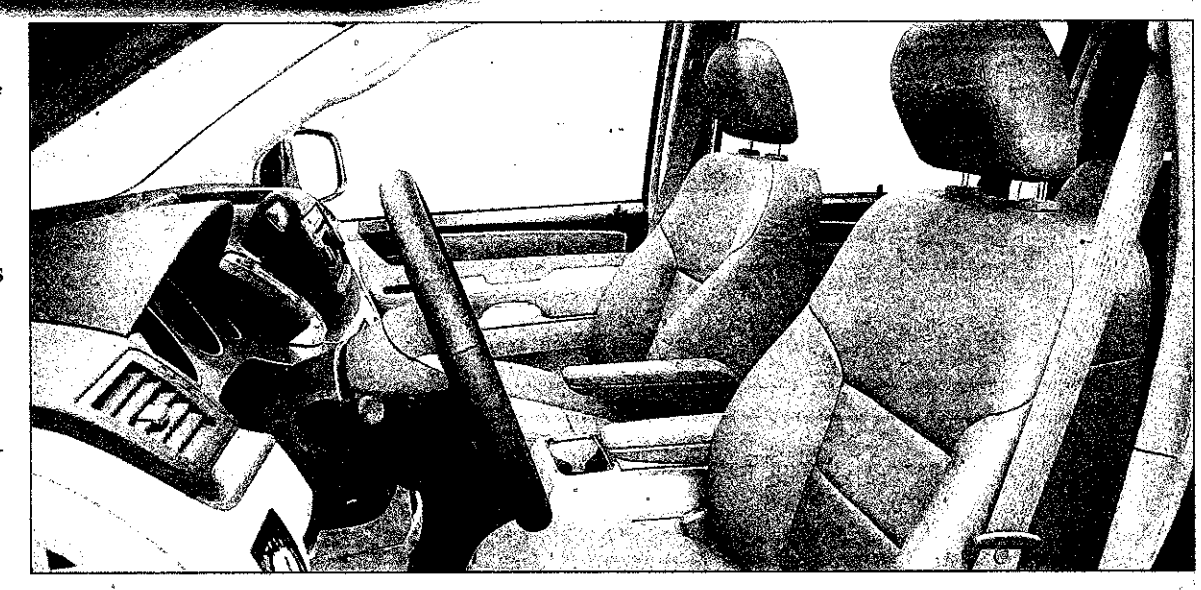
EPA fuel economy: 16 mpg, city; 23 mpg, highway.

Drive Train: Front wheel drive 6 speed automatic.

Exterior: Overall height, 68.9 inches; 202.5 inches length; 76.9 inches width without mirrors.



2009 Volkswagen Routan



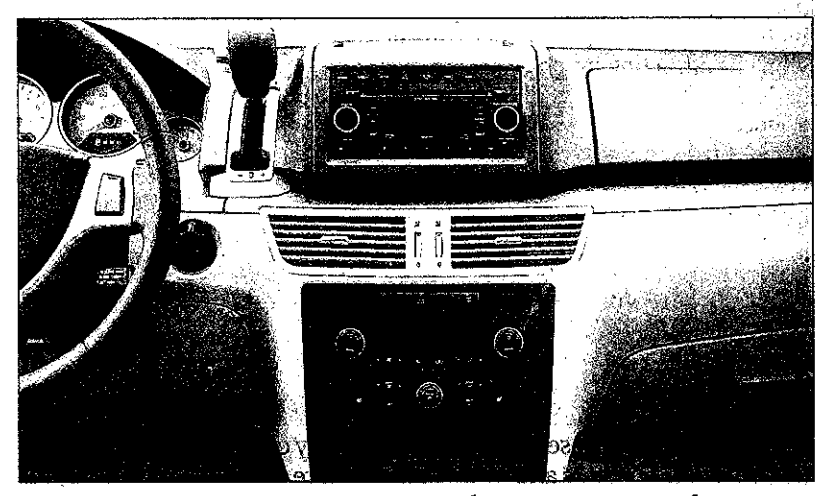
The 4.0-liter, available in the top of the line SEL model, boosts it to 253 horsepower and 262 pound-feet of torque. Oddly, its mileage ratings are better than the 3.8-liter, at 17 city, 25 highway.

Credit a more modern design, with a single overhead cam and 24 valves.

Both engines run through a six-speed automatic with a manual shift mode.

The shift lever is mounted high on the dash, rather than on the floor, giving extra footroom.

The 3.8-liter earns a respectable 7 for Air Pollution in the EPA's Green Vehicle Guide, with a below-average 4 for Greenhouse Gas score. The 4.0-liter improves the Greenhouse Gas number to 5.



For 2009, all Volkswagens feature a standard Electronic Stability Program.

It doesn't read your mind, but uses a system of sensors and a microcomputer to continuously monitor how the car responds to the driver's steering input.

It then selectively applies individual brakes and modulates engine power to help keep the vehicle traveling along the path indicated by the steering wheel position.

If an unstable condition develops, the system instantly uses engine electronics and the brakes to help align the vehicle with where the driver is pointing it.

Driving the Routan was painless and pleasant. Although I believe the seats are straight out of Chrysler's warehouse, they feel appropriately firm. That may be because the Germans made some adjustments to the suspension and steering to give the Routan a more Volkswagen feel. Pulling 4,500 pounds, the 3.8-liter engine felt adequate, utterly unlike any of the snail-like Microbuses of yore, or even the later Eurovan.

The Routan is a seven-passenger vehicle, and the rear seats fold down to allow for a huge 83-cubic-foot cargo capacity.

Chrysler's quarter century of minivan research and development serve the Routan well.

Routans come in three levels, S, SE and SEL. The S starts at $24,700, the SE jumps to $29,600, with the SEL priced at $33,200. Add a $690 destination charge to each of those numbers.

Numerous features account for the significant price jumps between levels, for example, the SEL gets the 4.0-liter engine standard.

Does it matter that VW is "fooling" buyers with the Routan, built by Chrysler in Windsor, Canada?

Sales numbers are low, so the Routan may be a short-lived experiment.

However, if you love your Jetta, and really need room for seven, it offers you an option you didn't have before, even if it's not a real VW Microbus.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The **2009 Lexus LX570** has no major changes from its 2008 model-year introduction. This large SUV has three-row seating for up to eight passengers.

2009 Lexus LX570 SUV



2009 Lexus LX570

There aren't many SUV's on the road today that compare with the 2009 Lexus LX570, the top flight SUV from luxury manufacturer Lexus — base price: $75,855; price as tested: $83,810.

Completely revamped in 2008, LX570 for 2009 features 35 newfangled features, tweaked chassis, modern V8 engine and the flagship "like it or not" boxy design.

Not surprisingly, LX570 received rave reviews upon introduction, although the glowing words quickly evaporated thanks to the soon to follow gas price nightmare and a still in progress major recession. This duo of bad luck has doused what could have been the Lexus heyday of luxury SUV popularity.

Of course, the litany of poor timing would turn the corner in a second if the price of gas was still $1.99 a gallon, the stock market was booming and the unemployment figure was at an all-time low. In reality, however, the sad truth is Lexus LX570 and sister Toyota Land Cruiser, both generating 12 city and 18 highway fuel mileage numbers, won't be attracting much play in dealer showrooms. Add the politically incorrectness of this vehicle in our now "green" society, and Toyota has a large problem on its hands.

Admittedly, there are numerous good things to like about LX570, but the aforementioned cold reality negates all the good as this vehicle is in the same economy class as Hummer and Land Rover. Under the hood sits a premium fuel based V8 that displaces 5.7-liters and produces 383-horsepower and 403 pound-feet of torque. The engine moves LX570 with authority, as 0-60 comes in just 7.4 seconds. Hooked to a six speed sequential shift automatic transmission, this Lexus not only delivers on power, it can merge and pass with just about any vehicle on the highway.

Inside, genuine wood compliments a leather interior that offers all the latest gadgets and amenities, from DVD navigation to 8-passenger seating. Automatic all row climate control, power liftgate, 20 inch alloy wheels, eight cupholders, heated and power front seats, power sliding second row seat, cruise, power sunroof and a great sounding stereo CD are all standard.

Our tester also featured a $3,300 stereo package, which adds Mark Levinson 19-speaker surround sound stereo with DVD player, 6-disk CD.

Overall, when it comes to comfort, few know how to do it better than Lexus, as we especially liked a push button that electronically allowed the third-row 50/50 bench seat to fold and rise, offering a cargo area that can expand quickly and effortlessly.

In addition to being a safe vehicle based on its behemoth 3-ton mass. Lexus adds numerous high tech safety features as standard equipment, including dual front air bags, front and rear mounted side air bags, and side curtain air bags for maximum protection. The large brakes are 4-wheel disc with ABS, and also feature electronic brake distribution and brake assist. Traction control and vehicle stability control are also standard fare.

The full-time four wheel drive system offers a two speed transfer case for low range and standard driving applications, and a mechanical locking center differential. Underneath, a front independent double wishbone suspension mates with adaptive variable suspension and automatic height control for optimum driving pleasure. The solid live rear axle of the "body on frame" design is similar to bigger pickup trucks, resulting in more pronounced body lean in sharp corners.

Our tester also featured options such as climate control seats for $890, park assist with sonar for $1,000, cargo mat for $95, wheel locks for $81, all weather mats for $255, Lexus Link digital for $900 and remote engine start for $559. With $875 added for delivery, the final tally came in at $83,810.

Important numbers include a 112.2-inch wheelbase, 5,995 pound curb weight, 24.6 gallon fuel tank, 8,500 pound tow capacity, 8.9-inch ground clearance and cargo space that expands to 83.1 cubic-feet depending on seating configuration.

We don't normally judge a vehicle on timing, but in today's world, something that eats premium fuel and gets 12 miles per gallon city can't rate better than a six on a scale of 1 to 10. It's a great vehicle, but in this economy, it's not going to be a winner.

Likes: Powerful engine; go anywhere design, very comfortable.

Dislikes: Boxy blueprint, leans in turns, fuel mileage, "green" society doesn't care if you can afford one.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Toyota's 4-passenger Prius is tweaked with a more aerodynamic design and continues into 2010 as America's best-selling gas-electric hybrid vehicle.

2010 Toyota Prius IV boasts solar roof

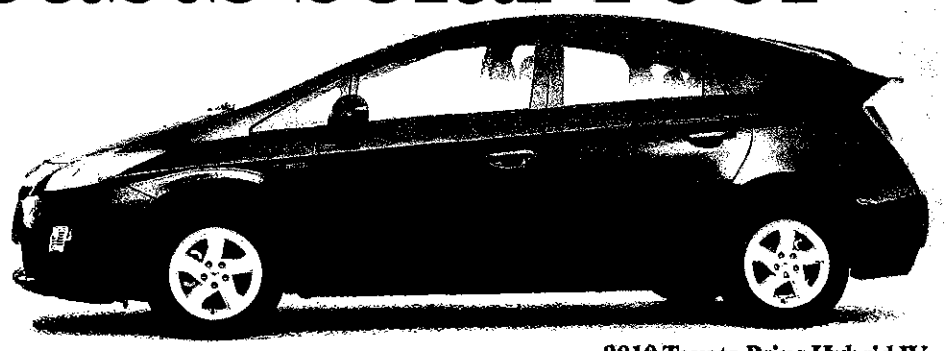
During late summer we drove the more powerful, sleeker and economical 2010 Toyota Prius IV with optional Solar Roof Package — base price: $25,800; price as tested: $30,401.



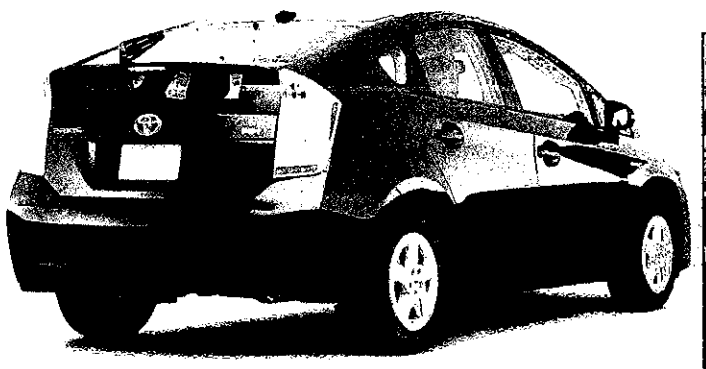
First, I want to give kudos to Toyota's marketing arm for its Prius television and newspaper print advertising campaigns.

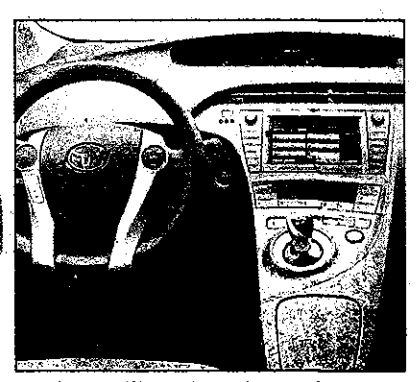
The company's novel, "green" television commercials are the best out there right now, especially the 30-second "Prius Harmony" spot, which emphasizes to the music of "There's a reason the sun shines" that Prius owners "get more power, and more space while the world gets fewer smog forming emissions. It's harmony between man, nature and machine." All of the flowers and vegetation are people dressed in appropriate, colorful costumes. Take a bow, Toyota.

Toyota's solar roof package carries a $3,600 price tag and offers a solar powered ventilation system and remote air conditioning system that cools the car's interior on those hot, parking lot situations even when Prius' engine is off. It does so, thanks to the solar roof, which is embedded with hundreds of small solar panels that activate several solar powered fans, which then circulate cooler outside air to bring the interior's temperature closer to ambient temperatures. This system thus reduces "hot interior" hazards and/or inconveniences.



2010 Toyota Prius Hybrid IV





Also included with the solar roof option is a voice actuated or touch screen Navigation system coupled to a JBL Stereo MP3 with a four disc changer, eight speakers, XM Satellite radio, hands-free phone, music streaming via Bluetooth and an integrated backup camera.

The solar roof option also features a remote air conditioner button on the keyless entry, which activates the air conditioner even with the engine off, lowering interior temps even more. Since we test drove Prius during a hot, muggy week, the feature came in handy and I appreciated the cooler interior. It's pricey, but when you consider you also receive navigation and the great stereo package, it's worth every penny.

Even though this is a fine option that helps cool the interior on hot days, it does not mean you can leave a child or pet in a hot, parked Prius car under any circumstances, solar roof cooling or not.

Prius for 2010 is tweaked with a more aerodynamic design that helps reduce the coefficient drag and betters the fuel efficiency. Mileage estimates are now higher than the previous Prius we tested last October, with 51 city and 48 highway the official EPA numbers. I'll again point to the higher city rating, as this is achieved thanks to the engine powering down in stop situations.

The Prius third-generation gas-electric hybrid system offers an EV full electric mode for under 25 mph runs, as well as an ECO mode that combines the power of the gas engine and electric motor while minimizing fuel consumption by reducing the throttle opening and restricting the air conditioning. For 2010, a "power" button allows full engine capability, but I recommend leaving the mode switch in ECO as this will automatically actuate the engine to full power when needed, and then switch back to economical ECO with no driver input.

For 2010, Prius relies on a more powerful 1.8-liter, 96

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
October 5, 2009

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Joseph, Davis, III, Theros, Leonard and Waldmeir.
Absent Were: Councilman Roby.
Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Pamela J. Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

Councilman Roby was excused from attending the meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 21, 2009, were approved as submitted.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the Junior League of Detroit's request to host the 2010 Show House located at 78 Lake Shore, subject to specific conditions.

The following items were approved from the Consent Agenda:
a. Approved a Public Hearing for Monday, November 9, 2009 for the Master Plan Review.
b. Approved the Request for Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for Grosse Pointe South Band & Orchestra Boosters..
c. Approved the Request for Resolution for Membership to Huron to Erie Alliance for Real-Time Monitoring and Information (HEART-MI).

The following Report was received by the Council and ordered placed on file:
- Investment Report – June 2009

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing certain personnel issues.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

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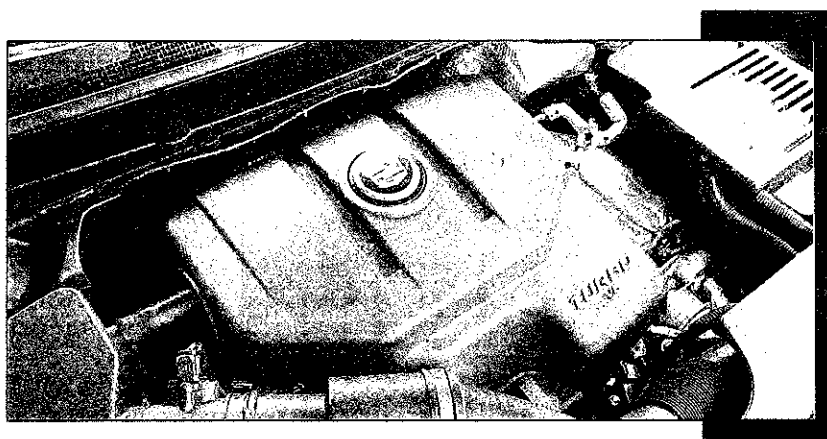
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PRIUS: Transferring power

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horsepower, four-cylinder gas engine, up from a previous 1.5 liter that produced 76 horses. An electric motor produces a peak of 80 horsepower, resulting in a Hybrid System net power of 134 combined horsepower.

I know the two horsepower numbers don't add up or average out properly, but that's because neither power input works at full efficiency during a full tank of gasoline usage. As for acceleration, expect to see 60 miles per hour in a bit over nine seconds. Transferring power to the ground is a continuously variable transmission that delivers infinite gear ratios as needed.

Prius continues to implement excellent interior roominess and cargo space ideas, as there's enough leg and head room for any size adult. The dashboard allows monitoring all of the electric-gas power distribution on a seven-inch touch-panel display monitor, which also shares Navigation and XM Satellite information.

Prius comes standard with 15-inch tires, heated front seats, air conditioning, rear spoiler, advanced air bags system and all the powers.

There's way more on the standard list. Notable, too, is Prius improving to a four wheel ABS disc brake setup versus 2009's front disc, rear drum setup.

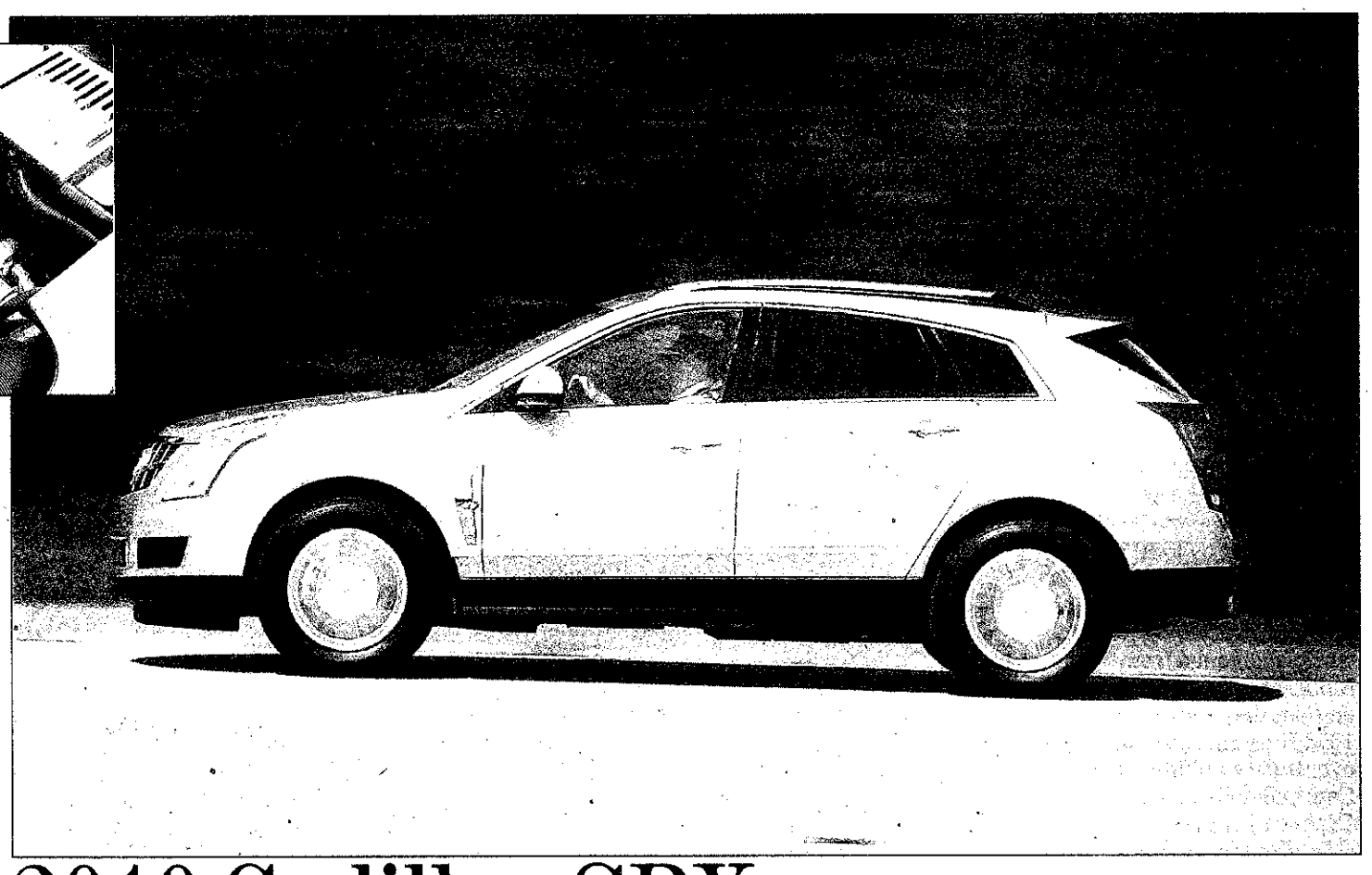
Important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.3-inches, 11.9-gallon fuel tank, 3,032-curb weight, and 22 cubic-feet of cargo space. The entry price for a Prius II, which is the same mechanically, is $22,000, although our pricier, leather appointed model IV came in at $30,401 with $750 destination.

Toyota's Prius keeps its strong 9.5 rating on a scale of one to 10 from this scribe.

Likes: Fuel economy, room, power, return on investment, solar option.

Dislikes: $30K Prius too expensive, ride bumpy at times, heated seat button is under console on floor.

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2010 Cadillac SRX

The Cadillac of crossovers, the 2010 Cadillac SRX does not shy away from making a statement. The SRX Turbo's 2.8T engine produces 300 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ratification of Existing Land Use Plan
for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms

Please take notice that, on November 9, 2009, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, second floor, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will conduct a public hearing concerning its existing Land Use Plan.

The City's existing Land Use Plan was adopted in 1972 and has been revised from time to time, including comprehensive revisions adopted in 1999. Pursuant to applicable law, the Land Use Plan must be evaluated on a periodic basis to consider the need for potential updates or modifications.

Following consultation with the City's professional planning consultant, no modifications to the City's existing Land Use Plan are recommended at this time. Nevertheless, residents and other interested parties are invited to comment on the existing Land Use Plan by appearing in person at the public hearing or by submitting written comments prior to such hearing in care of the City Clerk, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as a Zoning Board of Appeals under the provisions of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 et seq, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Monday, November 2, 2009, at 7:35 p.m. to hear the appeal of Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch of Faircourt Dental on behalf of Michigan Women's Foundation, 1690 Faircourt (20040 Mack Avenue), Grosse Pointe Woods, which is appealing the denial of the Building Inspector to issue a building permit due to noncompliance with Section 50-530(8)(d)(2) Required parking spaces. A waiver of two off-street parking spaces is requested. A variance is therefore required. The public hearing materials are available for inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

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YPSI: Evening cruise party

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A fabulous, sporty 1965 AMC Marlin with top of-the-line trim and paint had no owner identification.

street rods and older original vehicles that frequent summer cruises and shows.

The first Sunday in October, antique truck enthusiasts ignored the short but frequent downpours to show off their medium and heavy-duty trucks along the banks of the Huron in Riverside Park.

Organized by local members of the American Truck Historical Society, this show included everything from trucks fashioned from Ford Model chassis to antique fire engines and Myrl Sauder's 1953 Ford Big Job C-800 cabover tractor pulling a 1930 Caterpillar Fifteen and a 1918 Case road grader.

Sauder, whose family manufactures and distributes ready-to-assemble furniture in Archbold, Ohio, said his truck is powered by a Lincoln wide-block overhead-valve engine "beefed up" by the factory to give it hauling power.

Dave and Dan Egeler put their older firefighting equipment to work, showing how the pumpers on their 1922 REO F-4 Speedwagon and 1947 REO from the Leland Volunteer Fire Department could draw water from the Huron River and shoot it a significant distance.

"It's (the '47 REO) as reliable as hell," Dave Egeler told the young men from the Ypsilanti Fire Department who had stopped by to see the show.

One of the most interesting stories of that soggy afternoon came from George Wacker.

The Manchester resident spent some 35 years putting together his near-perfect 1932 Ford AA truck with Standard Oil painted on its sides. Wacker said in his youth he used to help his father deliver kerosene in the Manchester area in a truck just like this one.

While Wacker had a chassis and many of the parts he needed, it took next to forever to hunt down the tanker portion, which is capable of holding 450 gallons of fuel.

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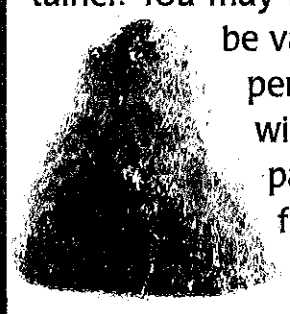
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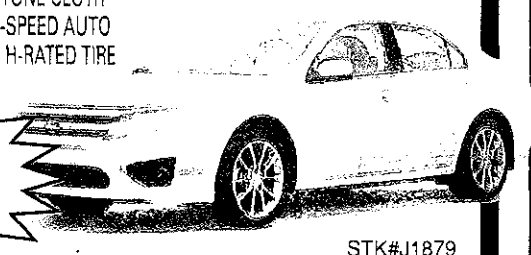
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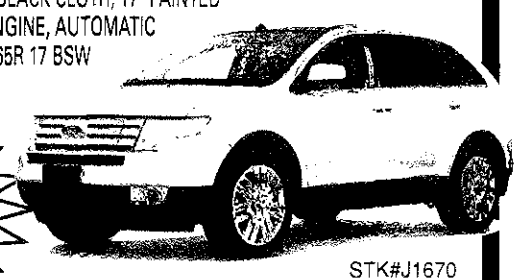
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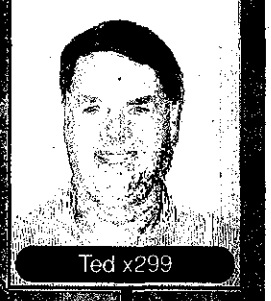

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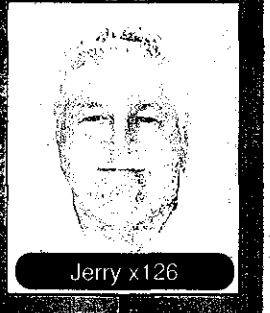

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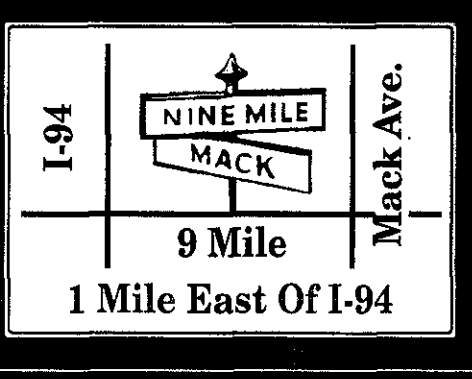
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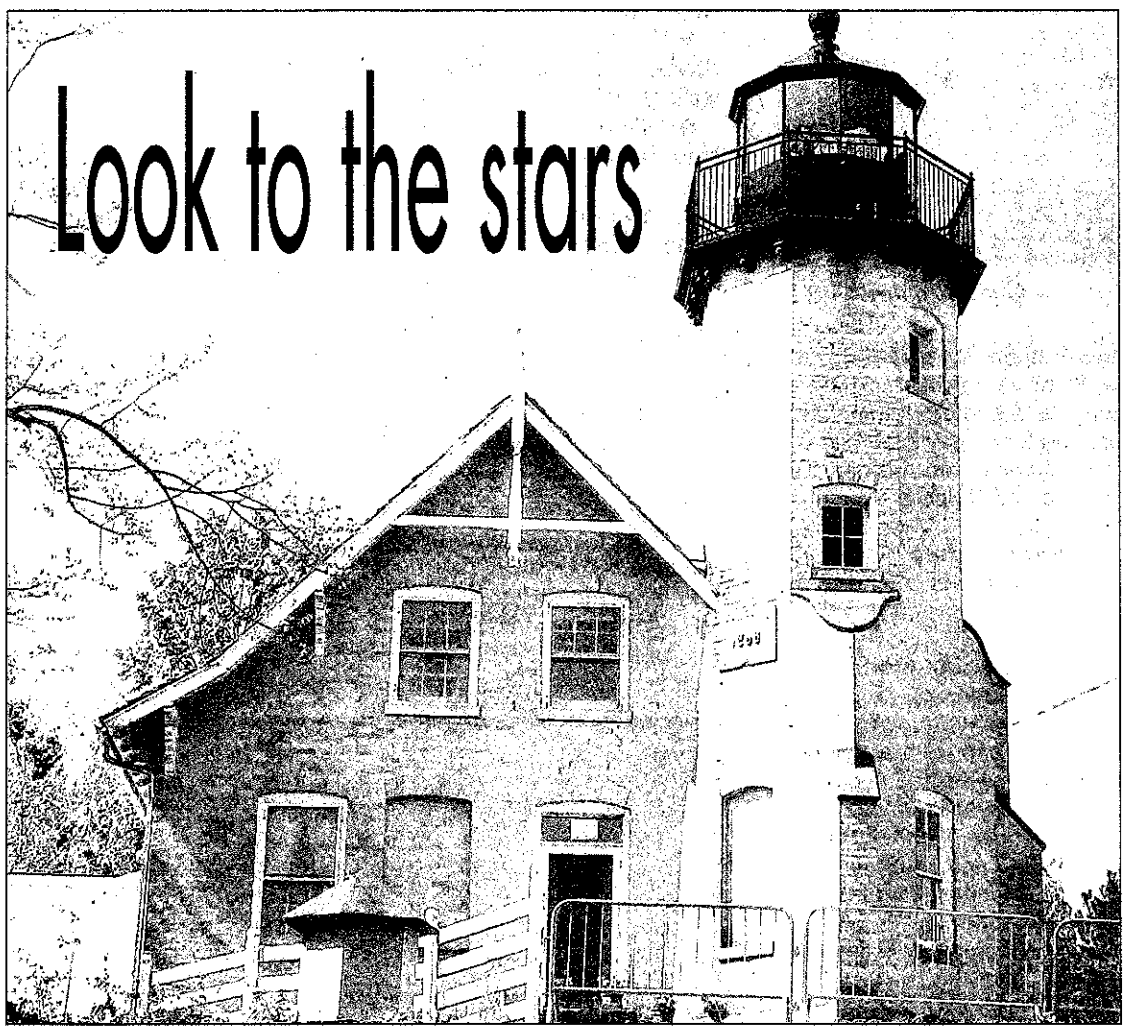
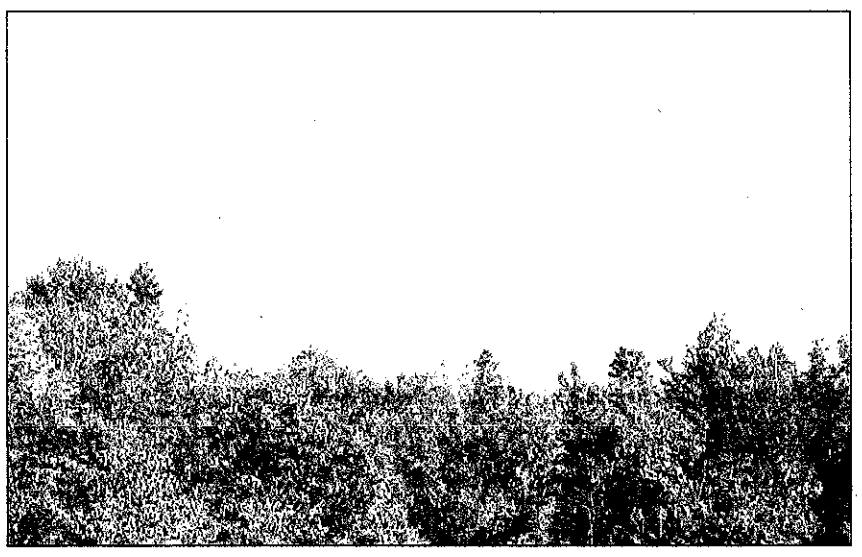
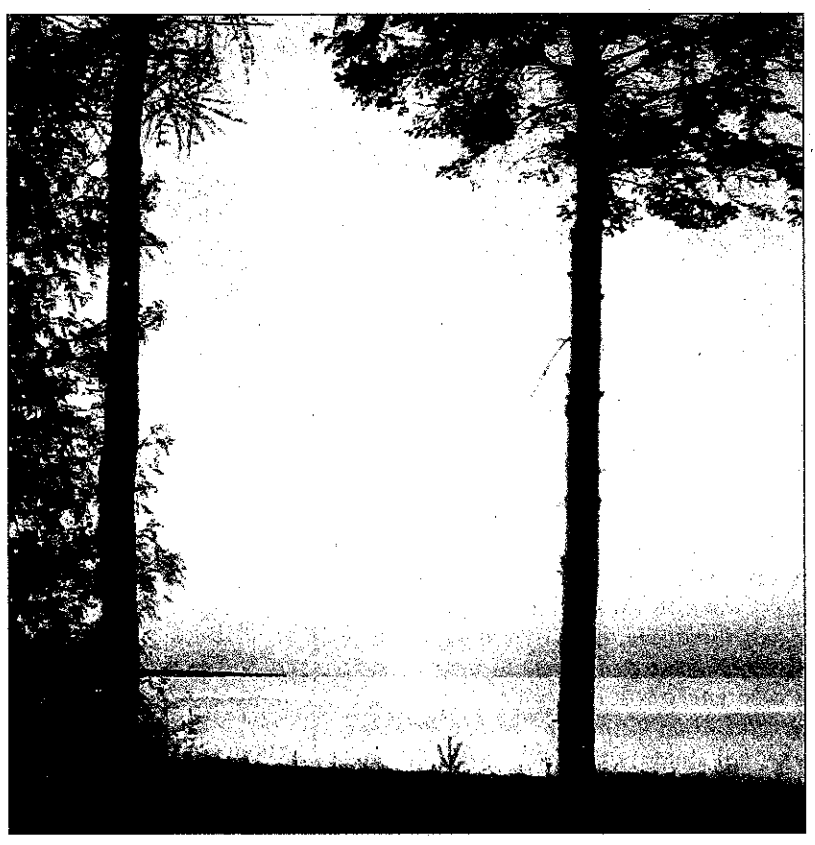


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McGulpin's Point Lighthouse outside Mackinaw City was relit in 2009 after being extinguished in Dec. 1906. At right, the view from the top of McGulpin's Point Lighthouse looking northeast into the Straits of Mackinac. The southern shores of Lake Michigan lie directly in front of the lighthouse.





Another brilliant sunset over Lake Michigan.

'It is rich in American and Michigan history'

Story and photos by Features Editor Ann L. Fouty

Since sailors have traversed Earth's waterways, they have looked to the stars for guidance; first to the heavens then to the points of light on land.

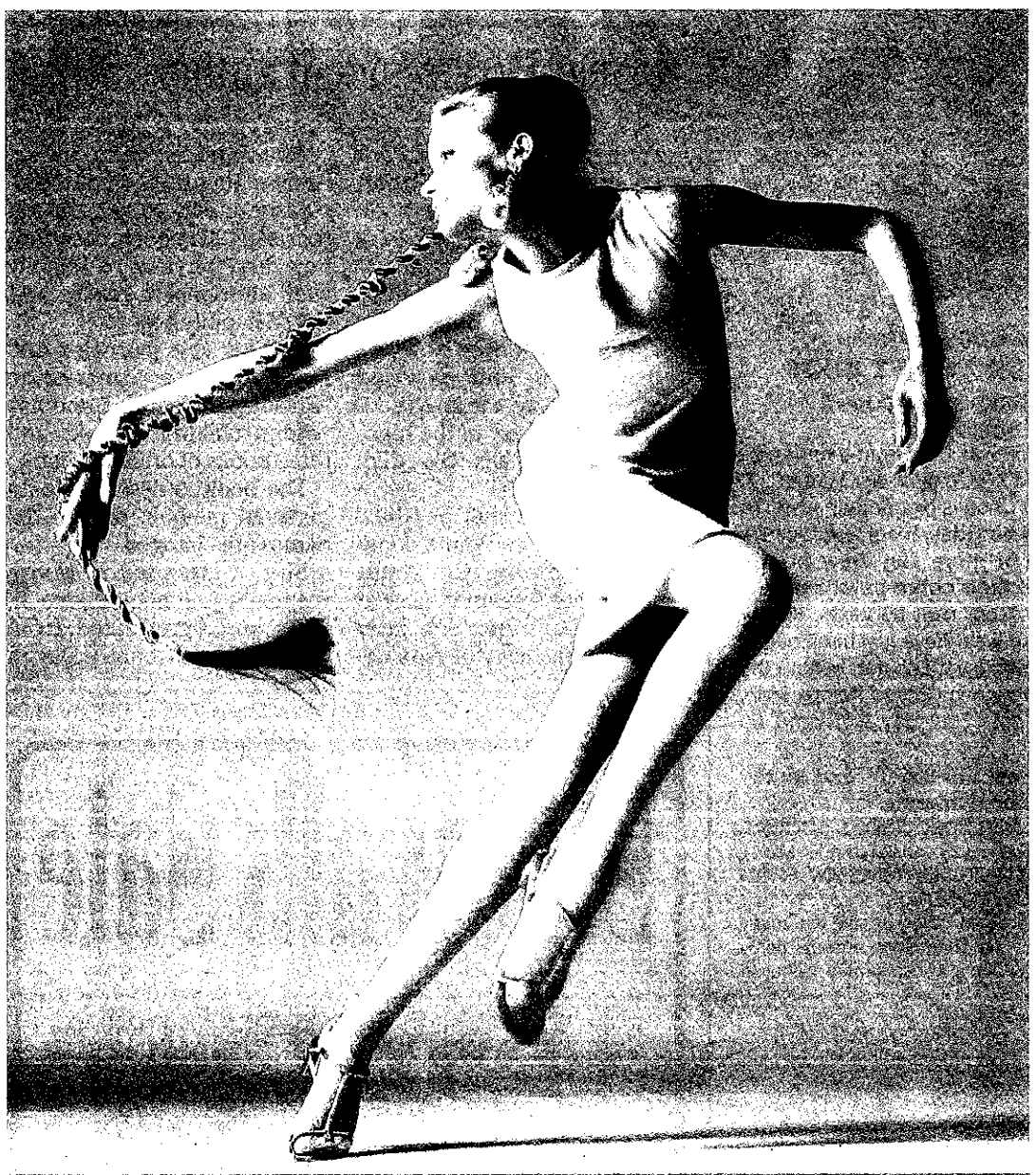
Fires on hillsides and pinpoints of lights from villages guided the sailors around the shoals and shores.

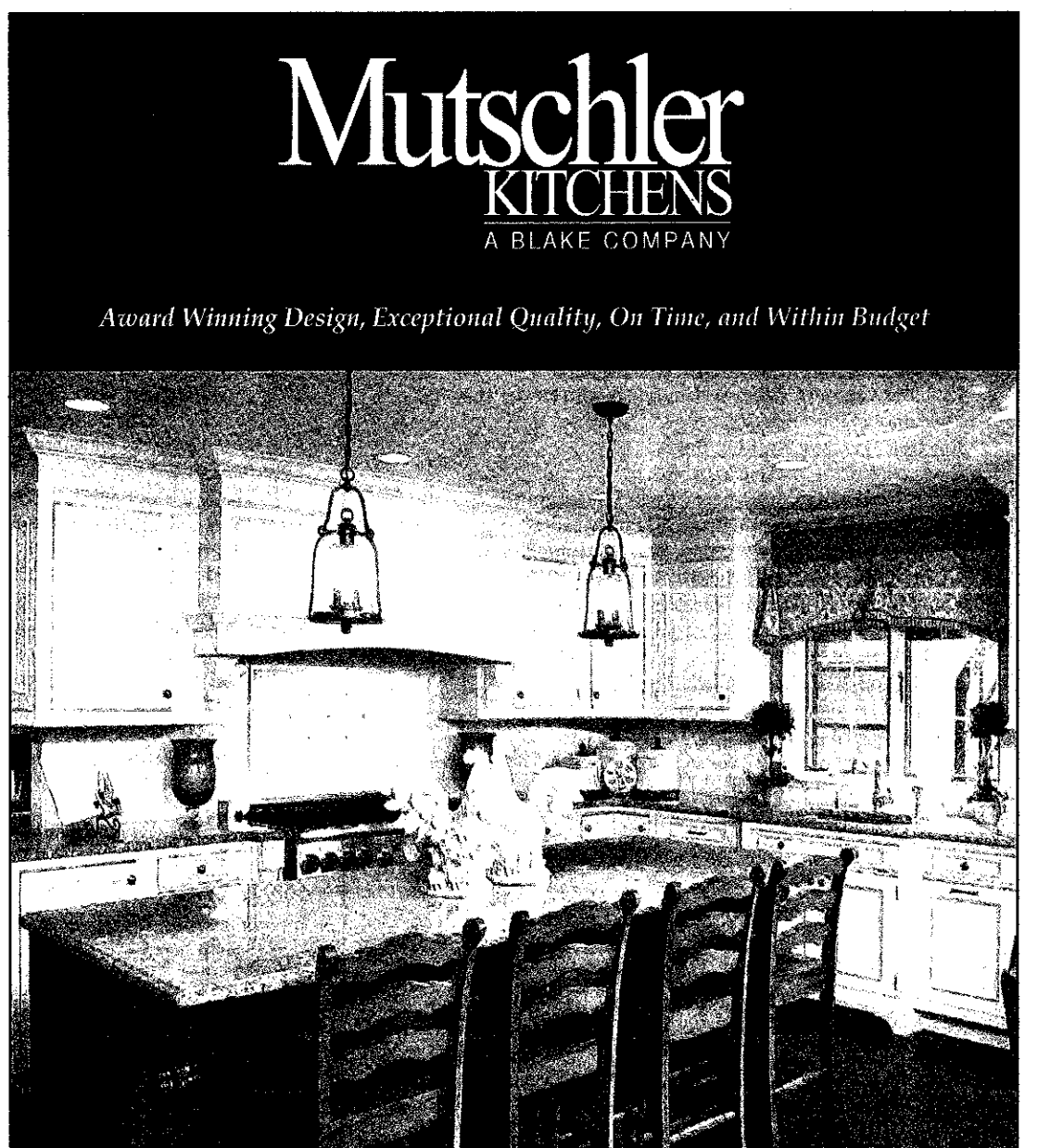
The first illumination specifically for sailors, the Pharos Lighthouse, towered 450 feet above the Mediterranean Sea after it was erected in 280 B.C. at the mouth of the Nile. It guided mariners for 1,000 years before being destroyed by an earthquake.

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When the Great Lakes were discovered and the area's wealth of natural merchandise was revealed, ships plied the waters until ice set in. Ships were lost beginning with the Griffin in 1679. It was time for men to light the star fire on land.

See HISTORY, Page 5B





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Neighborhood Club programs, classes

Offered by the Neighborhood Club, a series of Gourmet Delights classes are from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School Room 198.

◆ "Create Cake and Brownie Fun Pops," Tuesday, Oct. 20. Make and take home cake and brownies enrobed in milk or white chocolate, decorated with toppings, all on a stick.

◆ "Create a Gourmet Fresh Fruit Bouquet," Tuesday, Oct. 27. Students make and take home an edible bouquet made from a variety of fresh fruits.

◆ "Create Neat and Sweet Holiday Treats," Wednesday, Nov.18. Make and take a tray of treats including a Mini "Snow" Covered Cream Puff Christmas Tree, White Chocolate Marshmallow Snowman Family, Double Chocolate Peppermint Bark, a Mini Yule Log Cake and more.

For supply lists, contact instructor Andrea Janssen at (586) 731-4681 or e-mail supplylist@gmail.com.

The fee for each class is $35

A handful of "The Savvy Guide to..." classes are being held in Parcells Middle School Room 200.

◆ "The Savvy Guide to Saving," 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Learn simple tricks to save money on household items and groceries. There is a $15 class fee and $7 resource fee payable to the instructor.

◆ "The Savvy Guide to Mystery Shopping," 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Learn the ins and outs of mystery shopping and how to get started. The class fee is $25 and a $15 materials fee for textbook and resources is payable to the instructor.

NEW ARRIVALS

Margaret Ann Huebner

Paul and Elizabeth Huebner of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Ann Huebner, born Aug. 18, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Virginia Hrtanek of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Charles and Laura Huebner of Grosse Pointe Farms are the paternal grandparents.

Mary Louise Fink of Marlette is the maternal great-grandmother.

Lydia Claire Johnson

S. Lee Johnson and Elizabeth Newhart of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Lydia Claire Johnson, born Sept. 15, 2008, in South Korea. She was brought home Sept. 22, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Gregory H. and Pamela Newhart of Swartz Creek.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Sandra Johnson of Keokuk, Iowa.

Former Park resident authors book

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Betsy Waldbott Ramsay has written a book about her life married to a European titled aristocrat.

"On the Wings of the Wind," published by Elderberry Press, Inc., describes how she fell in love and married Andres Ramsay, whom the author describes as "of the highly cultured class Swedish Finn."

She said she met her husband at a Grosse Pointe debutante ball during Christmas break of her freshman year at Wellesely College. She later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

As an American and Jewish, Andres Ramsay's family didn't take kindly to her, the author said. The book describes how her fairytale of happily ever after meets reality and not so happily ever after.

Ramsay is a journalist and founded the magazine "Riksdagsbulletinen," and has written children's books and three books of original poetry.

The book is described as a personal memoir, though the names are changed.

She attended Maire Elementary School, Pierce Jr. High and graduated from Grosse Pointe Country Day in 1949.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Chamber music

A Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concert is performed at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Music by J.S. Bach and Edvard Grieg is presented.

Tickets are $12; those 18 and under are admitted free.

For more information, call (586) 771-4387 or visit gpchambermusic@yahoo.com.

Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meets at noon Monday, Oct. 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Speaker Rick Caron, an Outbound GSE team leader, discusses his trip to Hungary.



Jean L. Azar of Grosse Pointe Shores and Adel Amerman of Grosse Pointe Farms prepare to yell BINGO in support of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Fonbonne Auxiliary.

Vision support group

The Friends of Vision Support Group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, and Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

Alliance Francaise

A free lecture presented by the Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

The speaker, Mireille Wilkinson of DeBary Voyage Inc., is an alliance co-founder and member.

The lecture is in French and a bilingual question and answer session follows.

For more information, e-mail president@afgrossepointe.org.

Fontbonne Auxiliary

Support the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Fontbonne Auxiliary and play bingo from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Taking place at Lakeland Manor, 26211 Harper Avenue, St. Clair Shores, the $40 ticket price includes pizza, salad, Coney Island hotdogs, beer, wine, soft drinks and bingo cards for 11 games.

Benefactors can pay $65 and get an additional set of bingo cards. Cash prizes are awarded and the proceeds benefit Fontbonne Nursing Scholarship Fund at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Participants must be 21 years of age or older.

For reservations or questions, call Raegan Movinski at (313) 343-3675.

Lifelong Learning

Aaron Skiba, of the Beaumont Sleep Evaluations Services, discusses "Getting a Good Night's Sleep" from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults, St. Peter the Apostle, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

A freewill donation is accepted.

For more information, call (313) 886-1770.

Blood drive

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council hosts an American Red Cross Blood drive from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (313) 823-8538.

Psychic potpourri

WMTV host Robert Taylor discusses various predictive techniques and gives personal readings from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is $22.

For more information, call (313) 881-7511 or visit WarMemorial.org.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Speakers Dr. Tristan Guevara and Dr. Richard Ferrara Jr. of Ferrara Dermatology discuss "Saving Our Skin."

Reservations must be made by Saturday, Oct. 17, by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081.

For more information about the club, call Janice McManus at (313) 886-9098 or Pamela Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

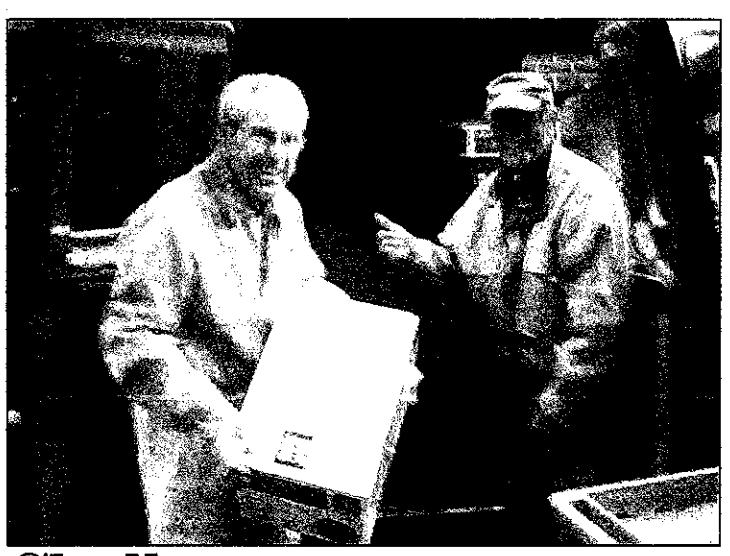
Learn a skill

Carol Strozier, certified and registered Alexander Technique teacher, explains and demonstrates how to achieve a balanced body and mind and better health and positive well-being at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe Woods branch library.

The free presentation is in the lower level. Wear comfortable clothing.

The technique has been used for more than 100 years by actors, dancers, singers and musicians.

To register, call (313) 402-9398 or e-mail flutesymphony@msn.com. The event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra.



Challenge

Grosse Pointe Rotary members Dr. Bill Rice, left, and John Sheoris, delivered several boxes of clothing, books and food to Matrix Human Services in Detroit Oct. 2 for distribution to the under-served in the Detroit area. The collected items are part of the three million pound challenge project undertaken by the local Rotary club. In one year, the club plans to collect a million pounds each of clothing, books and food. For more information call Rotary President Bob Bashara at (313) 670-3461.



Scholarship recipients

La Distribution de Prix held an annual reception to honor high school students who have excelled in French language classes. Scholarships were given to Joey El-Gothamy, Morgan Walker, Natalie Boll and Tori Javanovski of University Liggett School; Katherine Murray, Katherine Lazar, Catherine l'Heurex and Matthew Blunden of Grosse Pointe North High School; Anita Shah, Elizabeth Mott, Natasha Kopcak, Cheyenne Adrian, Catherine Cislo and Linnae Jamison of Grosse Pointe South High School; Sean Driscoll, Tony Tazzi, Anthony Chadwick and Jared Combs of De La Salle Collegiate; and Morgan Stocker, Rachel Dandar, Alison Wiles and Shaina Simpson of Regina High School. Pictured, from left are l'Heurex, Blunden, Lazar and Murray.

Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Alger House in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, for a Halloween lunch and bridge.

To make or cancel reservations, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566 by Monday, Oct. 19.

Women's Connection

Xenia Castillo-Hunter is the Thursday, Oct. 22 speaker at The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe at the Lochmoor Club. Her topic is "Lights, Camera, Action!"

Socializing begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program is from 7:45 to 9 p.m. The cost is $27 for members and $29 for non-members.

For more information, call Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

Classical music

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League meets at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Grosse Pointe Little Club for a business meeting, lunch and entertainment.

For more information, call membership chairwoman Pam Bawden at (313) 318-8836.

Festival of Tables

The Daughters of Penelope - Thamyris Chapter host Festival of Tables Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The first show is from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is $10 and benefits the Liggett Breast Center at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

The second showing begins at 4:30 p.m. and costs $55. It includes dinner, wine, a fashion show by Fashions by Etcetera and a silent auction.

For reservations, call (313) 885-9154.

Art show

"Embedded Light" is the first national encaustic art exhibition in the greater Detroit Metropolitan area and can be seen at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval through Nov. 7. Gallery hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Encaustic is a beeswax-based paint kept molten on a heated palette. It is applied to a surface and reheated to fuse the paint into a uniform enamel-like finish. Encaustic painting was practiced by Greek artists as far back as the 5th century B.C.

Diego Rivera and Jasper Johns initiated an encaustic resurgence in the 20th century.

Library tea

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation hosts a tea from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with all proceeds going to the library.

Speakers at "Just Your Cup Of Tea: Murder Takes A Road Trip" are author Mardi Link, muse writer Elizabeth Buzzelli and mystery novelist Aaron Stander. All are Michigan authors.

Link's books center on two true life Michigan murder stories: "When Evil Came To Good Hart," and her newest, "Isadore's Secret: Sin, Murder and Confession in a Northern Michigan Town."

Buzzelli, author of "Dead Dancing Women" and "Dead Dancing Lovers," sets her mysteries in the state.

Stander's mysteries are also set in Michigan and include "Summer People," "Color Tour" and "Deer Season."

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Ecumenical breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's breakfast is from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is the Rev. Jack Cascione of Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

St. Sabbas

Dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, and 22, at the Royal Eagle at St. Sabbas Orthodox Church, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods.

The Russian Tea house at St. Sabbas is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20. A donation of $20 is accepted.

Reservations for either the Royal Eagle or the tea house may be made by calling (313) 521-1894.

Presbyterian Church

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, observes its 70th anniversary with a community hymn sing at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, and a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. From 2 to 4 p.m., church members host a harvest celebration featuring cider, doughnuts, pumpkin painting, a chili cook-off, pony rides and a petting zoo. The community is invited.

Grand & Glorious

The Detroit Concert Choir, under the direction of Gordon Nelson, performs "Grand & Glorious" at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

Tickets are $20; senior tickets are $18 and young adults (8-21) are $10. For more information, call (313) 882-0118.

The concert, in collaboration with Dina Soresi Winter, features music by Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Verdi.

United Methodist

The public is invited to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, for a performance by The Strangely Warmed Players of the Ann Arbor United Methodist Church, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The group combines ministry with offbeat comedy to create Christian short plays.

Freewill donations provide scholarships for Kenyan students.

For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

Holiday Craft Fair

The Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Women's Holiday Craft Fair is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Items for sale are Halloween and Christmas crafts and jewelry. There will be a country store and bake sale.

Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Paul lunch

The Altar Society of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church holds its 62nd annual Fall Luncheon benefit Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Social hour is at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Hannah Bear Boutique, La Jolie Rose and Village Palm provide fashions for a strolling fashion show at 12:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Mary Delpup discusses "The Truth About Beauty" at 1:30 p.m.

The event includes a raffle and silent auction.

Proceeds benefit the care of the altar, sanctuary, vestments, altar linens and flowers.

To buy a ticket, make a donation or for more information, call the parish office at (313) 885-8855 or visit stpaulonthelake.org.

Class reunion

Detroit St. Thomas Apostle class reunion is from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple. Troy.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver

Names reflect relationship

In an old Monty Python sketch, "the members of the philosophy department of the University of Walamaroo are all named Bruce. When a new faculty member joins the department they simply can't believe he isn't named Bruce, so they call him Bruce despite his protestations."

This silly sketch has been repeated on several "Saturday Night Live" shows where someone is renamed by the other characters to "fit the part." That can be funny, or it can be jarring as in the recent film, "Gran Torino," starring Clint Eastwood.

Eastwood plays an elderly man set in his ways, but when a family of Hmong's move in next door, they "threaten" his way of life. To elevate his position over them, and to distance his feelings for them, he gives the family members inappropriate names. Accidental or intentional, many of us give a new name to others.

I have been in Grosse Pointe for four weeks and already have my share of accidentally calling someone the wrong name. But, when we give someone a "nickname" perhaps it is done to give honor, or for the person to fit our expectations of them. Sometimes a nickname labels character traits. Giving new names to people reflect a change in them or the relationship they have to us. Giving a new name perhaps establishes how we want to associate with them.

In John 1:21, people approach John the Baptist regarding his identity. "And they asked, 'what then? Are you Elijah' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.'" The people want to know how they can define John the Baptist. They come to him so he can help them identify his ministry. They want to know whether he is Elijah or a prophet. They become confused when John responds he is neither because it is difficult for the people to understand.

It seems people need labels because it brings "peace" and it can, for some, settle debates before they take place.

Many of us never speak to someone because of the label we have placed on them.

We decide not to engage them in dialogue because we assume we know who they are or what they will say. Perhaps it is even to the extreme when we think, "Oh, he is a liberal – that means he believes in XYZ," or "oh, she is a conservative – which means she believes in ABC." Boy, wait until they meet the conservative-independent-liberal who believes in a little bit of X, a smidge of Z, a whole lot of A and perhaps everything from D through W, but not H (because that would just be silly).

As the Rev. Ben Van Arragon wrote in his recent column, when we throw around labels and titles for people, we stop holding conversations. When we give someone a title, we refuse to converse with them because we know what they believe and essentially, in our minds, the conversation is already over.

This is a reason I personally hate labels. I think they are unfair. Labels don't convey the entire message. We miss many wonderful opportunities God has in store for us, and our community. But when we take the challenge and listen to one another without passing judgment, then with wonder and awe, we can celebrate God who is still working and is still calling us into re-

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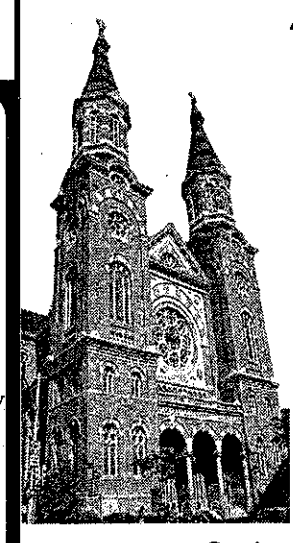
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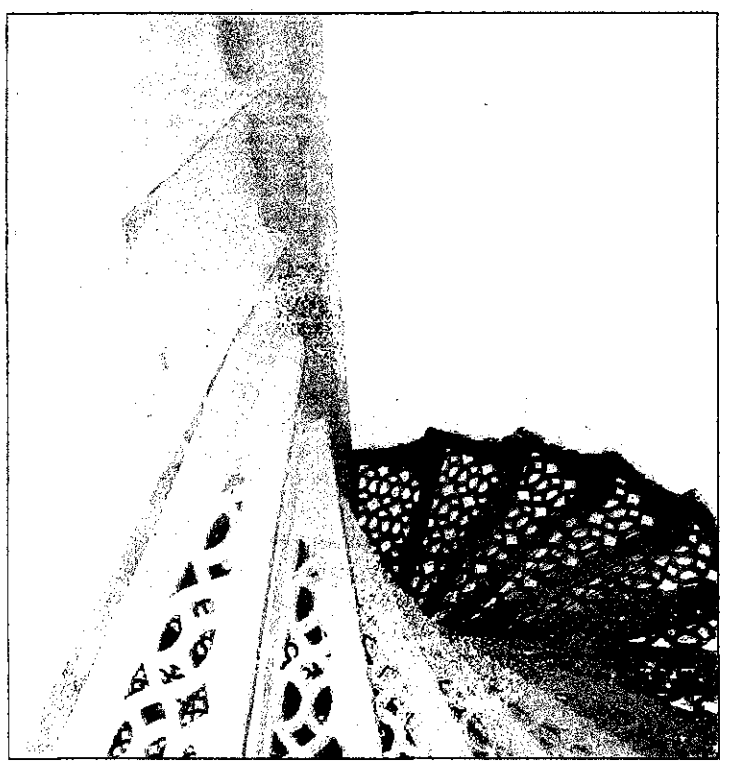
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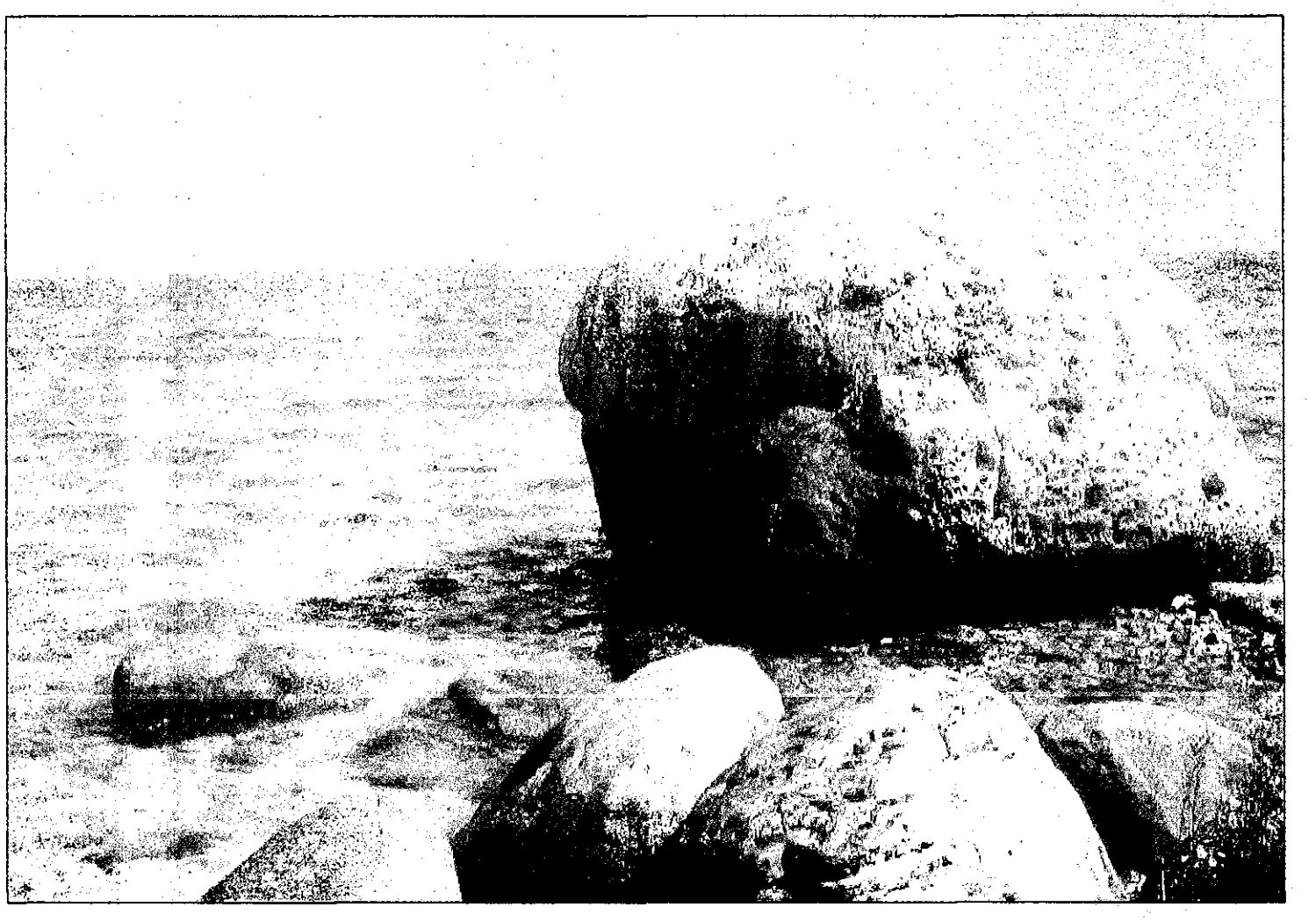
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The lighthouse keeper and his family navigated the narrow curved stairs carrying kerosene to keep the light shining as ships plied the unpredictable waters of lakes Michigan and Huron. Lighthouses, as a rule, have an even number of steps from the main floor to the lantern room. At McGulpin's Point, there are 44 winding, narrow steps.

HISTORY: Lighthouse watches over two lakes

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Nearly two centuries later, the point where lakes Michigan and Huron meet would be illuminated with two lights high above the deep, cold waters. Here is where the McGulpin's Point Lighthouse story begins.

John McGulpin came with the British forces to the tip of Michigan in 1760 and farmed west of the present day Mackinaw City. He worked 640 acres west of the Mackinaw City Cemetery. In 1811, McGulpin was deeded the property by Pres. James Madison. It is the first deeded property in Emmet County and the land is forever known at McGulpin's Point. That piece of paper is secured between two sheets of glass in Washington, D.C.

When the British moved to Mackinac Island during the Revolutionary War, McGulpin stayed behind and continued to farm his acreage. Patrick, being the eldest son, inherited the land. Patrick was a fur trader and tailor. When his Indian wife died, he married a French woman. Patrick was the father of 17 children between his two wives. He died at the age of 91 in 1831 on Mackinac Island.

His eldest son, George, continued to farm the land.

When he died, his wife and daughter sold all 640 acres for $1. The farm had three houses and other buildings, according to records found in one house.

Following the Civil War, the State of Michigan condemned McGulpin's Point and paid $1,000 for the transfer of the land to the U.S. Government for the purpose of constructing a lighthouse.

When Edgar Conkling, who has a street named for him in Mackinaw City, learned of the proposed lighthouse, he wrote to the Light House Board Aug. 12, 1868, saying he had a better piece of land for the lighthouse he would be willing to sell.

That land was the site of the Old Fort Mackinac positioned at the northernmost point of the Lower Peninsula. His letter declared McGulpin's Point Lighthouse could not illuminate the entire straits.

While the McGulpin's Point Light was turned on in 1869, Old Mackinaw Point (Conkling's land), soon to be known as Mackinac Point Lighthouse and Fog Signal Station, was lit in 1892 and guided ships through the straits until 1957 when the Mackinac Bridge was completed. Renovated, that lighthouse is now open to tourists.

McGulpin's light was kept burning, first with a wick soaked in lard oil and then kerosene, which was cheaper, and installed in 1880.

The use of three-and-a half order Fresnel lens captures 80 percent of the light and redirects it through a complex set of glass prisms. Lighthouse keeper James Davenport's children would perform the tasks of cleaning the lens and the glass windows when he was absent, said volunteer guide Judy Bennett.

The lighthouse was closed for months when ice formed in the straits, she said. Keeper Davenport would move his family two miles to a house on Sinclair Street so his children could attend a Mackinaw City school during the bitter winter months.

Every other week, she said, Davenport would come out to check on the lighthouse. It was

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McGulpin's Point Light Keepers

Gabriel Alloffe — June 4, 1869 to June 8, 1869

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Thomas Dunn — June 14, 1875 to Feb. 2, 1879

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James Davenport — Sept. 17, 1879 to Dec. 15, 1906



This rock was first described to the King of France in the 1700s as sometimes being under water and sometimes not. It stands more than 6 feet in height with a perfect view of the Straits of Mackinac on McGulpin's Point, two miles outside Mackinaw City. At left, period dishes and furniture have been donated for use in the lighthouse's living quarters.

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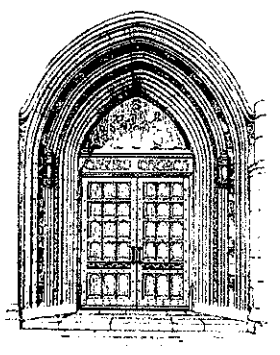
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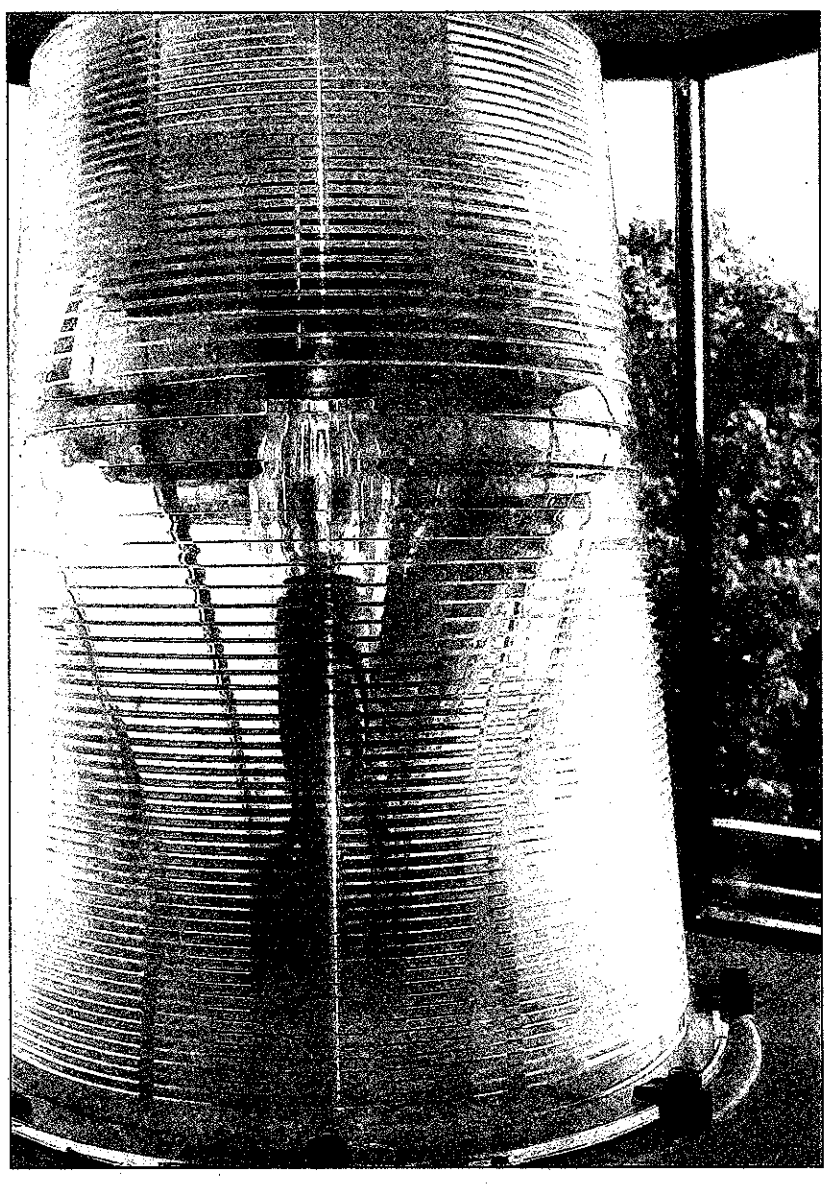
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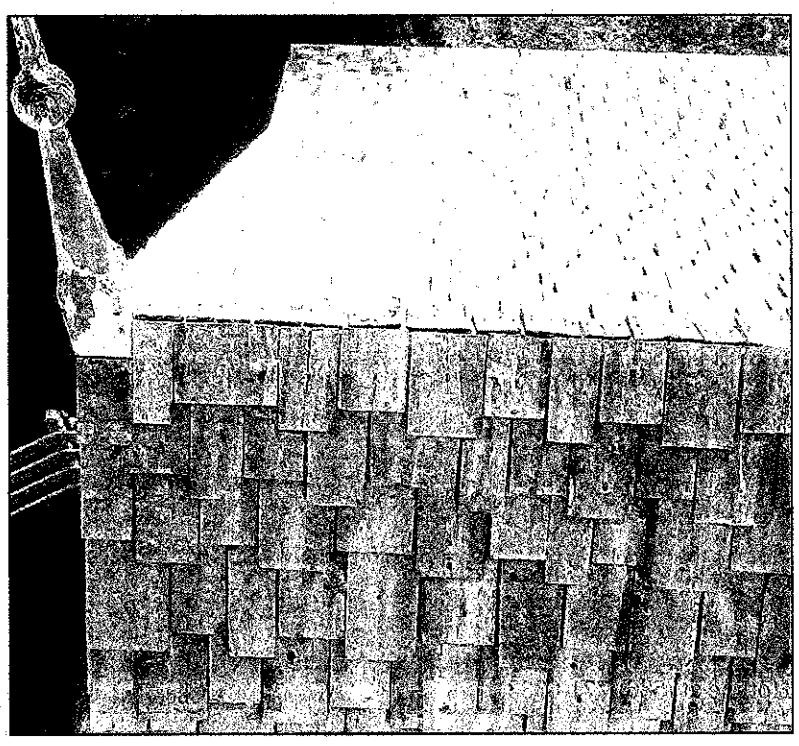
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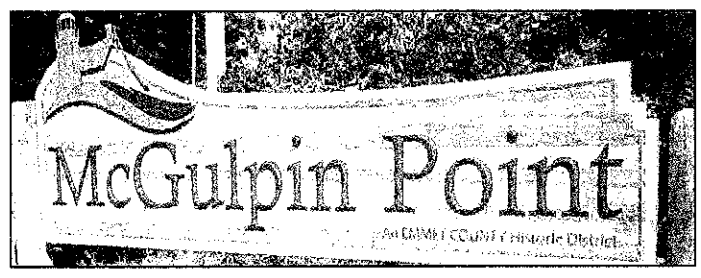
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The Fresnel lens is now made of durable plastic instead of the original glass. The light can be seen for 13 miles.
At right, looking down from the lighthouse onto a wooden shake roof.

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HISTORY: Lighthouse boasts a great view

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also part of his responsibility to alert his superiors when the ice was breaking so shipping could resume for another season.

With the more powerful light at Old Fort Mackinac, McGulpin's Point Light was decommissioned four decades after it was turned on. Its lens was sent to the Mackinac Lighthouse for storage. An effort is under way to track down the original lens.

The property fell into disrepair and was sold a number of times until Emmet County purchased it for historical purposes and for sailors to look for the star shining from land.

In 2005, the 11.5 acres and its buildings were put on the market for $1.75 million by the Peppler family, who had owned it since the 1970s. In 2008, the price dropped to $974,900. Later that year, Emmet County paid $720,000 for the site and in April 2009 the Emmet County Board of Commissioners approved the expenditure of $103)0 to buy adjacent land for a parking lot and museum.

The county bought it for historical significance, said Emmet County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jim Tamlyn.

"People come and leave with smiles on their faces. It's something to do that is very inexpensive," he said. "It is rich in American and Michigan history."

Turn on the light

At 7:55 a.m. April 23, a truck from the Moran Ironworks of Onaway slowly drove the streets of Mackinaw City. On its trailer were the new railing, lantern room and acrylic lens being transported to the site surveyed by Aaron Greeley in 1808.

Some 1,200 people were in attendance May 30 when U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan) and Tamlyn turned on the Tideland Signal 300-MLED optic (lens) which can be seen for 13 miles and listed with the Private Aid to Navigation.

The lighthouse — partially filled with period furniture, informational displays and a video of Great Lakes underwater exploration — is open noon to 5 p.m. daily through Halloween and is free. Hours for 2010 will be extended, though are undetermined as the first successful seasons winds down.

Tamlyn said, "The Emmet County Historical Commission working with the board of commissioners is working daily on restoring it back to the late 1800s. The Shaws (the owners from the 1930 to the 1970s) and Pepplers kept it in remarkably good shape. Our goal is to take it back to what you would have seen if you would have entered it in 1890. We have received donations of period furniture and are still looking for select pieces of that time."

Some 100 visitors a day make the short drive from Mackinaw City to McGulpin's Point. They come from Michigan, Indiana, Arizona, Washington, South Africa, England, Australia, Florida and the Grosse Pointes.

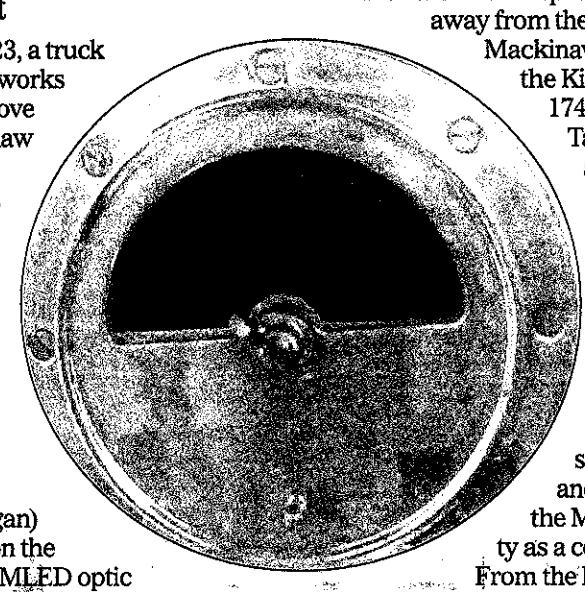
Gerald and Saralee Erwin of St. Petersburg, Fla. came to Michigan for a nephew's wedding. Looking across the straits, Gerald said the view from the 45 foot high structure wasn't the best he had ever seen, but he di joy it. The couple visits lighthouses when traveling and during their Michigan trip saw lighthouses in Mackinaw City and on Mackinac Island.

The view will be enhanced, Tamlyn assured guests, saying trees are to be cut so the view from the lighthouse will be as keeper James Davenport, his wife and nine children saw it.

Davenport was the longest serving keeper at McGulpin's from 1879 to 1906. When he extinguished the light Dec. 15, 1906, he was moved to the Mission Point Lighthouse where he stayed until his retirement in 1917. He returned to Mackinaw City, Tamlyn said, where he lived until his death March 18, 1932 at the age of 85. He is buried in the Mackinaw City Cemetery, as is one of his sons. His wife is buried on Mackinac Island. She and her 10th child died in childbirth.

Hidden history

This little known spot on Lake Michigan, away from the tourists visiting historic Mackinaw City, was first noted to the King of France around 1749. He, according to Tamlyn, sent his representative from Quebec to survey the sight. The surveyor mentioned a particular rock in his report to the king. The rock is sometimes high and dry and sometimes completely submerged, Tamlyn relayed. That same gray rock is high and dry in 2009 and sets on the McGulpin's Point property as a centuries old landmark. From the lighthouse tower, the rock mentioned by the French Canadian surveyor cannot be seen; however, the view of the straits is clear. Across the watery expanse is St. Ignace. To the north is the Mighty Mackinac Bridge. Farther north is Mackinac Island and Round Island Lighthouse.



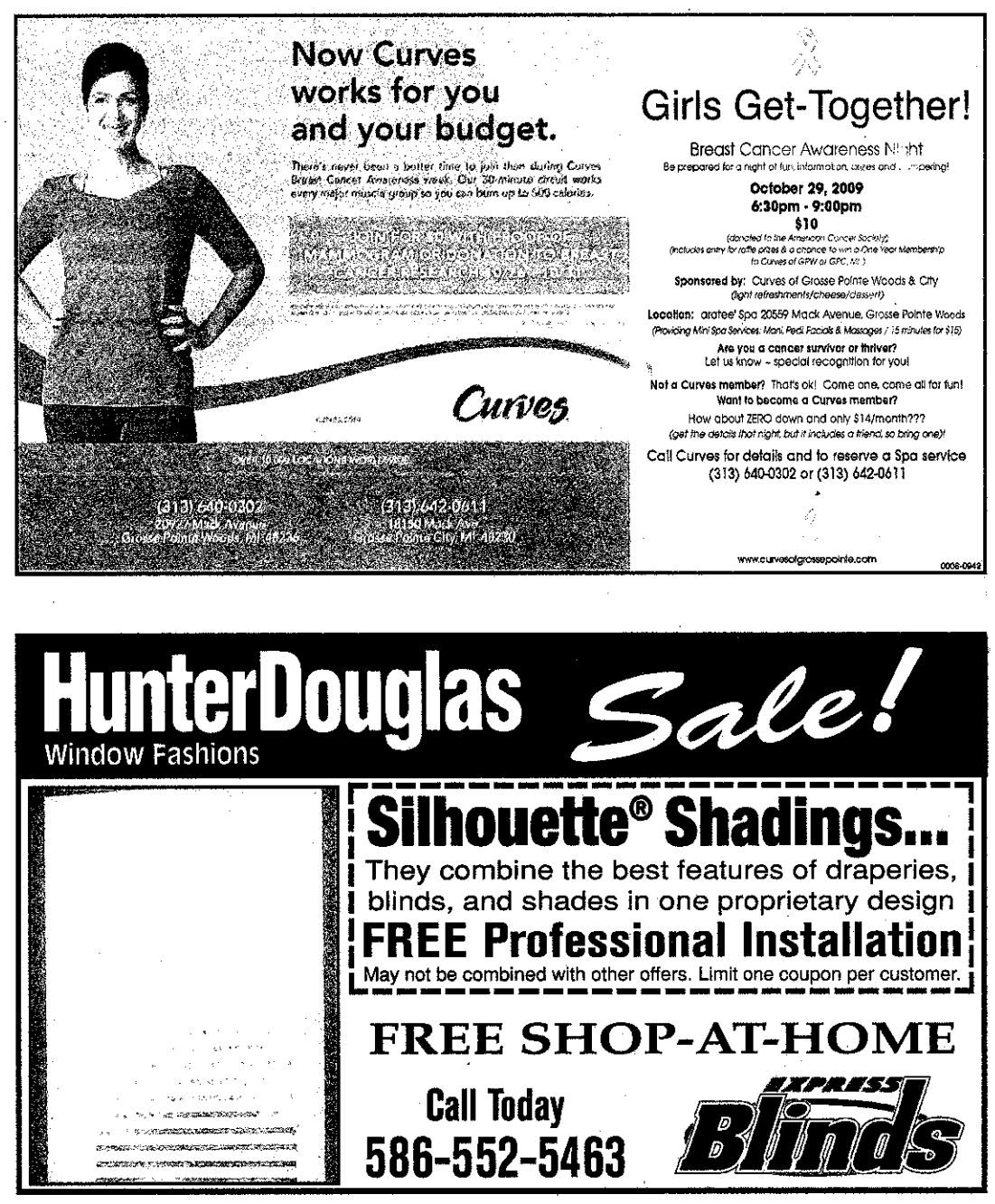
Brass covers were placed over holes around the lens' wall to regulate moisture and keep the lens from fogging. The vents on the side of the lantern wall can be adjusted by turning a semi-circular plate on the inside wall. The outside vent is hooded to keep the rain out of the lantern. There are four vents for air flow regulation.

"The history of this location belongs to everyone. Having it back in public hands and accessible to everyone is where it truly belongs," Tamlyn said of lighthouse.

Once again, the elevated light will be a guide to sailors.

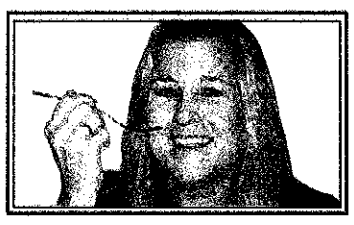
McGulpin Point Historic Site & Lighthouse, Mackinaw City. From the I-75 overpass, travel west two miles on Central Avenue, turn north on Headlands/Wilderness Park Drive. Hours are noon to 5 pm. daily through Oct. 31. Admission is free.





A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Heat up football season with stuffed jalapenos



I finally made it down to Eastern Market last weekend. I picked up a basket of Michigan-grown jalapeno peppers.

Fresh and crisp, I set out to stuff the peppers and bake them as a spicy appetizer — perfect for this football weekend time of year. My gal pal, Andrea, brought stuffed jalapenos to a recent party and the following is my adaptation of her creation.

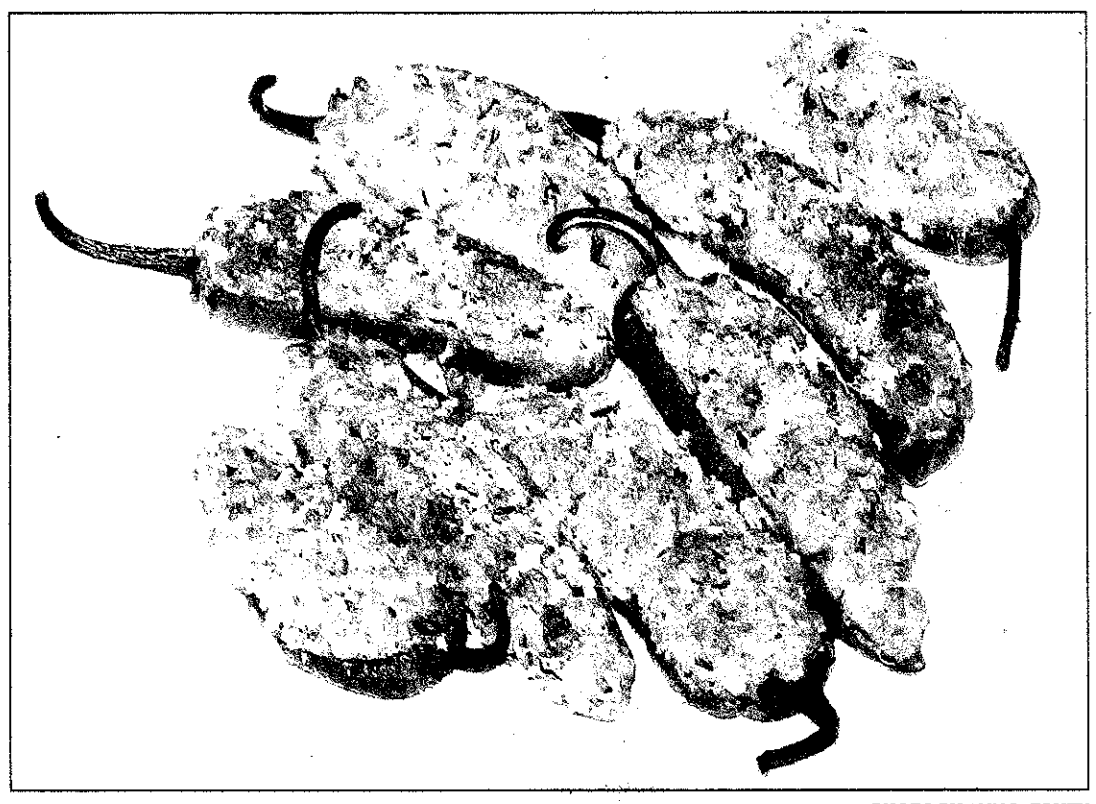


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Some like it hot — with stuffed jalapeno peppers.

Stuffed Jalapeno Peppers

1 lb. spicy pork sausage (or mild)
3 celery stalks, coarsely chopped
1 medium to large onion, coarsely chopped
1 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
2/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
2/3 cup panko (Japanese bread crumbs)
2 tablespoons dried parsley
20 to 25 jalapeno peppers, halved with seeds and ribs removed

Brown sausage along with celery and the onion in a large no-stick skillet. Allow to cool, then transfer in batches to a food processor and pulse until the meat and vegetables become finely chopped.

Transfer the chopped meat back to the skillet over medium heat. Add cream cheese and cook and stir until the cheese has completely melted into the meat mixture.

Stir in the shredded cheese followed by bread crumbs and parsley. Remove from heat and allow to cool.

Use a spoon and your fingers to stuff the meat mixture into the jalapeno halves, packing the mixture slightly over the top of the pepper. Place the stuffed peppers on a greased baking sheet. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a small bowl, combine 3 tablespoons panko with 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese and 1 tablespoon dried parsley. Sprinkle the topping over the stuffed peppers. Gently spray a bit of non-sticking cooking spray over the peppers. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Turn the oven to broil and cook for another five minutes or so, just until the top of the stuffed peppers begin to brown. Don't wander from the broiler or you'll risk burning the peppers.

Jalapeno peppers are hot. Very hot. I used food handling gloves throughout the entire preparation. The most tedious part of this recipe is preparing the jalapeno peppers.

If sausage isn't your thing, use ground beef.

Make sure to season the beef with salt, pepper and red pepper flakes, if you really like it hot.

My stuffed jalapenos are really tasty and spicy hot at the same time.

Enjoy the left over meat stuffing inside an omelette or tossed into scrambled eggs. Yummy.

Werewolf stars in Broadway Onstage performance

"The Werewolf of the Full Moon," a new thriller by Dennis Wickline, continues the 16th Season of Broadway Onstage Live Theatre.

Opening Friday, Oct. 23 and running at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, the thriller introduces the audience to a new and re-imagined world of werewolves and mysteries. Performances are through Saturday, Nov. 21.

Newlyweds Felicia and Bill Jensen decided to forego a traditional honeymoon and spend it backpacking throughout Europe. Their journey takes them to a remote forest in Hungary, where they are attacked by wolves. Miraculously they escape, but Bill is haunted by the attack, passes out and has visions of horrible things. To investigate his condition, Felicia contacts a non-conventional physician named Heinz Emrick who prescribes an unusual remedy for Bill's recovery.



Sharron Nelson as Felicia and Chillian Thomas as Bill.

Local werewolf expert, Mrs. Hildegard Bosch, warns Bill's nightmares and visions may continue unless the attacking "werewolves" are confronted. The group makes its way back to the camp for a thrilling conclusion.

Chillian Thomas takes on the role of Bill Jensen; Sharron Nelson portrays Felicia; John Arden McClure plays Heinz Emrick; and Beth Duey completes the cast as Hildegard Bosch.

Tickets for Opening Night Friday, Oct. 23 are $14 and $16 for all other performances. Broadway Onstage is located at 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer in Eastpointe. Call the Ticket and Information Hotline at (586) 771-6333.

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'Causa Mortis' debuts at Detroit Repertory Theatre

The world Premiere of the comedy "Causa Mortis" opens the Detroit Repertory Theatre's 52nd season Nov. 5 and runs every Thursday through Sunday through Dec. 27.

A New Year's Eve celebration including a special performance of "Causa Mortis" is also slated.

"Causa Mortis" by Jacob M. Appel, is the tale of an inept medical student who botches hospital records and deals with a stubborn patient with a Swiss watch in her head and her two daughters who are trying to get her ticking properly. Add in a fellow patient who has no memory and a brain surgeon afraid of dying while operating to the ingredients for this satirical romp.

When Eleanor was young, a watch was left in her head by a Swiss doctor while removing a benign tumor. After many years, mental complications begin to show up and she is scheduled twice to have the watch removed. When two brain surgeons drop dead as they prepare to operate, further complications occur.

Bruce Millan, founder and artistic director of the theater, is nationally recognized as a pioneer in breaking down racial and minority casting barriers. He has put together a diverse cast that meets the comedic challenges of "Causa Mortis."

Sandra Birch of Ferndale is Eleanor, the mother with a Swiss watch in her head. Deborah Carter of Southfield makes her debut as the punctilious Dr. Falk. Kelly Komlen of Dearborn and Leah Smith of Detroit play her daughters, Gloria and Paige, respectively, who are trying to get their mother's head ticking.

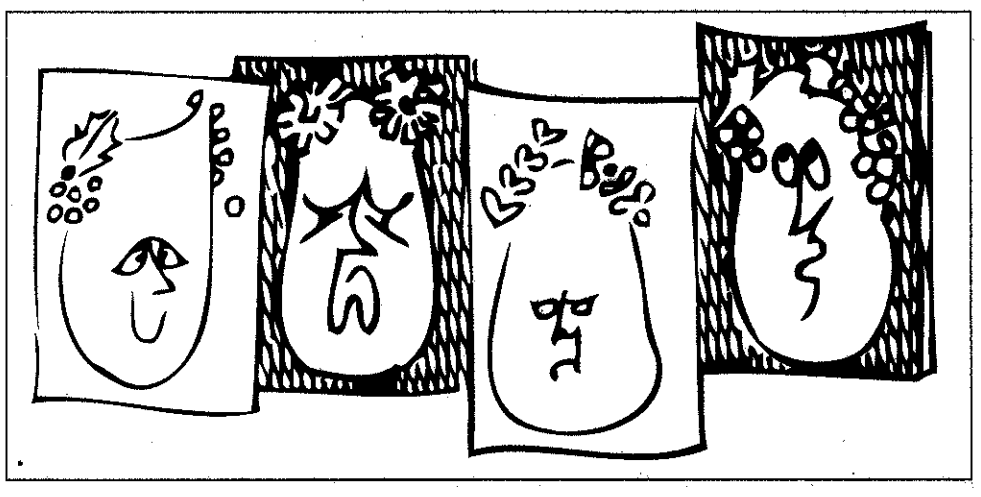
Yolanda Jack of Detroit portrays the amnesiac, a woman devoid of memory and Lisa Lauren Smith of Detroit makes her debut as Robyn, the inept medical student.

General admission is $17 in advance and $20 at the door. Call (313) 868-1347 to purchase tickets using Visa or MasterCard. For detailed information, visit detroitreptheatre.com.

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"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" auditions



Auditions for the comedy, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," are from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 and 25, at the Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

All auditioners will be considered, regardless of experience. Those with resumes and headshots are asked to bring them to the auditions. Cuttings of scenes used for auditions are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Fisher Road location.

The play is a visit to the whimsical world of Charlie Brown, from Valentine's Day to the baseball season, from cheerfulness to misery. The action is strung together on a single day, intertwining the antics of the Peanuts gang.

Performance dates and times are 2 p.m. Jan. 17; 8 p.m. Jan. 21-23; 2 p.m. Jan. 24; and 8 p.m. Jan. 27-30. Shows are performed at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in the Fries Auditorium.

Actors are required to join Grosse Pointe Theatre to appear in the show. The annual membership dues are $30. Actors are unpaid, but costumes, makeup, headshots and refreshments are provided.

Character descriptions:

Charlie Brown: (Lead) The main and lovable character. Audition song: "The Kite."

Lucy Van Pelt: (Lead) Linus' lovable fuss-budget older sister. Audition song: "Little Known Facts."

Sally Brown: (Support) Charlie Brown's younger sister. Audition song: "My New Philosophy."

Linus Van Pelt: (Support) Charlie Brown's blanket-sporting best friend. Audition song: "My Blanket and Me."

Schroeder: (Support) The piano playing character and Lucy's love interest. Audition song: "Beethoven Day."

Snoopy: (Featured) Charlie Brown's ubiquitous dog. Audition song: "Suppertime."

Little Red-Haired Girl: (Non-featured) Charlie Brown's crush. Audition song: "Happiness."

Woodstock: (Non-featured) Snoopy's best friend, the bird. Must dance well. Audition song: "Happiness."

Peppermint Patty: (Non-featured) A freckle-faced tomboy. Audition song: "Happiness."

Halloween at Ford House begins with new characters

A night of family fun is in store for those taking to the trick-or-treat trail during Edsel & Eleanor Ford House's annual Little Goblins' Night Out.

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, and Monday, Oct. 26, visitors are met by new characters, such as a fortune teller, mad scientist and magician, at the expanded trick-or-treat stations throughout the grounds.

For those who like a little more drama, children from Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage program entertain attendees with their performance of an original skit entitled, "What's for Dinner at the Witch's House?"

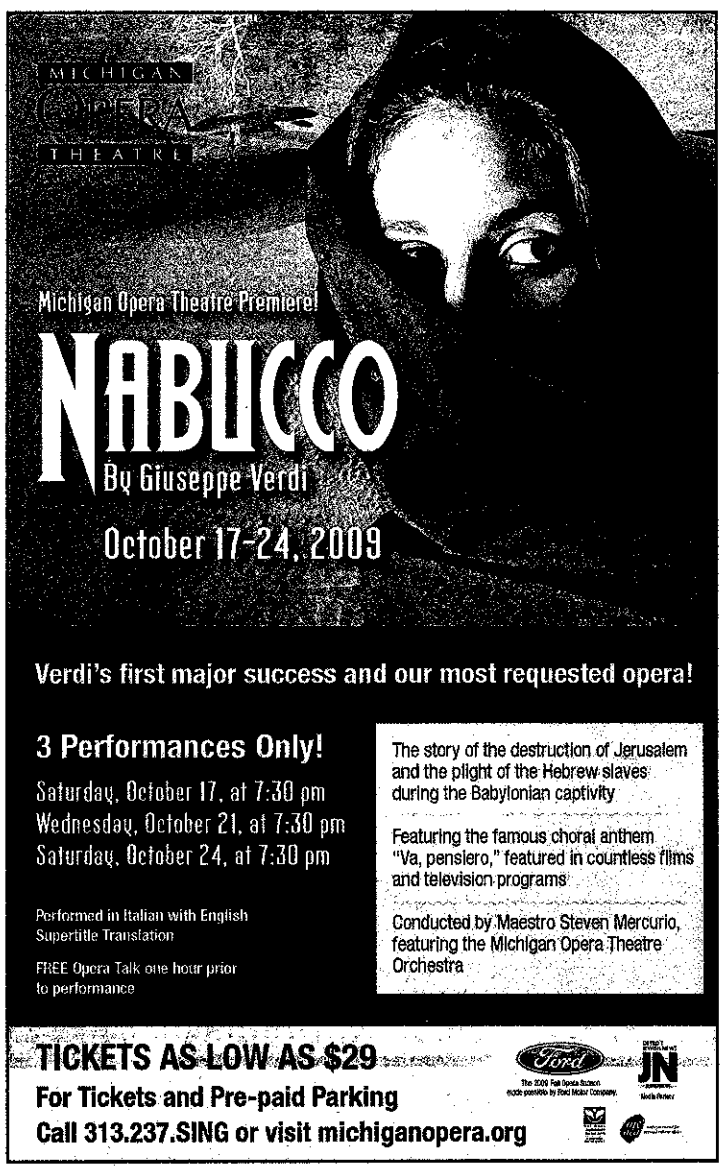
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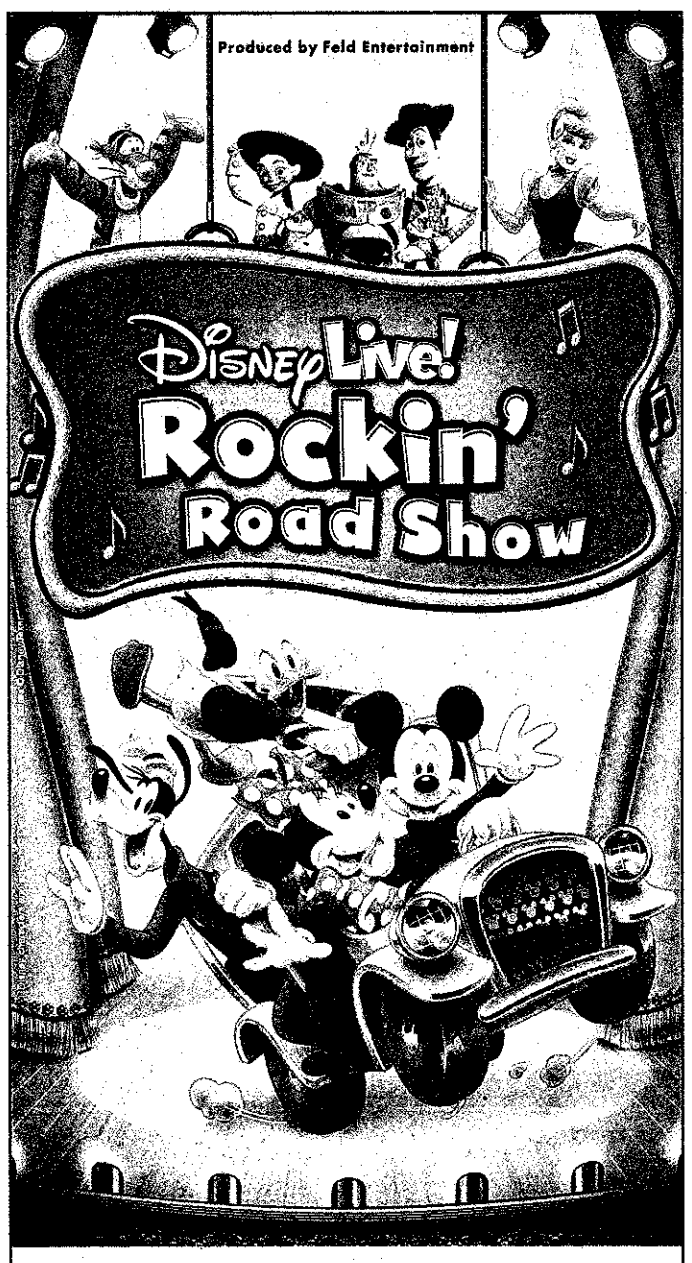
Little Goblins' Night Out is recommended for children ages 3-8. As an annual sell-out, reservations are required and can be made by calling (313) 884-4222. Admission is $9 per person.

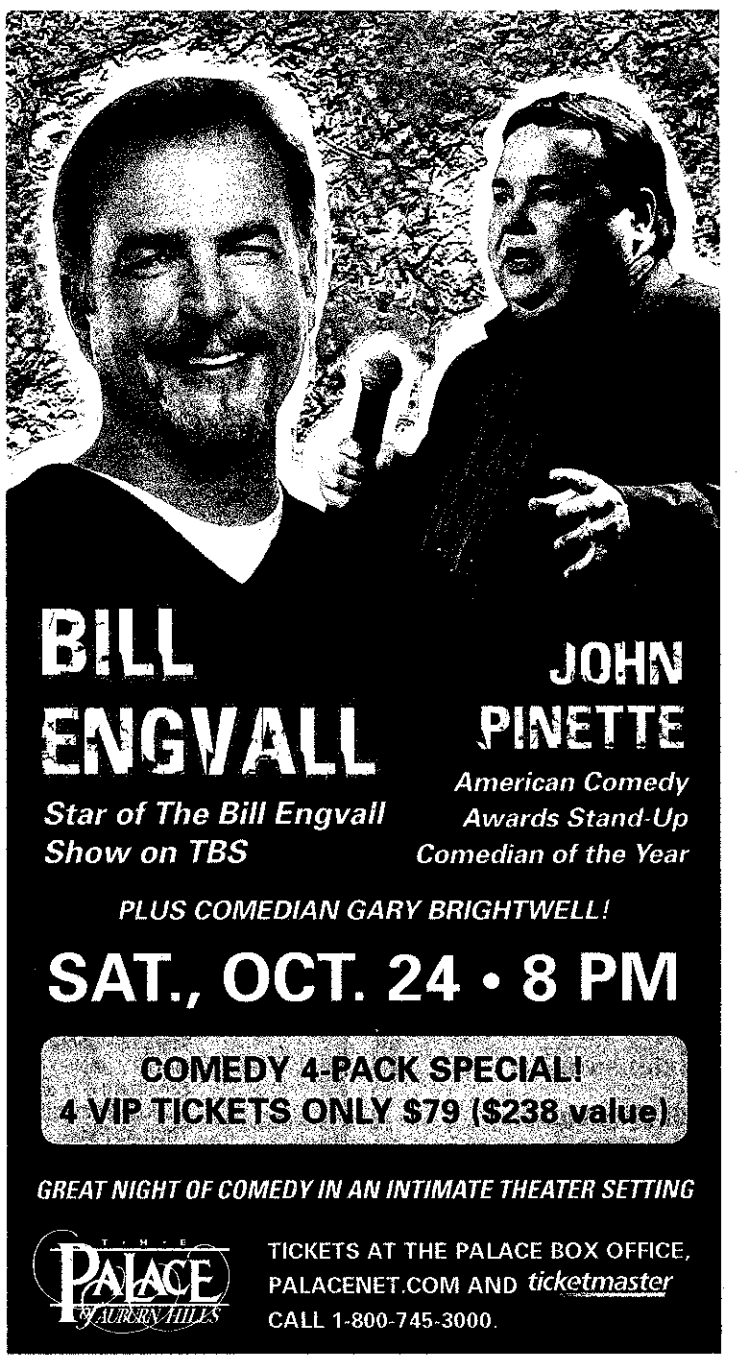
In conjunction with the event, a Carved Pumpkin and Coloring Page Contest is taking place. Children ages 3-6 can color a pumpkin coloring page, while ages 7-12 and 13-17 can express their creativity by carving their own jack-o-lantern.

All coloring pages and carved pumpkins are displayed during Little Goblins' Night Out and prizes awarded in each age group.

For contest details, visit fordhouse.org.

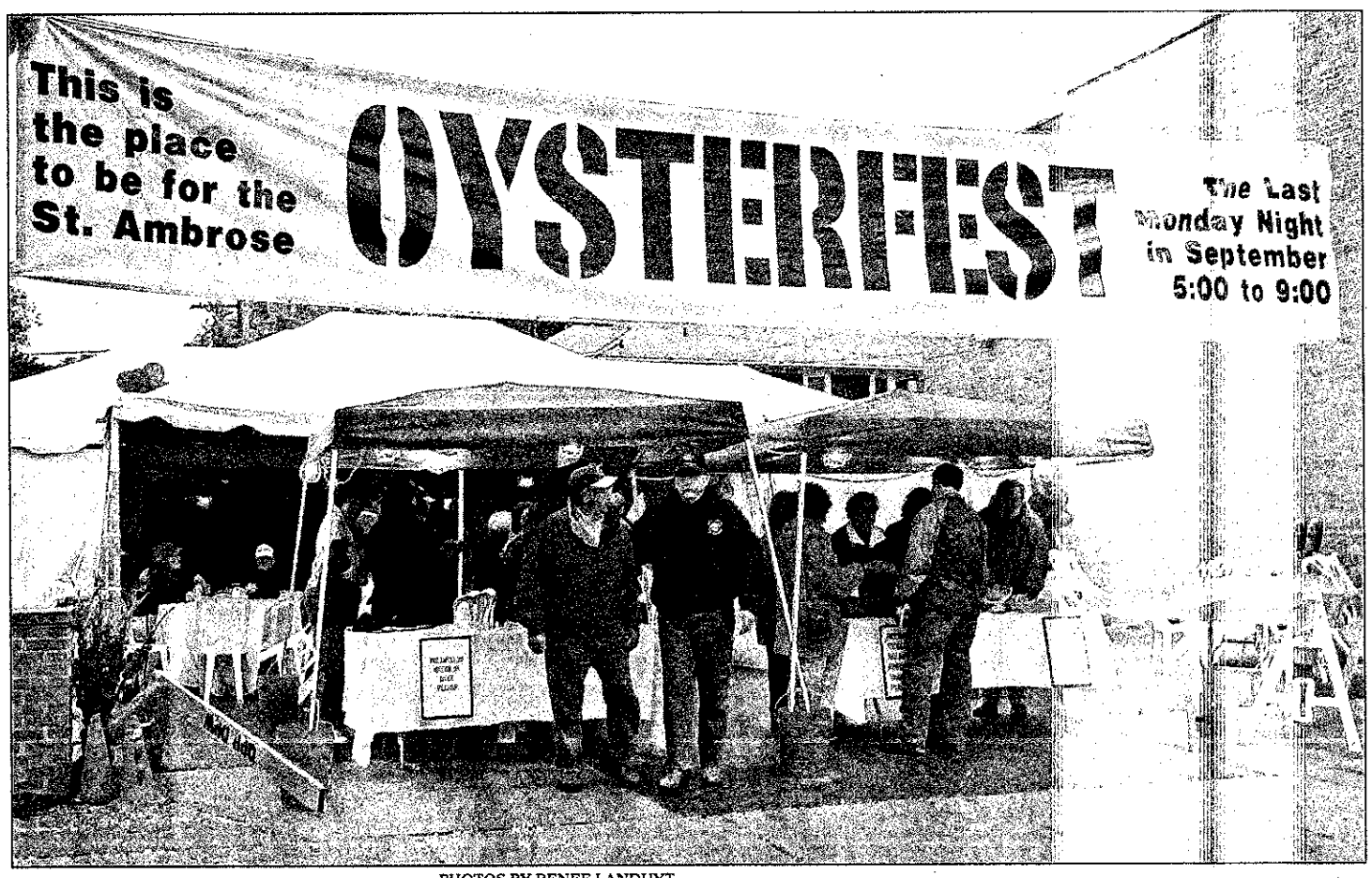








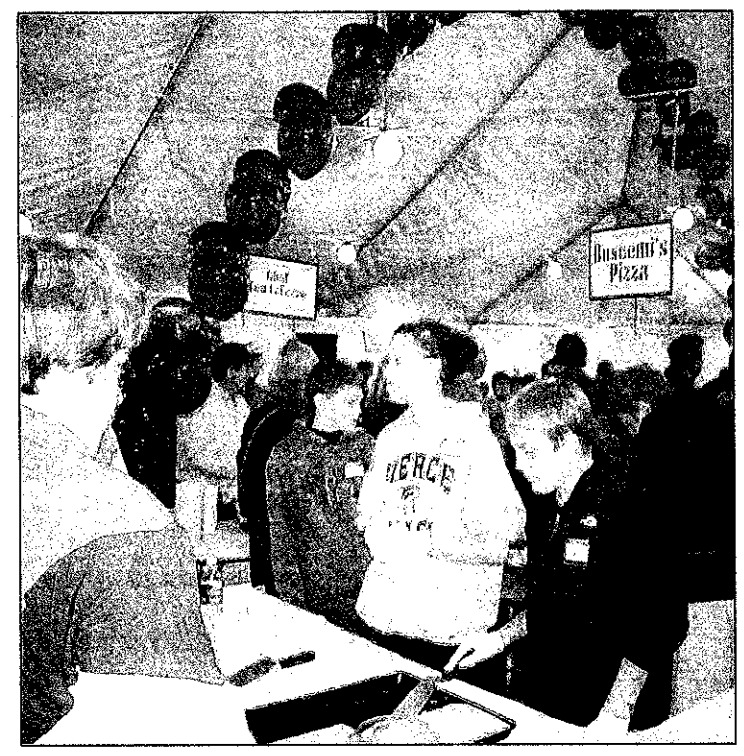
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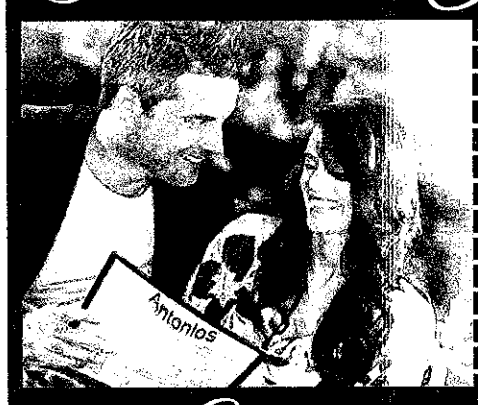
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lationship.

Therefore, let us embrace God's ever-speaking voice and when messengers are sent, may we not "insist on calling such people Bruce - or Elijah – for our own comfort level." Instead, let us celebrate the God - given nature of each person and, on that basis, enter into an authentic relationship with them.

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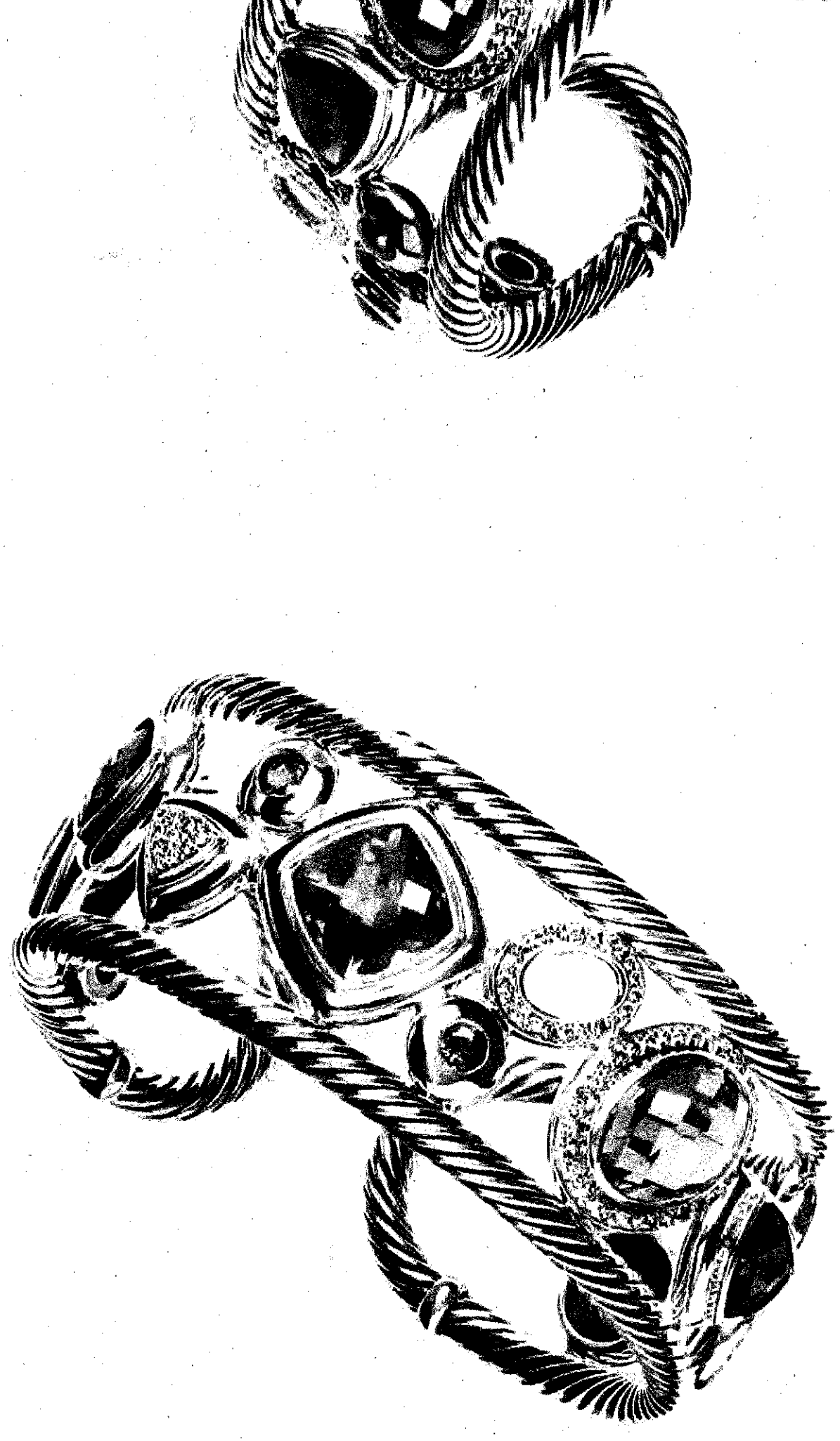


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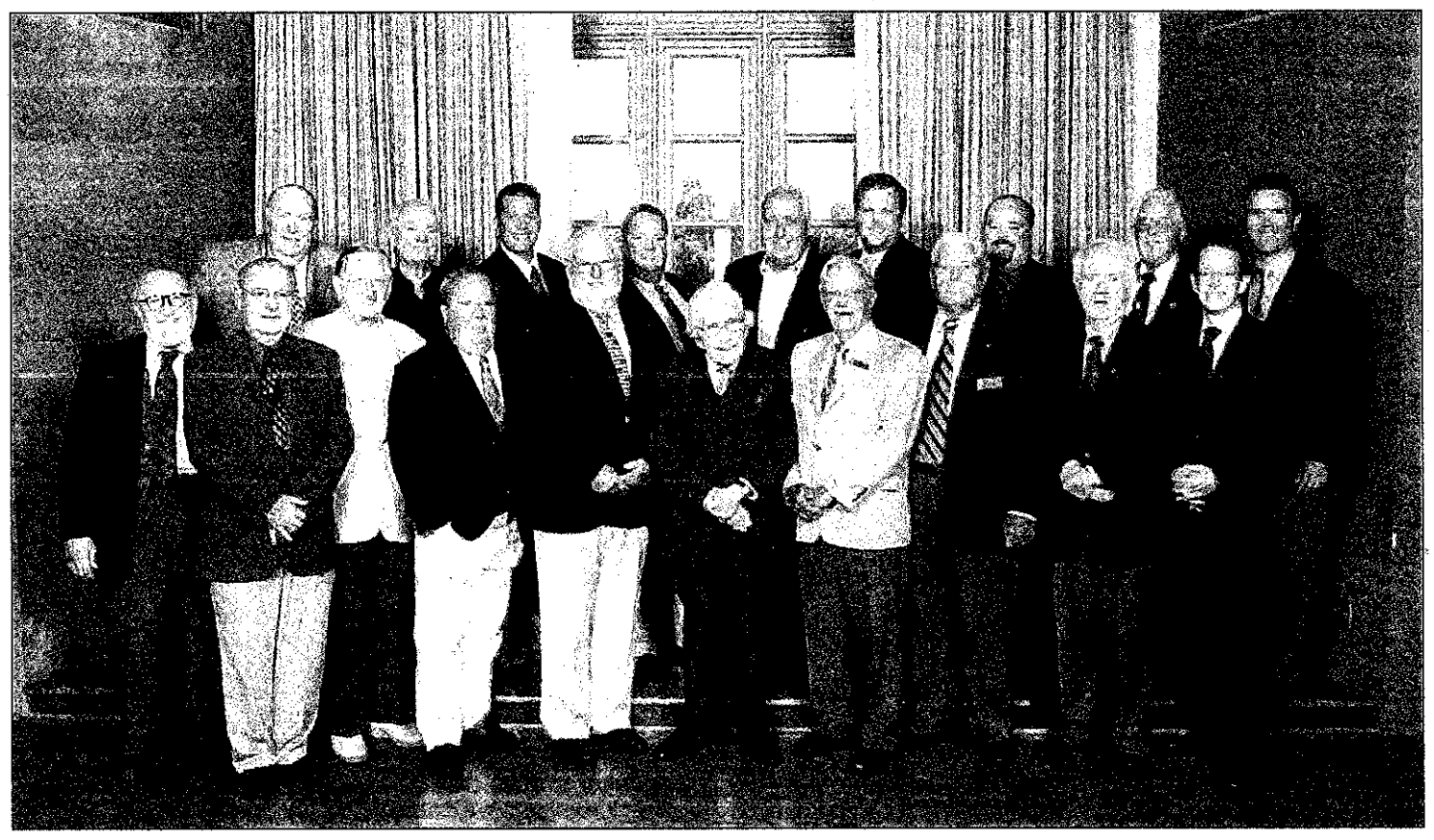


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Lions Club observes 80 years in Grosse Pointe

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Helen Keller asked the fledging Lions Club: "Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in my crusade against darkness?"

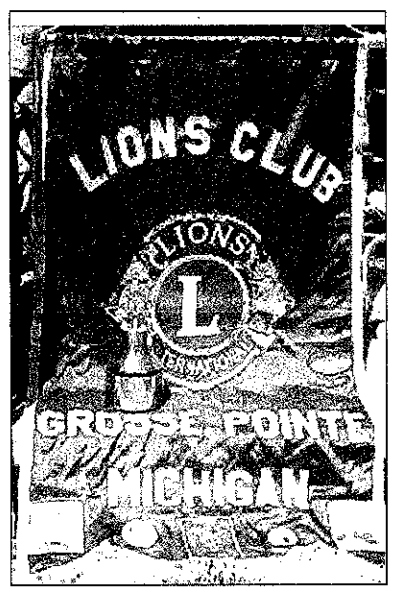
Four years after Keller asked that question, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club joined the crusade and was chartered in 1929, becoming the third club in the state to commit to the motto, "We serve."

"Just think how many people this club alone has helped," District 1 Gov. John Daoud said during a recent Grosse Pointe Lions Club meeting observing its 80 years of service. "They have helped people around the world."

"I'm always a Lion," said Dick Dossin, a member for more than 40 years. "I like to help people. I'm helping people all the time."

Today there are 45,000 Lions Clubs around the world with 1.3 million members dedicated to serving their communities through donations of money and manpower. The organization is best known for its assistance to the blind and sight impaired, but its members are also helping those with hearing impairments.

The Grosse Pointe club has donated funds to organizations benefiting children, such as the Neighborhood Club, the Goodfellows and the bicycle safety program.



As the need for financial assistance increases, so does the need for members.

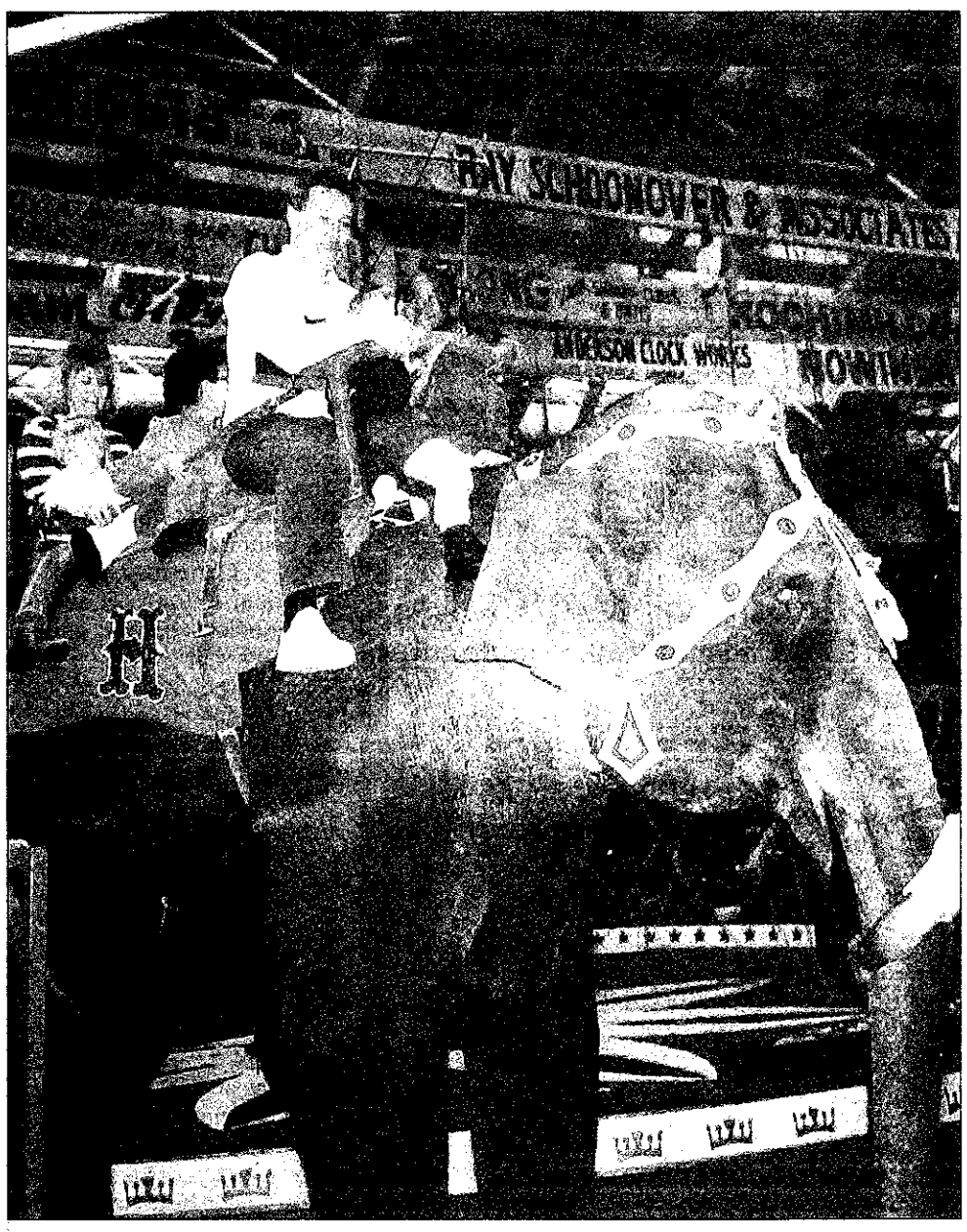
"As the need grows," Daoud said, "more people are interested in the Lions. They see people need help. The interest (in helping) is growing, especially in the Lions. We are seeing an influx of newer members."

A list of 29 local, state and international organizations have benefited from funds raised through the efforts of 40 members

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The 2009 Lions Club members, back row, from left, Mike Faber, Tom Nelson, Chip Gibson, John Moran, Dallas Kitchen, Chace Wakefield, Will Conway, Bill Hollister and Robert Lyles; front row, from left, Bill Waugaman, Harold Knoll, Tom Sheahan, Mike Stoyka, Pat Moran, Judge Ben Stanczyk, Dick Dossin, Jim Lemen, Ben Stanczyk and John Martin. The Lions work with the Goodfellows every year to raise money for children in the Detroit area. At left, a photo from the 1942 fundraiser.



It has been a long-standing tradition for the Lions Club to treat Lutheran School for the Deaf students to a day at the Shrine Circus.

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The Grosse Pointe mayors were honored at a recent lunch during which the 80th anniversary of the club was observed. From left, Dick Dossin, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar, Robert Lyles, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor James Cooper and John Daoud, Lions district governor.

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in the Grosse Pointe club.

Kids on the Go at St. John Hospital and Health Center, Seedlings — Braille Books for Children and the Michigan chapter of the American Diabetes Association are three organizations that have received Lions Club donations.

The club donated $1,500 for a vision screening machine to the Grosse Pointe chapter of Delta Gamma so members can conduct prescreening for all Grosse Pointe preschool children.

"We don't just do visual," explained Rob Lyles, treasurer for the local Lions Club. "We have given to the Capuchins, which is not necessarily blindness related. We help the hearing related organizations."

During World War II, the club donated funds to the U.S. Coast Guard, victory gardens, servicemen's clubs and bought war bonds, old club notes indicate.

However, organizations assisting the sight impaired remain the club's focus.

Lions clubs are donating money to diabetes research and outreach services because diabetes is the No. 1 cause of blindness, Lyles said.

Organizations such as Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Michigan Eye Bank and the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind are recipients of Grosse Pointe-raised dollars.

All money raised locally is given back to the community, and much of it to children's causes — bands, special needs children's programs and the Children's Hospital of Michigan - Project Kidsight, for example.

"We want to help the community, those that have disabilities," he said adding that a Boy Scouts of America handicap troop has received a donation from the Grosse Pointe club.

The Lions Club has partnered with the Detroit Goodfellows Newsboys and with the Neighborhood Club. For 29 years, children from the Lutheran School for the Deaf were treated to the Shrine Circus on the grounds of the former Children's Home of Detroit, according to old handwritten notes in the club's archives.

"We supplied the children with pop, ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs and a gift," the old club notes said.

In addition to the children's cause, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club has given funds to the elderly during the holidays. Since the 1970s, the Lions have donated thousands of dollars to provide for a segment of the community, Lyles said is "under the radar," the elderly poor.



Below, the annual Lions golf outing helps raise much of the donation budget. This picture was taken during the 1940 outing.

"We set aside a special fund which has amounted to thousands of dollars and go through local churches who help our people in need during the holidays," Lyles said.

The June golf outing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base raises more than 10 percent of the donation budget of $30,000 to $40,000 annually. The popular Jingle Bell run/walk, an event held prior to the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade the day after Thanksgiving, is another major fundraising event for the club. The White Cane drive, where members request direct donations, comes in April.

"It is hard and not hard (to raise funds)," Lyles said. "People recognize other people are in need. When looking for donation, a person will give us $10 to $20 but all adds up. That's the easy part. The hard part is the corporate donations. Sponsorships. Businesses are hurting. They are very hesitant. They are trying to survive."

History

The Lions Club was founded in 1917 by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones when asked what could transpire if people put their talents to work improving the communities. It has since become the world's largest service club and its logo one of the most recognized in the world.

Chartered March 4, 1929, the Grosse Pointe chapter is the third oldest club in the state and had such members as S.M. Brownell, Julius L. Berns, Philip J. Skillman, James N. McNally, George J. Kusherner, David Hopp and George Elworthy and numbered 100 members.

According to some old handwritten notes, the Lions Club was a "diverse collection of professionals, lawyers, elected officials from the Pointes and Wayne County, priests, ministers and small business owners, bankers and druggists" and had a membership of more than 100.

In 2009, there are about 40 members still representing a variety of professions, headed by president William Hollister, who said it is the Lions Club mission, "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation."

One of Grosse Pointe Lions oldest members, Judge Ben Stanczyk, first joined the Detroit Lions Club in 1958 at the urging of his court clerk. He was the Detroit club's Santa Claus for 20 years before transferring to the Grosse Pointe club six years ago.

It was the Detroit Lions Club that donated a drum set to the young Stevie Wonder, who 30 years later remembered Stanczyk's voice on one of his trips to Detroit to give back to the community.

"At a Christmas party we gave him a drum set and got his musical career going," Stanczyk said.

Lyles is a third generation Lion, having attended his first meeting as a youngster with his father.

"My father was an active member. My grandfather was a Lion; the third international vice president at the time of his death. I joined (the Grosse Pointe Lions Club) within a day of moving here from Washington, D.C.," he said.

"I'm inspired by the older members, the guys who are 70, 80, 90 years old. They are just as passionate about helping those less fortunate than the younger guys. The mentoring makes me to be better person.

"I want to do more for my community, to leave it a better place."

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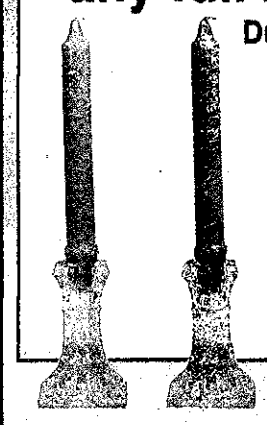
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South's Palffy follows family ties

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Torie Palffy has it.

She has the confidence to excel in physics or to shut down the best hockey player in the state on the ice.

The 17-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School student is a month into her senior year and loving it.

"I can't believe I'm a senior and I'm going to enjoy every minute of it," Palffy said.

Getting great grades and playing for one of the state's best travel hockey teams doesn't rattle her cage. However, waiting to receive approval to play college hockey at Colby College has her on pins and needles.

"I'm a little nervous waiting to hear, but I'm pretty confident I made it," she said.

She began playing hockey at age 7 in the first all-girls league in the Grosse Pointes.

It didn't take long for Palffy to learn the game and hone her skills. She turned to travel hockey and has played for some of the best programs the state has to offer — Honey Baked, Belle Tire and currently for Victory Honda.

She has played in rinks across the country and has turned into a solid defenseman.

"AAA hockey has definitely made me a better player because the girls on my team and the competition are very good hockey players, so it forces me to become the best I can be," Palffy said.

'AAA hockey has definitely made me a better player.'

Torie Palffy



Home: *Grosse Pointe Park*

Age: *17*

Family: *Father, John; mother, Carla; sisters, Jessica, 22 and Amanda, 20*

Claim to fame: *Ready to play east coast collegiate hockey.*

Palffy has received dozens of letters from colleges across the Midwest and east requesting she play ice hockey or even lacrosse for them.

"I thought Colby would be the best fit for me since my sisters (Jessica, 22, and Amanda, 20) went there," she said. "It's a great campus and the hockey program is good and the studies are solid.

"That is what I wanted, so the decision was pretty easy."

Colby is located in Waterville, Maine, and the Mules play in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, along with Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams.

David Venditti is the head coach. He led the Mules to a 12-11-3 overall record last year and 7-7-2 division mark. Amherst rules the NESCAC last winter, going undefeated in 16 league games and finishing 24-5 overall.

"I have always wanted to play college hockey and I should get that chance next year," Palffy said. "I want hockey to be fun and I think Colby will help me make that dream come true.

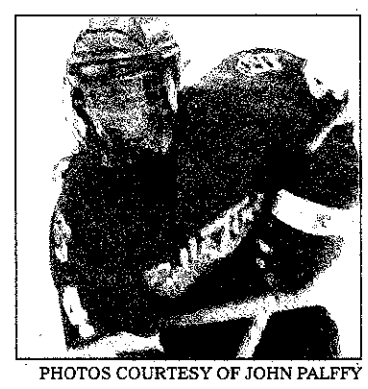
"I'm excited to meet new people and it will be a new challenge. I will be able to play hockey and get a great education at Colby, plus my parents will also be able to come watch some of my games because our games are all around."

She gets her athleticism from her father, John, who played college lacrosse, and her sisters played sports while at South. Her mother, Carla, is a runner.

Palffy is a true defenseman, helping shut down the opposing team's top scorer. She will play the same role in college.

"I haven't scored many goals during my travel hockey career, but I've done a pretty good job of shutting down the other team," Palffy said.

Her Victory Honda season just started and ends in March. After that, her focus will be on conditioning for college hockey and ending her high school academic career with graduation in June.



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Senior Torie Palffy has played travel hockey throughout most of her career. The intense competition has made her a better player.

In the spring, Palffy plays her final season of high school lacrosse. Last season she earned the best defenseman honor for the Blue Devils, earned Second Team Southeastern Michigan for defense and made the MSLA All-Tournament Team.

She has received several letters from colleges inquiring about her lacrosse career.

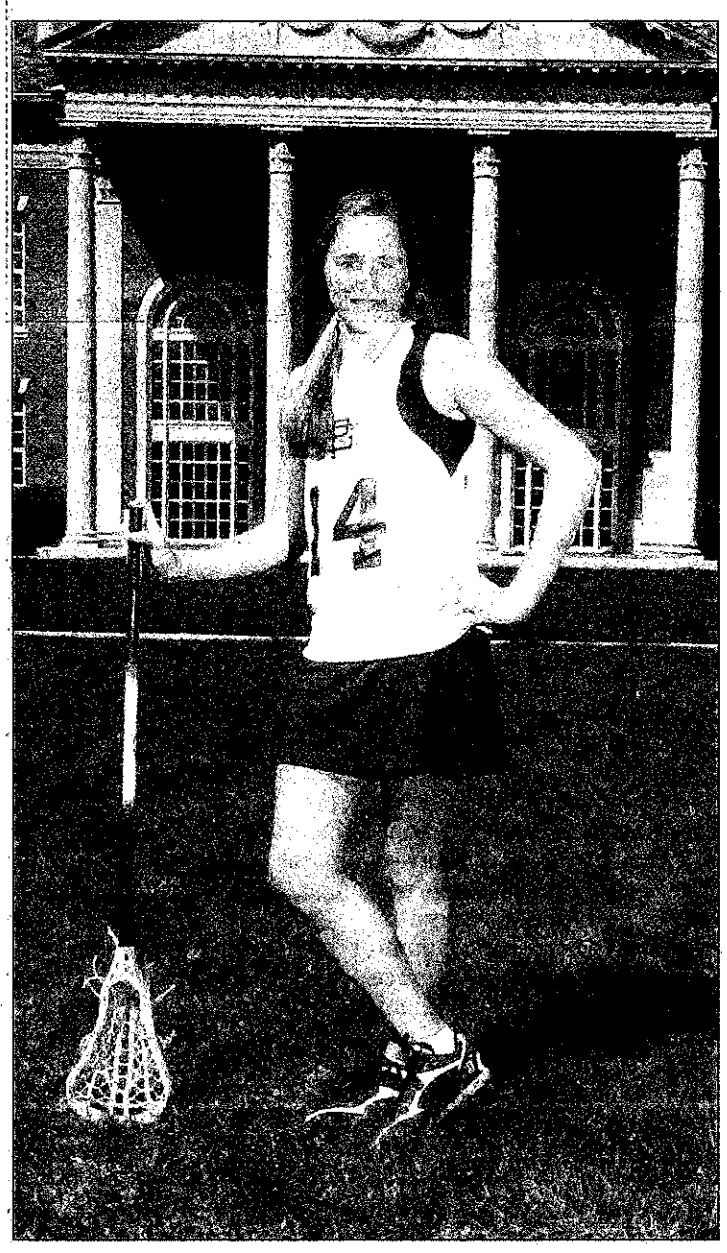
"I like playing lacrosse, but I like hockey more," Palffy said.

Her studies are strong; she carries a 3.8 grade point average. She hasn't decided on a college major, but said biology and computer graphics interest her.

Palffy understands the importance of being a true student-athlete. Playing sports has helped her maximize her time, allowing her to be a near all-A student and outstanding athlete.

Palffy is gearing up for South's homecoming the weekend of Oct. 16 and prom in the spring.

Between now and then, she will be playing hockey, working out to improve her athleticism for the collegiate level and studying to maintain her high grade point average.



Besides a stellar hockey career, Torie Palffy was a defenseman for Grosse Pointe South's girls' lacrosse team.

Exhibit celebrates partnership

Three cultural institutions join to celebrate the inspiration of the past and artists of the future with the exhibition "ARTIFACT: A Blending of Art and Artifact.

On display in the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center Oct. 17 — Nov. 15, the exhibit pays tribute to the long standing relationship between the Ford family, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the College for Creative Studies, while showcasing the inspiration historic art and artifacts have on emerging artists.

The exhibit is open to visitors during regular hours and admittance is free of charge.

Selecting pieces from the African and Native American collections at the DIA, students from Susan Aaron-Taylor's interdisciplinary class at CCS created interpretations of these varied works of art. Their creations are shown side-by-side with an image of the original piece of art or artifact from the DIA's collection chosen for inspiration.

"The works in Artifact serve as excellent examples of how people can be inspired by the past and blend those ideas with their own imagination to create something that is truly unique." said Kathleen Mullins, president of Ford House. "Just as the Fords were inspired by the world around them as they created their family home, we want visitors to realize that they too can look at the world differently and use the estate as an opportunity to unleash their creativity."

A panel discussion with several student artists is at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, and features a walkthrough of the exhibit and dialogue with the artists as they discuss their works.

After viewing the exhibit, visitors can share their thoughts on a display in the exhibit.

For more information, visit fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.



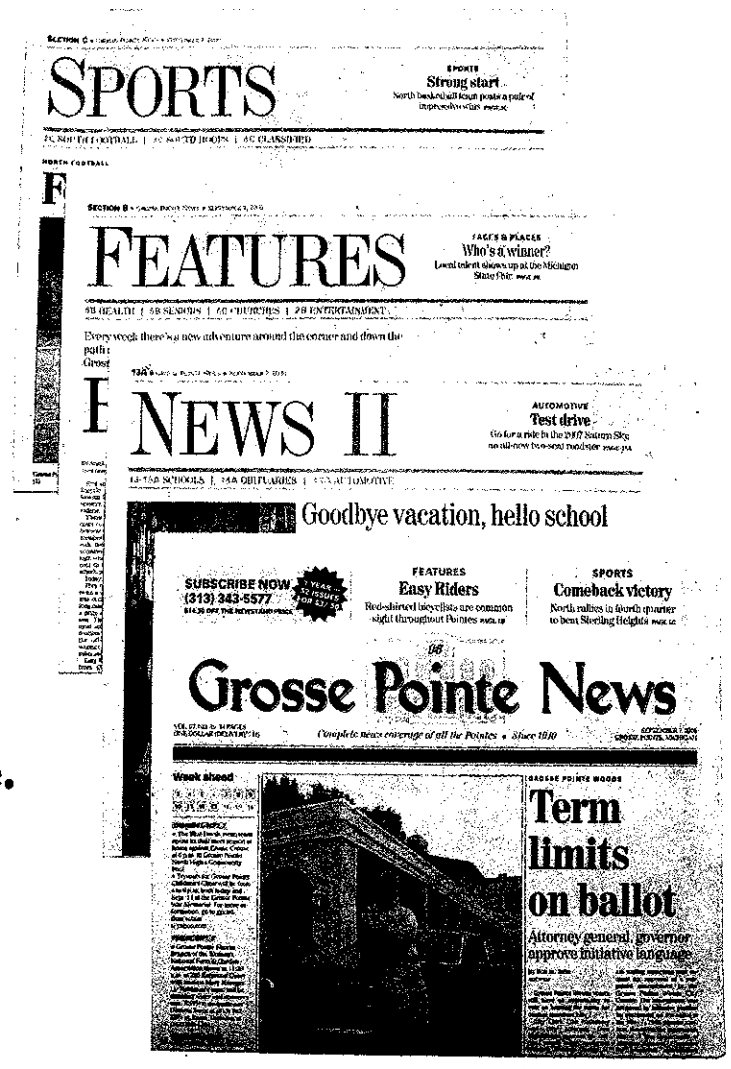
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Grosse Pointe News

ASK THE EXPERTS By David Votruba

Communicating with your college student

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I recently dropped my son off at college for his freshman year and am concerned about how best to stay in touch with him. How can I remain involved without being an intrusive "helicopter parent?"

A. Many college students and parents struggle with how to navigate the relational changes and challenges generated by the transition to college. Unfortunately, these challenges often provoke extreme reactions that can be harmful to both college student development and parent-student relationships.

On one extreme are "helicopter parents" whose over-involvement, intrusiveness and controlling behaviors prevent their students from experiencing both real challenge and real success.

On another extreme are parents whose laissez-faire attitudes represent a reactive retreat from the parenting role that amounts to a form of abandonment during a time when parents are still needed to perform essential functions.

What most college students need are parents who recognize the gradual transformation of their relationship from parent/adolescent-child to parent/adult-child and are willing to talk about what this means, both behaviorally and emotionally.

While this may sound difficult, parents can increase their chances of success by being mindful of this transformation and starting the necessary conversations and negotiations early; i.e. when the transition to college is close enough to be interesting to the adolescent but far enough away as to not feel overwhelming.

If your adolescent has already left for college, you can still begin these conversations. While in-person conversations are best, conversations via Skype or phone might suffice, so long as all parties feel they can communicate a range of subtle thoughts and feelings. Text-based mediums, such as e-mail and instant messaging, are not recommended for such important conversations.

The first conversation parents should have with their students is about the need for further conversations concerning the college transition and associated transformations in their relationship.

During this conversation, parents should explicitly discuss the purpose of these conversations and establish the goal of remaining supportive and emotionally involved with their students without impeding their developmentally-appropriate needs for privacy, challenge, mastery, and growth.

Parents and students should then discuss their expectations for the frequency and quality of communication once the student departs for college. Included in these discussions should be the need for periodic check-ins concerning the established goal.

Parents and college students should be prepared to discuss whether their involvement is helping or hindering the progressive development of the student and the parent/adult-child relationship.

While such conversations are challenging, most parents and students should find success with a little practice; and, once in place, these conversations should preserve and transform the relationship by securing a continued positive attachment and mitigating other difficult conversations down the line.

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Demystifying the College Process: An Interactive Panel Discussion and a conversation for parents and students (10th, 11th and 12th grade) featuring an interactive panel discussion about real issues facing young adults.

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Parents, students don't sweat the admission process

The "College Process" — applying, enrolling and transitioning — can be stressful for high school students, and more so for parents.

To reduce the strain, The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods offers "Demystifying the College Process: An Interactive Q & A Panel of Experts — A conversation for Parents & Students (10th, 11th & 12th)," from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, in the Grosse Pointe South High School Auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Panel members are Carla Palffy, a licensed guidance counselor and founder of College Prep Rx consulting; David Votruba, a licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist in private practice; and Milissa Pierce, a licensed professional counselor and guidance counselor at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Palffy, a Family Center board member and chair of its Youth Program planning committee, discusses "De-stressing the College Selection Process."

"The objective of our seminar is to raise awareness about college, not to raise anxiety about the college selection process," Palffy said. "It is important for both parents and students to view college choice as one of the next natural steps in the adolescent learning process rather than an outcome-based exercise of 'getting in.'"

Vortruba talks about "Transitioning from High School Graduate to College Freshman."

"The transition to college can present a dizzying array of choices and challenges for students and their families," Votruba said. "Your attendance at and participation in this interactive panel discussion will help you to organize and address your thoughts, feelings, and questions. This, in turn, will help you to feel more confident and competent as you face and successfully navigate your way through the college transition process."

Pierce handles "The Role of the High School Guidance Counselor."

"The college admissions process, although overwhelming is absolutely navigable. Knowing the help out there available to you and the general way things work, can help students and their parents feel more confident and less confused about the process," she said. "It is an important step in a family's life, and having information can help it be less stressful and more enjoyable. The more information a family has and having some questions answered, can help a family make more appropriate choices for their student."

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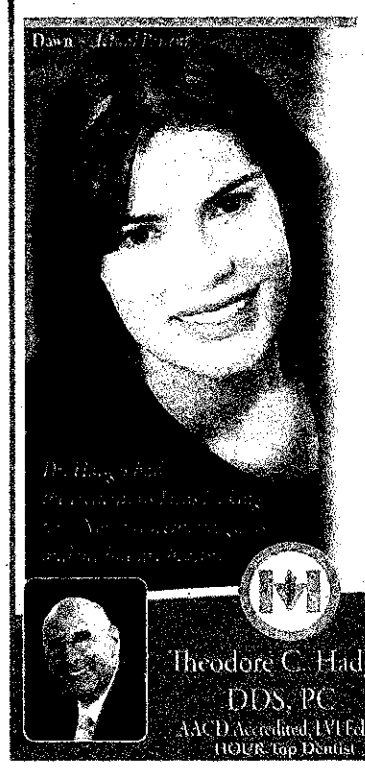
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7th Oktoberfest benefits St. John's Hospice

Walk With ME, a pediatric and palliative care program that provides comfort care to children of all ages benefits from the St. John Hospice's 7th annual Oktoberfest Friday, Oct. 23.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Hills Country Club in Franklin, the fundraiser includes a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception followed by a strolling buffet, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

The St. John Hospice Walk With ME program serves families in five counties in the Detroit metropolitan area and provides special needs equipment, bereavement support, spiritual care, symptom management, home health aide, sibling and community support and certified pediatric palliative care physicians.

Available to all children in southeastern Michigan regardless of ability to pay or hospital affiliation, the Walk With ME program's mission is serving families and their children so they may focus on other issues.

The program also provides 13 months of bereavement service, which is not covered by insurances, for patients' families. Funds raised at hospice events help provide community education, bereavement/grief support and assist with the cost of the complex equipment needs of pediatric patients.

Tickets are $100 per person. For questions regarding Oktoberfest or to donate silent auction items or a monetary gift, contact Lorraine Owczarek at (586) 582-7509.

Breast care program awarded grant

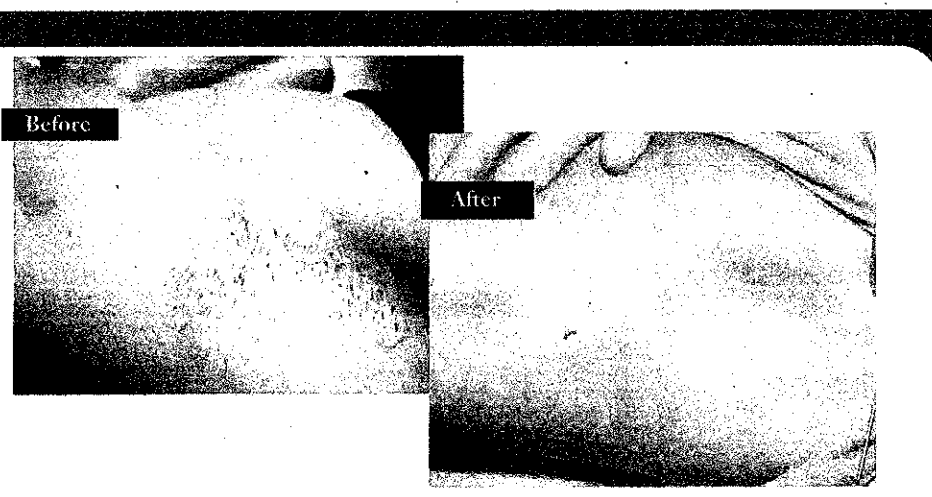
The St. John Health Breast Care Program is the recipient of a $100,000 Susan B. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure 2009 grant.

Funds benefit the "Because We Care" program to provide breast screenings in the tri-county area to 500 uninsured or underinsured women under age 40 identified by their physician as being at high risk for developing breast cancer.

"There are increasing rates of younger women being diagnosed with breast cancer, which remains the leading cause of cancer deaths in young women ages 15 to 34," said Cheryl Wesen, M.D., medical director of the SJH Breast Care Program.

More than 30 St. John Health System physicians participate in the program by identifying qualifying participants and providing referrals to one of SJHS's seven digital mammography centers in the tri-county area.

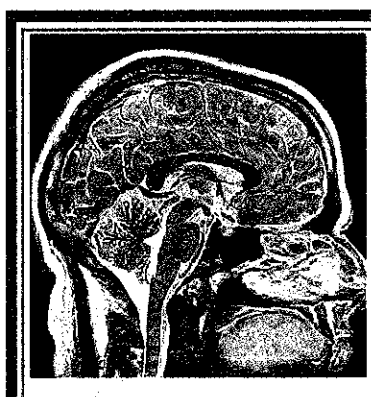
The St. John Health Breast Program is notifying all referring physicians of the start-up and ongoing progress of the program. Women who think they may qualify can contact their St. John Health System primary care physician for a referral or call SJHS at 1-866-501-DOCS.



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Seniors Reclaim Quality of Life in Right Setting

by Jeff MacLean

"I can't believe we didn't do this sooner."

That's a reaction Anne Lahey, the director of ShorePointe Village Senior Living, hears quite often. And it doesn't surprise her.

"We find that people become more engaged and active once they move here," says Lahey. "A lot of our residents tell us that, before coming to ShorePointe,most of their family time and interactions were consumed by doing just the basics – doctor visits, grocery shopping, laundry, house maintenance,you name it. That didn't leave much time for simply enjoying each other's company when they were together with family and friends. Once they get here, they realize how much freedom they'd given up at home, often slowly over the years without really recognizing it at the time."

The right assisted living situation can significantly improve seniors' quality of life. They can regain the time to enjoy passions and hobbies that daily living tasks previously pushed to the back burner. Ultimately, it means more independence and freedom to pursue the things seniors want to do rather than have to do.

That conceptmay be hard to understand for people who haven't visited ShorePointe Village. But on a vibrant fall afternoon, it's clear this leading edge living center is doing something different, and it can be seen in the vitality of the residents and their surroundings.



One of the beautifully appointed family rooms located in each of nine distinctive neighborhoods. All neighborhoods feature an elegant living room, dining room and country kitchen. Living in a neighborhood is like living in your home - small, simple and intimate.

Neighborhood Feel Eases Transition

ShorePointe Village is a stone's throw from Lake St. Clair and the Grosse Pointes. The quiet, tasteful neighborhoods that are synonymous with this area may have been the inspiration for one of ShorePointe Villages' signature features – ShorePointe "neighborhoods." The neighborhoods offer five different floor plans, and small clusters of graciously appointed suites surround carefully designed living areas. No more than 10 residents live in a neighborhood so the design allows residents to enjoy complete privacy when they want. Yet, when they desire, they can also get to know their neighbors, socialize, and enjoy activities in small intimate groups. It's a dynamic that is both familiar and comfortable to many of the residents who hail from nearby communities and neighborhoods. It's also a setting where new relationships easily form and friendships grow.

Infusing ShorePointe Village with the spirit of the local community comes naturally to Anne Lahey. One night after work, Lahey was enchanted by the dulcimer sounds of a group playing at a local store. Soon the group had a new place to practice, and now residents enjoy the musicians' spellbinding tones every Tuesday evening at ShorePointe. That's just one example of being in tune with the community's tastes and the needs of ShorePointe residents. But an extended visit with Lahey reveals how ShorePointe Village is focused on allowing seniors to enjoy life to the fullest again.

"We're really dedicated to putting life back into living for seniors. For instance, four-course meals are prepared by our trained chef and served table-side. That brings a social and festive aspect back to mealtime that's often been missing for residents," she explains. "By the same token, if someone's an early bird or a late riser, they can take breakfast in their room at their convenience."

And ShorePointe is all about convenience. Complimentary transportation is provided for doctor visits and shopping excursions. A wide range of on-site activities are offered, from the traditional bingo and card games to the more sublime like gardening, yoga and music programs.

Premier and Beaumont Partnership Evident

The fact that ShorePointe Village has been owned and operated by Premier Health Care Management and Beaumont Hospitals since 2007 – two of the most respected names in the industry – is also evident. Attentive and trained staff members are on duty 24 hours per day. Wellness checks by licensed nurses are available seven days per week, and regular visiting physicians can save unnecessary trips to the doctor for routine questions or concerns. The Premier/Beaumont alliance is also responsible for the creation of The ShorePointe Village Homestead. It's a new neighborhood that features a supervised recovery gym and helps fill the gap in care that can exist between traditional rehabilitation and a patient's return to home.

Anne Lahey's pride in her work and in ShorePointe is clear when she speaks. "We've had people come to us for a shorter respite care stay and tell us they've enjoyed it so much here that they'll definitely be back to stay. I just hope they don't wait so long that they get here and say, 'I can't believe we didn't do this sooner.'

Editor's note: **At press time, ShorePointe Village announced two limited time offers: $1,000 for anyone who refers a new resident to ShorePointe; $1,000 off new ShorePointe residents' rent for each of the first three months of their stay.**
Contact ShorePointe at 586-498-4500 for details.



The new ShorePointe Village Homestead will debut November 5, 2009 at an open house. It's one of several unique ShorePointe "neighborhoods" carefully designed to give seniors more freedom in later life. Residents enjoy the comfort and convenience of the elegant hair salon.



HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Underestimating marijuana's harm



Dear Jeff and Debra: My boyfriend smokes marijuana almost every day.

He wants me to smoke it with him. To be honest, I've tried it and don't like it. He tells me if I smoked it more I'd overcome the uncomfortable feeling it gives me. He assures me that pot is natural, and I can't get addicted to it. I don't want to smoke it, and I don't like that he smokes it all the time, either. I wish he'd quit, but he tells me he never will. *-DISTRESSED GIRLFRIEND*

Dear Distressed:

Your boyfriend has a drug problem and we hope you'll end the relationship. You don't say how old you are, but we advise you to talk to your parents and rely on their guidance as well. When drugs are involved, relationships cannot be healthy. Your boyfriend's primary relationship is with his drug — marijuana, not with you.

Research shows people who do not smoke marijuana have a higher quality of life. Researchers followed the lives of about 6,000 students during a 10 year period. They found those who did not smoke pot achieved a higher education level, had better health, reported greater satisfaction in life, and earned more money. Those who used marijuana fared significantly poorer on overall health and income earned. The study found that people underestimate the harm marijuana causes in many areas of their lives.

Brain scans show smoking marijuana affects areas of the brain responsible for motivation, attention and memory. Scans also show increased activity in areas of the brain responsible for irritability, anger and anxiety.

The brains of pot smokers have a toxic look, are less active and appear shriveled as compared to normal brains. One researcher reported that "drug brains" look like someone poured acid over them. Scientists from Harvard Medical School found people who began using marijuana at age 17 or younger performed significantly worse on tests evaluating their verbal functions later in life, such as verbal IQ and memory of word lists.

Researchers gave college students who are heavy marijuana users several standard tests measuring attention, memory, and learning.

The students had difficulty sustaining attention, shifting attention to cope with changes in their environment and in registering, processing and using information. People who use marijuana are altering their brains in ways they don't expect, and they are not responding to the world in the same way as non-drug using people.

Marijuana is addictive. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reports treatment for marijuana addiction increased 162 percent between 1992 and 2002. SAMHSA Administrator Charles Curie noted: "Marijuana is not a harmless substance and these treatment trends emphasize that point," He went on to say it is time for parents and young adults to begin understanding marijuana is dangerous. As for marijuana being "natural," many natural substances are harmful and deadly. In addition, marijuana is laced with hundreds of chemicals.

If your boyfriend continues to use marijuana and you continue dating him, you need to ask yourself why you are willing to settle for a sub-standard relationship with someone who has a drug problem.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay of Grosse Pointe Farms are professional interventionists and co- authors of "Love First," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They can be contacted at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

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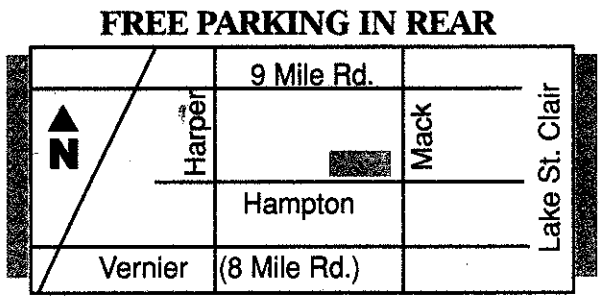
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The Supportive Care Program is staffed with specially-trained oncology nurses who coordinate care at the patient's house, in collaboration with the attending physician. Nurses monitor and report the effects of medications and treatments to the referring physician and educate participants and families on the proper use of medications and other issues involved in the care of the patient.

"This is going to be the way of health care in the future in terms of reducing and preventing physical and emotional symptoms that interfere with the quality of life," said Mary Jane Curle, MS, RN, director of Karmanos Cancer Institute Hospice. "That Blue Cross has said this is a good idea is exciting to all hospice staff here. When people are still being treated for their cancer, they can also receive these services to help them cope.

The program is in response to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan agreeing to cover non-Medicare subscribers wanting palliative and supportive services and allows patients and their families to use Karmanos Hospice Services without having to forego beneficial curative treatment options. Patients covered under Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan can receive a maximum of 28 non-consecutive days of home visits by Karmanos hospice staff.

"A patient may be seen in our outpatient clinic once a month, but the medical staff (wasn't) able to see the patient in their home environment, where that environment could effect how their treatment is going," she said. "We will be able to better assist the physician to control a patient's pain and other symptoms."

Karmanos Hospice staff also provides patient intervention on the part of social workers and spiritual counselors.

"We can now help those patients maintain a higher quality of life while being treated for cancer and help them transition more easily into the Karmanos Hospice program if that becomes necessary," she said.

Curle added the program also aims to decrease emergency room visits, which can cost as much as $2,100. Additionally, it may reduce costly hospital readmissions, which aligns with Blue Cross' aim in providing the expanded insurance coverage for palliative and supportive care.

Karmanos Hospice medical directors also are available to consult with the referring physician on pain and symptom management issues and create a specific personalized protocol system for each referring physician, if requested.

Karmanos anticipates helping about 150 to 200 additional patients each year through the expanded hospice program, in addition to the 500 patients Karmanos Hospice assists annually.

Curle said she believes the newly-implemented services will help dispel the common misperception that hospice is a service rendered when all hope is lost for effective cancer treatment.

"We are here to make a patient's life better," she said.

For more information, call Karmanos Cancer Institute Hospice at (248) 827-7722.





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Senior picnic

Grosse Pointe Woods held its annual Senior Picnic, Saturday Sept. 12 at Lake Front Park during which seniors were entertained by the band, Take Two.

Above, Jean Solomon, Joyce Esse, Sylvia Gazoul, Katherine Albert and Rosemary Esse enjoy the event.

Left, Jim Perry told the attendees he had observed his 85th birthday that week. The crowd broke out in a chorus of "Happy Birthday."

Right, Nanette Vanegmond yells bingo.

Season opens

The Wayne State University Studio Theatre opens with Lanford Wilson's "Serenading Louie," a play that provides patrons with a sweet serenade and a harsh slap back to reality.

"Serenading Louie" is the tale of two married couples in the 1970s dealing with the difficulties in their relationships. Never having moved far from their alma mater, the idea of "how it used to be" permeates their days and their lives.

Never giving his characters a break as they try to become the adults they need to be, Wilson takes the story to a disastrous end.

The performance is directed by Greg Bailey and the cast includes Patrick Loos, (Alex, of Highland), Samantha Moltmaker (Gabrielle, of Harrison Township), Caitlin Morrison (Mary, of Romeo) and Ted Neda (Carl, of St. Clair Shores).

The production team is Alexandre Bleau as stage manager (Montreal, Quebec), Kerianne Furgerson as assistant director (Dearborn), Adam Crinson as scenic designer (Sterling Heights), Madeline Lindsey Greenwalt as costume designer (Rochester Hills), Katy O'Brien as props coordinator (St. Clair) and Wendy Wojciechowski as lighting designer (Garden City).

"Serenading Louie" plays at the Studio Theatre at 8 p.m. Oct. 22-Oct. 31. The theater is located downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Ticket prices range from $10-$12. Discounts are available.

For tickets and more information, call (313) 577-2972, visit wsushows.com.

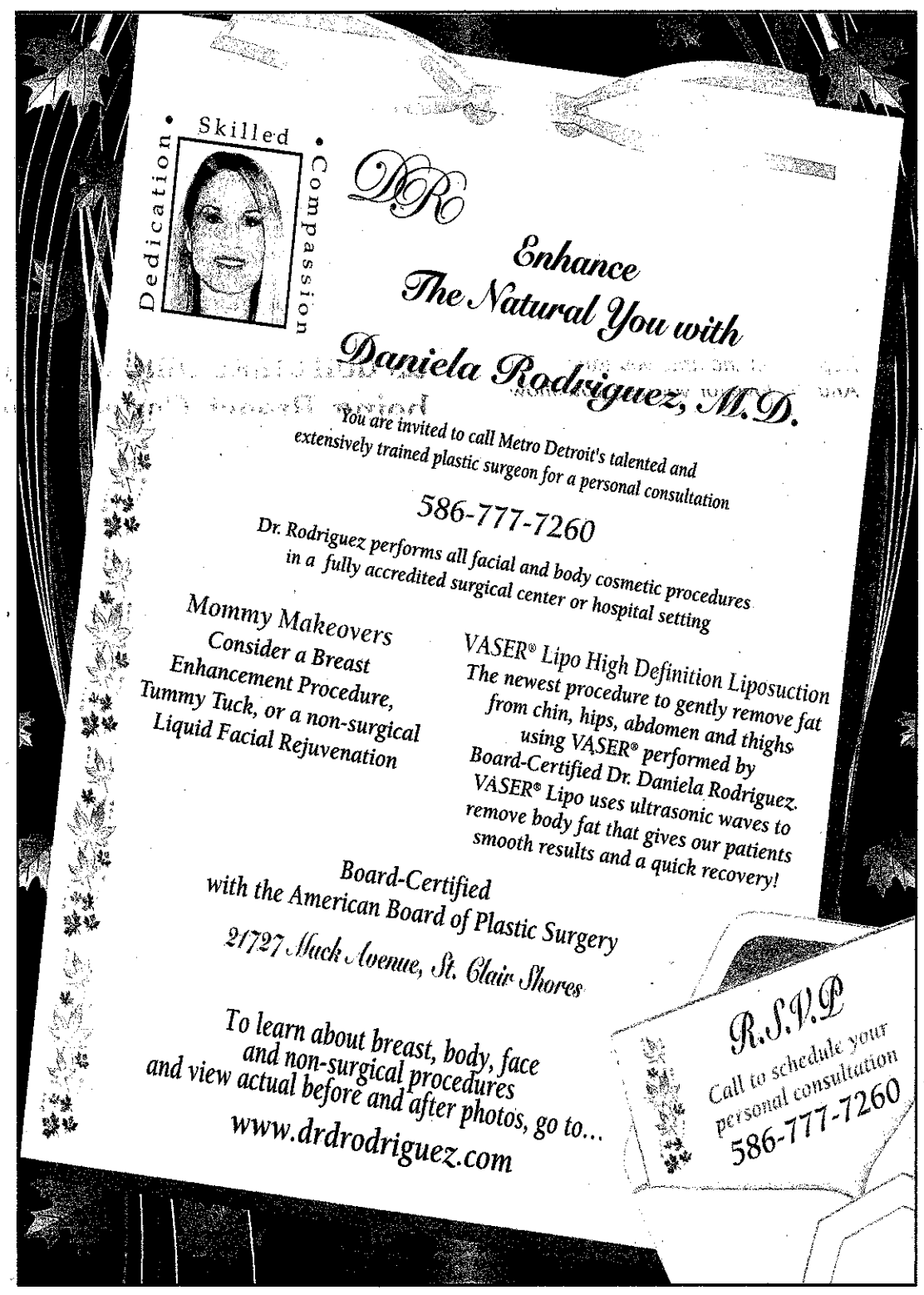


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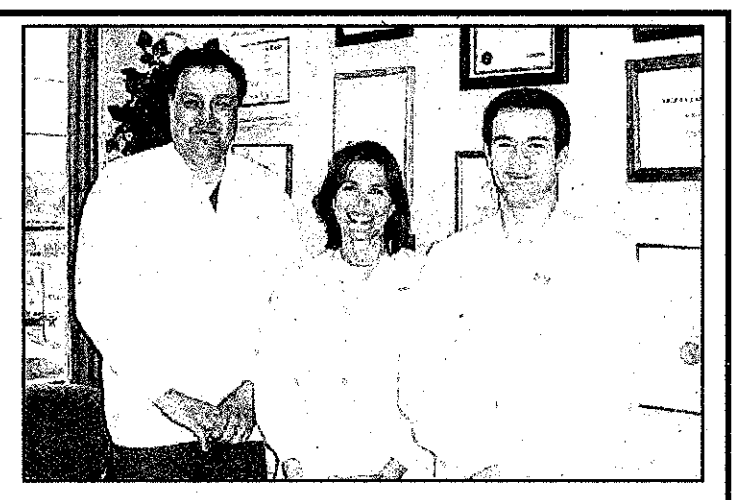
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Intergenerational living's many issues

Intergenerational living appears to generate positive feelings of care and accomplishment combined with stress, according to research conducted by Home Instead Senior Care.

Research concluded:

1. Those who live with their senior loved ones say the best thing about being a caregiver is providing the best care possible (30 percent), followed by a sense of accomplishment (27 percent) and staying connected/becoming closer (22 percent). Seventy-two percent of respondents said caring for their relative has been rewarding.

2. What's worst about being a caregiver is finding no time for oneself (41 percent). Seventy-two percent of those living too close to their loved ones rated their stress as a 5 on a scale of 5.

Matthew Kaplan Ph.D., Penn State Intergenerational Programs extension specialist along with Home Instead Senior Care, offer these tips:

◆ Take a family partnership perspective. Everyone needs to be informed and give input into household arrangements.

◆ Set expectations right away. Avoid conflict by working to ensure up front that family members see eye-to-eye about each person's roles and responsibilities.

◆ Ask for help. Engage children in responsibilities around the house and make it clear to adult siblings you want them to be involved. If extended family will not help with respite care, arrange for a professional caregiver service.

◆ Make family unity key. Strive for routines, rituals and traditions that bring the family together including family movie night or a walk.

◆ Find threads of common interest and build on them to develop family activities conducive to building deeper relationships. Focus on something very simple that seems to generate a common bond, such as ethnic cooking, family history, health or wellness.

◆ Keep lines of communication open. Recognize the importance of private time and family time for every member of the household. Visit 4070talk.com for more information.

◆ Distinguish between private and shared space. Shared space should be stocked with material inviting for all ages and items that could stimulate discussion, such as a child's project or "brag book" of photos. Make clear rules regarding the private spaces set aside for each member of the household.

Safe haven or parent trap?

Adult children who move a senior into their house, or who move into a senior's house, should ensure their loved ones are safe.

Conducting a physical inventory with an eye toward safety and comfort is the best way to begin, according to Dan Bawden, founder of the Certified Aging in Place Specialists (CAPS) program.

Bawden suggests the following quick fixes and affordable remodeling projects be considered:

◆ Lower the peephole. Osteoporosis changes the height of some seniors, making it difficult for them to look through. An additional, lower peephole in the front door can be installed for about $40.

◆ Install outside shelves. Seniors coming to the front door with groceries or other packages can be at risk of dropping their merchandise or falling. Shelves and brackets can be purchased at home improvement stores for about $75, including installation.

◆ Combine kitchen faucet and hose. Kitchen faucets with a pull-out spray hose nearby may be replaced with an all-in-one faucet and spray hose for easier use. A soap dispenser can be placed in the hole that once held the spray hose. This improvement costs about $350.

◆ Install commercial carpet. If replacing a family room carpet, select a low-pile commercial grade that can run from $35 to $40 a square yard. Commercial carpet is also easier to clean and safer for walkers and wheelchairs.

◆ Create attic storage. Turn the attic into a store room for the senior's possessions by attaching plywood boards to attic floor beams. The cost is about $2,000.

Financial Freedom or household headaches?

Managing household finances can be complicated when sharing a house with a senior parent.

Adriane Berg, author of "How Not to Go Broke at 102!," CEO of Generation Bold, and a founder of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, offers the following financial considerations:

◆ Compute the costs. To do that, use the calculator at makewayformom.com, which features 15 questions about expenses and living habits. Answers to those questions are calculated and computed, providing results to help determine whether living separately or together is the best option.

◆ Share but beware. Share overhead costs such as heat and water, but beware of the tax implications of combining households. A tax adviser should be consulted before such a move.

◆ Keep money separate. Maintain separate bank accounts if the senior is of sound mind. Seniors who stay in control of their finances thrive.

◆ Consider care giving. While a healthy senior can serve as a grandchild's caretaker, an unhealthy older adult will need care. That can be a disruption of a household as well as loss of work income. Factor that into the budget.

◆ What about tax deductions? The homeowner may qualify for a dependency deduction; however, seniors may lose a homeowner's deduction if they move out of their own house.

More information on these topics can be found at makewayformom.com or by contacting the local Home Instead Senior Care office for the free "Too Close for Comfort?" handbook.

CUTTING CORNERS

Pinched by the economy, older adults put themselves at risk

Evidence is mounting that older adults are cutting everyday expenses to keep up with the economic downturn.

Local senior care experts warn families to make sure seniors aren't cutting too deeply. Warning signs include skipping medications, pulling the plug on air conditioning and canceling social outings.

In a report released in May by AARP titled "The Economic Slowdown's Impact on Middle-Aged and Older Americans," 59 percent of seniors 65 and older surveyed said they'd found it more difficult to pay for essential items such as food, gas and medicine. Nearly half (47 percent) said they'd found it more difficult to pay for utilities such as heating, cooling or phone service. Forty-six percent have reduced the number of times they eat out and 45 percent cut back on entertainment.

"Cuts of essential items such as food and medication should be of immediate concern to seniors' families," said Marian Battersby, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving the Grosse Pointes and Southeast Macomb County.

"Other reductions in spending can lead to less obvious issues. One of the biggest problems that we see is senior isolation, which has been magnified during this troubled time in our economy with the high price of gas," Battersby said.

"When seniors' families live a distance from their loved ones, or when Boomer children are busy trying to make ends meet themselves, an older adult can get into trouble very quickly. That's why it's so important that someone look out for the well-being of seniors to ensure they are safe in their homes and eating properly, taking their medications and able to maintain their appointments and social life," she said.

Falling interest rates, fixed incomes and seniors' fears of past hardships can influence how they react to the current economic slowdown, according to author Sheryl Garrett.

"Some seniors may be running short on money, but for others, there's always the fear of running out because they lived through the Depression. They know how ugly it can get."

It's important also for seniors to guard against fraud and too-good-to-be-true offers, Garrett said. "Seniors want to get the best that they can from their investments without falling for scams or overselling tactics," she said.

"Older adults also should beware of CDs and fixed annuities that can promise higher interest rates, but force seniors to lock their money for longer time periods or otherwise put their investments at risk," Garrett noted. Always get a second opinion, she said.

Seniors at all income levels may be facing choices they haven't had to make in the past, Battersby said. "They should know where to go for help before they put themselves of their health at risk. Area Agencies on Aging, for instance, offer both food and gas assistance, so seniors should contact their local offices if they can't make ends meet. And companies such as Home Instead Senior Care can provide transportation assistance and help around the home, and serve as a second set of eyes for the seniors' families."

Families also can play an important role monitoring seniors who have decided to scale back because of the economy, said Battersby. "Even seemingly innocent decisions, like cutting back a little on groceries or air conditioning, can have a damaging impact."

10 Cost - Cutting Warning Signs

Home Instead Senior Care and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging offers the following ways a downturn in the economy could impact seniors. Family caregivers should ask the following questions. Older adults experiencing difficulties because of the economy, may contact the local Area Agency on Aging or Home Instead Senior Care office. For financial issues, contact the Garrett Planning Network.

1. Is your seniors' house too warm in the summer and too cold in the winter?

2. Is the lawn not getting mowed or is the sidewalk not cleaned in inclement weather?

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Golf outing benefits St. John patient care

The fourth annual St. John Medical Staff/Guild Golf Outing at the Lochmoor Club raised more than $35,000 to benefit patient care services at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Dr. David W. Schervish of Grosse Pointe Shores was chairman of the event. Benjamin W. Capp of Grosse Pointe Farms and Donald A. Mattes of Grosse Pointe Shores were the event's vice chairmen.

Committee members included: Dr. Sanja Batra of Franklin, Anthony Ferlito of Clinton Township, Dr. James Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms, Dr. Thomas LaLonde of Grosse Pointe Shores, Alex Lucido of Grosse Pointe Shores and Dr. William Ventimiglia of Grosse Pointe Park.

Winners of various golf contest prizes were: low gross score — Ventimiglia and Don Wieme of Troy; closest to the pin — Scott Smith of Grosse Pointe Park, Thomasine Marx of Grosse Pointe Shores and Wieme; longest drive — Dr. West Martus of Detroit; strongest drive — Marx.

Raffle winners were Dr. Steven Stuppler of West Bloomfield, Batra, Dr. Scott Sircus of Franklin and Dr. Basil Dudar of Troy. Prizes were donated by edmund t. AHEE Jewelers and Lexus.



Attending the fourth annual St. John Medical Staff and Guild Golf Outing were, from left, Dr. Edward Colosimo, Dr. Thomas LaLonde, Dr. David W. Schervish and Dr. Sanja Batra.

Studies encourage more sleep to keep healthy

People are just not getting enough sleep and it is estimated that nearly 16 million Americans suffer from some form of fatigue.

"Our bodies are designed to get eight to nine hours of sleep a night," said Dr. Sultana Mustafa of Fibromyalgia and Fatigue Centers Inc. "Sadly, the average person only sleeps six to seven hours per night, at best."

In the long term, too much missed sleep can lead to chronic depression, weight gain, slowed metabolism, high blood pressure and the possible onset of diabetes.

"At the very least, more sleep would provide people more energy and stamina to tackle that personal 'to-do' list," Mustafa said. "If people were getting more restful sleep, they could actually help their bodies ward off many health-related issues."

Here are a few common sense tips to getting a better night's sleep:

◆ Be consistent — Try setting a bed time and stick with it. Your body will actually rest more soundly if you can lie down each evening at a consistent time.

◆ Toss the TV — The bedroom is not the family room. Utilize the bedroom for only sleep and intimate activity.

◆ Turn off your brain — Bedtime is not the time to pay bills or write a year-end report. If you must work at night, do it in another room of the house and allow some downtime before heading to bed.

◆ Curb eating and drinking — Avoid substances close to bedtime that can interrupt your sleep, including nicotine (a stimulant), caffeine (can take up to eight hours to wear off) and alcohol (keeps you in light stags of restless sleep until the sedating effects wear off). Eating a large meal too close to bedtime can interfere with sleep by causing indigestion, while drinking too many fluids can cause you to awaken due to the need to urinate.

Poor sleep contributes to numerous physical conditions, the most obvious being "brain fog" — a lack of mental clarity that can occur when sleep deprived. Even losing just one hour of sleep each night can noticeably diminish response time and make it tougher to function. But losing sleep can have more serious affects.

"Several hormones, including the growth hormone, cannot be sustained at the required levels for optimum function unless we get the required amount of sleep," said Mustafa. "The growth hormone is a key hormone for adults and children because it allows proper muscle tone and better cell endurance. Other hormones released during sleep affect how the body uses energy and yet another type helps our bodies fight infection."

If improvements to the nightly routine don't ease restless nights, the problem may be a medical condition, such as sleep apnea, where one momentarily yet frequently stops breathing while asleep. The condition causes repeated interruptions of sleep throughout the night, making sleep very "inefficient."

"We actually see quite a bit of sleep apnea in our patients and is a common issue with those suffering from chronic fatigue issues," said Mustafa. "Often times we send these patients for a sleep study where the patient spends the night in a sleep center where a physician monitors brain wave activity to evaluate for underlying apnea and other medical conditions. Most people who have sleep apnea aren't aware of it since they are in a deep sleep and don't recall that they continually stop breathing."

A sleep study will also allow a physician to evaluate if a patient is receiving all the needed stages of sleep, including REM, the deepest part of the sleep cycle. There are various treatments, both pharmaceutical and natural, that can provide much needed results. With treatment, many patients note a 30 to 40 percent improvement in their overall well-being, which in turn improves chronic medical issues.

Doctors at the 12 Fibromyalgia and Fatigue Centers across the country have helped more than 12,000 patients who suffer from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Fibromyalgia and the number is on the rise.

"People, including the medical community, are becoming more aware of how far reaching and debilitating fatigue actually is on our overall health and well-being," Mustafa said.

For more information, visit fibroandfatigue.com or call (866) 443-4276.

COST: Stretch your dollars

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3. Is your loved one complaining about being unable to afford medications?
4. Are home repairs not getting made?
5. Is there a shortage of food in the house?
6. Is your senior skipping doctor's appointments?
7. Is your older adult staying home more and becoming isolated?
8. Is your senior cutting out entertainment?
9. Does your loved one eat out less?
10. Did your senior cancel a vacation?

10 Ways Seniors Can Stretch Their Dollars

Following are 10 ways seniors can stretch their dollars:

1. Seek the services of an objective financial planner.
2. Get a second opinion on investments and financial purchases.
3. Contact the local Area Agency on Aging if having trouble paying for food and gas.
4. Get back to gardening. The economy is generating a resurgence in gardening. The over 55 crowd traditionally has been among the most avid gardeners. With food costs up as much as 25 percent, gardening provides a 1 to 10 savings ratio.
5. Avoid convenience foods, which are more expensive. Watch for sales on fresh or canned fruits, vegetables and meats, which are less expensive than convenience foods and healthier.
6. Look for deals on generic medications. Contact your pharmacist about ways to save money on medications.
7. Walk when you can. If the gas prices are cutting into your social life, organize a walking club or walk with friends.
8. Carpool when you can't walk. There's economy in numbers. If you can't afford to drive somewhere solo or in pairs, contact others you know going in the same direction or the same place and share costs.
9. Keep drapes drawn during the heat of the day and minimize opening and closing doors in the winter. Close off parts of the house you're not using to cut down on utility costs.
10. Living at home cuts cost. If someone needs assistance around the house, contact Home Instead Senior Care or visit homeinstead.com.

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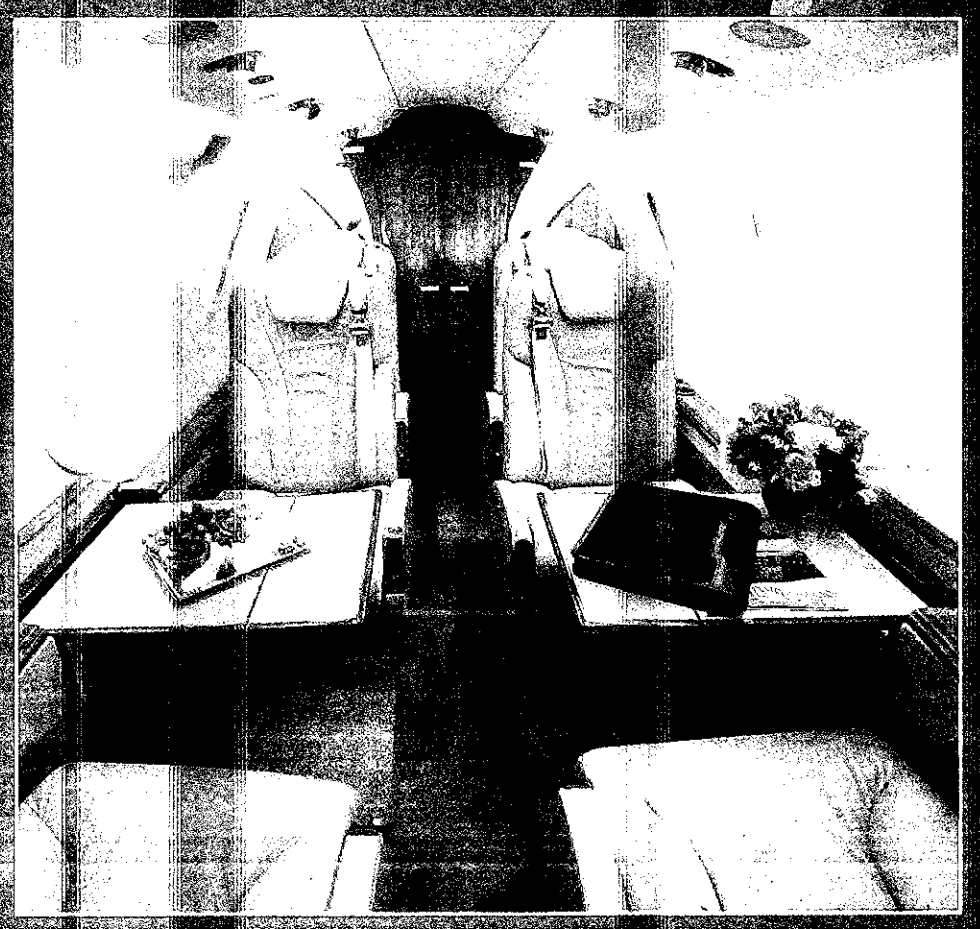
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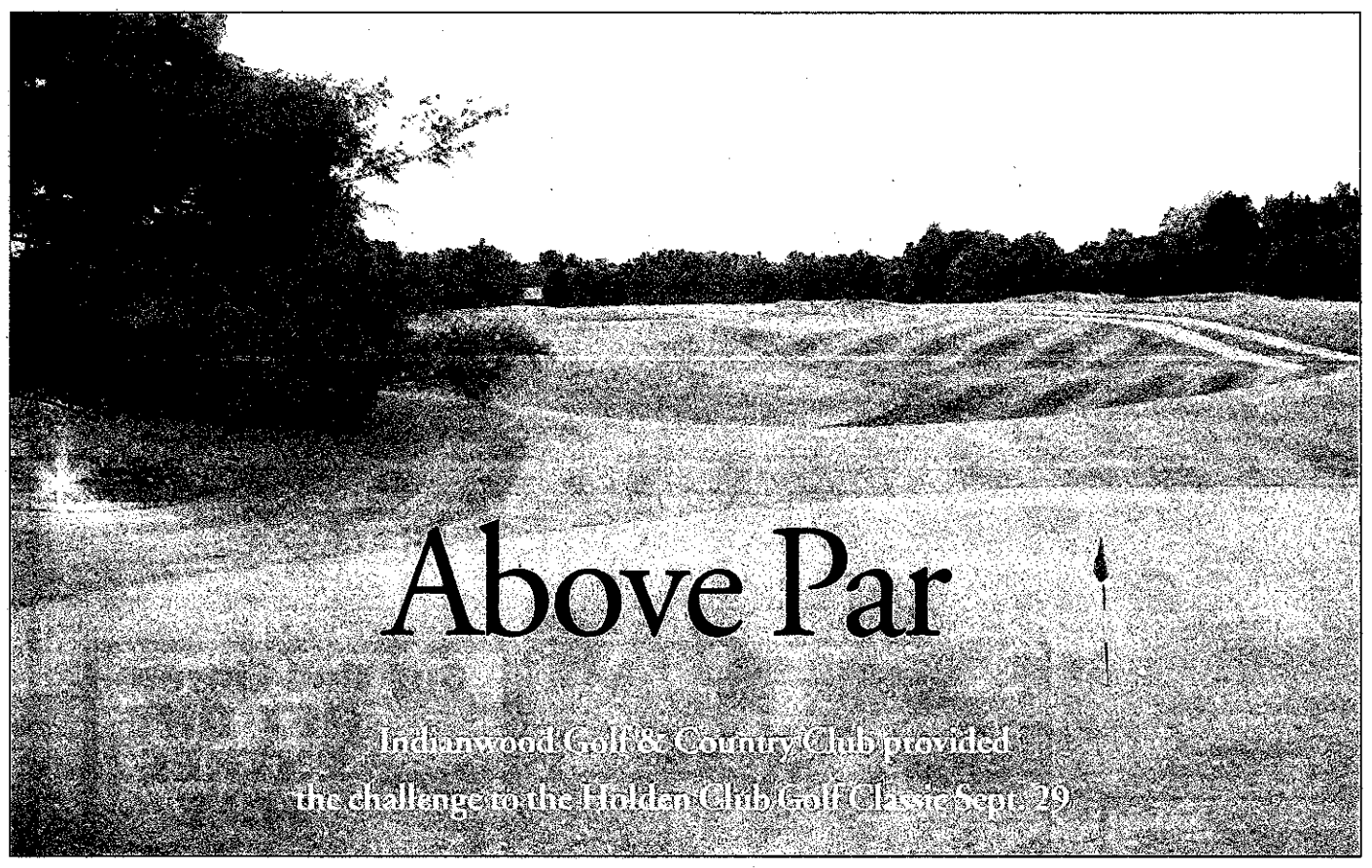
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Indianwood Golf & Country Club provided the challenge to the Holden Club Golf Classic Sept. 29

The Holden Club of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan enjoyed a successful golf outing fundraiser Sept. 29. The event, which raised more than $30,000 for the club, was held at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion.

The eastside Detroit club is located on Schoenherr just south of Eight Mile. The club enjoys support from the Grosse Pointes, including a boost from Farms resident Tim Cunnane, who served his fourth year as chairman of the Holden Club Golf Classic organizing committee.

"It was amazing to receive the level of support, particularly during such challenging times," Cunnane said.

The outing received record support thanks to several companies and individuals.

Fishbone's and CRC were major sponsors. Hole sponsors included Amerisure Insurance Companies, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Gallagher Benefits Services, UAW-GM Center for Human Resources, XL Insurance Company and The Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. Additional supporters included A.J. Gallagher, Tim Cunnane, Fairlane Town Center, J.S. Vig Construction, Kerr, Russell & Weber, Markel Corporation, Wells Fargo Insurance Services and Yates Industries, Inc. The Grosse Pointe News was the media sponsor and Burton Brothers was the gift sponsor.

"Fishbone's was pleased to support the Holden Club Classic because Boys & Girls clubs are so needed in our community," said Fishbone's proprietor Nico Gataros. "We had a great time despite the temperature."

The weather for the outing cleared right before tee time, but was unseasonably cool. Indianwood, the site of the 2012 U.S. Senior Open, was a strong challenge for the golfers.

"Funds raised will support club programs which aim to help young people stay in school, graduate, stay healthy and learn important life skills," said Nick Papadas, vice president of development for Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

The event committee included Cunnane, David Asker, Peter Birkner, Bud Cius, Gatzaros, Bill Lannen, Holden Club Director Jim Randels, Jack Tallerico, Greg VanKirk, Joe Warner and Bill Yates.

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At right, Ron Humenny of Amerisure Insurance Companies addresses the crowd at the auction and dinner following the golf outing. Below, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan President Len Krichko, left, and Nick Pappadas, vice president of development, greet golfers before they hit the course.

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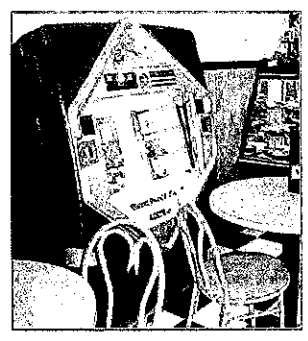
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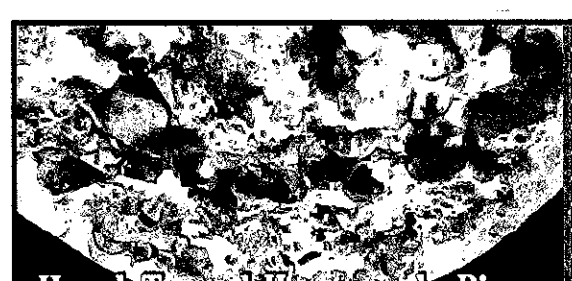
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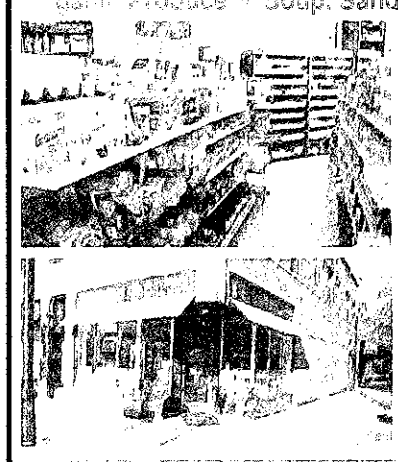
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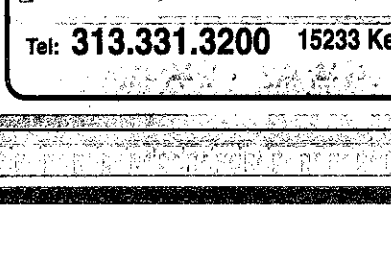
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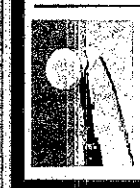
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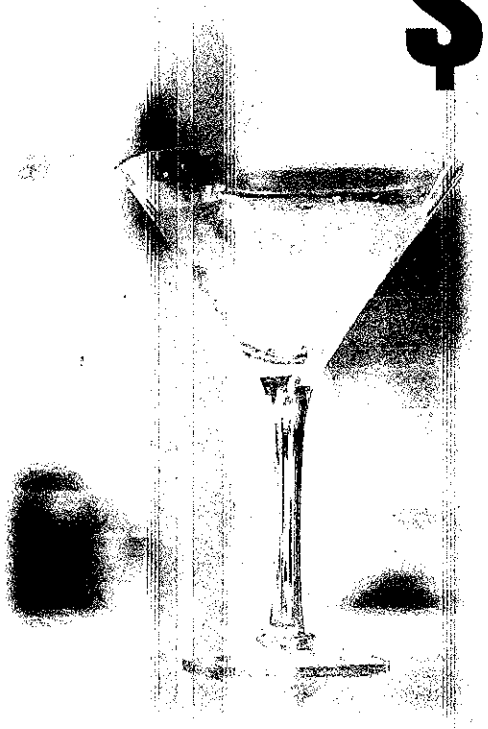
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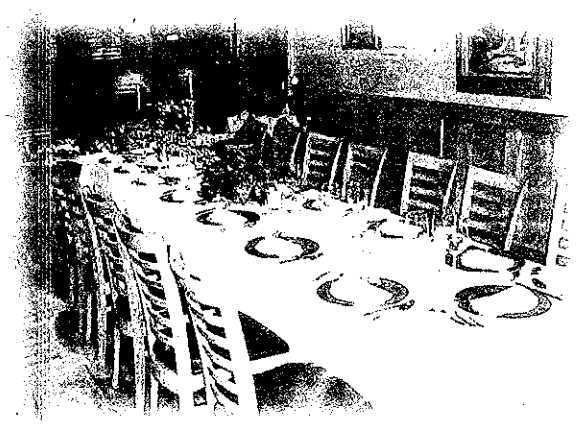
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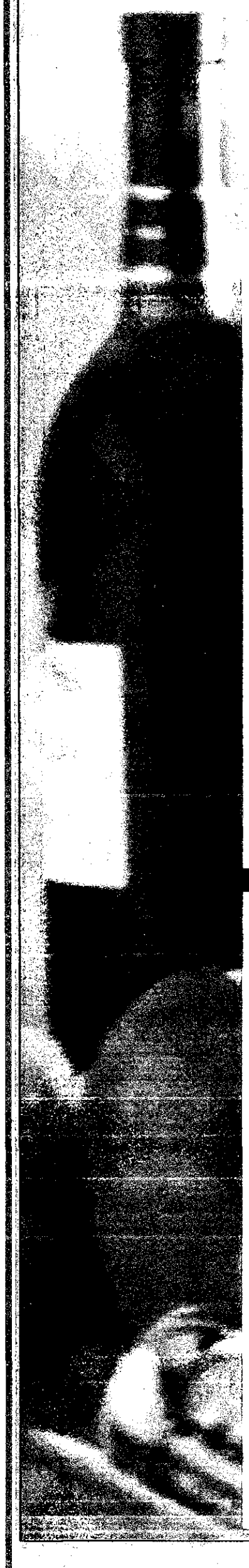
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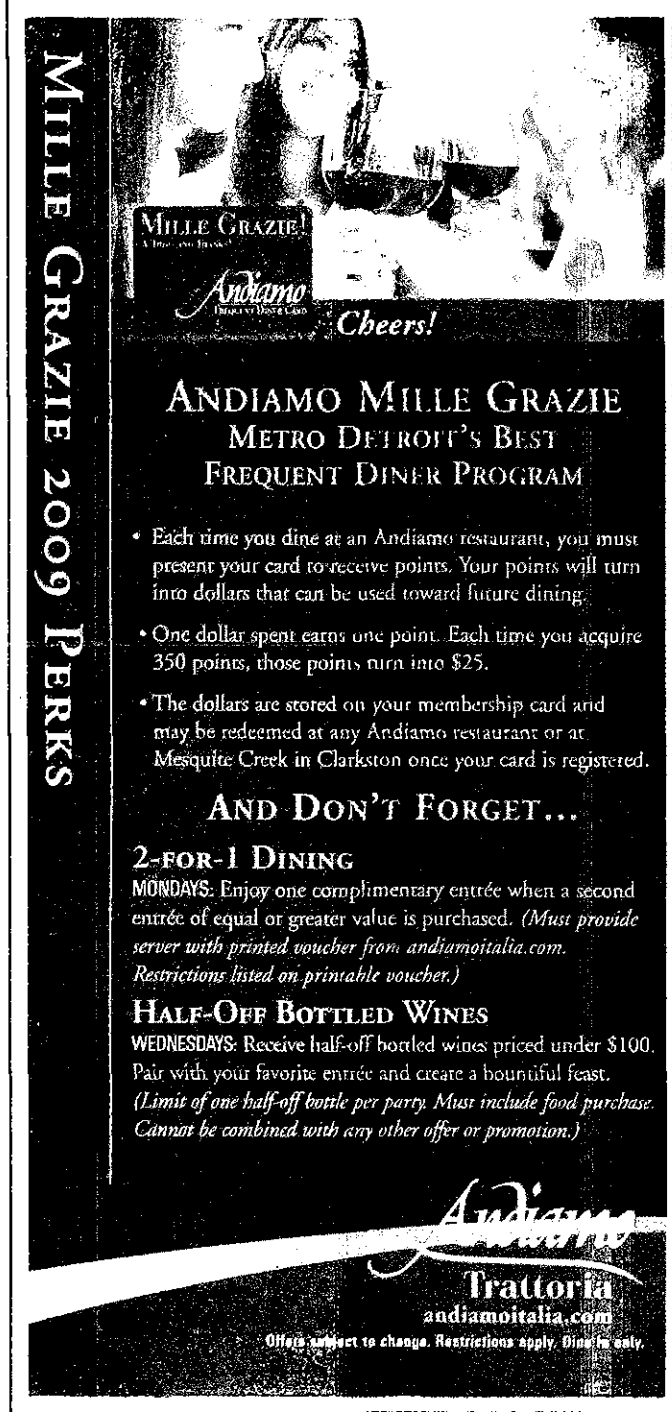
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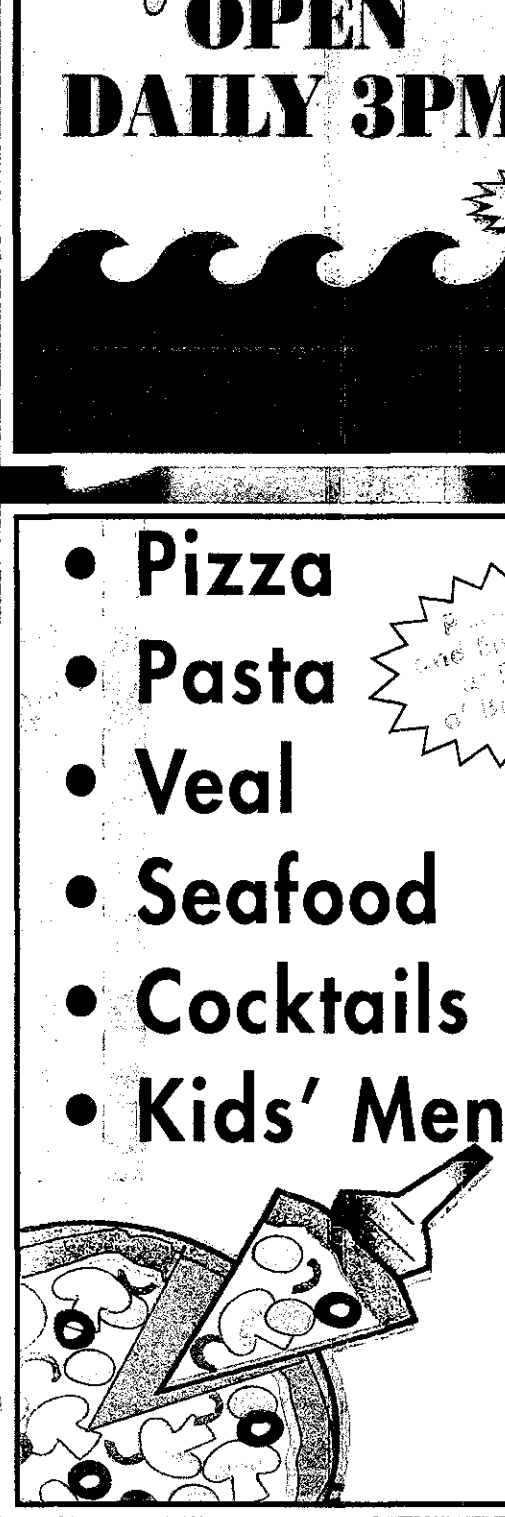
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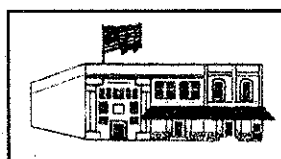
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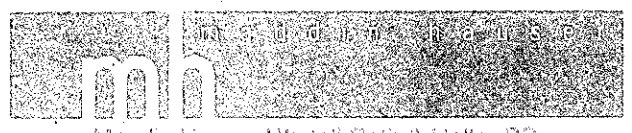
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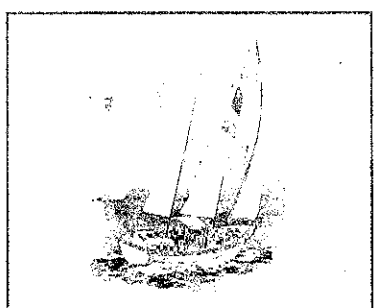
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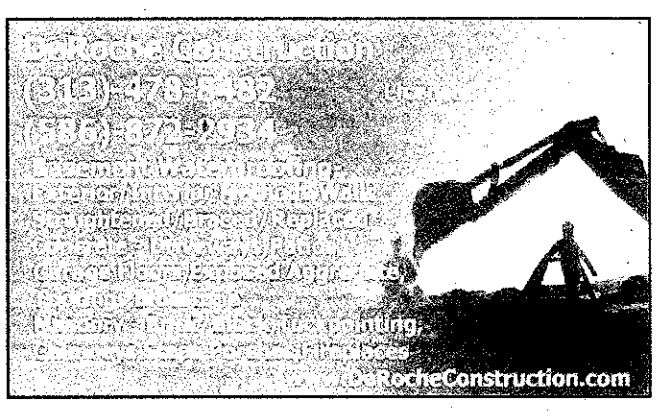
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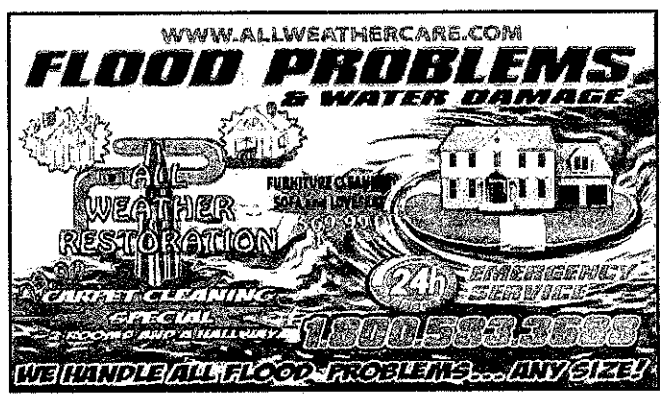
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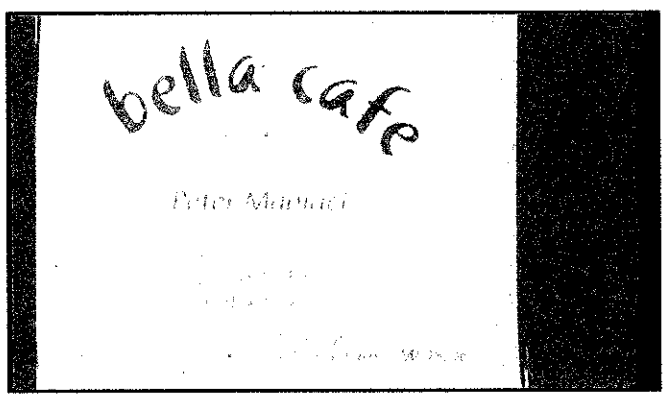
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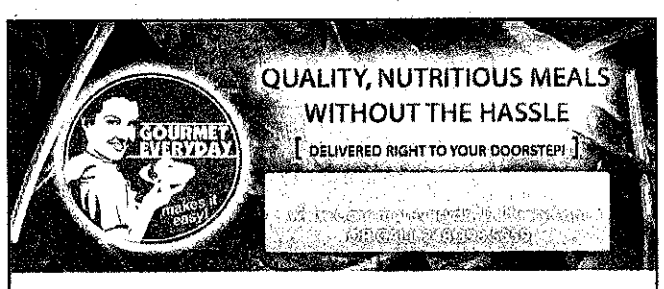
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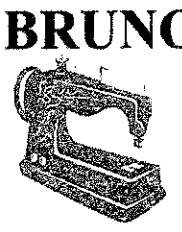
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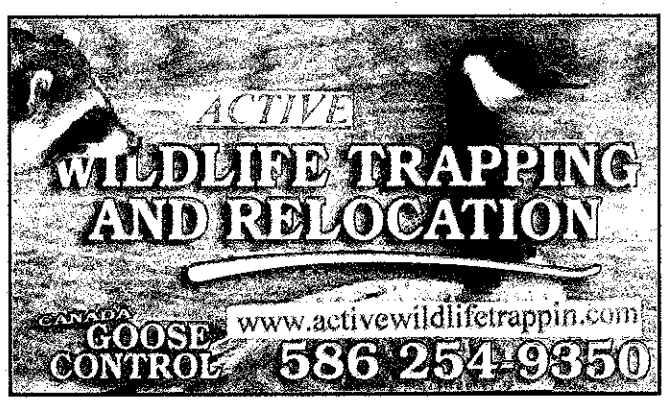
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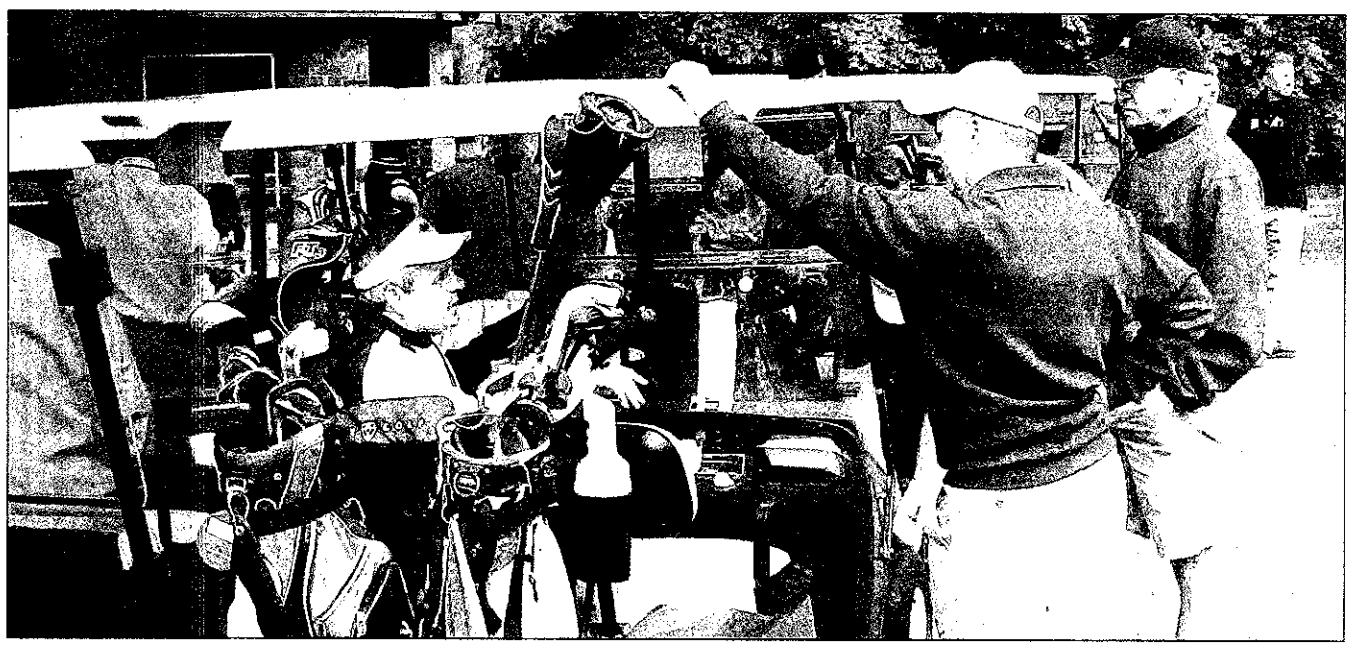
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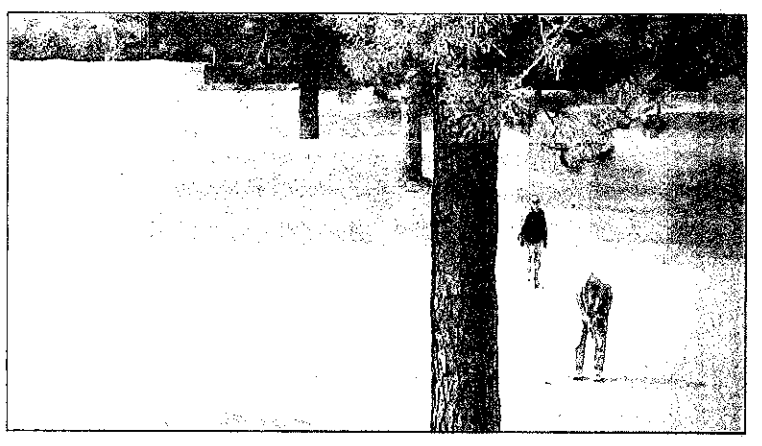




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TENNIS

Regional tournament champs

South rips 2nd place Troy Athens

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' tennis team won another Division 1 regional title last week, but it was far from easy.

The host Blue Devils earned 31 points to make it to the state finals. Joining them is Troy Athens, who was second with 24 points.

Warren DeLaSalle was third with 16 points, followed by Sterling Heights Stevenson with 12, Fraser with eight, Warren Cousino with seven, Utica Ford and Eastpointe East Detroit with three, Warren Mott with one and Detroit Pershing with zero.

"It's been a great tournament," head coach Tom Berschback said. "You got a little taste of excitement today, but Midland will be 10 times this.

"You improved a lot from early in the season to this point and now we have one more week to get better before the state finals."

The Blue Devils earned regional titles at seven of the eight flights, including senior Brendan Petz at No. 3 singles, who beat his Troy Athens foe

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PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Senior Wes Kalogeridis and his partner, junior Max Galvin, won the No. 2 doubles flight in last week's Division 1 regional tournament that Grosse Pointe South won.

Liggett gets past Almont, Armada

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Chuck Wright couldn't be happier with his team after Liggett won a Division 4 regional championship last weekend.

The Knights won the title with 25 points to earn a spot in the state finals this weekend at Kalamazoo College. Armada also made the finals with its second-place finish and host Almont also gained a spot by earning 20 points.

The two teams in each regional automatically made the finals and a squad also made it if it earned 18 or more points.

"Our kids played very well and we won some close matches, including a few in which our kids beat opponents they recently lost to," Wright said. "It was a long day of tennis, but it was a rewarding day."

Junior Alejandro Blake blasted his way to a regional title at No. 2 singles, winning his three matches in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0 over Royal Oak Shrine in the opening match, 6-0, 6-1 over Burton-Atherton in the semifinals and 6-1, 6-1 in the finals over Almont.

"Alejandro played great in all three matches," Wright said.

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PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Liggett's Garrett Redding and his doubles partner, Ian Quinlan, won a regional title in three tough sets over Armada.

North nabs 10th title in 11 years

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The machine keeps rolling.

Grosse Pointe North's boys' tennis team won its sixth straight regional championship last week.

The host Norsemen and U-D Jesuit tied for the title with 20 points apiece. Sterling Heights was third with six points, followed by St. Clair Shores Lakeview with five, Hazel Park with three, Warren Woods-Tower with two and Detroit Martin Luther King with zero.

"I knew it would be close," head coach Drew Mascarin said. "U-D was ranked ahead of us the entire season and we recently beat them 5-3 in a dual match. The matches were close and both teams played well today."

Rain forced the matches indoors, but that didn't matter to the Norsemen and Cubs, who battled in the finals of every flight. Of the eight title matches, two went to three sets, which the Cubs won after losing the first set.

North's singles champions were junior Doug Zade at No. 1, who won by default and senior Dean Butts, who won 7-6,

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Senior Kevin Irving and his doubles partner, senior Kevin Zak, won a Division 2 regional title that helped Grosse Pointe North earn a share of the team championship.

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NORTH: Team rises to occassion

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6-2 at the No. 2 slot.

Seniors Kevin Zak and Kevin Irving won the No. 1 doubles title, 6-4, 6-4, and the No. 2 doubles squad of freshman Bryan Butts and sophomore Dan Amato won 6-3, 7-5.

"Kevin Zak and Kevin Irving have been a team for only about a month, but they have really gelled as a team and they played some great tennis," Mascarin said.

Dean Butts has also been a steady force in the Norsemen's lineup, giving the team a nice one-two punch at the top singles flights.

Sophomore Patrick Hastings lost his No. 3 singles title match 6-0, 6-2, and senior Kyle Moore dropped his title match 6-0, 6-2. However, each earned two points to help the Norsemen grab a share of their 10th regional championship in the past 11 years.

The No. 4 doubles team of senior Matt Warnez and Jeff Irving won the first set in a long tiebreaker, but lost the next two sets, 6-3, 6-1, to lose in the finals.



PHOTO BY TRACY MASCARIN

Grosse Pointe North tennis captains, from left, Dean Butts, Kevin Zak and Doug Zade, were all smiles after the team won a share of a state regional championship.

The regional tournament came down to the No. 3 doubles team of juniors Michael Maas and Matt Slavik. They won the opening set 7-5, but dropped the next one in a heartbreaker, 7-5.

U-D went on to win the final three games of the third set to win 6-3 and help the Cubs gain a share of the crown.

Coming up for Grosse Pointe North, which finished its regular season 6-2 in dual matches, is in the Division 2 state finals Friday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 17, in Canton.

"We feel pretty good about the team entering the state finals," Mascarin said. "We will see what happens."

North finished tied for sixth with 13 points with U-D and Rochester Adams in last year's state finals, which was won by East Lansing with 26 points.

Girls golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South makes finals



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PENDY FAMILY

Grosse Pointe South co-captains Ella Pendy, left, and Carey Farley helped the Blue Devils earn another berth in the state finals.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' golf team is heading back to the state finals.

Head coach Jim Cooper and the Blue Devils finished second with a 363 in last week's Division 1 regional tournament at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon.

Northville won the title with a 341 and Novi made it to the finals with a third-place score of 379.

Sophomore captain Ella Pendy won the tournament with a 77. Senior co-captain Carey Farley was next for the team with an 86, taking fourth place overall.

Other scorers were sophomore Claire Boyle with an 89, which was 10th, followed by freshman Hannah Buzolitz with a personal-best 111 and junior Grace Scarsella had a 130.

Cooper was also honored with the regional coach of the year award. He is in his 12th season at the helm of the Blue Devils' team.

South is making its third trip to the finals in the last four years. The state finals for Division 1 are at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Friday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 17.

—Bob St. John

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North ousted

Grosse Pointe North's girls' golf team ended its season last week, finishing in the middle of the pack in a Division 2 regional tournament at Heather Highlands in Holly.

"It was a fair course and we had our good moments, but not enough to get through to the state finals," head coach Brian Stackpoole said.

Birmingham Seaholm, Port Huron Northern and Birmingham Marian earned the top three spots and the automatic spot in the state finals.

Leading the way for the Norsemen was Katlin O'Shea, who fired a 102. The other scorers were Courtney Wicham with a 113, Paige Micks with a 115 and Nikki Radulovich with a 121.

—Bob St. John



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe North's Katlin O'Shea was the Norsemen's top golfer this season.

LIGGETT: Knights get pumped up

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"He was focused all day."

Sophomore Austin Petitpren won the No. 3 singles flight with a crushing 6-0, 6-1 victory over Almont in the finals. It was the same foe Petitpren lost to in a dual match a couple of weeks ago.

In the other singles flights, senior Skippy Faber and sophomore Boris Canzano won quarterfinal matches before falling in the semifinals at No. 1 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

Juniors Ian Quinlan and Garrett Redding regained the momentum by winning the No. 1 doubles flight, 7-6, 5-7, 6-3 over Armada and the No. 3 doubles squad of sophomore Robert Stanley and freshman Garrett Mallires won the flight with a convincing 6-1, 6-0 victory over Almont.

They won by the same score in each of their three matches.

The Knights' No. 4 doubles team of senior Ian Flick and freshman Alec Petitpren won one match before falling in the semifinals to Franklin Jewish Academy and the No. 2 doubles tandem of senior Matt Stanley and junior George Park lost 6-3, 6-4 to Armada in the championship match.

Stanley and Park beat Almont 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 in the semifinals. They lost to the same team in a dual match a few weeks ago.



PHOTO BY JAN DUCSAY

Captains Skippy Faber, left, and Matt Stanley hold the Division 4 regional trophy the Knights won last week.

ROWING

Pointers earn medals

A chilly morning turned into a beautiful day as 352 racers on 36 teams from six states recently competed in the annual Columbus Fall Classic on the Hoover Reservoir in Westerville, OH.

"What an appropriate way to spend Columbus Day weekend," said team spokesman Brian Sullivan.

Junior rowers from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and other Grosse Pointe area schools launched their rowing shells in the brisk autumn air near the base of the dam and rowed three miles up the reservoir to the starting line.

Each race was 5,000 meters and was raced head style, launching one boat after another every 15 to 30 seconds and medaling based on their overall times.

Most of the day provided a much appreciated tail wind along with sunshine for the racers.

Once again, the Detroit Boat Club Crew brought its A-game and walked away with medals to show for their efforts.

Medalists were Alix Chrumka, first in Women's Junior 1x – single rowing shell; Andrew Fildes, first in Men's Junior 1x – single rowing shell; Jon Allen, second in Men's Junior 1x – single rowing shell; Fildes and Allen, third in Men's Junior 2x – double rowing shell; and Chrumka and Kitsi Hubbard, first in Women's Junior 2x – double rowing shell.

Not to be outdone by the youth, the Detroit Boat Club Masters Rowers (more than 18 year's old) brought in their share of honors as well as Ray Jones who took the gold in the Men's Masters 1x – single rowing shell.

The Men's Masters 8+ (eight rowers plus coxwain) came in a strong second in their race assisted by Grosse Pointe South coxswain Chris Simon.

SOUTH: Team wins seven flights

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6-0, 6-2 in the title match.

Junior Matt Keane won the No. 2 singles flight with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over his Athens opponent and sophomore Matt Clune also beat an Athens foe in the No. 4 singles final, winning 6-1, 6-2.

The No. 1 doubles team of senior Rob Montgomery and junior Charlie Miller won 7-5, 6-0 over DeLaSalle, while the No. 2 doubles squad of junior Max Galvin and senior Wes Kalogeridis took the title with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Athens.

The No. 3 doubles team of seniors Max Cook and Brandon Grams won 6-1, 6-7, 7-6 over Athens, and the No. 4 doubles team of junior Will Quinn and sophomore David Harris took care of business in their title match, beating Athens 7-5, 6-1.

The best match of the tournament came at No. 1 singles with junior John Willard gutting out a three-set loss to Athens. He battled a sore pectoralis muscle and ankle, but nearly pulled out the win.

Willard lost 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 in the title match that took 3 1/2 hours to complete. Rain started falling in the middle of the third set, which forced the players to Lochmoor Club where they played another 45 minutes to decide the champ.

The Blue Devils tuned up for the regional's with a loss to Birmingham Brother Rice and a tie with Novi Detroit Catholic Central, two state-ranked teams.

Grosse Pointe South finished its dual meet slate 9-3-1 overall.

Next up for the Blue Devils is the Division 1 state championship tournament Friday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Midland Tennis Center.

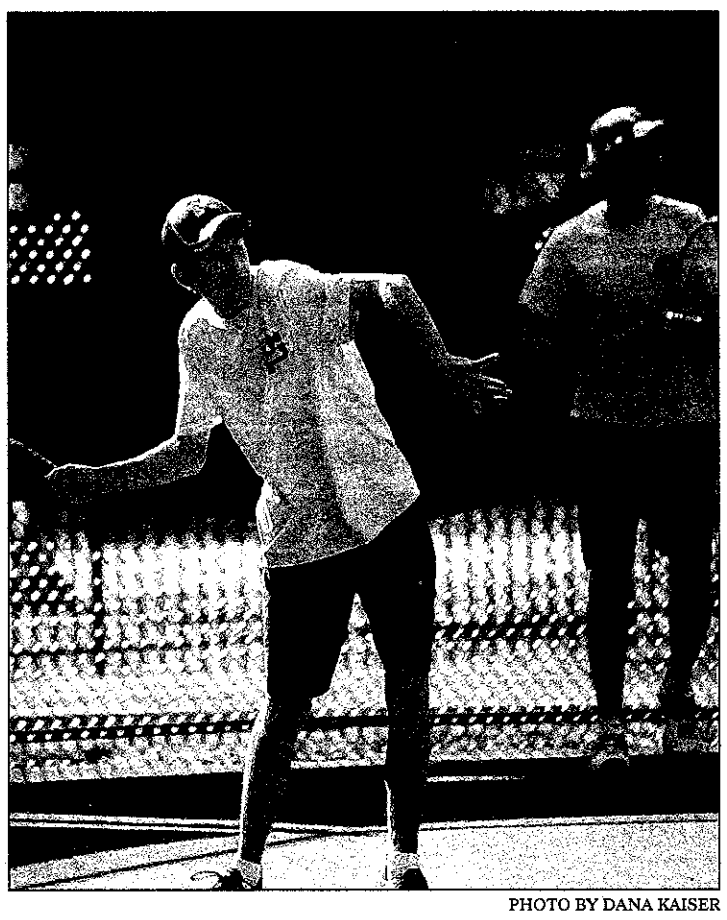


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Grosse Pointe South's No. 4 doubles team of sophomore David Harris, left, and junior Will Quinn, background, won a regional title in straight sets.

BASKETBALL

North to host hoops league

Grosse Pointe North High School hosts a youth basketball league Saturday mornings from Oct. 17 to Nov. 14.

It is for boys and girls in third through eighth grade, ages 8 to 14.

The games run from 9 to 10:30 a.m. On Nov. 7, the games will be played at Parcells Middle School.

The cost is $99 per player and the directors are Matt Lockhart and Stephen Bernard, who will not be instructing or coaching the seventh- and eighth-grader players due to Michigan High School Athletic Association guidelines.

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Cross country

NORTH & SOUTH BOYS

Norsemen, Blue Devils tied up in standings

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and South ran the second Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree race at River Bends Park last week.

Macomb Dakota won it again with a 6-0 mark, giving it a 12-0 record. Utica was second in the meet at 5-1, followed by North at 4-2.

Utica and North tied for second at 9-3.

Nicholas Culbertson of Dakota won the meet with a time of 16:52, while Jeff Warren and Trevor Creagh of L'Anse Creuse North took second and third with times of 16:58 and 17:04, respectively.

Grosse Pointe South finished in the second tier of teams with L'Anse Creuse North, Sterling Heights Stevenson and Utica Eisenhower and head coach Mark Sonnenberg still had positive news.

"This was a good race for us, as we got out strong, competed well against good teams and had some breakthrough performances," North head coach Dan Quinn said. "In all, we had 19 out of our 33 runners get a personal best time and or barrier-breakers.

"We usually have this type of pop later in the season, but this was a good course and good weather to PR on."

Kyle Lacey was eighth with a time of 17:13, to lead the Norsemen. He was followed by Forrest Carmer, who was 13th at 17:28; and Ryan Seago, who was 19th at 17:47.

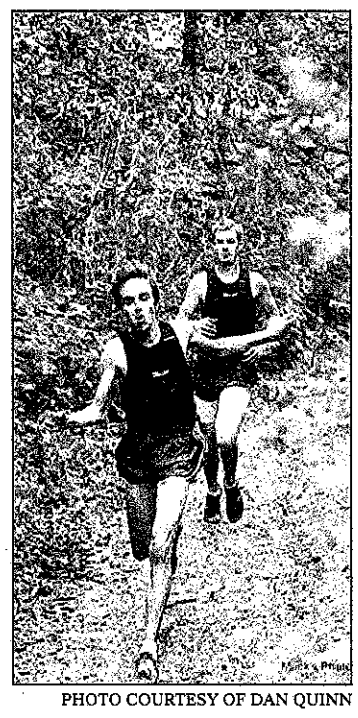


PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN QUINN

Grosse Pointe North runners Spencer Schott, left, and Ryan Seago navigate the course during the MAC Red Division second jamboree meet.

Spencer Schott was 22nd and Mike Seago was 23rd with times of 17:49 and 17:52 for the Norsemen. Other standouts were Andrew Kopacka and Chris Ciaravino who finished in the top seven again for the team by placing 32nd and 33rd with times of 18:19 and 18:21.

"Above all, I'm most pleased with how the young runners are doing," Quinn said. "Junior Danny D'Hondt had a battle in the JV race and ultimately finished third, but had a nice drop for a personal best time.

"The freshmen also look strong with Tyler Sickmiller and Danny Ciaravino leading the way with sub-19 runs."

For head coach Mark Sonnenberg and the Blue Devils, Austin Montgomery was the top finisher, taking 16th with a time of 17:43. Brad Menchl was 25th with a time of 17:53 to take second.

It was the second straight meet the duo posted a time in the 17s.

"Our varsity boys competed HARD," Sonnenberg said. "Coach (Mike) Novak and I were very proud of the team. We made all the right steps forward with improved times and they COMPETED."

Other standouts for the Blue Devils were Pat Rennell, 30th at 18:18; Matt Geist, 31st at 18:19; Connor Dixon, 38th at 18:30. Steve Brengman and Adam Bolton also competed for the Blue Devils.

Another highlight for South was winning the junior varisty meet with Chris Langenburg taking first with a time of 19:00, just one second ahead of teammate Cameron Davies.

Other top Blue Devils were Cody Shrader at 19:15; Karl Juergens at 19:29; Jake Relich at 19:31; Eric Huebner at 19:37; Connor Buckley at 19:41; and Nick Flowers at 19:44.

LIGGETT

Knights watch carefully

Liggett's cross country teams have been busy since the end of September, competing in several invitationals.

At the recent Hanson's Invitational, conditions were marked by slippery trails and blustery wind with frequent rain showers through all events.

"This course offered the greatest challenge of hilly terrain so far faced by the Knights and they responded well," head coach Trey Cassidy said. "Charging up the short hills, they were able to carry their momentum up and over to maintain or improve their position in the race. Despite the conditions of the course, the quality of the field lifted the boys and girls teams to faster overall times throughout the races."

Cassidy also said watching the Division 1 and junior varsity races helped his runners analyze important aspects of their sport.

Last weekend, the Knights competed in the Macomb Area Invitational at Center Line High School.

This was the second time they ran the course. The first time the weather was hot and dry, but this time it was rain and cold.

Kevin Allen led all Liggett finishers with a 19:18 finish, good enough for 21st overall. Joe Renzi also set a personal best, finishing in 20:22.

Nick Valice was the third finisher for the team, improving on his previous best by nearly two minutes.

For the girls, newcomer Abby Belcrest joined the team for her first race and finished second overall in a time of 22:00. Haleigh Ristovski and Katarina Goitz finished in 11th and 12th overall, also improving their times to run 23:11 and 23:45, respectively.

NORTH & SOUTH GIRLS



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Grosse Pointe South's championship runners are, from row from left, Haley Meier, Katie Steen, Kelly Langton, Hannah Meier; and back row from left, Christina Firl, Margaret Levasseur and Natalie Gay.

Blue Devils No. 1, again

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South won the second Macomb Area Conference Red Division girls cross country jamboree meet last week at River Bends Park.

The Blue Devils crushed the field, going 6-0 to finish 12-0 in the division. Sterling Heights Stevenson was second in the meet and Utica Eisenhower was third at 4-2.

"We really dominated the red division in both jamboree's this year," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "Our girls were very focused on these races. The competition was excellent, especially from Stevenson, (Grosse Pointe) North and Eisenhower."

The Blue Devils took the top three spots in the jamboree with freshmen Hannah Meier winning with a time of 18:19, Haley Meier taking second at 18:51 and Christina Firl taking third at 19:08.

Finishing fifth overall was senior Katie Steen with a time of 19:50, while juniors Magaret Levasseur and Natalie Gay were 10th and 14th with times of 20:27 and 21:00, respectively. Freshman Margaret Brennan was 16th with a time of 21:06.

Grosse Pointe North also had a solid meet, beating L'Anse Creuse North, Utica and Macomb Dakota, while losing to South, Sterling Heights Stevenson and Utica Eisenhower by only five points.

"I was very pleased with the girls' races today," North head coach Scott Cooper said. "We were racing after Ike with the hope of being them this time since they snuck a victory in at the first jamboree.

"I could not have asked any more from the varsity runners since they all ran their best times of the season."

The Norsemen's top seven finishers were Kailey Sickmiller, Cristina Bruno, Lindsay Brown, Katy VanEgmond, Kamille Hamzey, Rachel Gimpert and Zyanya Wright-Servais.

"Lindsay Brown really impressed me today with her tough race from top to bottom. I yelled at her to pass the group ahead of her near the finish and she actually shook her head no meaning she was completely spent.

"She took off anyway and sprinted past all four of the girls from other teams.

"Sickmiller and Bruno continue to see drops in their times and both are running very strong. They push it together in practice and those efforts are starting to pay off for them."

South also won the junior varsity championship to finish 12-0 in the red division by taking four of the top five spots and 27 of the top 35 positions.

Chelsea Marsh won the race with a time of 21:32. She was followed by Haley Martin, Nicole Kelley and Hannah Wheeler.

Other standouts were Christina Nelson, Hayley Carpenter, Amanda Rapacchietta, Abby Stapleton, J.J. Beach and Caroline Cullen.

The Blue Devils competed last weekend, winning the 38-team Wayne County Championship at Willow Metropark that featured No. 8-ranked Livonia Churchill and its premier runner, Sara Kroll.

South won with 43 points, followed by Plymouth Salen at 74, Churchill with 76, Dearborn Divine Child with 119 and Livonia Franklin with 157.

South placed three runners in the top five among the 182 competitors. Hannah Meier was second behind Kroll with a time of 18:01. Haley Meier and Firl were the Blue Devils' next two finishers with times of 18:29 and 18:52, respectively.

Steen ran a solid 19:45, while Gay had a 20:06 and Levasseur had a 20:16

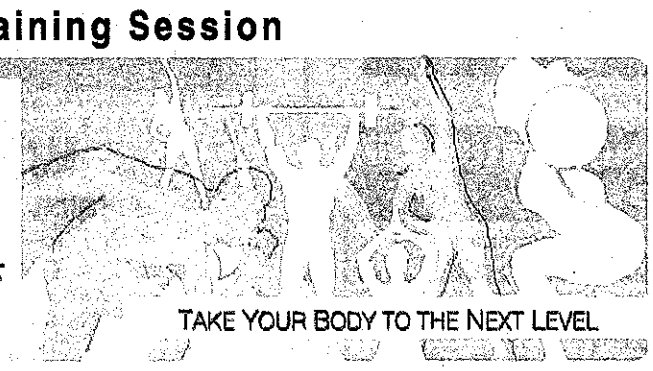
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Girls volleyball

LIGGETT

Knights sweep division victory



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Freshman Tori Wuthrich, No. 4, played a large role in helping Liggett's volleyball team beat Lutheran South.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A division title went out the window last week when Liggett's girls' volleyball team lost 25-18, 25-23, 25-15 to host Taylor Baptist Park.

"We didn't do anything right against a team that we should have played better against," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "We had a good practice the day after and I was pleased with our effort tonight.

"The girls did a nice job in this match."

The host Knights came back two nights later and beat Lutheran South 25-16, 25-14, 25-23, improving to 4-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 6-11-1 overall.

Right from the get-go, everyone chipped in to the victory. Senior Maggie Zinkel led the offensive charge with 13 kills while freshman Tori Wuthrich had eight kills and is 132-for-136 serving this season.

Other standouts were Sarah Altimore, Lexie Mustafaa, Haley Smith, Colleen Klimek, Carrie Chouinard, Kinaya Smith, Courtney Slabough, Grace Edmonds, Ashley Rahi and Mary Grech.

"I hope we get another chance to play Baptist Park in the league tournament," Sullivan said. "It was a big match and it was disappointing to play so poorly. I was happy to see the girls play much better against Lutheran South."

In other recent action, the Knights finished 0-3-1 in the Groves Tournament, losing 25-10, 25-11 to North Farmington, 25-10, 25-14 to Birmingham Groves and tying Royal Oak 26-24, 17-25 in pool play.

In bracket play, the Knights lost 25-22, 25-17 to Auburn Hills Avondale.

The Knights will compete in the MIAC Tournament Saturday, Oct. 17.



Two of the Knights' captains, Sarah Altimore, left, and Maggie Zinkel, were steady during their three-game division win last week.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Squad beats PHN

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The goal is: beat the teams that beat you the first time through the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Head coach Kim Lockhart and her Grosse Pointe North girls volleyball team took the first step in fulfilling that goal, beating Port Huron Northern 20-25, 25-23, 23-25, 25-20, 15-5 last week.

The Norsemen lost in five games to the Huskies on the road and this home tilt was just as close.

"We had our chances to win this in four games, but we just couldn't close the door," Lockhart said. "We have had trouble winning those big points in the closing parts of games and we had those troubles again tonight.



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe North junior Micaela Liddane, center left, and senior Lia Popovic, center right, gave the home team a boost in its come-from-behind win over Port Huron Northern.

"However, it was nice to see the girls really play well at the end of game four and throughout game five. This was a nice win for the girls."

In the pivotal fifth game, everyone chipped in with either a kill, a dig, a serve receive or an assist, including senior Lia Popovic, who played a stellar back row and saved a couple of loose balls that led to Norsemen points.

In the final 5-1 run, seniors Ariel Braker, Laura Thibault and Maggie Tignanelli, as well as freshman Breann Reveley, each had a kill.

Junior Micaela Liddane's ace ended the match. It was one of her three aces in the match. She also had 25 digs and 22 serve receives.

Braker finished with 19 kills, seven blocks and four aces, while junior Andrea Matthew had 50 assists.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 1-5 in the MAC Red Division and 9-13 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Welser sees improvement

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

A three-game loss to Macomb Area Conference Blue Division powerhouse Sterling Heights, 25-15, 25-20, 25-17, was not as it would appear.

"I thought we went out there tonight and played them very tough," head coach Ryan Welser explained. "I thought we had a chance to win every game. I'm proud of these girls tonight. We had a plan and we came out and executed it. We just got beaten by a better team right now, that's all."

The effort, the progress, the fight the Blue Devils showed against the Stallions further illustrates the coach's belief that his team is a work in progress, but one on the verge of becoming a masterpiece.

"I've said since the beginning of the season," Welser said. "That we're going to be getting better and better as the season goes on. The way we played tonight, even though we lost, was a big step forward for us from earlier in the season."



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Senior Jessica Bashara has been a steady performer for the young Grosse Pointe South volleyball team.

South (12-11 overall) standout junior Mary Kate Kramer paced the team with 12 kills and a trio of aces against the Stallions.

The continued improvement is all part of the plan, according to Welser, a plan that sees his squad peaking in time for the state playoffs beginning Nov. 2 against none other than Grosse Pointe North.

"We talked about it at practice the other day, and really we're not that concerned about what happens between now and then," Welser said. "Our goal is to peak just before the end of the season and be playing our best in the playoffs."

Welser has held to this plan since the beginning of the campaign.

A legitimate district title run is not a pipe dream for the Blue Devils either. Despite their 1-5 mark in the Blue, the team is extremely talented, very hard working, and well coached. Plus, the rigors of the Blue this season are a great help once the playoffs begin.

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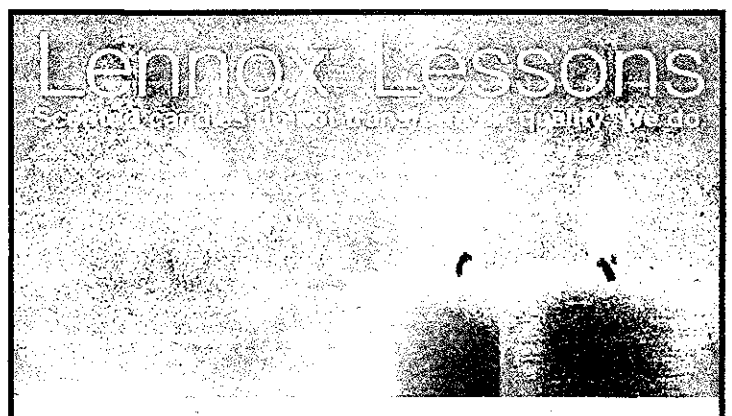
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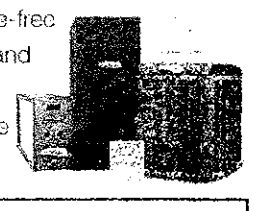
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Girls field hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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Grosse Pointe North goalkeeper Nicole Strickland, left, is ready as her defenders tried to clear the ball during the Norsemen's recent game against Cranbrook Kingswood.

Norsemen's offense hits skids

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The team is snakebit.

"I don't know what more to do," head coach Jen Nadeau said following Grosse Pointe North's 1-0 girls field hockey loss to Livonia Ladywood last week. "I have tried everything in practice and we execute the game plan, outplay the other team and do everything right except score goals."

The home game with Ladywood was played in a constant drizzle that was coming down sideways at one point.

"The conditions were horrible, but both teams had to play in them," Nadeau said. "I think I'm going to move some people around and see if we can generate some goals."

The Norsemen have gone three straight games without netting a goal. That mark stretched to four straight after visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford won 1-0 Monday night.

"We didn't play very well tonight and still had a shot to tie or win this game," Nadeau said. "We're young and learning all phases of the game.

"We're in every game and a play or two away from winning."

The Norsemen dropped to 1-4-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 3 standings and 1-7-2 overall.

Coming up for North are two games Saturday, Oct. 17, against host East Grand Rapids, followed by its final regular season game Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Saline.

North should host a state playoff first-round game Friday, Oct. 23.

LIGGETT

ULS ties Marian for second time

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' field hockey team played a scoreless tie with Birmingham Marian last week, but had the chances to win it.

"We had some great opportunities to win this game, but couldn't get the ball behind the goalkeeper," head coach Tamara Fobare said. "Our girls really played well and they're playing as a team.

"I like the direction we're heading as we get ready for the state playoffs."

The Knights' top two scorers, senior Paige Counsman and junior Annalisa Provenzano, were the No. 1 priority of the Mustangs' defenders. They stil had solid shots on net.

Sophomore goalkeeper Sloane Klene played well in net.

"She made the saves when we needed them," Fobare said.

Earlier in the week, the Knights lost 8-1 to Ann Arbor Huron, leaving their record 0-4-2 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 1 standings and 4-5-3 overall.

Counsman scored the lone goal, assisted by junior Nozomi Yamasaki.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils suffer setback

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' field hockey team lost 4-0 to Ann Arbor Huron last week.

The defending state champ put three goals on the board in the opening half, but South head coach Millie Tompkins made some adjustments at the half that worked.

"We dropped our midfield back a little because we were getting beat up field by Huron, which is why it scored the first three goals," Tompkins said. "We played a better second half against a very skilled team."

The host Blue Devils had their chances to score, but Huron's goalkeeper came up with several key saves.

The Blue Devils dropped to 1-5 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 1 standings and 5-5-1 overall. Huron is two points ahead of rival Ann Arbor Pioneer in the division standings.

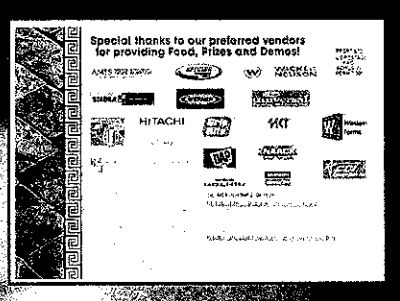
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Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Poor weather, Fraser can't stop Blue Devils

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

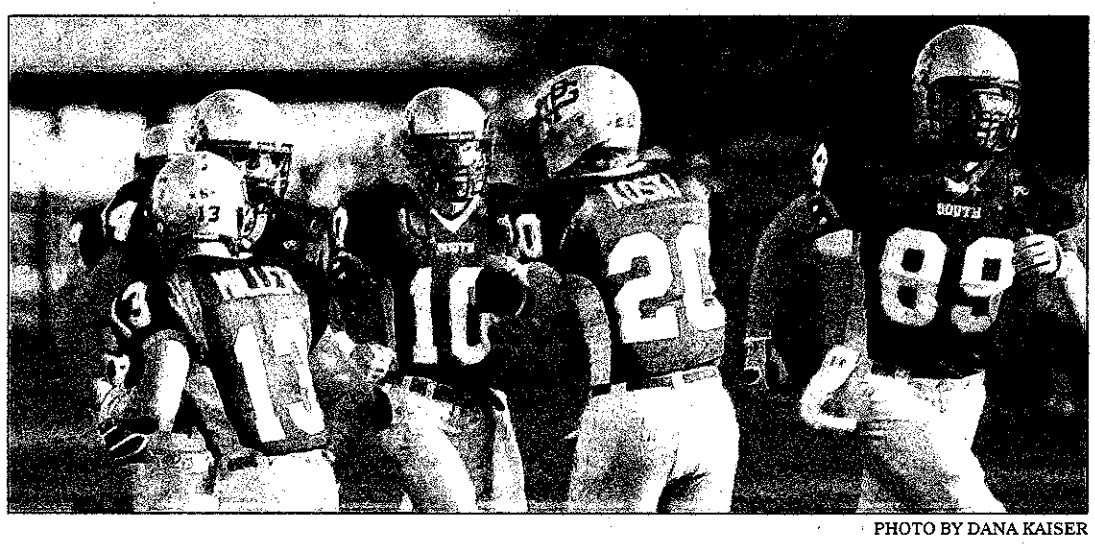


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Grosse Pointe South's football team is looking at sunny skies with homecoming on the schedule this weekend. A win would mean a division title and a spot in the state playoffs could be clinched.

As the rain fell, the wind blew, and temperatures dipped into the 40s Oct. 9, the Grosse Pointe South football team learned a little something about themselves.

"It definitely wasn't our best effort," head coach Tim Brandon admitted, "and it definitely wasn't pretty."

It was, however, a 21-7 victory over Macomb Area Conference Blue rival Fraser.

It was also a game where the squad learned that valuable sports lesson: When you're not at your best – find a way to win.

That's exactly what the Blue Devils did, found a way to move one step closer to the postseason; found a way to stay atop the division, and found a way to win.

"The weather played a role here tonight, I'm sure," Brandon said. "But that's no excuse. This kind of weather is something that we're going to see more and more of as the season goes on."

The weather undoubtedly played a part in the dropped balls, numerous fumbles and unsure footing both teams dealt with all night.

That said, South can't pass off some its lackluster lapses on the blustery autumn evening, some of what made this performance an ugly one.

"It's just another case of us not going out there and playing an entire 48 minutes," Brandon explained. "We've been plagued by this all season. We need to play hard and focused for all 48 minutes. We didn't do that tonight. We're going to fix this issue, though. We are going to fix this issue."

With Brandon and his staff at the helm, there's little doubt these issues will get resolved. The coach has guided the program over the past several seasons into a powerhouse team in the division, and a potential Cinderella in the playoffs.

South came out of the gate with the focus, intensity and desire fans would expect from a division-title contender.

Touchdowns from senior Alex Koski (23 carries for 118 yards) and junior Jeffrey Blazoff gave the Blue Devils a 14-0 advantage heading into the intermission.

After halftime, however, The Ramblers took the opening drive of the third quarter 83 yards and capped it off with a 2-yard fourth-and-goal score, closing the gap to seven points, 14-7.

South's offense was held in check the remainder of the contest, but big defensive plays sealed the victory, including an interception return for a touchdown from senior defensive back Bobby Peltz in the closing minute of the game, and a three-sack performance from Will Reeves.

"We're very happy to get this one," Brandon admitted. "It's an ugly win, but we'll take it."

The victory, ugly or not, pushed the Blue Devils' overall mark to 5-2, meaning the squad needs just one more victory in the next two games to qualify for the state playoffs, and 4-0 in the Blue.

The looming postseason berth, however, is something Brandon and his staff are downplaying.

"We're not playing the state playoffs now," the coach said. "We're playing Port Huron next and that's what we're preparing for. They beat us up at their place last season, and they've got some really great athletes. We're going to prepare for Port Huron. That's what we're going to do."

Port Huron currently sits at 3-1 in the Blue and in second place behind South. A victory over the Big Reds would wrap up a division crown for South and assure them a state playoff spot.

The game kicks off at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at Grosse Pointe South.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Homecoming dampened with loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team is going to have to put its game in overdrive if it wants to make the state playoffs.

The climb was made a little steeper after last week's 49-21 loss to visiting Warren Mott. It was the Norsemen's homecoming and a first-place showdown in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

"We were right there until the fourth quarter when the game got away from us," head coach Frank Sumbera said. "We had our chances in the fourth quarter, but in the end we didn't make the plays we needed."

Senior running back Tommie Watkins gave the home team a 7-0 lead with a short run in the opening quarter, but the Marauders came back with consecutive touchdowns to grab a 14-7 lead.

Watkins' 22-yard scoring run tied the game midway through the second quarter and senior quarterback A.J. Brooks hit junior wide receiver Je' Juan Henderson with a 59-yard TD pass late in the second half to forge a 21-21 tie.

Both offenses made some big plays, despite the steady drizzle, cooler temperatures and windy conditions.

Neither team scored in the third quarter and Mott went ahead 28-21 with a score at the 10:07 mark of the final stanza.

Two big plays that went against the Norsemen happened in the next couple of minutes.

Senior Ryan Gregory was one inch shy of a first down on a run on a fake punt and a razzle-dazzle pass from Brooks to a wide-open Henderson was inches from his outstretched hands.

"If we make those plays, I think it's a totally different game," Sumbera said. "I thought we had the first down, but the measurement had us just short.

"After that, we couldn't stop Mott's quarterback."

The Marauders poured salt in the Norsemen's wounds by scoring a touchdown on a quarterback sneak in the final minute and it returned an interception for a score with nine seconds left.

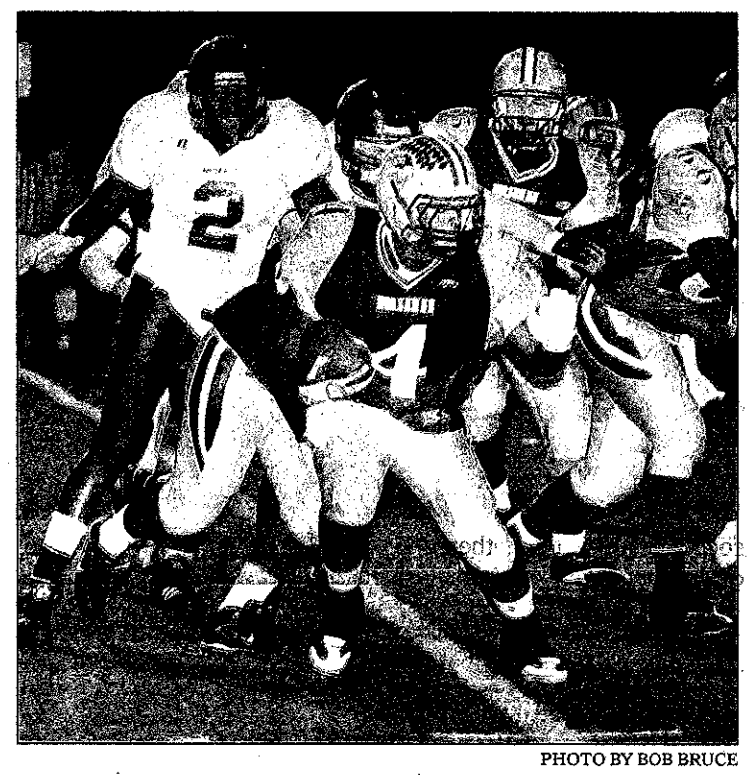


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Senior Tommie Watkins ran for more than 150 yards and a couple of touchdowns in Grosse Pointe North's homecoming loss to Warren Mott.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 3-1 in the MAC White and 4-3 overall. It has to win the next two games, Oct. 16 at home against Anchor Bay and Oct. 23 at home against Utica Ford.

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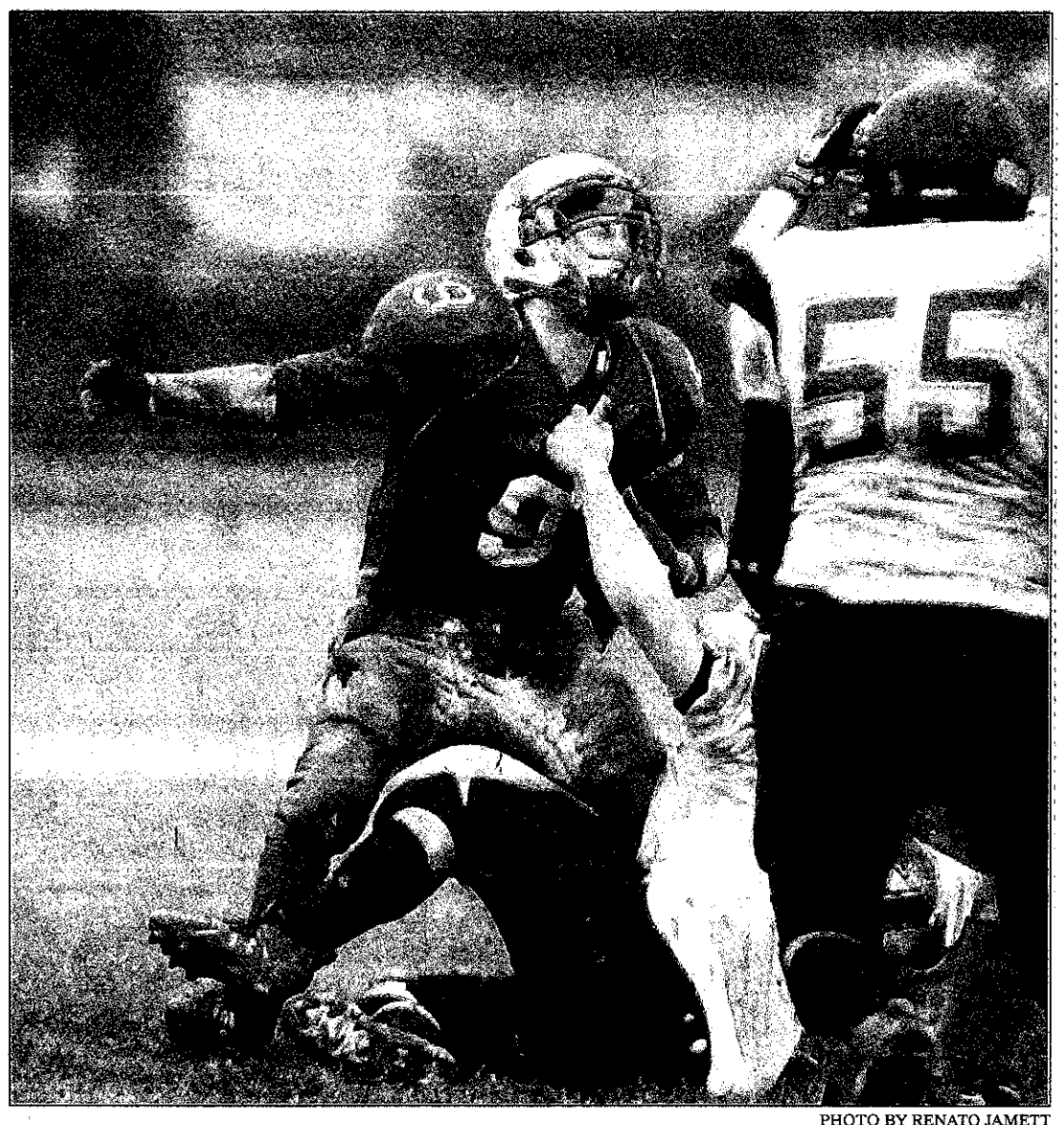


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Division finale

Senior Jake Goldberg, No. 9, and the Liggett football team lost its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference finale last weekend, 34-6, to visiting Lutheran Westland in the cold, rain and mud. The Knights finished 1-4 in the MIAC and dropped to 1-6 overall. Coming up for Liggett is its first homecoming football game since 2005 at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, against Morrice.

Boys soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Harris' squad ready to roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Stefan Harris ended his first regular season as Grosse Pointe South's varsity boys soccer coach with an encore for his seniors.

Adam Llorens, Zach Franchett, Jason Naber, Matt Buslepp, Brian McGheee, Ian Osborn, Elliott Parcells, Matt Temrowski, Nick Faiver, Michael Ciaffone, Mike Temrowski and Sergey Gorny were each recognized as they came off the home field for the final time.

As for the game, the Blue Devils lost 1-0 to Chippewa Valley, ending the regular season 7-6-5 overall.

"We have set the lineup during the past couple of games and we're confident about our ability to go out and not just play well in the district tournament, but win games in the district tournament," Harris said. "We're not happy to be a part of the tournament."

The Blue Devils have a tough road to navigate in their Division 1 district tournament that begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at U-D Jesuit.

If they win that game, they get district favorite Chippewa Valley Wednesday, Oct. 21.

"We have the toughest draw, but in order to be the best, you have to beat the best, so why not us," Harris said. "We will be ready to play a good U-D team."

The Blue Devils finished its Macomb Area Conference White Division slate last week, tying L'Anse Creuse North 0-0 and beating Fraser 2-0 to finish in fourth place with a 4-3-5 mark.



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Thomas Shields, No. 15, and his teammates are hopeful they can pull off a couple of victories and win a district title.

LIGGETT

Knights end streak

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach David Backhurst had a smile on his face after his Liggett's boys' soccer team played up to its potential.

Two weeks ago the Knights looked lethargic in back-to-back losses.

After a couple of tough practices and a talk-to by Backhurst, the Knights went out and beat Plymouth Christian Academy 4-2 and Southfield Christian 2-1 in overtime.

"The guys played much better this week and getting the wins gives us some momentum heading into the final regular season games," Backhurst said.

Senior Dan Zukas scored the opening goal, assisted by sophomore Billy Marx, in the road game against Plymouth Christian.

The home team tallied the next two to grab a 2-1 lead, but right before the half ended Zukas tied it up, scoring on a penalty kick.

Junior Dominic Jamett was tripped inside the goalkeeper's box, awarding Liggett the penalty kick.

"That was a big goal because it gave us some momentum heading into the second half," Backhurst said. "I reminded the guys that this would be a tougher game than the first time we faced them."

With 14 minutes left in the game, sophomore Carl Ghafari netted the winning goal and with 13 seconds left, junior Joe Simon sent a pretty pass to Jamett who buried the shot for the two-goal cushion.

In the second go-around with Southfield Christian, Zukas sent a crossing pass to Jamett, who scored the first goal and with five minutes left in OT, Simon put a foot on a pass from freshman Andrew Haney that somehow found the back of the net.

"There was a scramble in front of the goalie and somehow Andrew got the ball and passed it to Joe, who was able to get enough strength on the shot," Backhurst said. "It was a nice win."

Liggett improved to 8-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 10-5-1 overall.

"This MIAC is loaded with very strong soccer teams," Backhurst said. "Every game is highly contested and that should help us come state playoff time."



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Jim Palmer, left, is playing solid soccer, which will help Liggett's team battle for another district championship.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North ties Big Reds

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After struggling throughout most of the regular season, Grosse Pointe North's boys' soccer team put together one of its strongest outings last week.

The host Norsemen tied a strong Chippewa Valley team, 1-1, on a late goal by Tony Casano.

"It's been a rollercoaster this season, but one thing is constant, the guys play hard every game," head coach Chris Alston said.

The Big Reds, challenging for a Macomb Area Conference Red Division title, were outplayed by the Norsemen, who are searching for a first division win.

"We haven't had much luck putting the ball in the net this season, but it's not from lack of effort," Alston said. "We have played hard all season, but a little inexperience and other little things haven't been in our favor.

"This was a nice game for us and it is something we can build on in preparation for the state playoffs."

The Norsemen's defense shutdown the Big Reds' explosive offense and one that put up several goals in their last meeting.

"Maybe they came in a little overconfident since they blasted us the previous game," Alston said. "It doesn't matter because our kids played a great game and this is the kind of game we can play all the time."

North improved to 0-7-1 in the MAC Red Division and 2-13-1 overall.

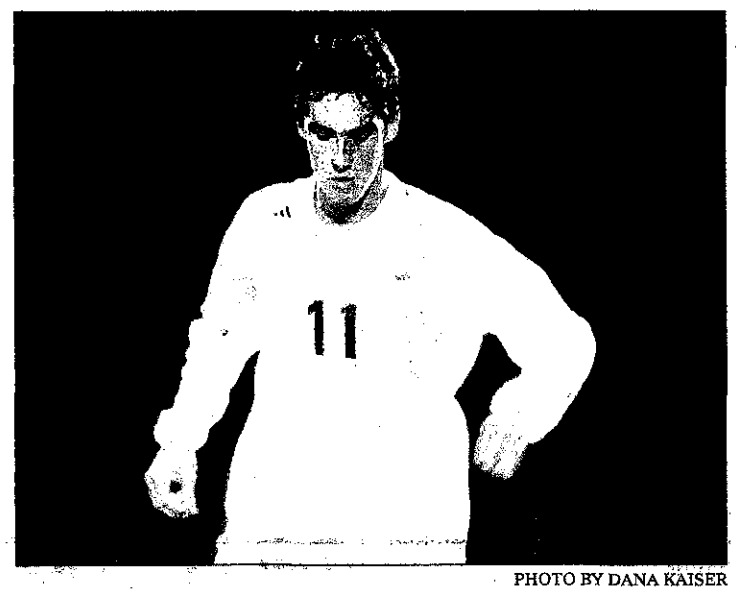


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Josh Garvin gets control of the ball during the opening half of Grosse Pointe North's tie with Chippewa Valley.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



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Making a difference

Grosse Pointe Woods residents Marie and Nino Pacini once again represent the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in the Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Marathon this Sunday, Oct. 18. Walking with sighted volunteers, Marie Pacini will do the half marathon and Nino Pacini will do the 5K Fitness Walk. The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology is one of several charities chosen by the Free Press under Run For A Reason. There is still time to register for the walk and support the DIO. Visit Freepmarathon.com and follow the prompts to register, then follow the link to Charities to support the DIO. While the official registration fee goes directly to the marathon, any online donations go to the DIO. Art Van Furniture is once again a major sponsor for the institute. All proceeds support the DIO's programs for the visually impaired. Call DIO at (313) 824-04710 for more information.

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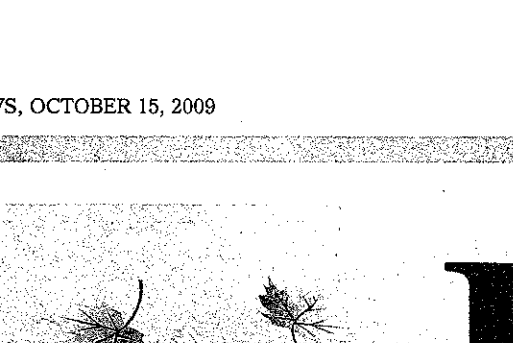
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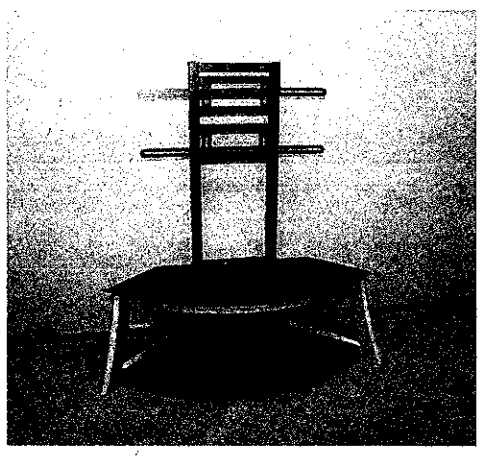
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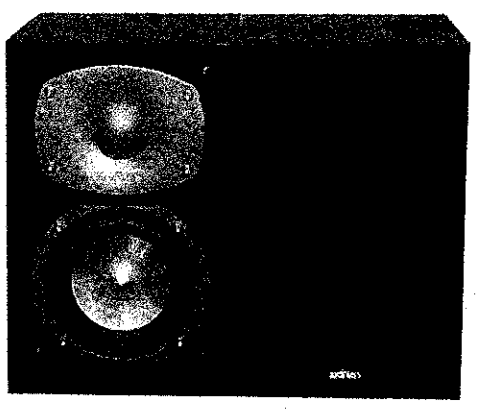
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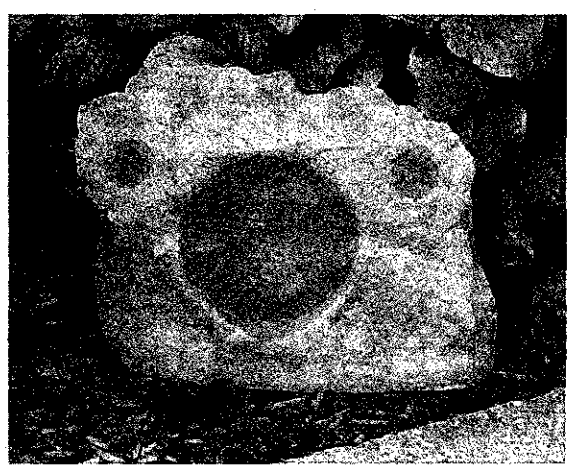
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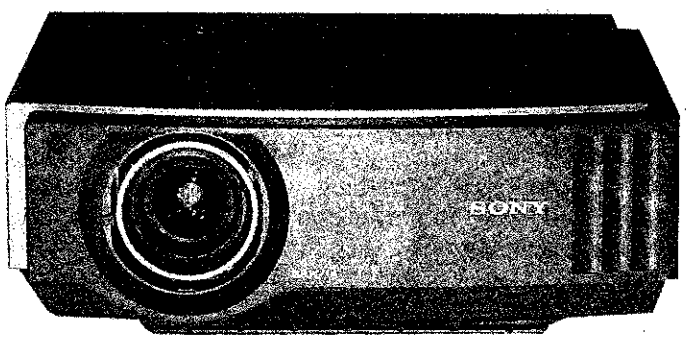
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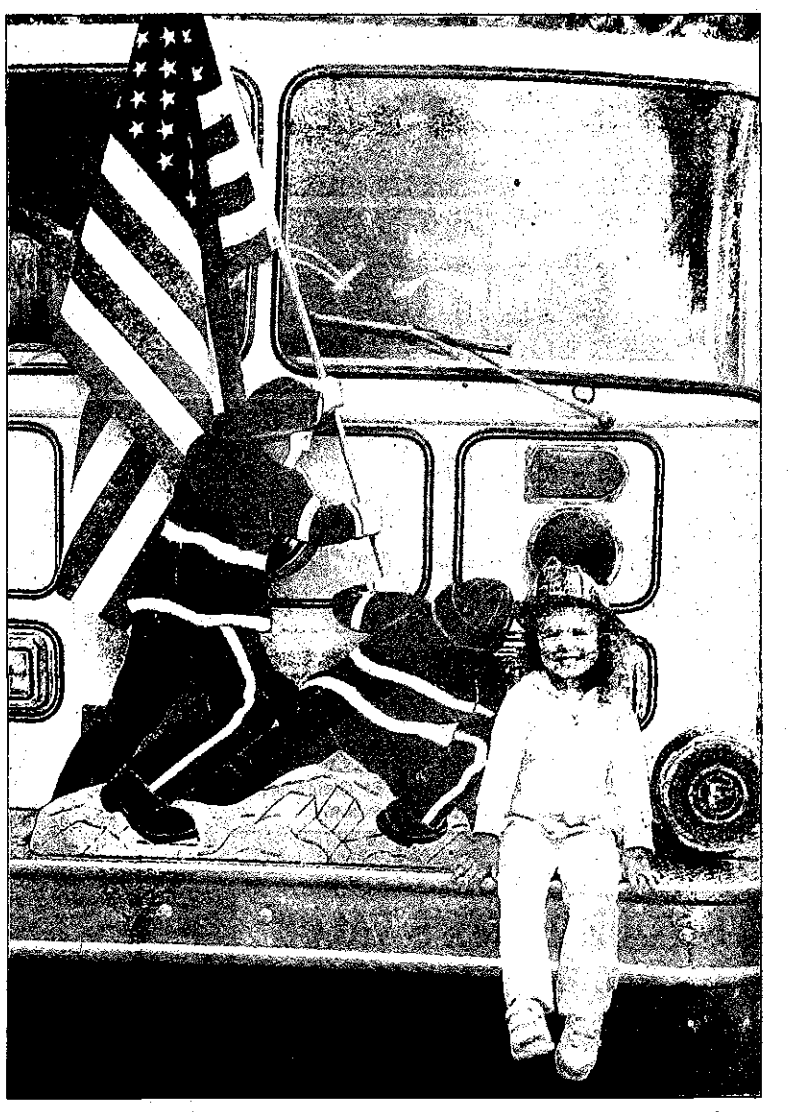
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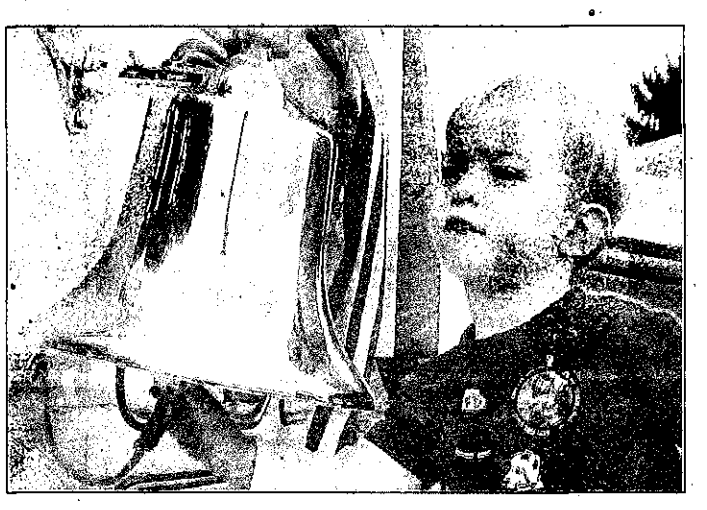


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Fire safety

Grosse Pointe Woods recently held its annual fire station open house. Public safety officers showed adults and children how they put out fires. Above, Michael Salvador, 4 1/2 years old, wears his fire safety sticker on his forehead as he crawls through the smoke box that helps children learn how to stay low to the ground during a fire. Above right, Three-year-old Hanley DeSmyter sits on the front of a fire truck wearing her new fire hat. Pictured bottom left, Ben Koenighauer holds a fire hose, shooting water at a small house. At right, Two-year-old Alex Doerr rings the fire truck's bell.





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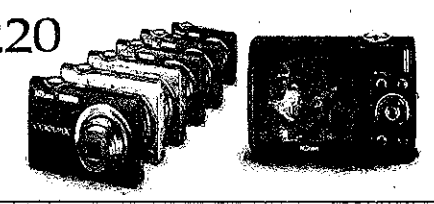
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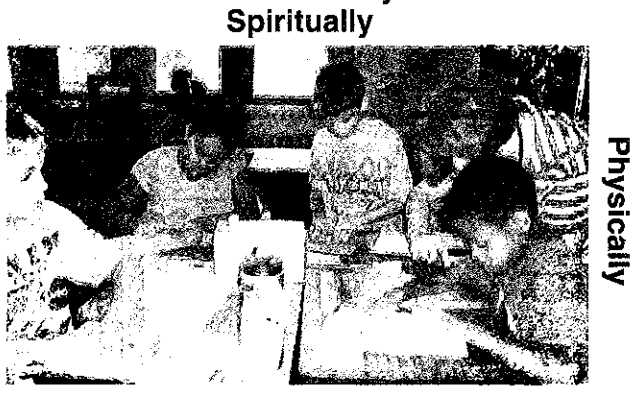
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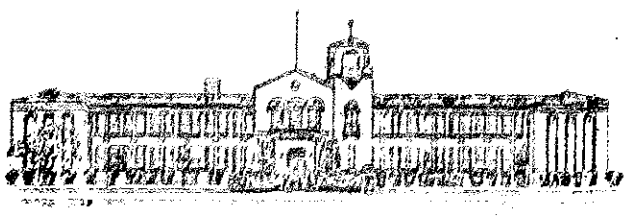
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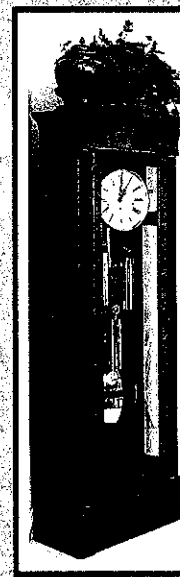
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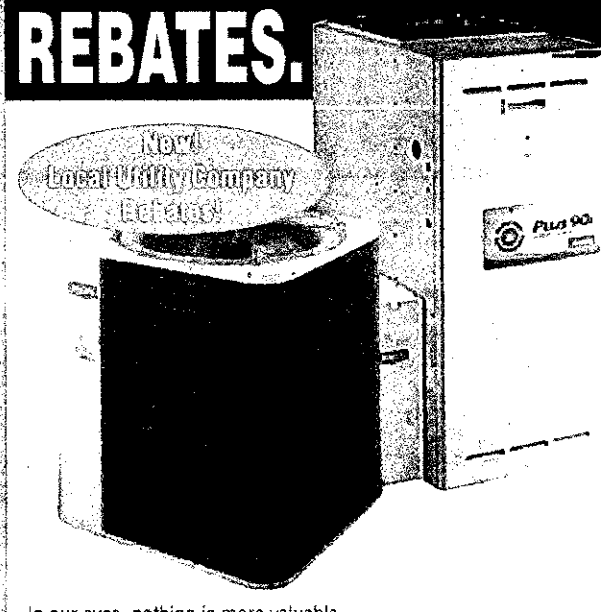


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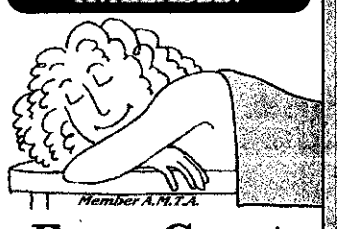


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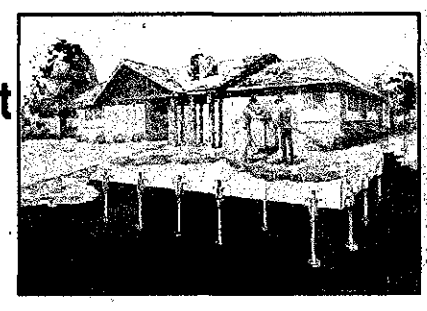
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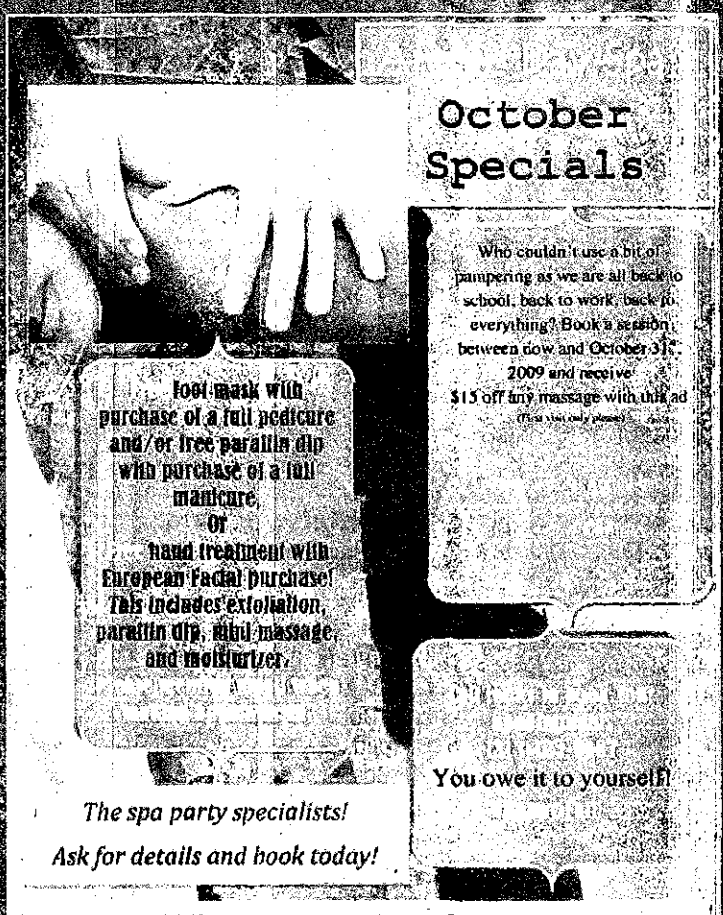
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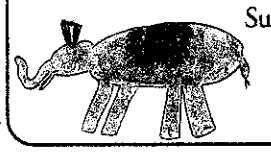
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409 GARAGE/YARD/ RUMMAGE SALE



***HUGE garage sale. ***This is the one!!!- 558 Tree Road, off Cook Road and Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. Friday October 16- Saturday, October 17, 9am - 4pm. Lots of quality stuff!! Not junk! Designer clothing (women's/ men's), purses, shoes, tons of hunting stuff, duck decoys, tools, jewelry, furniture, lamps, TV's, nice CD stereo players, lots of Halloween decorations, much more. Priced to sell. Everything must go! No early birds please.

1471 Lakepointe, Friday only. Rained out twice. Final clearance. Everything must go.

16619 Maumee, 48230. Saturday, 8am- 3pm.

22455 Rio Vista (10 1/2; Jefferson). Thursday- Saturday, 10am- 4pm. Great sale!

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 2026 Stanhope. Thursday, 4- 7pm. Friday, 9am- 5pm. Saturday, 8am- 1pm. New/ used baby- 4T girls clothing, shoes. Toys, changing table. Holiday decor, tools, household items. Men/ women shoes, jackets, more.

409 GARAGE/YARD/ RUMMAGE SALE

535 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. Friday, 10am- 3pm. Saturday, 10am- 2pm. Sports equipment, household goods, electronics, games, books, furniture, lots of clothes (teen girls, boys 8- 12, men's suites/ 40- 42, women's clothing/ accessories). Boat equipment, including 10 ft. Achilles inflatable, 8HP Yamaha engine.

771 Lincoln, Friday/ Saturday; 9am- 2pm. Ultimate take out. Varied menu. Heavy on vintage. Glassware, books, tools, furniture, unique. Something for the kids, young or old. Large $1.00 selection area. Prices cut to the bone.

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BEST offer sale, 19830 Huntington, Harper Woods. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10am- 5pm. Furniture, electronics, sports equipment, cameras. Everything must go. Rain or shine!

EASTPOINTE- St. Peters Lutheran Rummage Sale. Thursday, 9am- 7pm. Friday, 9am- 1pm. 23000 Gratiot, North of 9 Mile.

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1064 Vernier. Saturday, 9am- 4pm. Mom to mom. Ladies clothes (10- 16), furniture, double stroller.

MARTHA Stewart tag sale- Selling attic and antique items. October 16, 17; 10am; weather permitting. 17111 Maumee, Grosse Pointe

MOVING sale! Everything must go! 1987 Manchester/ Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Thursday, Friday, 9am- 3pm.

MULTI family- Grosse Pointe Woods, 1953 Oxford. Friday, Saturday; 10am- 6pm; Sunday, ?

409 GARAGE/YARD/ RUMMAGE SALE

MOVING sale- 810 Blairmoor Court, Grosse Pointe Woods. Friday- Saturday, 9am- 2pm. Furniture wall units, kitchen table, chairs, desk, Ironrite, household items, miscellaneous.

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