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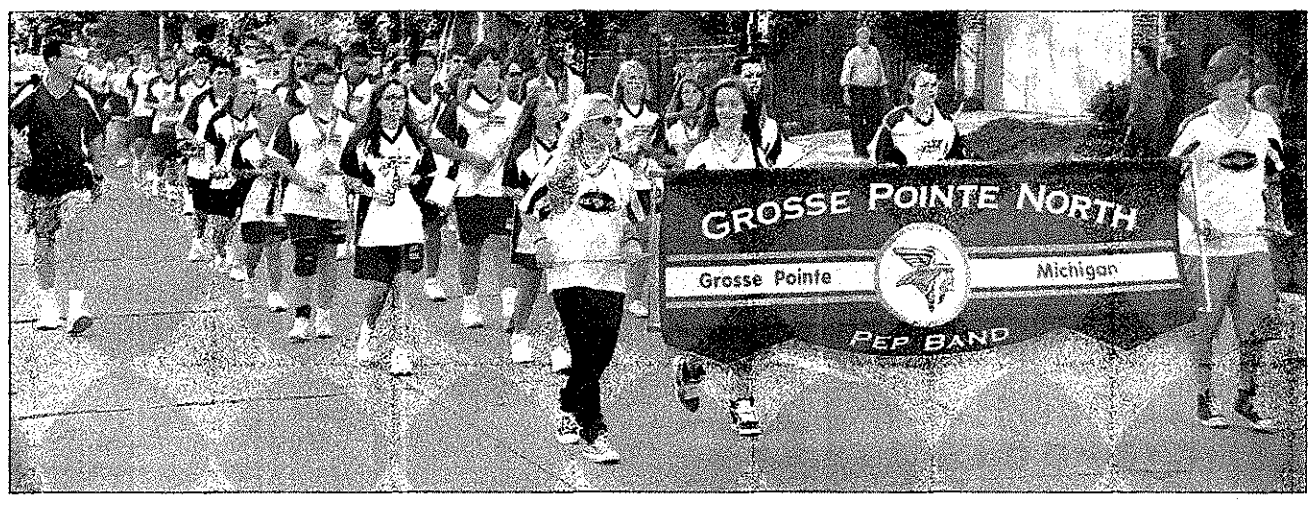
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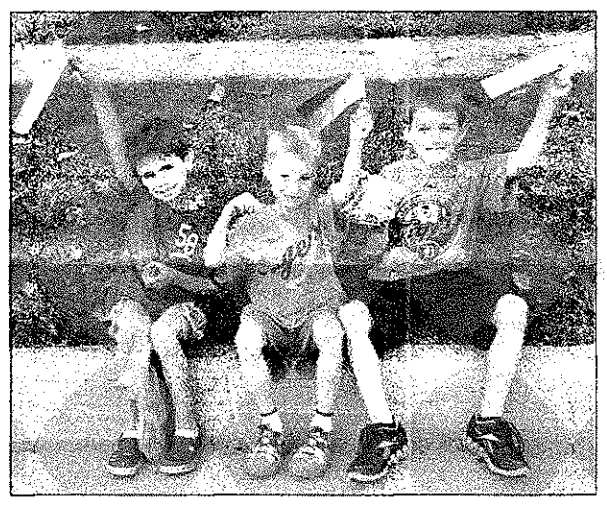
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North party

Above, Grosse Pointe North High School's pep band kicks off the homecoming festivities, leading a parade down Morningside, from Monteith Elementary to North. At right, junior Taiwan Wiggins holds off defenders. Below, Ethan Rokicki, Ethan Smith and Nolan Smith wave their North flags as the parade nears.



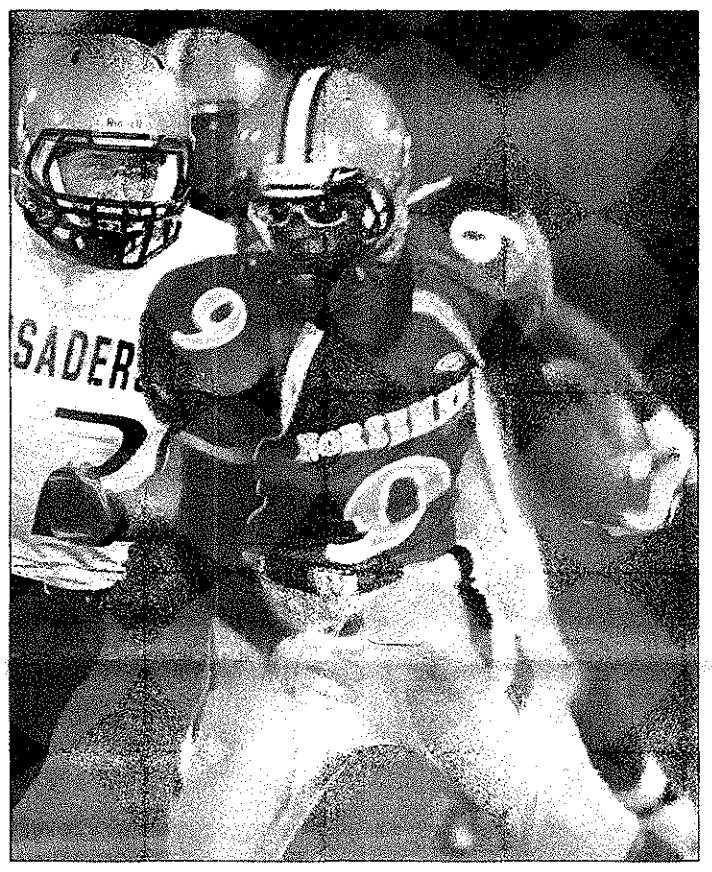
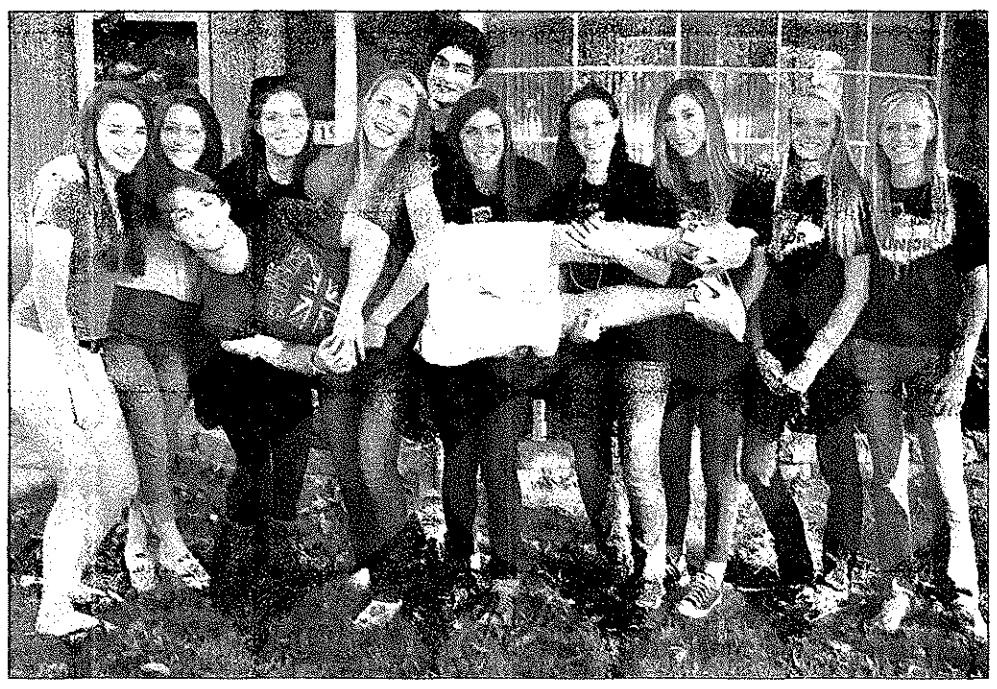
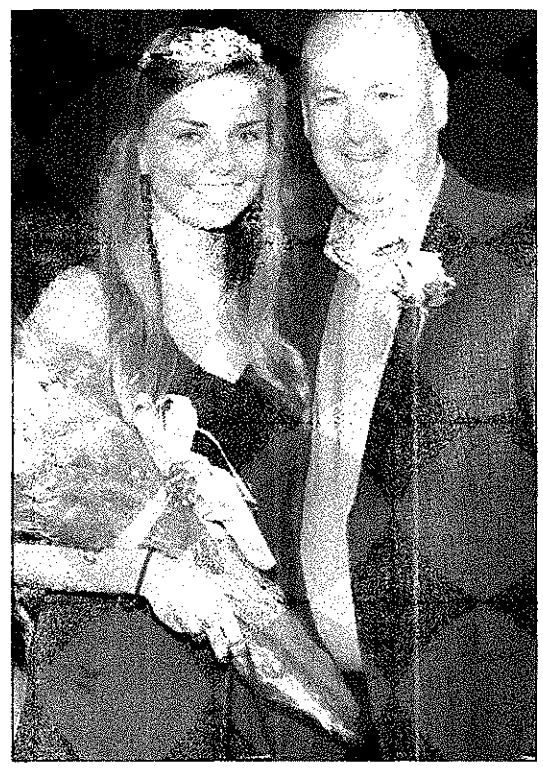


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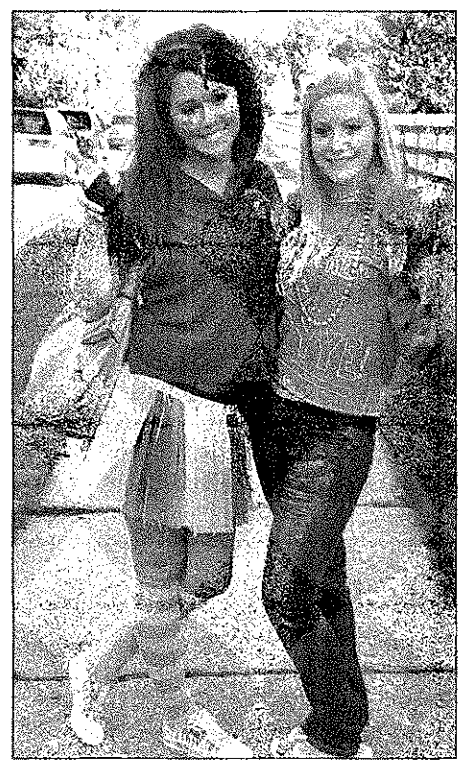
At a tailgate party hosted by the Guest family, Grosse Pointe North juniors hold up former North running back Jimmy Guest, now a freshman at Michigan State University. From left are Allison Jiuf, Melissa Guest, Christine Hawring, Jennifer Hawring, Natalie Skorupski, Bryan Abud, Emma Matthews, Kylie Johnston, Sophia Abouris and Julia Guie.



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At left, senior Michelle Burns shares a moment her her father, Kevin Burns. She was awarded homecoming queen during halftime of the Grosse Pointe North and L'Anse Creuse football game. At right, North sophomores Maria Tomovski, left, and Brooke Ford exhibit their Norsemen school spirit.



Forum for all Pointes candidates

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Think of it as a Pointe-wide casting call for politicians.

All candidates for local office are invited to stump their speeches this month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Each candidate at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, forum can hold the floor for about five minutes. When all candidates finish, they field audience questions.

The free forum is hosted by the Eastside Republic Club, open to the public and not limited to members of a particular party.

"I'm happy for anyone to come," said Jenny Nolan, club president and Farms resident. "The idea is for every candidate to have a few minutes to talk about their views and positions. Then, the audience can direct questions to whomever."

The free-for-all formula mixes current officeholders and would-be representatives of all five Grosse Pointe city councils and the school board.

Municipal candidates, grouped by city, can address issues specific to their community and overarching matters that involves all five communities.

Topics may include intergovernmental cooperation, shared services and common challenges of reduced revenue and

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Nine vie for six seats in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — All six Grosse Pointe Shores city council seats are up for grabs Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Nine candidates are running for office.

The three council candidates receiving the highest number of votes each shall have four-year terms.

The three council candidates receiving the next highest number of votes each shall have two-year terms.

Terms in subsequent elections are two years.

Elected officials in the Shores aren't paid.

Candidates consist of incumbents David Galbenski, Brian Geraghty and Dan Schulte; and candidates Alexander Ajlouni, Robert Barrette Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Robert Gesell, Kay Felt and Elias Ropotos.

The forum is being televised for rebroadcast on the local channel 22 by War Memorial MTV and the School Board forum by Portage Media on Channel 20. Check local listings for times.

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Alexander Ajlouni

Alexander Ajlouni, a physician for more than 20 years, would take a medical approach to addressing city issues.

"As a doctor, my job is to assess what's going on with the patient and try to fix it," said Ajlouni. "That's what I want to do here. Something's gone wrong."

He cited last year's recall election against the mayor and four city council members, plus "misinformation, anxiety and animosity" on the current city council.

"We all should have the same goals in mind," Ajlouni said. "I'm not sure, based on what I've seen, if everybody has the same goals. Because, why would there be so much infighting? It's like everybody's voting along party lines. It shouldn't be about that. It should be about the community."

If elected, he'd focus on maintaining public safety, supporting park improvements, saving costs, sharing common services with sister Pointes and promoting efficient management.

"I'm not happy with the tax increases," Ajlouni said.

The reorganization of the village into a city raised the cap on allowable millage rates, although municipal officials supporting the switch said higher taxes weren't a goal.

"Then, taxes got raised twice," Ajlouni said. "A third was attempted, but it didn't happen. Our property values have gone down. When I heard the city petitioned Wayne County to decrease our SEVs less than the county thought they should be to keep (municipal) revenues up, I thought that was a little disingenuous and unfair. It's easy to reach into the till and take money, even if you've promised not to."

He's not opposed to higher taxes if they're needed to maintain public safety, upgrade the municipal swimming pool, infrastructure and city services.

"But, I only like doing so when I know the fat has been cut," Ajlouni said. "I don't think a lot of that has been done in the Shores. There are a lot of things I have to worry about: my kids driving, my business, the economy. I shouldn't have to worry about my local government not doing the right thing or doing things for the wrong reasons."

He considers the Shores more than a small town.

"It's like a big family, everybody working for the same thing," Ajlouni said. "I'd like to serve the community in a way that wouldn't be divisive and that furthers the interests of everyone. I want to do the right thing for the city."

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Robert H. Barrette Jr.

Robert H. Barrette Jr. said volunteering on the Blue Ribbon Committee convinced him there are additional ways for the Shores to save money and operate more efficiently.

"It has to have short and long-term budgets," said Barrette. "You need it, especially during these tight economic times."

Barrette said multi-year budgets were common at DTE Energy, from which he retired after more than 40 years.

"For the municipality to have no long-term budget, you can't do planning that way," he said. "They help you make adjustments."

At DTE, Barrette managed multiple projects, from construction to operations, he said. He was responsible for a workforce exceeding 250 people and budgets reaching $2.5 million.

"I am running for council to provide my expertise of over 40 years at DTE Energy in, basically, all areas of work," he said.

He also is a 30-year veteran of the Army Reserves.

To improve municipal efficiency, he'd address in-house duplication of services.

"The city needs to bring its maintenance of grounds equipment and vehicles under one manager instead of having it segmented," Barrette said.

Efficiencies could be achieved by intergovernmental cooperation of administrative functions, including centralized processing of tax and water bills, common computer programs and systems, and joint efforts to obtain state and federal grants for infrastructure work, such as road repairs.

Barrette also thinks Shores council meetings should be reorganized.

"Our council meetings need to be streamlined with clear and concise agendas," he said. "I'm tired of seeing people walk out after 2 to 2 1/2 hours with the long agendas. It doesn't make sense."

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Bruce Bisballe

Bruce Bisballe said he's taking the Mitt Romney approach to applying successful private sector strategies to improving government operations and efficiencies:

"I've actually done it," said Bisballe, retired owner of an automotive supply company and senior manager in the steel and automotive supply industries.

Bisballe also is an attorney and certified public accountant.

He served on the Blue Ribbon Committee and was vice president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

"I have the knowledge and basis to bring forth to the council what I believe will enable the council and city to move forward in a less acrimonious and more businesslike, apolitical environment," Bisballe said. "We're a very small community. We just need to move forward."

His background is particularly relevant during a bad economy, he said.

"Our property values are going to stabilize, but I don't think we're ever going to see the halcyon days we've seen in the past," Bisballe said. "That doesn't mean we can't move forward."

He wants to improve municipal services, protect property values, adopt a three-year rolling budget, increase citizen

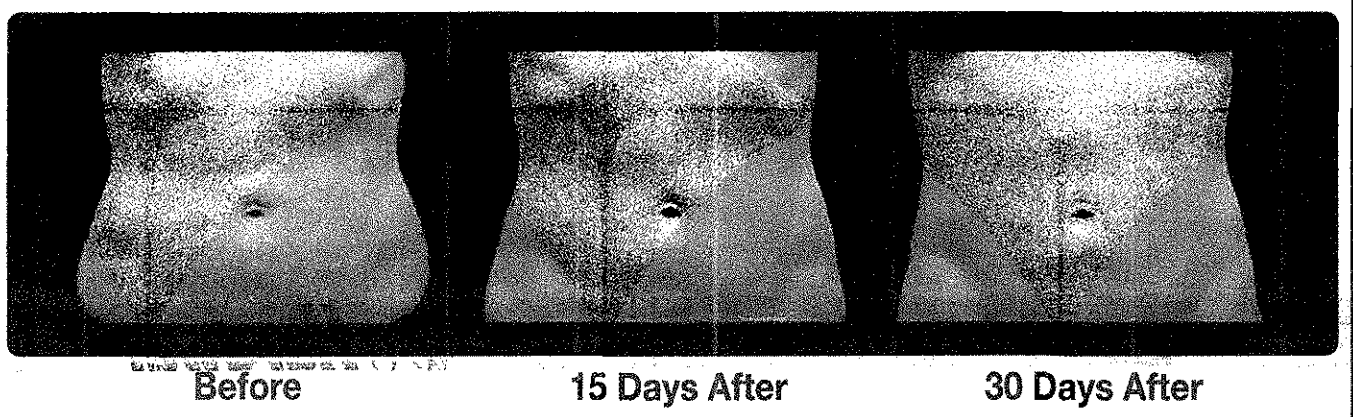
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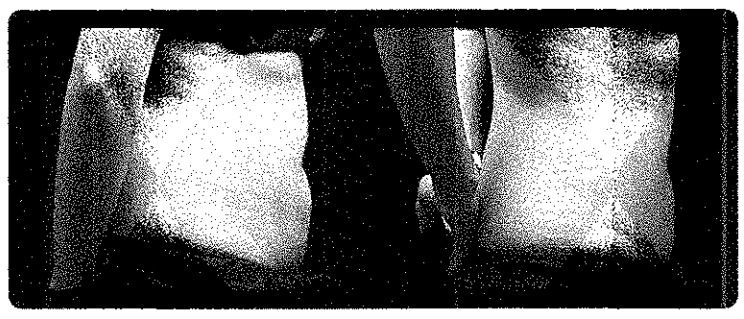


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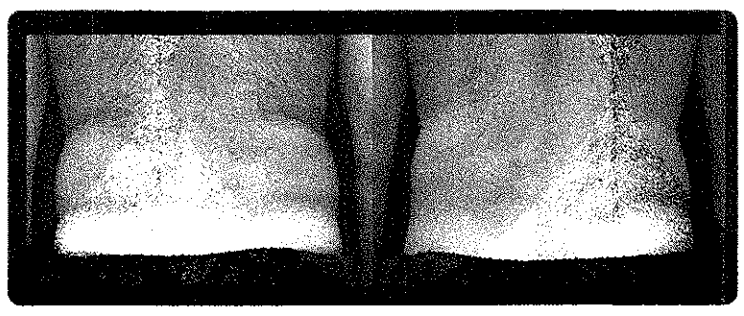
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David S. Balle, M.D.

Dr. Balle is a nationally recognized and certified physician trainer for SculptraAesthetic. He has trained physicians throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. Dr. Balle is also a highly sought after speaker for Sanofi-Aventis throughout the mid-west and spoke at the most recent meeting of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery. He is a staff member of St. John and Beaumont Grosse Pointe hospitals.

Judith T. Lipinski, M.D.

Dr. Lipinski graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her residency in Dermatology at Wayne State University School of Medicine. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology. She is on staff at St. John and Beaumont Grosse Pointe hospitals, and is a Clinical Instructor at Wayne State University Medical School.



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Petting zoo at fall harvest

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — This community's namesake roots are revived this month in a celebration of nature's bounty.

An autumn harvest for Farms residents, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Pier Park, features farm animals, hay rides and other attractions from Grosse Pointe Farms'

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No contest

Elections Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms are uncontested. Due to space constraints, candidate profiles for Grosse Pointe Shores mayor and other election information will be featured in the Oct. 20 Grosse Pointe News.

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property values.

"Everybody probably would want to know about the school board," Nolan said. "There's so much going on with schools."

Guest speaker is Katherine Barr, co-founder of Michigan Communities for Local Control.

"We'll be doing a brief legislative update on schools of choice legislation, Senate Bill 624," said Barr, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

She's developing state-wide outreach to expand opposition to the measure.

The bill has been in the Senate education committee since Sept. 7.

"It appears it is not going to be leaving committee any time soon," Barr said. "There are not enough votes for it to get out of committee, which is a small success."

Her concern is keeping the bill buried through the legislative term ending December 2012, she said.

Each Pointe city council recently passed resolutions against mandatory schools of choice.

Although candidates at the forum don't have to register in advance, Nolan prefers they do so.

"It's much better if they tell us ahead of time so we know how much time to allocate to people," she said.

The club returns to Republican matters for its November and January meetings, the third Tuesday of the month, at the War Memorial. Guest speakers are Senate candidates Pete Hoekstra and Clark Durant, respectively. Durant is from Grosse Pointe Park.

Michigan Communities for Local Control hosts a fundraiser the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 26, at City Kitchen, on Kercheval in the Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The main purpose of our fundraiser is to raise money to retain our lobbyist that we have on constant and active hand watching over the legislation," Barr said.

Candidates wishing to speak at next week's forum should contact Nolan at chariman@eastside-republican-club.org, or call (313) 881-5191.

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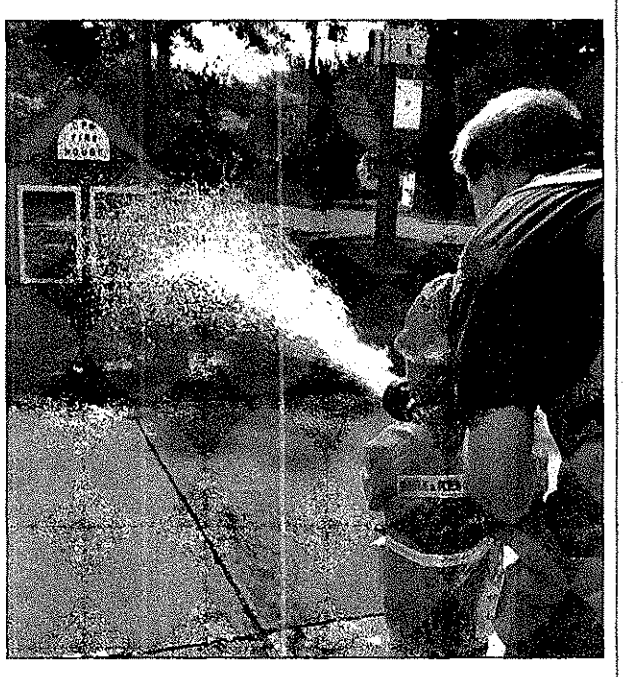
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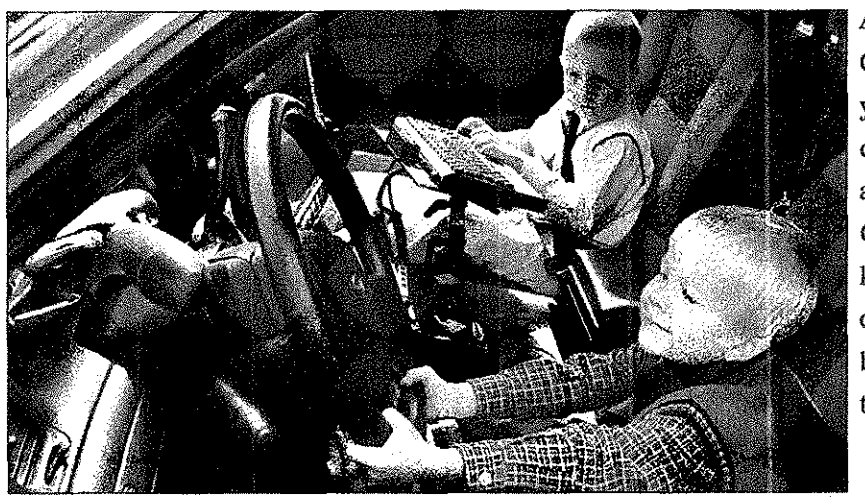
Below, firefighters in the making, from left, Luca Marciano and Christopher Runk, at Grosse Pointe Woods annual fire safety open house last weekend. At right, Elizabeth Dickey has her fingerprints taken digitally.



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Above, Det. Tony Chalut helps a young fire and rescue hopeful put out a fire. At left, Luke Cairo types on a keyboard in a police cruiser while his brother, Joshua, takes the wheel.

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participation, reduce retirement costs and more.

"We need to look at operational efficiencies within our government," he said. "Anything we can do, we can always do better."

Consolidation of the five Grosse Pointes into one entity is something to be considered over time, he said.

"All the communities have financial challenges," Bisballe said. "Every community is unique. There are issues that are troubling to some and enticing to others. There's no clear study that proves consolidation of communities saves costs over the long run. People say you can reduce wages. But, generally what happens is wages move to the higher level from the lower-paid ones."

Bisballe supports intergovernmental sharing of resources.

Areas include, but are not limited to, public safety detective units, joint purchases of supplies, construction projects and joint grant applications.

"I'd look at it on an item by item basis," Bisballe said.

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Kay Felt

Kay Felt has never been shy to point out what she considered problems in the Shores.

Now, she wants to be part of the solution.

"First of all, we need sound business practices," said Felt, an attorney for nearly 40 years. "If we don't, we'll have a financial manager in here and none of us will have a say about anything."

She favors cross-training employees to improve efficiency and flexibility, coordinating vacation time with downtime, sharing employees with neighboring cities, putting retirement benefits in line with the private sector and more.

"We put together a blue ribbon panel that I thought was supposed to be on broader financial issues," Felt said. "It turned out to be only on retirement benefit issues. Yet, months later, nothing obvious has been done."

Municipal expenses would go down if retirement benefits were switched to defined contribution plans, she said.

"We could have said that for all future hires, we're going to require greater contributions from people," she said. "This is what businesses have been doing for years. We just don't seem able to bring ourselves to that in the Shores."

She was against two recent property tax increases.

"Many of our older citizens have gotten decreases in income," Felt said. "We can only raise taxes when the vast majority of people agree there's no other choice."

She also is concerned about recreation opportunities for children.

"My (late) husband and I always wanted something built at the park for children," Felt said. "We have to make Grosse Pointe Shores a happy, healthy place for them to live."

During the late 1990s, Felt and fellow members of Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE) sued the city and most of the council to stop extending marinas into Lake St. Clair. Construction, the group said, would usurp the rights of shoreline property owners and further interrupt in-shore currents, causing more accretion.

Felt said she's "astounded" by the positive response to her campaign for council.

"I've gotten calls from people I never dreamed I would have heard from," Felt said. "People like to be respected. One thing we have not done is respect people with differing points of view."

Council members during such challenging economic conditions must be agents of change, she said.

"We cannot survive unless we stop the same old practices," she said. "The council needs to engage employees at all levels in this process and make them part of the action, as well as to engage the community. Too much is at stake to do otherwise."

When a problem arises, it should be addressed.

"You bring in the people responsible, ask how it happened and what's our plan," Felt said. "You expect results."

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David J. Galbenski

David Galbenski said the Nov. 8 city council election is about choosing effective leadership.

"The critical component for voters to consider is what type of leaders are they looking to elect," Galbenski said. "To me, the most effective leaders are

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GPN named Newspaper of the Year

The Grosse Pointe News was named Newspaper of the Year by the Michigan Press Association.

More than 2,500 entries from 102 Michigan newspapers were judged by members of the Colorado Press Association. The Grosse Pointe News took top honors in Class B, which includes newspapers with a circulation of 10,001 to 24,999. It's the second time in three years the GPN has claimed the top spot.

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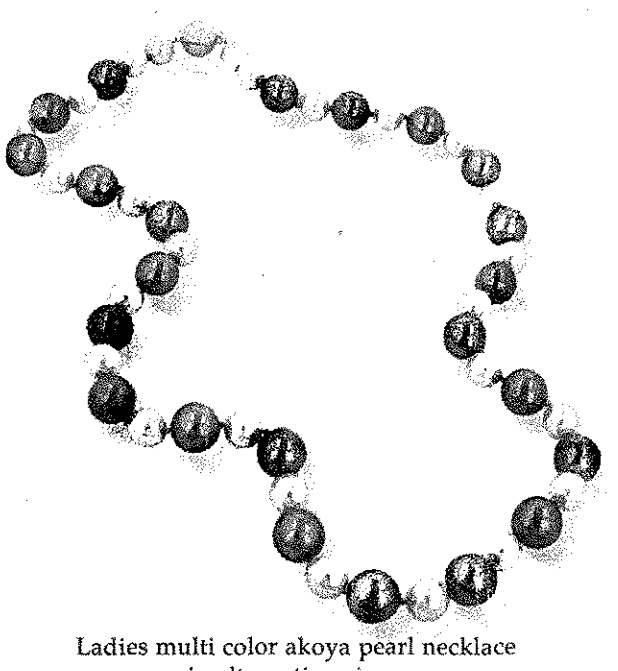
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Remembering how much fun children have playing with discarded gift and appliance boxes, **Dan Koelzer** thought outside — and inside — the box to create a new toy.

Don't box him in

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Dan Koelzer definitely thinks inside the box.

And, in this case, Koelzer hopes that's a good thing.

A painting contractor by trade, an inveterate tinkerer by design, Koelzer, 53, has seen more than his share of boxes and that got him thinking.

"What kid doesn't love to play with a cardboard box?" he said. "They take big ones like appliance boxes and make forts and houses, but even with smaller ones, oftentimes when they get a present that comes in a box, they have more fun playing with the box."

That's where the idea for "Little Box of Big Fun" came from, a product Koelzer is now marketing to toy stores and school fundraising committees, not to mention his best customers, children ages 4 and up with busy hands and even busier imaginations.

"For years I have watched kids play with LEGOs and just let their imaginations take them wherever they wanted to go," he said. "But then instead of just a box full of LEGOs, they started coming in kits with intricate instructions on how to assemble castles and ships and planes.

"Sure, it was still fun, but it took the child's imagination out of the process."

That's when something as simple as a cardboard box put Koelzer's imagination to work.

"I wanted something that would provide the child with the tools to make whatever they wanted to make," he said.

Each box comes with several durable pieces of cardboard, plastic clips that allow the child to connect the pieces, stickers, crayons and scissors.

"If they want a boat, they can make a boat, if they want a house, they can make a house," he said. "And when they are done, they can take it apart, and start all over again."

Koelzer is quick to point out the concept of the cardboard box as a toy is obviously nothing new, and notes that the cardboard box was introduced into the National Toy Hall of Fame in 2005.

"I just took it one step further, and made the cardboard box the toy," he said with a laugh. "But my goal was to keep it simple, or at least I thought it was going to be simple. But now that I have watched kids playing with the box, you'd be amazed at what they can build and what they create."

Koelzer hasn't forgotten about the basic fun a discarded appliance box also provides.

"Unfortunately, one doesn't buy a refrigerator all that often, so I came up with a larger design, called 'Build With A Box' which can be used to make forts, puppet theaters or playhouses."

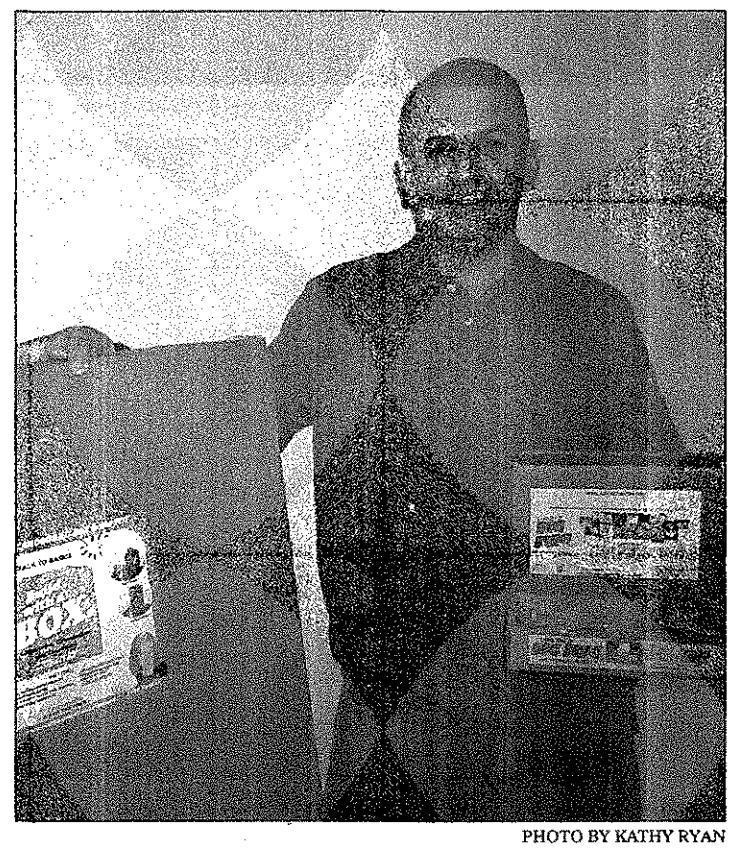


PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

City of Grosse Pointe resident Dan Koelzer with his toy boxes. "I'm always amazed at what kids can create with just a few supplies and their own imagination."

It's not that Koelzer is against high tech toys like video games, it's just that he still finds joy in watching children create with their hands and minds, something he also enjoys.

"I've always been an inventor wannabe," he said.

Though Koelzer calls himself a wannabe, he holds a provisional patent on a guitar pick he invented, which incorporates a serrated edge.

"It's sold nationally, but I have to admit that it hasn't caught on with any big names that I know of, but it has been a great learning experience dealing with marketing and advertising issues."

His day job as owner of Dak Painting is his main focus and like many contractors in the Detroit area, business has been up and down.

"We've expanded over the years to include renovation work as well as painting," he said.

"We do much of the work ourselves, but also work with a network of quality professionals that we can call on when we come up against plumbing or electrical work that is a little more involved than we can comfortably handle. The last thing we want is an unhappy customer. Over the years I've seen and heard too many contractor horror stories, and we don't want to be any part of that."

The one thing Koelzer has learned is to know when to give advice to a customer and when to just roll on whatever paint the customer has selected.

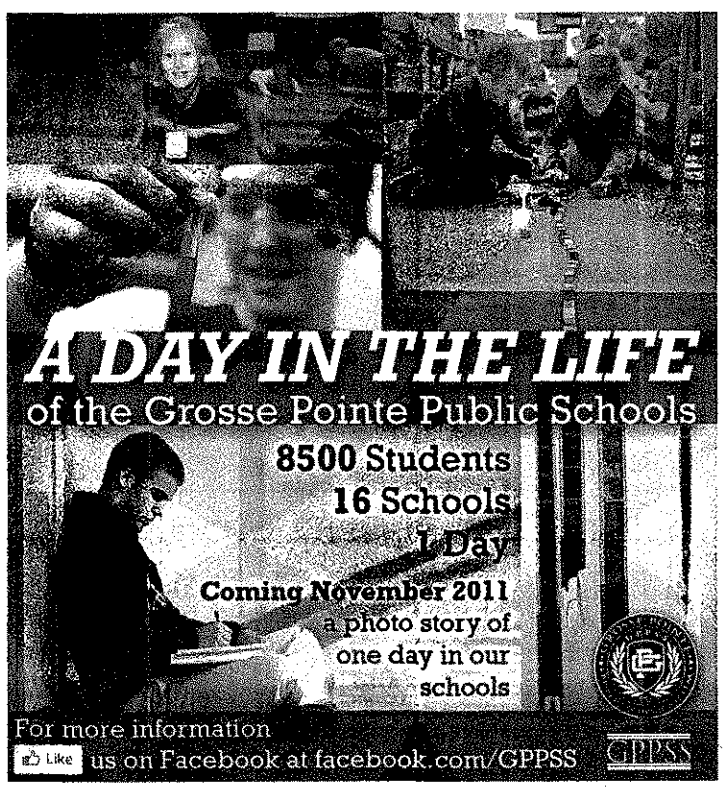
"Most of my customers are fairly conservative when it comes to paint colors, but I've had a few that were a little unusual," he said. "Sometimes we'll ask the customer if they are sure that is the color they want, but more often than not, we just go with their selection.

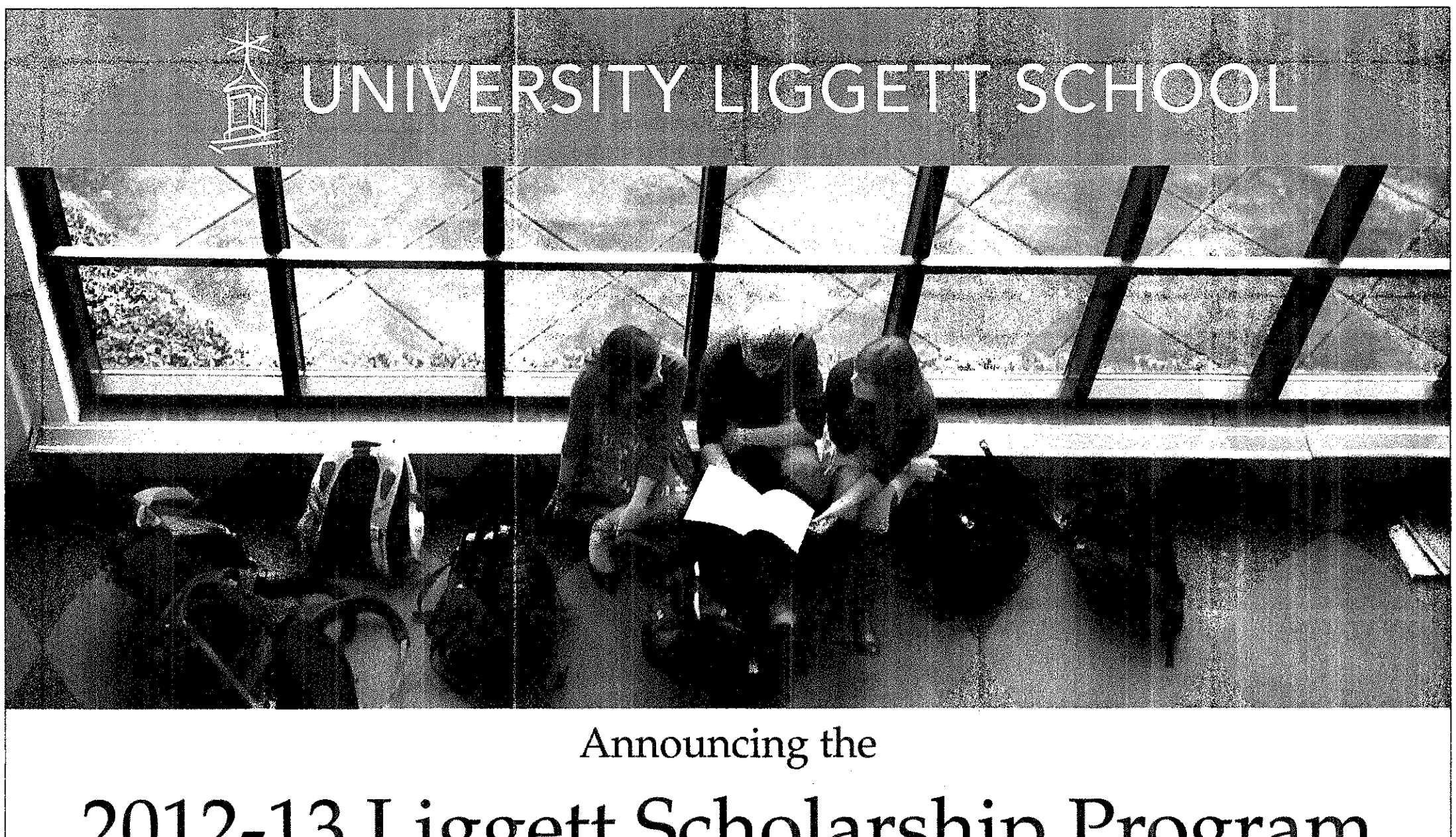
"We're still seeing lots of dark colors like the dark reds and blues, but we're seeing more neutrals now. And people are tending to stay in their houses, so they are renovating those kitchens and bathrooms they probably would not have done because they were moving."

Koelzer lives in the City of Grosse Pointe with his wife, Karen, and youngest child, David, a student at Brownell Middle School. His three older children, Amanda, David and Justin, also live in the area.

Whether inventing or painting, Koelzer believes the key to success is creativity.

"You have to think outside of the box, at least sometimes," he said.





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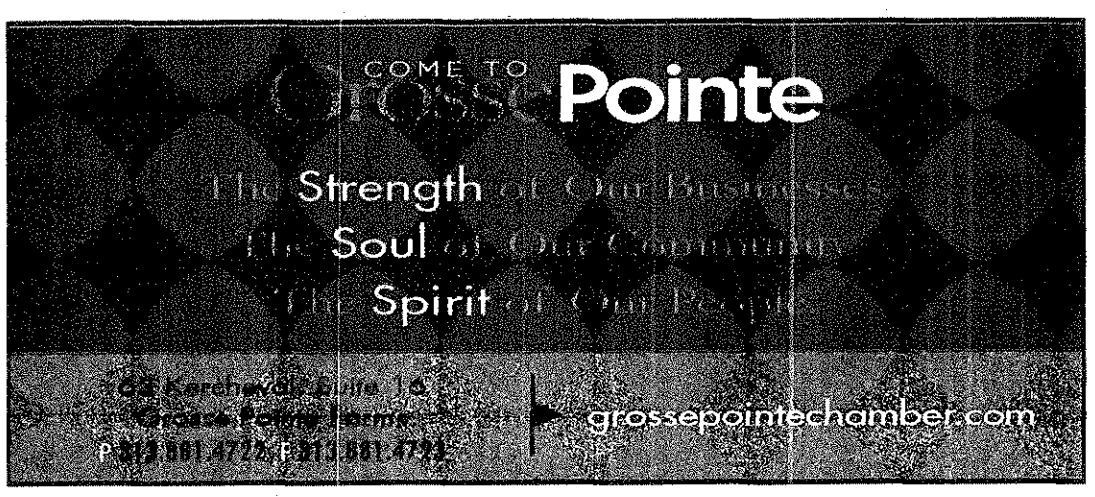
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ZOO: Farms plans party at the park

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pastoral past.

The harvest supplants the city's Halloween party.

Although annual trick-or-treating at the park drew high attendance, Farms recreation officials felt the community's children were satiated with sweet-toothed temptings.

"The schools do so much, the children dress up all the time; so we decided to go down a different avenue," said Michelle Eickhorst, recreation and aquatic coordinator.

Harvesttime, with its family-like customs of cider, doughnuts and a petting farm, provided a natural alternative.

Additional attractions include magic shows, pumpkin pie decorating and a campfire on the beach.

Eickhorst anticipates hosting the same number of attendees as came to the park for Halloween.

"We had over 400 people last year," she said.

Vestiges of trick-or-treating remain.

"We're doing a candy hunt, but children won't get candy bags," she said.

Entrance to the park is by resident pass.

The harvest costs the same as did the Halloween party: $5 per person for ages 1 and older. Tickets go on sale at 1:30 p.m. at the door.

GPN: Top honors

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comprehensive, well organized effort of entire staff. Quality ads, graphics, typography."

■ Editorial writing, third place, Joe Warner

■ Editorial page, first place, Diane Morelli, staff

■ Local columnist, second place, Joe Warner

■ News picture, first place, Brad Lindberg, for photo of firefighters Christopher Shinneman and Sgt. Brian Crowder at the Country Club of Detroit fire Aug. 27, 2010.

■ News picture, second place, Peter Birkner, for photo of a military ceremony at Metro Airport July 21, 2010.

■ Feature picture, first place, Brad Lindberg, for a photo during an air show at Willow Run Airport.

■ Picture story, first place, Brad Lindberg, for photos at the Thunder over Michigan Air Show.

■ Picture story, second place, Brad Lindberg, for photos of the Tall Ships.



Brad Lindberg took first place with this breaking news photo of the fire at the Country Club of Detroit.

■ Picture story, third place, Dana Kaiser, for photos of Concours d'Elegance in Grosse Pointe Farms.

■ Sports column, third place, Bob St. John

■ Sports coverage, second place, Bob St. John, staff

■ Lifestyle pages, second place, Ann Fouty, staff

"It's great to be honored by our peers from Colorado," Warner said. "I'm proud of the entire staff."

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the Tompkins, Center, Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park. Tickets cost $25.

◆ Hazardous waste can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Works Department, 1200 Parkway Drive.

◆ West Park Farmers Market is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the corners of Kercheval, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield.

MONDAY, OCT. 17

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

◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

◆ Author Jack Dempsey discusses his book, "Michigan and the Civil War: A Great And Bloody Sacrifice," at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

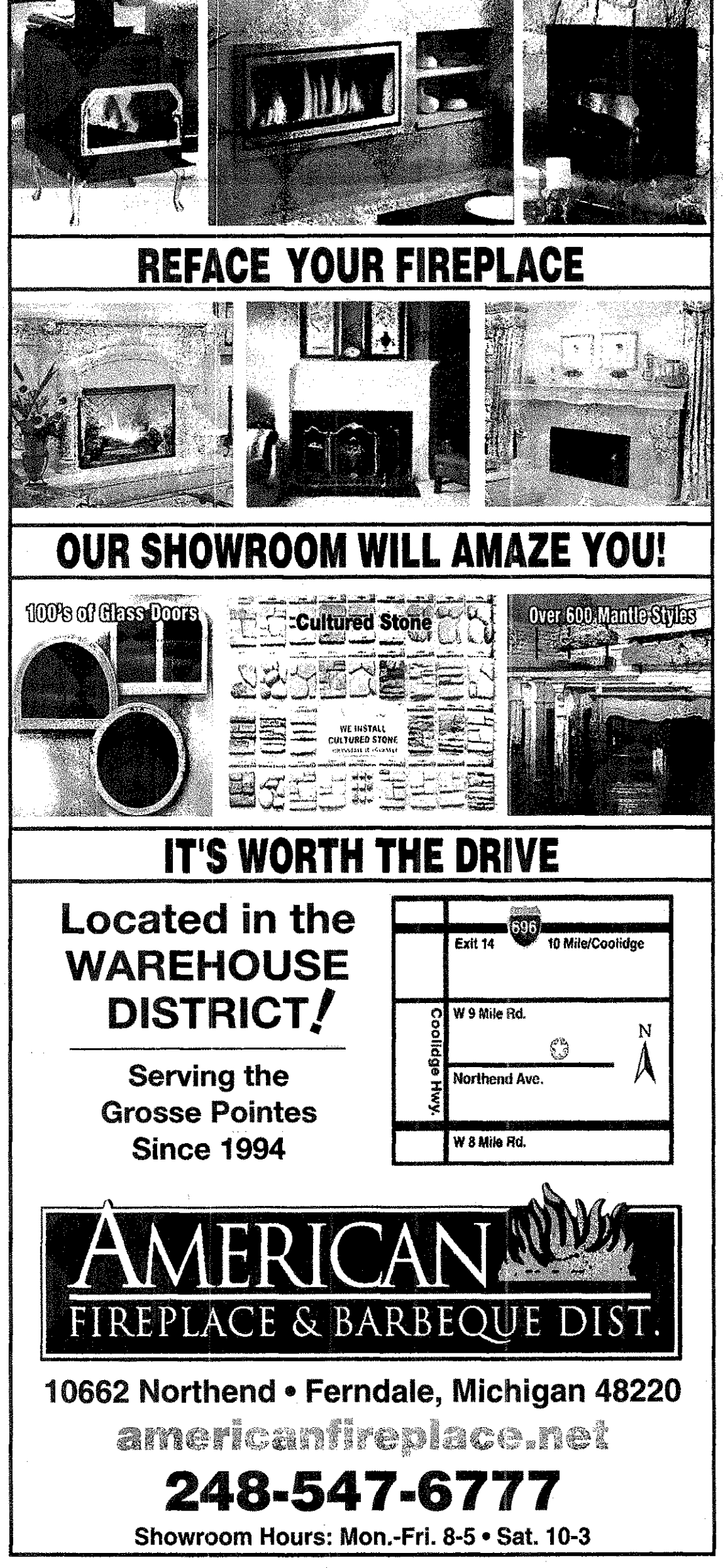
◆ The Family Center and the Beaumont Health Coalition host "Community Education in Healthcare: A Growing Need," at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College District - University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. For reservations, call Kim Townsend at (313) 579-6917.

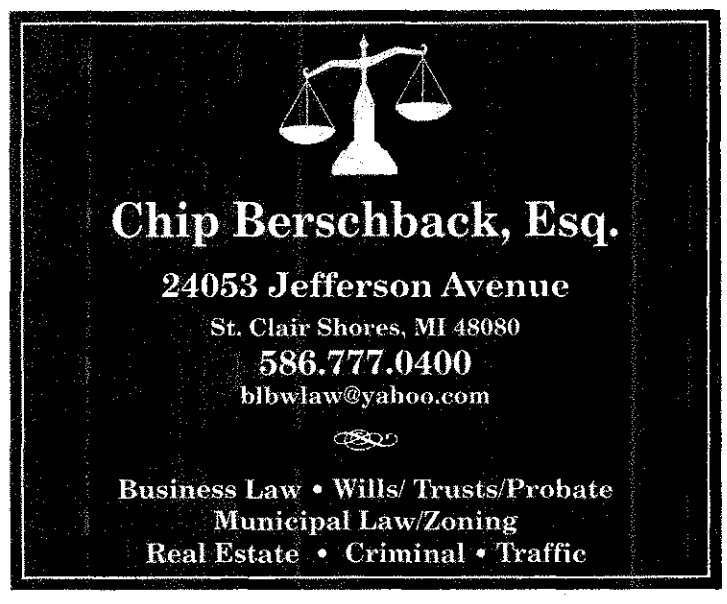
◆ The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe hosts a Grosse Pointe Park candidate forum from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Park council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson. Four candidates are seeking three seats.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20

◆ Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host the second of a three-session discussion-based seminar on James Joyce's, "Ulysses," from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The session covers chapters 11-15.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Library and Wayne County Community College District host author Mitchell Zuckoff, who discusses his book, "Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II," at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free and seating is limited. For reservations, visit gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.







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OUR VIEW

A challenging time for leaders of the Grosse Pointes

Twice each year, we deliver a Grosse Pointe News to every Grosse Pointe resident.

This week's issue is our fall sample edition. You'll find it full of coverage of local news, schools and sports teams and advertising. Featured are the Grosse Pointe North homecoming and several election previews with more to come.

Our letters to the editor, each week, address some of the hottest topics we've reported to our readers.

These times have challenged our leaders to make unpopular decisions. Contestants to council and mayoral positions promise change. Regardless of who is in office, there has to be change.

The Grosse Pointes have gone through many changes in 2011. As some consolidation of services takes shape, there's much more on the horizon. Our cities are challenged to make ends meet as the economy drags along.

These times have challenged our leaders to make unpopular decisions. Contestants to council and mayoral positions promise change. Regardless of who is in office, there has to be change. Housing values won't rise as fast as they fell. Cuts have to be made and they will be made.

This election will no doubt bring along even more change, not only in our cities, but at the school district level. Get as much information as you can about the candidates and the issues.

Talk to these candidates and share your concerns. Listen to their answers and their plans.

More than ever, our elected officials are making decisions that affect all residents. Find out where they stand. How will they protect and preserve the services for people who live and work in the Grosse Pointes.

The tough times allow us to pull together and work toward solutions.

More than 300 Farms homeowners tattooed city hall with complaints after flooding issues in part of the city. The city is working to find where the problems are, but many feel the search came one flood too late.

We're confident the city will rectify any issues. Unfortunately, those solutions will come at more of a cost to those who already lost thousands and thousands of dollars in property. We're just hopeful the "100-year-flood" doesn't hit three times next year.

Folks in Grosse Pointe Park were tired of being left in the dark. Streetlight blackouts have been common and residents pushed leaders to get answers. Meetings with DTE Energy are ongoing. Old systems will be replaced with new. Again, at a cost.

Grosse Pointe Public School System says good-bye as Superintendent Suzanne Klein retires. She gave 41 years to the district, with few tougher than the last year.

The threat of being forced to become a schools of choice has left the district and community fighting Lansing.

Thomas Harwood will lead the district in the new calendar year. We're confident he, along with the newly-elected school board, can guide the fight Grosse Pointe residents expect and deserve.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Grosse Pointe News. We hope you'll continue to do so and support our many local advertisers.

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Michigan school statistics

To the Editor:

As a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, parent, child therapist and founding member of the Michigan Communities for Local Control, I am responding to the opinion piece written by Michael Van Beek, director of public education for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, printed in the Oct. 6 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

I represent my community and many in this state who disagree with this administration's and the Mackinac Center's assault on neighborhood schools and the public school system itself.

As I understand it, the column is in response to the outcry against mandated schools of choice and represents what must be a profound disappointment the senate bill didn't simply skim through the legislature uncontested. It's no surprise Van Beek's editorial would attempt to disparage our district by essentially saying we don't "measure up." The Greene-McGee study he used to support his evidence as how we're "falling short" is hardly a true metric of Michigan's high-performing districts when various factors are taken into account.

For instance, international statistics don't factor in the practice of using "cream of the crop" students, a loathsome practice becoming more prevalent in the United States as bureaucrats try to drive and fund education based on standardized testing. We see this schema is failing, particularly in inner-city districts faced with challenges not applicable to other areas. Using standardized tests as a means to determine broad policy is creating its own astonishing troubles.

Public schools are taking a beating when compared to some charters, but the data doesn't reflect the reality public schools cannot "cherry pick" students to improve scores.

What Van Beek and his ilk fail to see is children are not widgets, or carbon units in which success and achievement can be measured by statistical data alone. Nor can one or should one use data to measure, micromanage and punish educators. What Van Beek won't acknowledge is many schools thrive due to parent involvement, advocacy and engagement.

In our district, the value of education is reflected in many ways, but most notably by the passage of the Hold Harmless millage. We also have a collective, community-wide set of ideals about what makes a great school system: small class sizes, parent involvement, excellent teachers, engaged, prepared students, volunteerism and civic involvement.

This is what's lacking in failing districts to a notable degree, and can't be addressed by a thousand legislative mandates.

Reinventing Michigan schools should start with using successful districts like ours as a model and by providing failing districts with the proper resources and support. This will give parents real choice, including choosing a neighborhood school, instead of looking outside the neighborhood to find a safe environment. This would be worthy of The Mackinac Center's research and advocacy.

Responsible, engaged parents want a school system with small class sizes, timely individualized education programs, qualified professionals and safety for their children. They want to walk their child to school, to be a part of the fabric of their community, and the solution.

I work full time, yet I still know my children's teachers, their principal, their friends and the other parents. I volunteer at school, am on committees and with the Brownie troop, but I'm not unique in Grosse Pointe.

I ask someone in Lansing to visit Grosse Pointe before legislating mandates. Education is hands-on, requires hard work, accountability and dedication. It would behoove those in Lansing to use these to measure success for the sake of Michigan's children.

LYNN M. JACOBS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Relay For Life Grosse Pointe

To the Editor:

Each May, the Grosse Pointe community hosts Relay For Life, a 24–hour event sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

With the help of more than 600 participants, Relay For Life Grosse Pointe raised more than $83,500 last spring.

Our community made it possible for more birthdays to be celebrated.

The Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe Committee thanks the citizens of Grosse Pointe for supporting this cause and the Grosse Pointe News for being our media sponsor for the past nine years.

Our committee is excited for another relay season. We would like to invite those interested in being involved with the planning committee to join us. There are many ways to help and we would be happy to find a place based on your skills and interests.

Our committee meets once a month from October to May.

For more information about the committee or event, contact American Cancer Society staff partner, Sarah Evitts, (248) 663-3441; or event chairwoman, Julie Borushko, (313) 574-7564.

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Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe

Candidate forum held by league

To the Editor:

In late September, I filed the paperwork to become an official write-in candidate for Grosse Pointe Farms City Council.

This means I have sent the proper paperwork to Wayne County — including a "statement of intent" — to run for this office.

I am not writing today to use this forum for any other reason than to ask that the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hold a candidate forum in the Farms for the upcoming Nov. 8 election.

The LWVGP holds candidate forums for contested races in the Pointes and Harper Woods each year. They do not hold forums where there are as many candidates as there are spots. That means, as of today, Farms voters do not have a forum to raise campaign issues this year.

As a result of my decision to start a write-in campaign, the election of Farms City Council is no longer uncontested. This means there are now four official candidates running for three spots, even though write-in candidates will not have their names on the ballot.

I am not aware if there are any other write-in candidates at this time, but if there are, I hope they will speak up.

This race is officially contested and is therefore deserving of a public forum.

I am hoping the LWVGP will set this up, as part of their mission statement is "encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government."

An open forum will allow Farms residents to learn about the candidates and to make informed decisions based on active participation, which is something they currently do not have.

ELIZABETH M. VOGEL
Grosse Pointe Farms

Thanks City employee

To the Editor:

I just want to pay a compliment to City of Grosse Pointe Public Service Supervisor Frank Schulte.

I've been in the process of repairing and selling my mother's house in Grosse Pointe for several months. And I have been astounded at the responsiveness and help I have received from Frank.

Living several hours away, it has been a challenge to clean, dispose of items, repair and inspect a house to make it ready for sale. Frank has done a great job with a great attitude.

As a municipal consultant to many communities, I can attest to his work being exceptional.

Nice job and thank you.

CINDY WINLAND
Midland

Have more neutral parties observe Shores election

To the Editor:

In an article titled "Council at odds over appointments," published in the Sept. 29 Grosse Pointe News, the author referred to the issue at hand as "another Princess and the Pea type matter."

I feel this is casually dismissive of an issue with which many Grosse Pointe Shores residents have significant and legitimate concerns.

This is absolutely not a tempest in a teapot; our city government is responsible for collecting and dispersing millions of dollars of taxpayers money.

Grosse Pointe Shores is in a seriously precarious financial situation which even the state of Michigan has noted.

Mayor James Cooper has appointed two resigning members of city council to oversee the upcoming election.

These individuals were members of a city council which has provided us with hundreds of thousands of dollars of under-funded obligations; obligations which land on our doorsteps, much like the morning paper. These members were, interestingly, originally nominated for council by the mayor.

Cooper cavalierly refers to those who voice concerns as "the same group of people."

Well, those rabble-rousers are his constituents, and ought to be heeded.

If the mayor is concerned with even the appearance of impropriety, as he should be, he should remove all doubt by having more neutral parties observe the election.

A stubborn unwillingness to do so seems obstinate and unwise and cannot but beckon the imagination as to why.

ALEXANDER AJLOUNI M.D.
Grosse Pointe Shores

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Honor their service



John Hecker's older brother, Bill, was killed during combat in Iraq. Now, they both fly with angels.

"He got hit by an IED along with an up-armored Humvee," John said. "He had no chance at all."

It happened five years ago, in January 2006.

Bill was 37, an Army major and West Point graduate.

John, 39, is a Marine Corps captain and pilot with the Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team. He flies the Angel's Lockheed C-130 Hercules four-engine support plane, nicknamed "Fat Albert," at air shows, including last summer at Willow Run Airport.

"Everything we do is designed to show the American people what we do in combat situations, and we hope you're proud of us," John said. "It's the same maneuvers they do in Afghanistan or Iraq to avoid being shot by small arms fire. We're representing the sailors and Marines that are out there doing what we do."

The Heckers is a military family. The father served two tours in Vietnam and retired from the Army.

The family's lived in Germany, Alabama and Virginia. John has been stationed in Japan. He said he's from "everywhere."

His brother taught literature at West Point. He edited a book about prior classmate Edgar Allan Poe's years at the academy, "Private Perry and Mister Poe: The West Point Poems, 1831."

Poe mustered into West Point in 1830. He was dismissed a year later.

Bill, married with four children, hoped to follow combat duty with earning a Ph.D and rejoining the faculty.

"He was an absolutely amazing man," John said. "At West Point, he studied the Iraqi culture. He went there prepared to help that country."

His death affects John's service.

"It definitely drives me to let Americans know what we do as a Navy and Marine Corps force," John said. "We're fighting for this country, doing great things on combat and humanitarian levels. The Navy slogan is 'A global force for good.' It is true. If I ever have kids and could instill in them the work ethic we have, it's amazing."

John didn't join the service until age 29. He'd been a commercial producer for the Golf Channel, CBS and NBC. He needed an age waiver to enter flight school. The normal cut-off is 27 1/2.

"I didn't have any aspirations to be in the military," he said. "I ran away from it because my father did it."

John was working for NBC in Birmingham, Ala., on Sept. 11, 2001, when two things happened.

He watched on television the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers and Pentagon. And a recruiter responded to application submitted some time earlier.

"I got a call at 10 a.m., after the second plane had gone through," John said. "They said, hey, you're in. Report Jan. 19 to Quantico, Virginia. I said fantastic; let's do this."

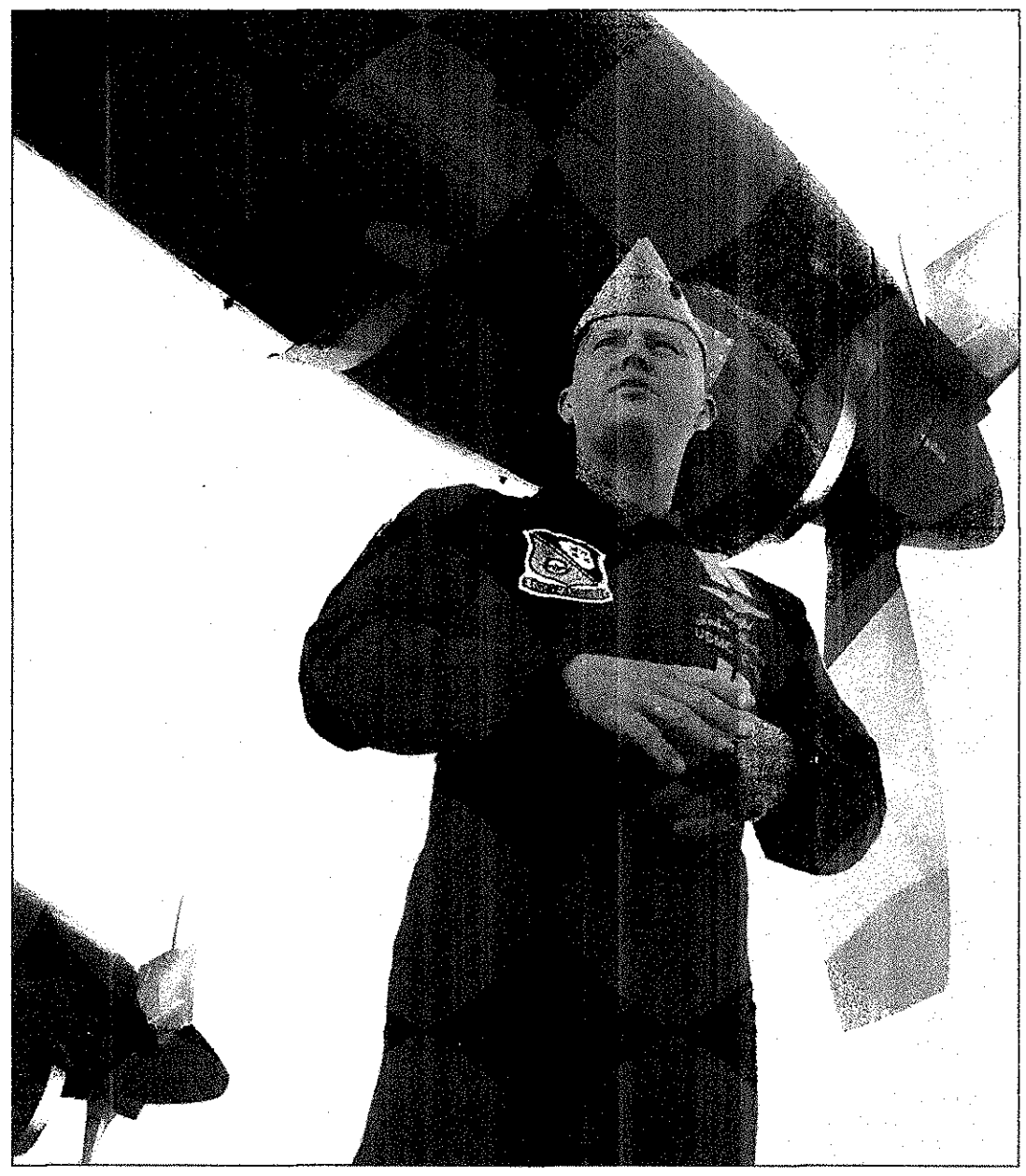


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Capt. John Hecker USMC.

GUEST OPINION By Brendan Walsh

The primary goals of education

In last week's Guest Opinion, Mackinac Center Director of Education Policy Michael Van Beek presented an argument that Grosse Pointe and other Michigan K-12 school districts with highly respected reputations are only "above average" when compared to international counterparts. The remedy proposed is schools of choice, which should somehow reduce costs and increase standardized test scores.

The argument's foundation is a study sponsored by the George W. Bush Institute called the "Global Report Card" in which schools of choice advocates Jay P. Green and Josh McGee execute a statistical hop, skip and jump from state, to national to international assessments to conclude that traditional public schools are a poor alternative to a schools of choice model of education. Their report did not expound, however, on whether those same higher scoring international counterparts have adopted schools of choice themselves.

The Bush Institute authors freely acknowledged a breadth of "statistical assumptions" that would invalidate their findings, or at least call them into question. Of course, disclaimers don't make great headlines. Other statisticians have tested those statistical assumptions and found the self-titled "Global Report Card" to be highly questionable if not ridiculous.

Nevertheless, other means already exist to compare standardized test results globally. The Programme for International Student Assessment has long provided the means to do so. The most recent results show U.S. students in middle of the pack among industrialized nations.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals disaggregated the PISA results by socioeconomic makeup. Finland, the current PISA wunderkind, posted the leading average score of 536 to the U.S.'s 500. Finland's poverty rate is a mere 3.4 percent, a striking contrast to the U.S.'s 21.7 percent. Among the PISA participating countries reporting poverty rates, the U.S. reported the highest by far. Oddly it's the test score gap rather than the poverty gap that has garnered all the attention.

The NASSP study reported that among U.S. schools with a poverty rate of less than 10 percent, the average PISA score was 551, leaving the Finns in the snow. Among schools with a poverty rate between 10 percent and 25 percent, when compared to nations with a similar level, U.S. students again had the highest PISA scores.

Poverty matters on standardized tests on the state, national and international levels. But such details are not convenient to the "education reformer" narrative that would have you believe test scores are the only way we should judge our schools. Poverty is dismissed as a factor affecting performance. The results are then exploited as a basis for reforms, typically characterized by reduced funding and increased schools of choice.

Reformers should recognize the cost savings goals are being achieved without mandated school choice. Grosse Pointe Schools' general fund tax revenues are down more than $10 million in the last five years. And in case Mr. Van Beek missed the clues in his visit to Grosse Pointe, we don't want mandated schools of choice, despite its free-market birthright.

No one would accuse renowned management consultant Edward Deming of not being a free-market enthusiast. One of Deming's "7 Deadly Diseases of Management" is running a company "on visible figures alone." If this is a disease, the test and punish approach of state and national educational policy has rendered us nearly terminal.

High stakes testing has been the norm now for more than 10 years. Is this effective policy or might it be a major source of the problem itself?

Extrinsic motivation to chase higher standardized test scores and reduce costs need not be mutually exclusive of intrinsic motivation to nurture life-long learners and creative problem solvers who contribute to our democratic society. But when strategies to achieve extrinsic goals eclipses and impedes our means to accomplish our intrinsic goals, the war is lost. This is the battle raging today.

The good news is that we still have a modicum of local control. Yes, let's strive for continuous improvement, but allow intrinsic goals of public education to be our primary driver. Educational attainment measured by standardized tests has its place, but so do many other measurable and immeasurable characteristics exhibited by so many great public school systems.

Our community is passionate and united in demanding the best education for our youth. Let us trust what we are experiencing in our school system as a result of knowledgeable, caring parents and staff who need not be told by those whose extrinsic motivation for public education dominate their formation of policy or who claim to know better than we do about what is best for our children and our community.

Brendan Walsh is treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, but the opinions expressed here are his alone.

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those that identify problems, then move to solution design. That's what the city needs moving forward."

Galbenski is an attorney. He's also founder and chairman of a legal staffing firm.

"My background speaks to a track record of success, both in the private sector as an entrepreneur and in the nonprofit sector leading the Entrepreneurs Organization," he said.

The common denominator is good leadership.

"It's applying leadership skills — active listening, financial management, solution design, strategic planning, consensus building — to the community I love," Galbenski said. "It's a great place to raise a family."

The issues facing the Shores are well known: fallout from the ongoing recession, drops in property values, declining municipal revenue and increasing costs.

Galbenski said his solutions include:

◆ "Focusing on long-term strategic and financial plans with specific and measurable goals. Do that while we maintain premier services in the community;

◆ "Looking at expenses, legacy costs and building a fund balance and

◆ "Building Grosse Pointe Shores as one of the leaders in embracing governmental efficiencies and intergovernmental cooperation."

The Shores has begun implementing some of those principles, he said.

"We've demonstrated that by combining (public safety) dispatch operations and taking a look at park operations," Galbenski said,

He said effective council members have an inclusive approach to achieving goals.

"Let's build the community together and move to solution design, similar to what we did with the Blue Ribbon Committee," he said. "That is a clear component for any voter to elect to their new council: What kind of leader are you going to choose? Those who just identify problems, or those who are actually seeking a solution to the problems."

Additional components are active listening, building consensus, being inclusive and respectful, he said.

Galbenski was appointed in April 2010 to the council to fill a mid-term vacancy.

"The theme of my campaign is building our future together," Galbenski said. "It's about identifying common ground and pursuing that common ground for the good of the city, regardless of where the ideas come from."

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Brian Geraghty

Business is business, whether you're helping manage Ford Motor Co., or a serving on the Shores city council.

"We are running a business," said Brian Geraghty. "This is not something where you can come up with an idea and just float it out there and not follow through."

Geraghty, retired from a 42-year engineering career at Ford and degree-holder from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was appointed in April 2010 to the council to fill a mid-term vacancy. He chaired the harbor committee and served on the charter commission.

"One of the elements I have for success in any business is putting forth an idea, and taking that well-thought out idea into the forum of discussion where it can be challenged," he said. "One of the concerns I have about our current situation on the council is people who have voted no in some situations do not have an alternative. They just wanted to vote no."

His focus on the council is maintaining services and controlling costs, he said.

"In the upcoming term, we will be faced with ideas in the areas of public works and fire, where we can possibly consolidate," Geraghty said. "We've just started with consolidation of (public safety) dispatch. That was started in June 2010, and now is in the final stages of full implementation."

He supports infrastructure improvements to the tennis courts, swimming pool and roads.

"We've postponed some of our vehicle replacements," Geraghty said. "Luckily, some of our residents have been very kind and donated some police cars. But, there are other pieces of equipment that need help. We need to take a look at how we should continue having a good replacement schedule. Some of our trucks actually qualify for antique license plates."

Geraghty has been on the council during the drafting of two budgets.

"In the past two cycles, two people who voted 'no' have no written alternative," he said. "When you have a budget, a formal written proposal, if you vote 'no,' it is my firm belief that anybody in business would have to have a written alternative. That is not where we are now."

Geraghty wants to maintain the community's high standards of public safety and municipal services. Yet, costs must be controlled.

His written ideas to pass the 2011-2012 budget without a millage increase passed muster.

"I contribute to Grosse Pointe Shores by my business

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acumen on the council," Geraghty said. "That is what I've brought forward. I'm prepared when I come to meetings."

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Robert E. Gesell

Robert E. Gesell said serving on the Blue Ribbon Committee opened a lot of vistas.

"There were 12 of us on the committee, a pretty good cross section of the Shores, and we worked very well together and came up with a unanimous recommendation," Gesell said.

The experience proved to him that Shores representatives can work together toward a common goal for the betterment of the city.

"There seems to be so many issues coming up with the six-member city council," Gesell said. "We had twice that many and produced things pretty quickly. It can be done."

Gesell is an attorney with more than 40 years experience in real estate and business law.

"Based on my background and experience on the Blue Ribbon Committee, I can make a positive contribution toward resolving many of the issues facing the city," he said.

He's seeking office at a time when all cities are experiencing economic difficulties.

"Frankly, it's tough economic times," he said. "Revenues are going down, expenses are staying the same or going up. Something's got to give."

The struggle for solutions "can either tear a community apart or bring it together," Gesell said. "We've got to bring it together and get consensus on what economies we're going to implement and how to maintain property values."

It takes teamwork, he said.

"As long as everybody's on the same page, you may disagree on certain things, but generally, consensus is critical," Gesell said.

He'd seek savings through joint municipal services and operations — such as garbage collection, recreation programs and expanded joint purchase of supplies — while maintaining current property tax revenues.

As for full consolidation of the five Grosse Pointes into a single municipality, Gesell said there's more studying to do.

"It's not something we should jump into," he said. "The survey of residents clearly reflects people are not in favor of that situation. To consolidate the five Pointes, I don't know if that's feasible, at least in the near future."

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Elias Ropotos

Elias Ropotos could not be contacted by deadline.

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Daniel Schulte

Daniel Schulte is seeking a second term on the city council.

"I've started some initiatives I'd like to follow through," he said.

Schulte launched the "buy a home, get a well" campaign. The initiative, which presents home buyers the inducement of one year's free well in the municipal marina, won praise by his colleagues.

He's also in charge of increasing the broadcast quality of televised council meetings.

"We need to get the televising system up to quality standards we expect," Schulte said.

Schulte manages his own marketing and media production business.

It was his review of the new municipal marina at Osius Park that lead to continued safety measures and having the contractor fix defects under warranty.

"We got a significant number of repairs accomplished without having to pay for them," Schulte said.

He opposed charging residents for ambulance service.

"We're charging residents for that service in property taxes," Schulte said. "I don't see why we should charge them again."

If reelected, he wants to make the city more efficient without sacrificing services.

"We've got to look closer at how we spend money and make sure we're getting the best deal for our money without sacrificing quality," Schulte said. "I'm following the same policy I follow in my own life. If I want to buy something, I try to get the best deal."

He said he was "very active" this year trying to get the best deal on taxes for Shores property owners.

"We initially had Wayne County telling us we were getting 10.5 percent reduction," Schulte said. "Macomb County said 12.5 percent. (Our administration) sent our assessor down to the county to appeal that decision, and the good news was residents were only going to get a 5 percent reduction in taxes. I didn't see that as good news. I was very active trying to get the right amount to the residents. Honestly, I don't think residents got everything they had coming, but I got it closer to expectations."

Schulte supports saving expenses through shared operations, but complete consolidation is something else.

He's not for full consolidation of the five cities.

"A lot of people in the Shores have told me they lived in another Pointe, but bought a house in the Shores specifically to be in the Shores," Schulte said. "My No. 1 objective is to represent the people. If 80 percent of Shores residents want to keep the city in existence, I'm going to support that because my job is to support what the people want."

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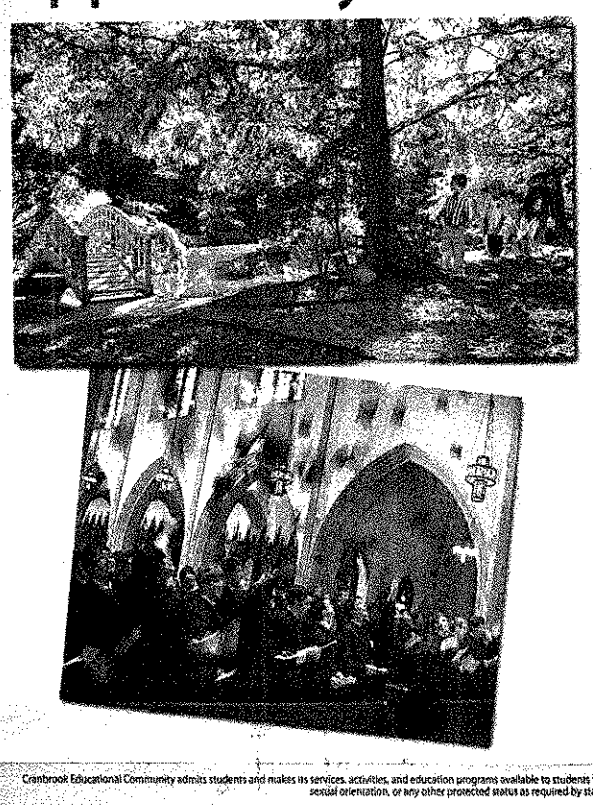
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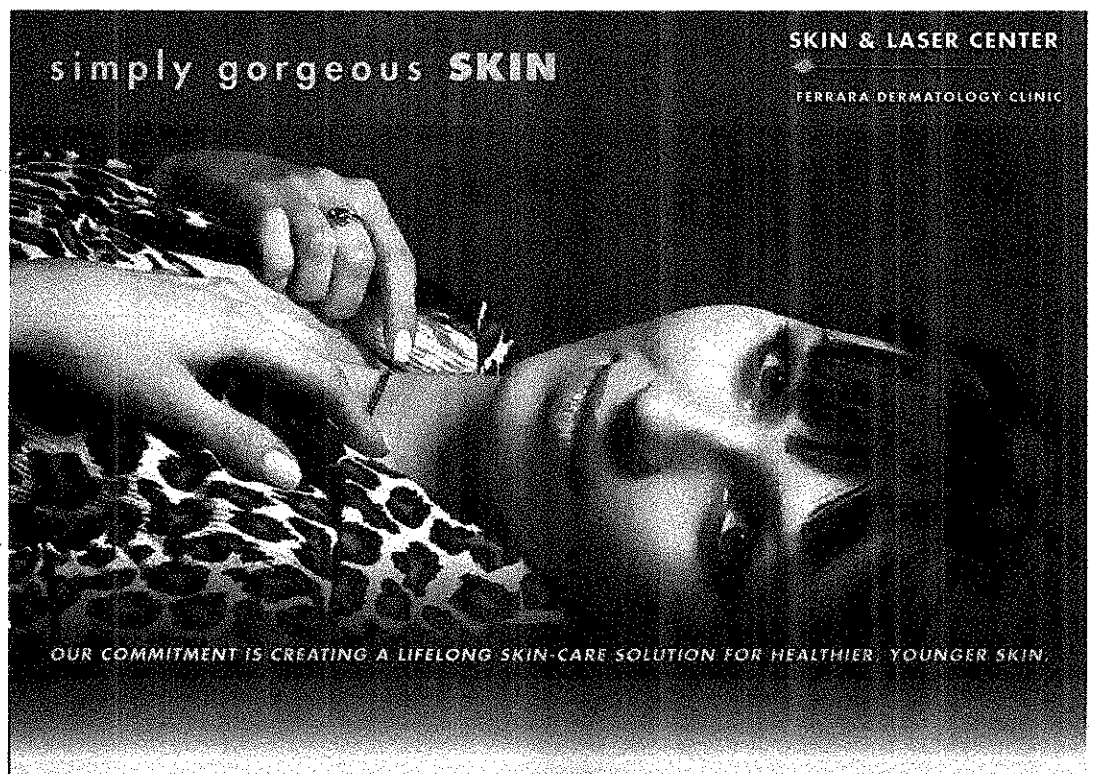
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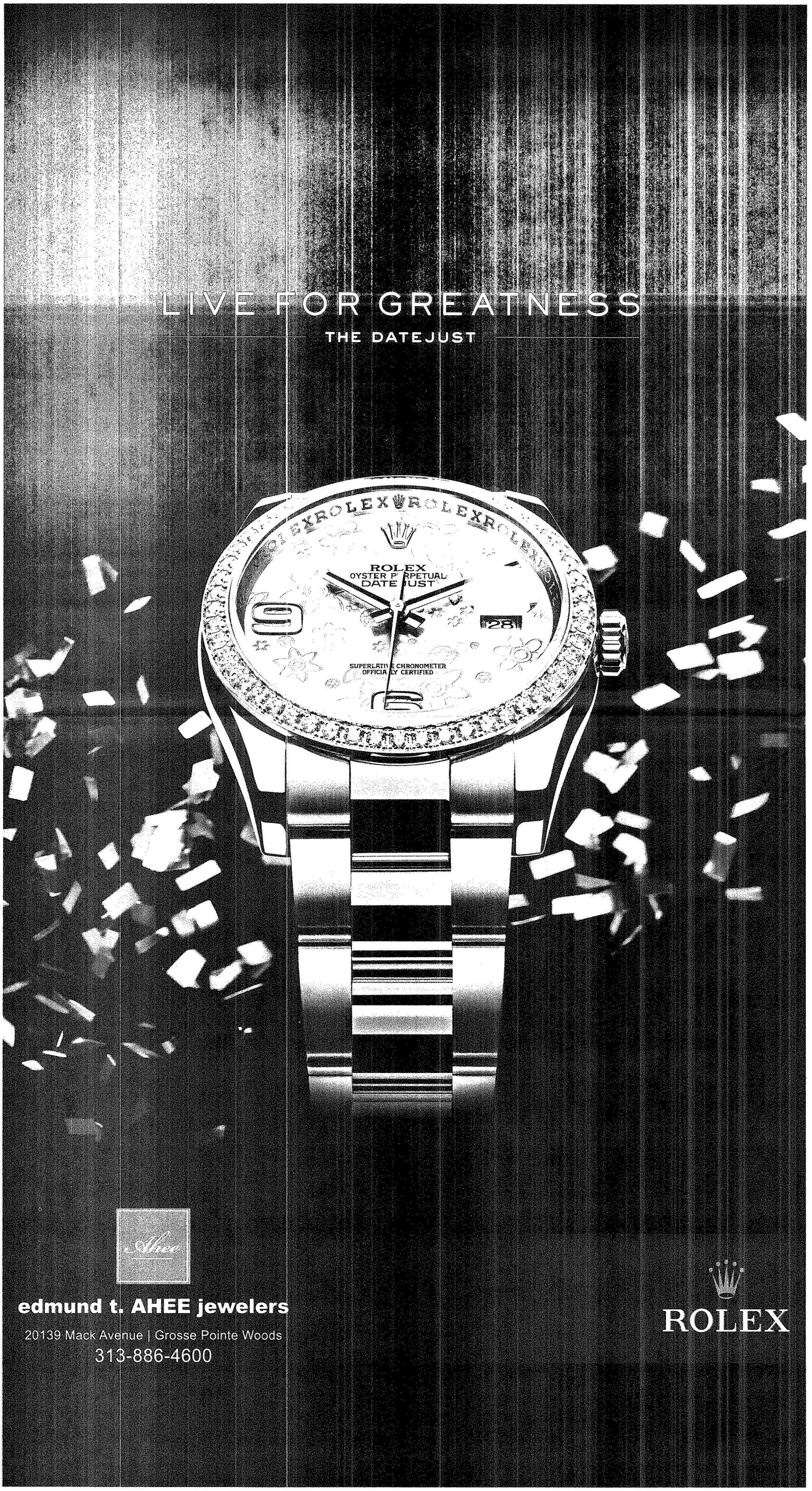
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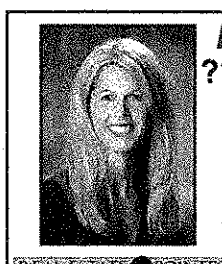
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Three candidates, two seats

In preparation for November's elections, the three candidates vying for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's two open seats provided their thoughts on several important issues regarding Grosse Pointe schools, the school board, schools of choice and the future of public education in Grosse Pointe.

The three candidates are: Diane Karabetsos, Dan Roeske and Lois Hindy Valente.

Name: Diane Karabetsos
Age: 68
Education: Bachelors of Arts and teaching certification, University of Detroit Mercy; accounting major, Walsh College; graduate degree, Wayne State University
Occupation: High school English teacher, professor in education at Wayne State University, stockbroker at Offerman and Co., semi-retired Realtor

Name: Dan Roeske
Age: 49
Education: Bachelor's degree, Eastern Michigan University; master's degree in instructional design and performance improvement, Wayne State University.
Occupation: Training and development manager at Ford Motor Credit; have been an adjunct faculty, Siena Heights University

Name: Lois Valente
Age: 45
Education: Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration, Wayne State University
Occupation: Project Coordinator, Wayne State University

Community involvement:

Karabetsos: I have been a 30-year volunteer in the schools and community at every level, from PTO officer to den mother in scouts. I have been on numerous boards, including 10 years as president of Grosse Pointe Soccer Association, where I currently serve as delegate to the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.

Twelve years ago, I founded TOP soccer for Grosse Pointe special needs children and continue to be their director and coach.

Roeske: I have been active in our community, serving as a PTO school board observer, PTO vice president twice, Cub Master and Scoutmaster.

In addition, I was a member of a Grosse Pointe school board committee to review teacher training/development. I also volunteer my time with other organizations, including YMCA Native Sons and Daughters, South athletics, and as a past soccer coach.

Valente: Twenty-year resident of Grosse Pointe Park; Partnership for Different Learners PTO, past president; PTO Council representative; strategic planning member, Grosse Pointe schools; member of hiring committee for director of student services, Grosse Pointe schools; Member of Grosse Pointe Park Little League; and Medicare/Medicaid counseling volunteer, Area Agency on Aging.

Why are you interested in the position:

Karabetsos: The board needs a trustee that listens to the community and appreciates its feedback. I have the interest, energy and time to serve. I am a strong advocate for public education, and my involvement at the state level against open enrollment and for residency checks proves my commitment.

My career background in education and business is needed in a time when financial constraints hamper our ability to educate all students to the community's expectations.

Roeske: I'm running to help the board re-focus on governance and policy. I believe this will help end the divisiveness that comes when they lose that focus and which stands in the way of achieving goals. I'll work to address the challenges that face our at-risk students. And I'll help to better integrate technology into the classroom. And I'll work to do so in a fiscally responsible way.


Diane Karabetsos


Dan Roeske


Lois Valente

Valente: I have been active with our PTOs and special education community for years and am proud of the high-quality education we offer our kids. As a parent of three children currently attending schools in the district and a homeowner, I want to make sure our community stays strong.

I feel my 25 years in strategic planning in both business and higher education will be a valuable asset to the board and the community.

What are some unique qualifications you'll bring to the board if elected:

Karabetsos: At the high school level, I wrote and developed curriculum for six courses. At the college level, I mentored and taught student-teachers. I negotiated with unions to allow school districts to bring in student-teachers where they had been denied.

I represent seniors and 80 percent of the residents who do not have children in school. Having raised five sons, all graduating from the University of Michigan, I understand the depth of parents' commitment.

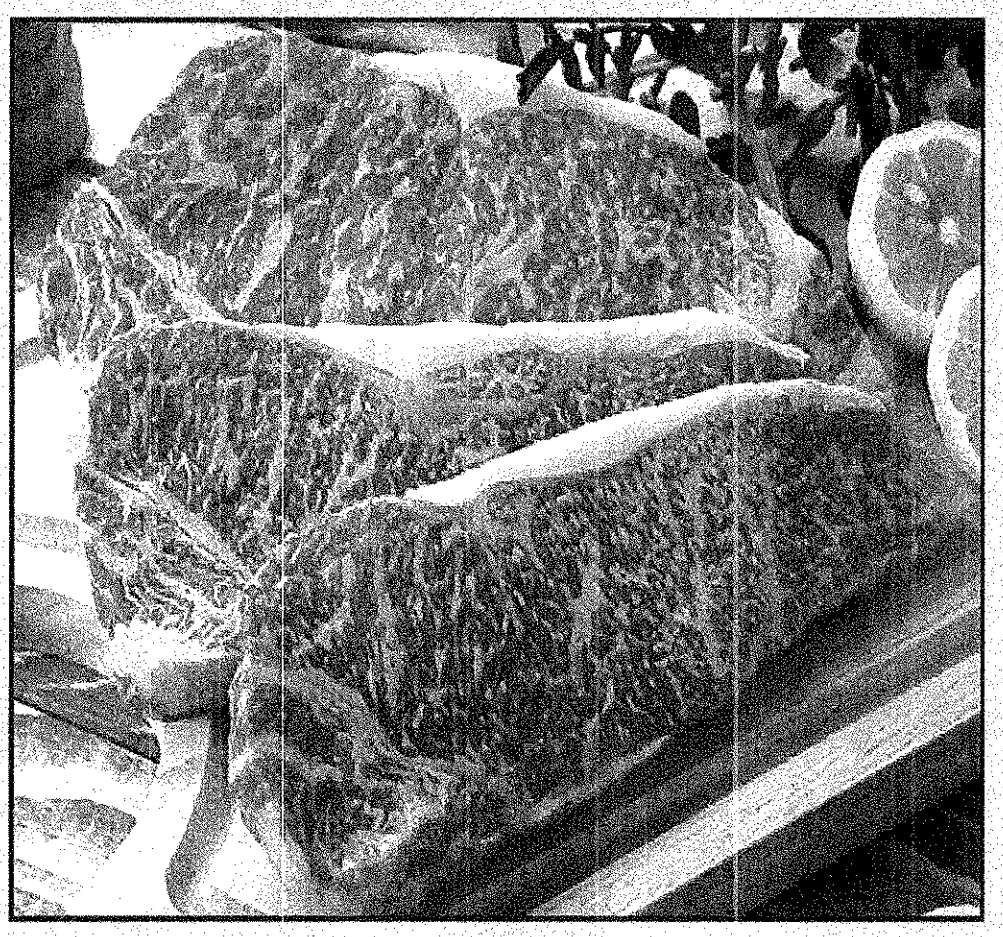
Roeske: The skills and experiences I've gained in my work and community service will help me to collaboratively work on the board and with the community and students. I'll work with a professional demeanor and exhibit respectable behavior. I respect diverse points of view from all stakeholders. I know the importance that professional development can be in the classroom, and I understand the pressure financial difficulties can be on budgets.

Valente: An important qualification for this position is my three children. Every choice I make will directly impact them, thereby placing a higher burden on me to make sound, thoughtful decisions for our kids and the community.

Additionally, switching from a for-profit business to higher education has given me a unique insight into how to balance market-driven strategies with the most im-

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National profile stats differ from G.P. schools

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Wrtier

A recent survey conducted by the National Center for Education Information suggests substantial shifts in public school teachers' age, gender, experience and certification in the last six years.

The private, non-partisan research organization in Washington, D.C. specializes in survey research and data analysis. In its study, "Profile of Teachers in the U.S. 2011," it concluded more teachers use alternative certification methods, are proportionately younger and less experienced and considerably more are female.

According to the study, one-third of first-time public school teachers hired since 2005 entered the profession through an alternative, rather than a college-based, teacher education program. The research also found the proportion of public school teachers with five or fewer years teaching experience increased from 18 percent in 2005 to 26 percent in 2011, while those with 25 or more years decreased from 27 to 17 percent in that same time frame. And 22 percent of teachers surveyed were under 30 years old.

Conversely, according to Grosse Pointe Education Association President Ranae Beyerlein, because of Michigan's regimented requirements for public school teacher certification, as well as the success of teacher preparation programs at state universities, Grosse Pointe public schools don't hire teachers without college-based teacher education program certification.

"When they're talking about alternative cert, they're looking at something like Teach for America," Beyerlein said.

"We don't have any people like that here, but certainly there are in Detroit Public Schools and other districts in the state."

In fact, according to data from 2008-2009, of the district's 604 teachers, 85.5 percent, or 516, had master's degrees or higher.

And of those 516 teachers, nearly half graduated with the equivalent of an education specialist degree (master's degree plus 30 credit hours) or higher, one percent received their doctorate degree and roughly 18 percent achieved the equivalent to a doctorate degree (master's degree plus 60 credit hours) or higher.

This year's hires include four teachers with master's degrees and nine with bachelor's degrees. The majority taught elsewhere prior to joining the district and none hold alternative certifications.

"We don't have a need for that," Beyerlein said of the alternative certifications. "When we have an opening, we get 200 apps, so we're going to take someone who's very well qualified.

"The only time we sometimes have difficulty getting somebody is for the really, really isolated areas (planetarium program, band and orchestra or proportional time positions). Even then, because we're such a highly-esteemed district, we get quality people even in those difficult areas."

The typically large number of applicants allows for selectivity which, in turn, affords the district the luxury of hiring teachers with educational and classroom experience, rather than directly out of college.

"When you get people like that, you get a person who's more adult, usually in their later 20s, and that tends to produce a better first-timer than somebody who's 21 or 22," Beyerlein said.

"I don't mean to be ageist about it. They just tend to be more mature in their dealings with kids, and they have a separation between the students and the teacher, which you kind of need to have to be successful with kids, for the most part."

Experience in Grosse Pointe

Years of exp.	No. of teachers	Percent
25 +	27	4.7
20-24	69	12.0
15-19	132	22.9
10-14	152	26.3
5-9	89	15.4
Under 5	108	18.7
Totals	577	100.0

Average: 16.29 years of experience

Only in rare occurrences, like the 1994 and 2010 buyouts, does the district hire younger, less experienced teachers. As a result of the 2010 buyout, in which 80 teachers retired, the district hired about 50 new teachers, 30 of whom were in their early-to-mid 20s.

"I don't know how it compared in year's past, but part of the thing is demographics," Beyerlein said in response to the buyout.

"I'm at the tail end of the Baby Boomer crowd. We had this big bubble, and we were hired as teachers back in the 70s, so now a lot of us are turning over and retiring. Hence, that would result in hiring a lot more young teachers."

Currently, the district employs about 577 teachers, 18.7 percent (108) of whom have five years experience or less and four percent (23) of whom are younger than 29 years old.

By contrast, 27 teachers (4.7 percent) have 25 years experience or more, 69 teachers (12 percent) 20 to 25 years, 132 teachers (22.9 percent) 15 to 20 years, 152 teachers (26.3 percent) 10 to 15 years and 89 teachers (15.4 percent) five to 10 years.

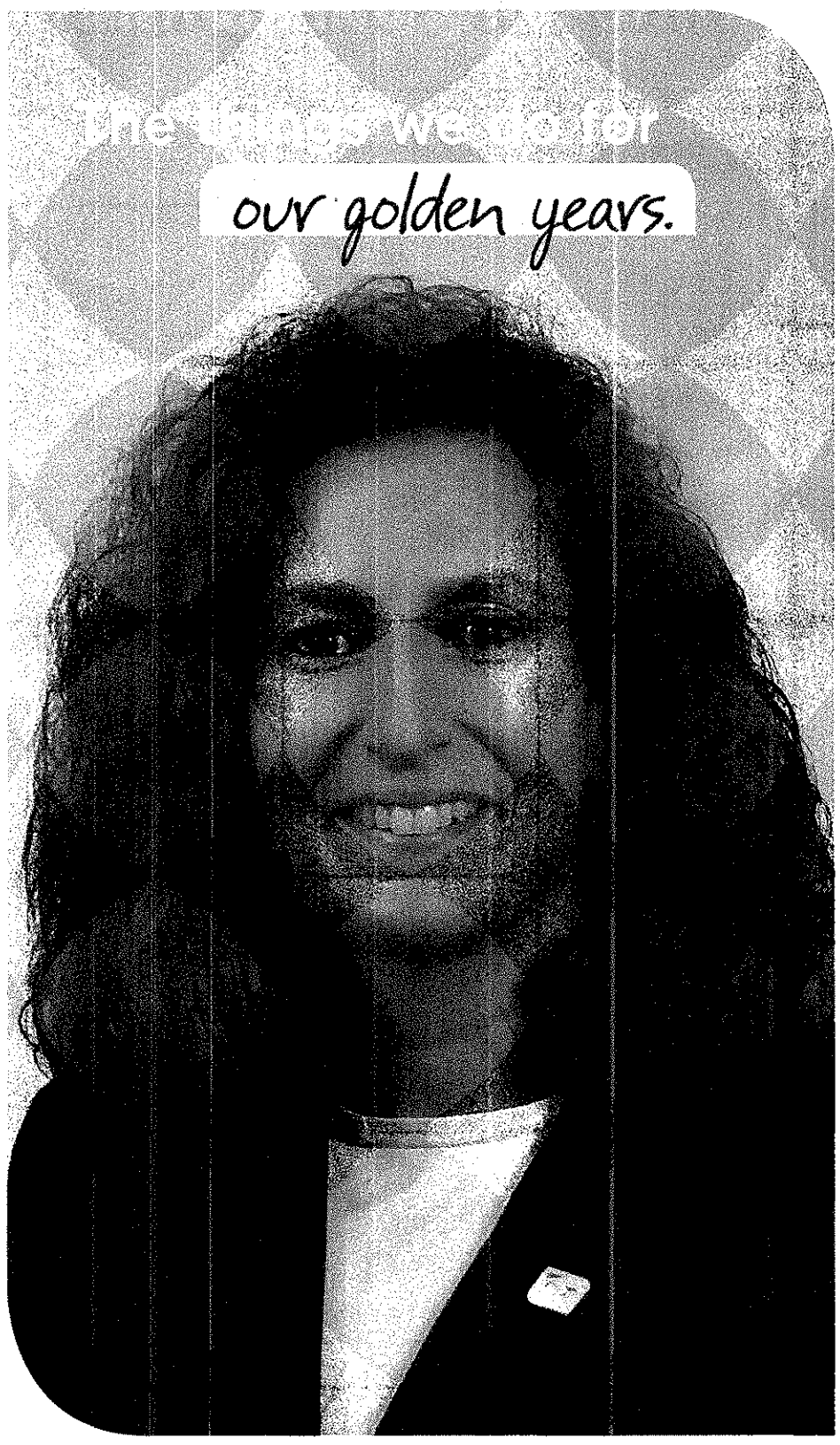
In all, approximately 94 teachers (16.3 percent) are non-tenured — meaning, they have less than four years experience — and 31.8 percent are aged 40 to 49, 29.8 aged 50 to 59, 20.2 aged 30 to 39 and 14.2 aged 60 or older.

And while district data differs from the study in age and experience, the two relate in terms of the larger constituent of female (445) to

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Opinion shifts on aging teachers

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Unlike a fine wine, shifts in public and expert opinion from the teacher buyout of 1994 to the present suggest the older the educator doesn't necessarily mean the better, according to Ranae Beyerlein.

"It's kind of funny now, almost 20 years later, we're looking at it like, 'let's get rid of all these old people who don't know what they're doing,'" the Grosse Pointe Education Association president said. "How did we change from recognizing the value and expertise over a career that a person has to completely dissing it? It's worth nothing."

Beyerlein attributes the shift to a struggling economy and a new school of thought — driven by media hype — proposing ridding public education of the longer-tenured teachers who earn higher salaries. The reduction in salary leads to cheaper taxes and younger, lesser-paid teachers who, theoretically, produce similar quality results.

"All kinds of studies have shown you don't really hit your stride in teaching until about your fifth year," Beyerlein said. "So, if you just take all the people out, first of all, who's going to be helping those people during their first five years? If you take all the old people out and you bring in the rookies, what makes you think that's going to work?"

Joining the Grosse Pointe district in 1991, Beyerlein experienced the 1994 buyout, in which about 20 percent of the teaching staff took the $70,000 pay and left, and references the following years as her counter argument.

The buyout resulted in an influx of new, less experienced teachers for the 1995 school year.

"When they came, one of the things people noticed in the community was that things changed," Beyerlein said. "There were big changes. Certain programs we were known for didn't produce the same outcomes."

In particular, she cites the sudden decline in the Latin program and speculation surrounding whether the new Grosse Pointe South journalism teacher could match the quality Robert Button produced during his 28 years.

"At least 10 years after that, every time we bargained, if we mentioned the word buyout, they'd be like, 'Oh, no, we're not having that' because they didn't want to lose all their brain. And that's what they called it, a 'brain drain.'"

Coincidentally, that new cohort of teachers from 1995, many of whom survived the 2010 buyout (15 percent left after the state offered a retirement incentive, along with the district's $40,000), are targeted by shifting opinions.

"We have a few teachers who are really set in their ways, tried and true," Beyerlein said. "But does that mean, when a kid has that teacher, let's say it's an elementary school teacher, and they have that teacher one full year, are they losing? Are they going to be worse, not able to be employable when they graduate?

"I think our record shows we produce a very confident graduate who can be successful in any endeavor."

PROFILE: 'I think the women thing ... is it's something we can do'

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male (134) teachers, a variation Beyerlein correlates possibly with gender politics.

"I think teachers pick being a teacher because they want to teach," she said. "They don't want to be an administrator. Whereas, guys might tend to see the teaching part as a step to a career ladder. Is it, they aspire to leadership or is it they aspire to a bigger salary? I don't know.

"I think the women thing, why it draws so many women is, it's something we can do. When I was a kid, really, when you were a female, there were only three things you could do — you could be a nurse, you could be a teacher or you could be a wife.

"You could be a secretary but that wasn't really a profession, it was a job.

"So, nowadays, I think some of the women who would've been secretaries in the past are picking to be teachers thinking they're getting a secretarial job because that's kind of how it appears to be in the press."



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Two portraits — left, entitled, "She was as bald as a baseball," and right, "She was as cold as ice" — both feature Zeeuw's sister's bald head.

Liggett hosts new artist

Continuing its visiting artists series, University Liggett School welcomed painter and photographer Diane Zeeuw as the year's second artist.

Zeeuw's exhibition, "Cancer Index: A Sabbatical Exhibition," on display in the Manoogian Arts Wing, runs through Friday, Oct. 28.

Her sister diagnosed with stage four cancer, Zeeuw's images explore the raw depths and complexities of the disease. Oftentimes, they're represented in portraits of her sister's bald head juxtaposed to other spherical images.

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portant priority for our district — the teaching and learning of students.

In the face of continuing economic struggles and school budget issues, what resources and programs do you feel are most important to the district's success:

Karabetsos: Untapped community volunteers and college mentoring programs would enhance our Grosse Pointe foundation contributions. The cornerstones of reading, writing, math and science need early intervention addressing achievement gaps. Twelve percent of our students have special needs and this growing population needs more attention than the federal standards.

Guaranteeing funding for the arts, sports and extra activities is important in the development of the full child.

Roeske: A drop in fund equity is a concern as it is working down what is, in effect, our savings. The board needs to manage fund equity to keep it at or near 10 percent of budget. We should work to bring more funds to the district by increasing grants. We need to explore partnerships with businesses. Lastly, we need to work to look for ways to reduce costs to keep the programs for our students.

Valente: After several consecutive years of budget cuts, our programming is at its core and there is little room for further reductions. Instead of the current five-year strategic plan, I am for an annual plan that would identify explicit priorities representative of our community's values.

The identified priorities, or shared vision, would provide the board with a framework for budget decisions. This is something they currently do not have available to them.

Current board members often speak of a need for better communication among each other, and with administration and the community. What are some ways the board can better communicate with each other, administrators and the community:

Karabetsos: Eliminating board discussion meetings and most committees has been the biggest deterrent to communication. Withholding board minutes for a month hinders the community's need for information.

I would restore civility and respect to the board. Members should not be chastised for asking questions. Seniors whose property values depend on a premier school system should be heard. Face-to-face contact is necessary to dispel rumors and communicate facts. Web pages do not address this.

Roeske: There is an opportunity to do better at sharing with community stakeholders the story of Grosse Pointe schools — of our challenges, actions and successes. Board members may disagree, but there is no room for personal attacks when they do. I'll bring my experience working collaboratively towards common goals in a professional and respectful way; "friendly, courteous and kind" are values we need more of. The board sets governance and policy and should communicate these often.

Valente: Each trustee should publish on the Grosse Pointe Public School System website a personal e-mail and/or telephone number in addition to the group e-mail already available for contacting the board as a whole. It is a simple solution, but it has never been implemented.

Social media also provides an excellent opportunity for dialogue among all constituencies, and I would encourage our administration and other board members to continue to actively engage in these free communication tools.

With the mandated schools of choice bill making its way through Lansing, what are your thoughts on the bill as it's currently written:

Karabetsos: With 80 percent of districts already allowing open enrollment, this bill is unnecessary. I went to Lansing to meet with State Rep. Tim Bledsoe and lobby at the Senate hearing. My testimony against schools of choice was recorded in the minutes.

We must retain local control in all areas. We must stop this erosion of local control. Bill No. 624, originally tied to cyber and conversion schools, are all ripe for misuse of finances and curriculum.

Roeske: In Michigan, we already have schools of choice; in Grosse Pointe, we "choose" not to participate. We place staff based on projected enrollments and if classroom capacity is dictated, we'll be challenged on staffing and providing student services we've come to expect.

As trustee, I'd help carry the message that we do not want mandated schools of choice and I'll continue my current support of and work with the Michigan Communities for Local Control to stop SB624.

Valente: At the time of this publication, I hope our local lobbying by the Michigan Citizens for Local Control and our other community partners' efforts have been successful and mandated schools of choice is no longer being discussed at the state level.

I believe residency should continue to be a requirement for enrollment in Grosse Pointe public schools. Our property values and schools depend on each other.

In terms of district and classroom technology, where do you see the Grosse Pointe Public School System presently? In the next five years:

Karabetsos: Our technology has been at a standstill. While the Grosse Pointe foundation has been exemplary in their technology donations, the directions of those funds in the future must ensure our students have a leading edge.

Outside experts and consultants must be brought in to augment our technology planning. The type of committees we had in the past are no longer relevant. We have to install the future to be the future.

Roeske: We need to effectively integrate technology into the classrooms. Not only talking about hardware but also the use of software applications to enhance the educational experience and drive achievement outcomes. Working with staff, I'll help foster creative ways to use the tools available and cross-pollinate these ideas. We're making progress on our strategic technology plan, yet some elements may need to be changed or pulled forward. We may want to explore Cloud-based technology.

Valente: The results of an internal technology proficiency survey conducted by the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration revealed a low percentage of teachers feel proficient in collaborative tools or assessment software already available in the district. Although the district does provide some technology training it is clearly not enough.

Due to budget constraints our infrastructure is antiquated and sorely in need of a complete overhaul. Technology infrastructure and usage should be a priority for the next five years.

Any other thoughts or comments:

Karabetsos: I am uniquely qualified because of my education and business background. As an independent thinker, I have a proven record of solutions. Having the advantage of family support, I was able to change careers as my children's needs changed.

I now see a need to change again as I have the knowledge, interest and the commitment of time to give back to the community as a trustee of the Grosse Pointe school board.

Roeske: We need to better address the challenges facing our at-risk students. We have to bridge achievement gaps identified through assessment testing. We have an obligation to provide a quality educational experience for all resident students.

I'll encourage our administration to seek out best practices around this, and with parents, the community and teachers, put in place programs to help our at-risk students.

In Grosse Pointe, teaching and learning are and should remain our main focus.

Student awarded safety of the year

For his efforts captaining the safety patrol last year, David Bahr won Poupard Elementary School's Safety of the Year.

Currently a sixth-grader at Parcells Middle School, Bahr received the award — a plaque and savings bond — from Harper Woods Lt. Robert Hunter and Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter during the Sept. 19 Harper Woods city council meeting.

The winner, selected from among a ballot of monthly honorees, demonstrates yearlong responsibility, positive behavior and punctuality. Parents and teachers also provide input each month.

Each month's winner receives a certificate and wears a gold badge for the month. Mongolian BBQ also donates a gift certificate for a free dinner.

At year's end, the winners earn a pizza party hosted by Harper Woods police and safety patrollers and coordinators Kim Hool (fourth-grade teacher) and Amanda Lane (fifth-grade teacher) vote for safety of the year.

Ashley and Alesha Mills of Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy and John Barnes of Tyrone Elementary School also were recognized by their respective schools.









Community group hosts fundraiser

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

When Lynn Jacobs and Kate Barr created the Facebook page, Michigan Communities for Local Control, in August, they never imagined it ballooning into the grass roots advocacy it has become.

"We never had time to imagine anything," Jacobs said. "It really literally blew up overnight."

In just three months, what started as two concerned citizens looking for a voice blossomed into a statewide advocacy group, receiving support from Grosse Pointe to Grand Rapids, St. Clair to Lapeer counties and many in between.

All represent an ever-growing collection of concerned Michigan citizens lobbying against government interference in local control, mainly education and community-based decisions.

With help from Brendan Ringlever, of Michigan Legislative Consultants, a lobbying and political consulting firm in Lansing, group members met with Sen. Arlan Meekhof, R — West Olive; State Rep. Harold Haugh, D — Roseville; Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan; and Sen. Phil Pavlov (R — St. Clair Township), among others.

Pavlov introduced SB624 in September, mandating schools of choice to all Michigan public schools. His bill, along with redirection of the school aid fund, are the group's current focus.

"(Kate) and I just partnered together so well, and we reached out to leaders in the community and across the state and thought, 'we have nothing to lose,'" Jacobs said. "Once you start to build that network of people really passionate and engaged in local communities, it goes from there."

In support of its continuing campaigns, the group is hosting "Our Voice, Our Choice Kickoff Event," a fundraiser, benefiting their lobbying efforts.

"We'll always have to be in fundraising mode to support the means of what it is we need to do," Jacobs said. "We're just devoted to our cause and want to make sure we have the ability to fight it however we need to."

The event is from 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, at City Kitchen.

It features cocktails, appetizers and dessert, live music by The Highballs, legislative updates and a tin-can raffle, with prizes valued at $250 or more.

Local businesses donated the prizes.

"We're hoping it's going to be big," Jacobs said.

"We're expecting to see all the local leadership. Grosse Pointe is a really interesting, diverse sort of community. We're expecting to have representatives from people on one end of the economic spectrum and people from the other end."

Tickets are $100 per person or $150 per couple and available at miclc.com. Capacity is limited to 146.

"It's been an incredible experience," Jacobs said.

"We have to stay together and continue to be an advocacy group that looks out for, first and foremost, the interests of Grosse Pointe, and other communities like Grosse Pointe."



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Class of 1976 reunites for night

The Our Lady Star of the Sea High School Class of 1976 recently held Mass and a dinner party at Somerset Inn, celebrating its 35th reunion. Thirty members of the original 70 attended, some in town from as far as Arizona, Colorado, North Carolina and Washington.

Honoring their former school, the class made a generous donation to improve classroom technology.

Community honors superintendent with a roast, then a toast

Honoring her 41 years with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Rotary jointly sponsor a "Roast & Toast" for retiring superintendent Suzanne Klein.

The event begins with a 6:30 p.m. VIP reception, followed by the "Roast & Toast" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"It is Rotary's great pleasure to join in the celebration of Suzanne's achievements in our community," Rotary Club president Bill Scott said in a release.

Grosse Pointe Farms attorney Ted Everingham moderates the event, dedicated to Klein, who joined the district as a special education teacher in 1970 and retires in December as its superintendent of 14 years.

Roasters include Susan Allan, former Grosse Pointe schools assistant superintendent for curriculum, assessment, instruction and technology; Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services; Chris Wigent, Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency superintendent; Jack Liang, Huron-Clinton Metroparks administrator and community relations; John Bruce, former school board president and recently-retired Neighborhood Club director; and Mike Dib, Brownell Middle School principal.

Tickets are $100 for the VIP Reception and "Roast & Toast," or $50 for the "Roast & Toast." They are available at familycenterweb.org. Capacity is limited to 250.

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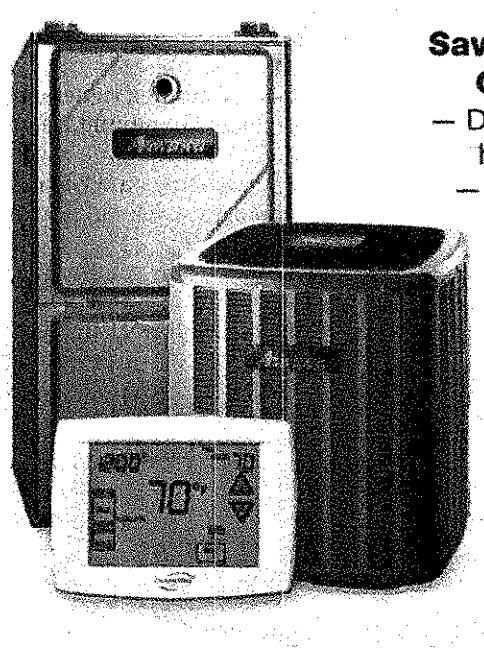
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School readies for annual bazaar

For the past 37 years, the first Saturday of December has become synonymous with Parcells Middle School's Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar.

Established in 1975, the full-service show is the longest-running arts and crafts show on the east side and serves as the school's lone fundraising event. All proceeds benefit the school's academic and social activities.

It attracts a variety of artificers specializing in hand-made, hand-decorated pieces, all of which meet judges' approval prior to inclusion in the show.

And while more than half the artificers return from previous years, approximately 82 of the more than 100 craftsmen are original submissions.

Also new to the show, artificers host a mini Maker show, a tribute to the public's growing interest in do-it-yourself, build-from-scratch-type demonstrations.

Parcells provides opportunities for shoppers to rest, offering a fully-catered lunch from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., as well as an all-day shuttle services, picking up and dropping off shoppers from nearby parking lots.

Art samples from this year's event, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, are available at facebook.com/pages/parcells-holiday-art-and-craft-bazaar/130563803624064.

Former student honors teacher

A means for incoming freshmen and transfer students to recognize past educators, Stanford University's annual Teacher Tribute Initiative honors teachers or administrators making a difference in students' lives.

The initiative asks students to nominate a single educator or mentor who helped shape their perspective, hone critical thinking abilities and instill an abiding sense of compassion for others.

For Grosse Pointe South graduate and Stanford freshmen Alexandria Chrumka, that person was James Adams, South's Advanced Placement and Honors Biology teacher.

"Without a doubt, the best part of teaching is the interaction you have with your students on a daily basis," said Adams, who also chairs the science department. "I don't try to be inspirational or impactful on their future. I try to provide an environment where students enjoy learning and thinking; the rest just happens.

"When students like Alex go to the trouble of recognizing me as having an impact on their education, it motivates me to keep doing what I am doing and to enjoy the fantastic students I teach every day."

In nominating Adams, currently in his 17th year teaching at South, Chrumka wrote a 100-word description of the impact he had on her socially, intellectually and personally.

Prepping for their future

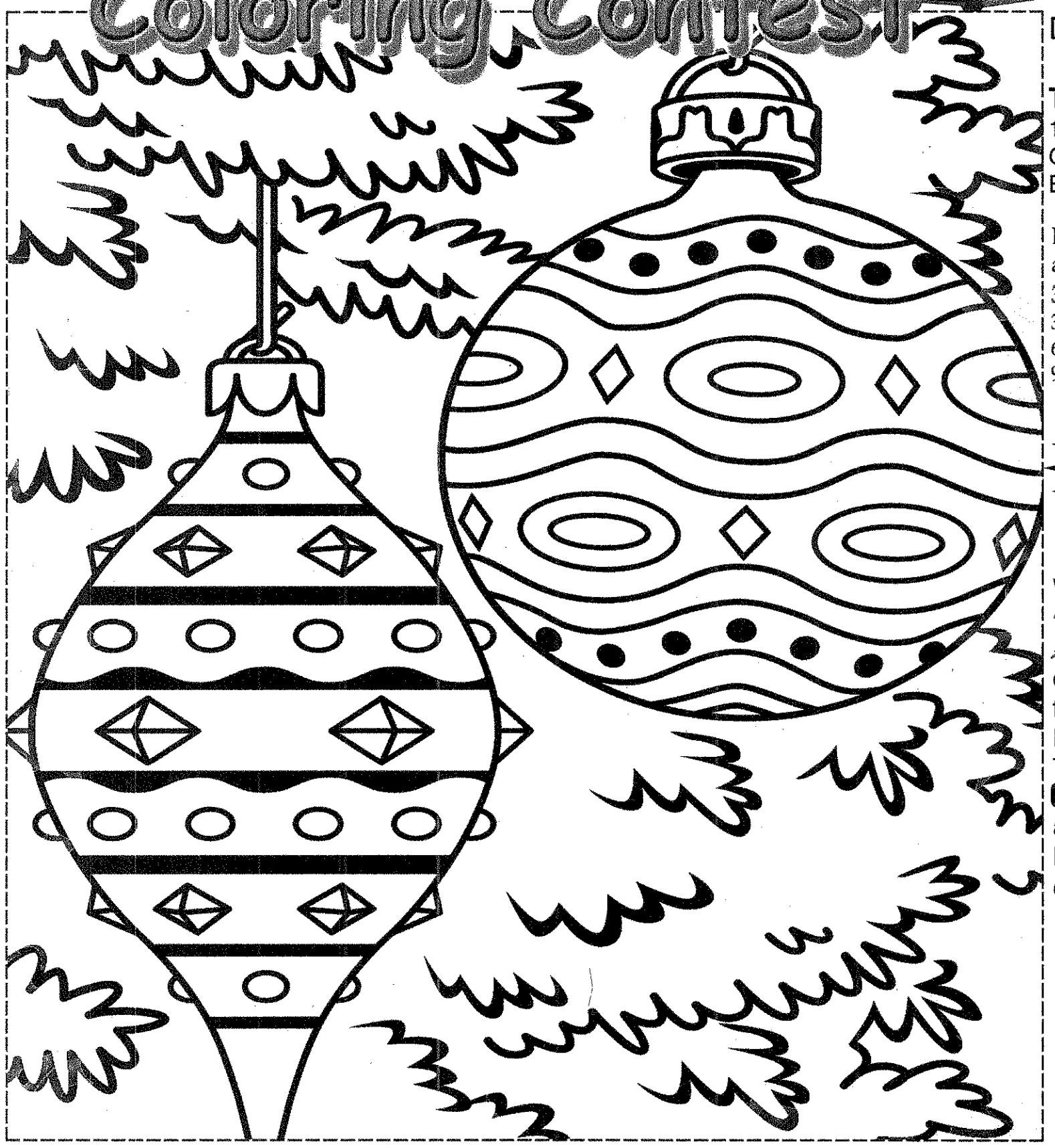
Students have the opportunity to meet with representatives from more than 160 in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities during the 32nd annual College Night.

The event is from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Grosse Pointe North H.S., and features three 30-minute sessions with formal presentations from colleges such as Amherst College, Harvard University, Loyola University — Chicago, Manhattanville College, Michigan State University, Northwestern University, Saint Louis University, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Michigan and University of Michigan — Dearborn.

Sessions are from 6:10 to 6:40 p.m., 6:50 to 7:20 p.m. and 7:30 to 8 p.m. They provide further in-depth information about the participating schools.

Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods students may attend, as well as those from DeLaSalle, Warren Regina, St. Clair Shores South Lake, University Liggett School and University of Detroit Jesuit.

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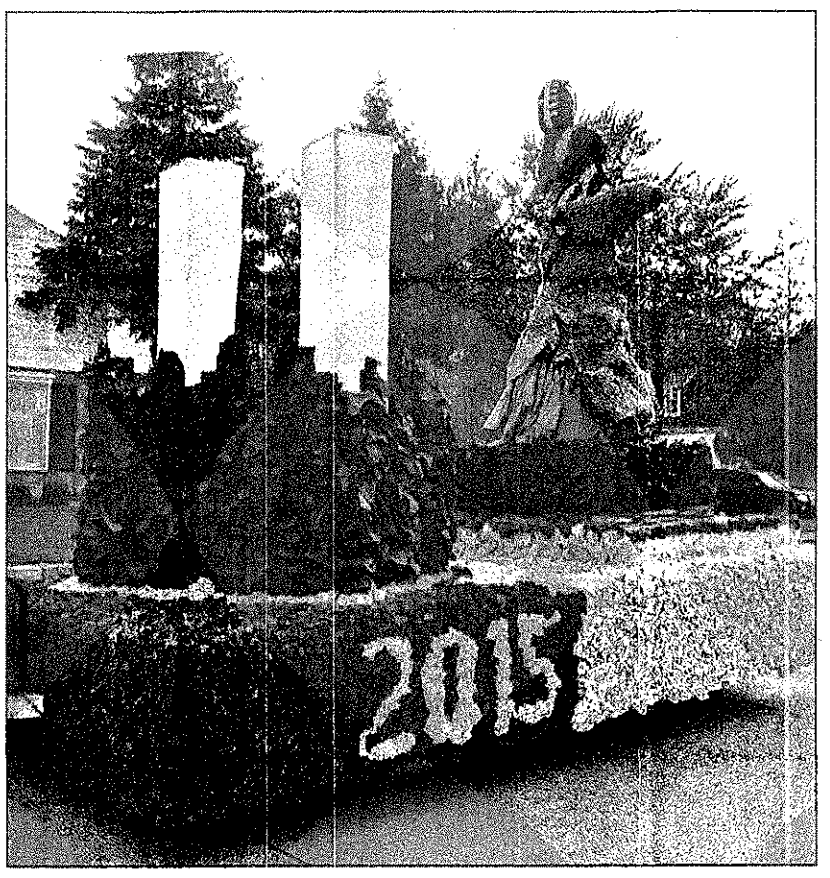
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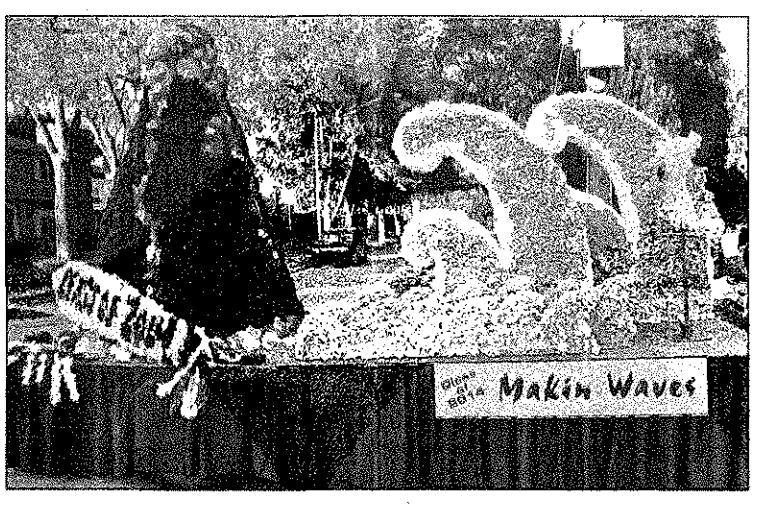
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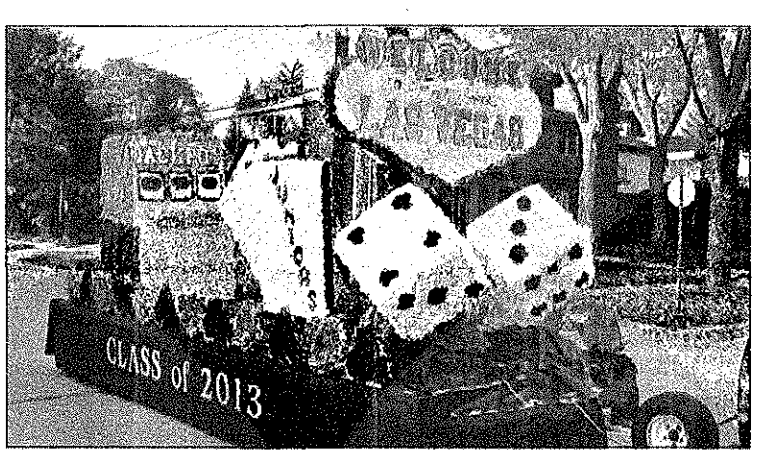
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Floats make waves in North homecoming







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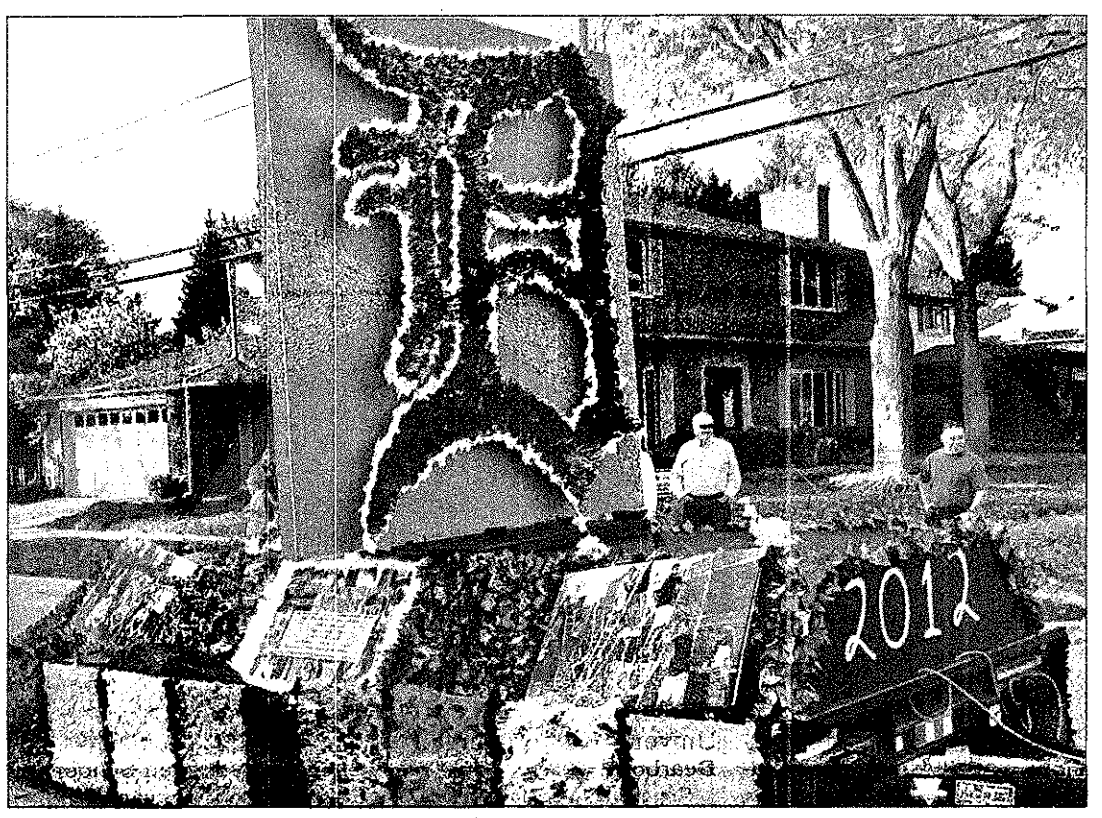
Grosse Pointe North students scaled the United States, searching for locales to best support this year's homecoming theme — Destinations. Each grade level designed floats of their chosen destinations and unveiled them at the school parade last weekend.

Far left, the freshmen class built a float honoring New York City, with a North football apparel-sporting Statue of Liberty looking down on the Twin Towers.

Above left, sophomores elected for the sunny skies, large waves and active volcanoes of Hawaii as its destination.

Below left, the junior class hoped to strike it rich, captured by the allure of slot machines and table games in Las Vegas.

And while others dreamed of sunnier, richer destinations, the senior class elected to rebuild Detroit. They volunteered around the city, helping at the AIDS walk, Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Gleaners Food Bank. They also held car washes supporting local charities.
Bottom left, their float reflects their community service, with pictures of everything they did plastered around the base, and an Old English 'D' displayed on top.



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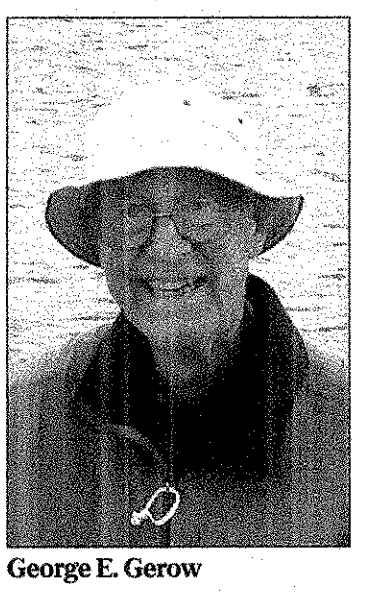
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Ronald S, Eleczko

Ronald S. Eleczko, 70, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2011.

He was the beloved husband of Merry Jo for 46 years and loving father of Ron (Sarah), Beth (Douglas) Clingan, Sally (Seth) Botwick and Jeff (Tina) Eleczko. He was the devoted grandfather of A.J., Emma, Elizabeth, Caroline, Nicholas, Sarah, Robert, Parker, Carson and Mason.

A memorial service was held Oct. 11 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Beaumont Grosse Pointe Chapel, Beaumont Foundation, P.O. 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620.

Express condolences or share a memory at temrowski.com.

Antone Joseph Gallaher

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Antone Joseph Gallaher, 64, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

He was born July 16, 1947, in Bethesda, Md., to Antone R. and Mary C. Gallaher and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1969 and Master of Arts degree from San Diego State University. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

He was employed at University Liggett School from 1980 to 2011. During his 31 years with the school, he taught U.S. history and math, served as a college advisor, director of summer school and coached the school's boys varsity basketball team during the 1980s.

Mr. Gallaher was an avid reader and sports enthusiast who loved nature and the outdoors. He was a loving dog owner, enjoyed playing cards with friends on a regular basis, and enjoyed live theater and listening to music.

He is survived by a son, Scott Antone Gallaher; daughter, Kelly Ann (Mike) Payne; their mother, Ann Tyler Lewis; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Cassie (Jason Kanov); her mother, Martha Cassie; granddaughter, Riley Ann Payne and stepgrandchild, Lucy Marcella Kanov.

He also is survived by six sisters, Mary Ellen Gallaher, Maureen Gallaher, Patricia Darwin, Christine Fargo, Debra Anderson and Laurie Tobar.

A memorial service will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 13, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 105, Bingham Farms, MI 48025; American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075; or The Sierra Club at sierraclub.org.

George E. Gerow

Grosse Pointe Farms resident George E. Gerow, 89, passed away Friday, Sept. 23, 2011.

He was the beloved husband of Natalie Ann Gerow; father of Daniel, David and Jeffrey Gerow; father-in-law of Paula Gerow and grandfather of Jennifer Gilkerson and Katherine and Daniel Gerow.

He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and served in the U.S. Navy as an aviator during World War II. He married Natalie Ann in 1951, sold insurance and owned The Leonard-Gerow Agency, Inc.

George was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Badminton Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Power Squadron and the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. He also delivered meals for Meals On Wheels.

George enjoyed sailing and raced in many Mackinac races, winning his class three times. He was a member of Bayview Yacht Club's Old Goat Society.

He will be deeply missed.

A wake will be held at Bayview Yacht Club at noon Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011.

Eileen Hickey King

A life-long resident of Grosse Pointe, Eileen Hickey King, 84, died peacefully at home Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011.

She was born Aug. 30, 1927, and graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe. She attended Georgetown Visitation for her freshman year of college, where she was class president, before transferring to and graduating from the University of Michigan. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi.

She taught first grade for one year in the Detroit Public Schools system before marrying John L. "Jack" King in 1950.

An avid golfer, tennis, player, skier and bridge player, Mrs. King also loved to travel. She was a long-standing member of the Junior League of Detroit, St. Paul on the Lake Altar Society, Sacred Heart Children of Mary and Bon Secours Assistance League. She also was a volunteer tutor for many years.

Mrs. King will be remembered as a loving wife and mother committed to community service. Her family said she was a woman of strong faith, a good friend and a lot of fun.

Mrs. King is survived by her husband of 60 years, Jack; children, Sara DeCarlo, John L. (Julie) King Jr., Molly (Aaron) Garland and Anne King; grandchildren, Nicholas P. (Sonja) DeCarlo, Mark (Amy) DeCarlo, Lisa (George) Apollonio, Katherine (Winai) Khanijoun, Peter Olenick, Michael Olenick, Megan Olenick, John L. King III and Lauren King and great-grandchildren, Nicholas DeCarlo, Stephen DeCarlo, Elizabeth Apollonio, Andrew Apollonio, Isabella DeCarlo, Olivia DeCarlo and Anastasia DeCarlo.

She also is survived by her brother, Joseph L. (Peggy) Hickey Jr. of Harbor Springs.

She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph L. and Sara Murphy Hickey; sister, Sara "Sally" Hickey O'Donnell and brother, Edward J. Hickey.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, with inurnment following in the St. Paul Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Paul Church Educational Trust, 157 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Veronica Oberline Morgan

Veronica Oberline Morgan, nee Viau, of Heritage Park Place in Warren, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, of a massive stroke. She was 90.

She was born in 1921 in Detroit and graduated from Marygrove College and raised 11 children in Grosse Pointe. She lived in Minneapolis, Minn., for the past 18 years until moving to the Detroit area in April.

Her family described Mrs. Morgan as a quiet woman full of humble grace. Though small in stature and rather shy, she was magnanimous and nurtured each of her children with equal doses of stern morality and generous understanding. Perhaps her most unique trait was her incredible wit, which was both quick and subtle. She could always be counted on to deliver a charming quip with a wry smile. She considered her family her greatest accomplishment and was fond of saying, "My children are the feathers I wear in my cap."

She was a devout Catholic and, even in her advanced years, would not miss an opportunity to attend Sunday Mass.

Mrs. Morgan is survived by her children, Suzanne (Dan) Mulholland, Gregory Morgan, Morgan L. Morgan (Philip Lamoreaux), Mark Morgan (Beverlee Crigger), Vickie (Ted Cothran) Morgan, Bernadette (Steve) Zadworny, Dolores Morgan, Paul (Tiffany) Morgan and Rosemary Morgan; daughter-in-law, Peggy Morgan and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her former husband, Jim Morgan; sons, Michael and Peter Morgan; daughter-in-law, Christine Morgan and brother, Jerry Viau.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Oct. 8 at St. Philomena Church in Detroit.

Helen Mary Swenson

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Helen Mary Swenson passed away Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, surrounded by friends and her daughter, Pamela.

She was born Nov. 7, 1917, in Terre Haute, Ind., to Stella (nee Biggs) and Timothy McKillop and graduated from Otter Creek High School in 1936. When World War II broke out, she took the Civil Service exam and took a job in Dayton, Ohio, to be close to Terre Haute. In July 1942, she met Willard Eugene Swenson, an Army Air Corps officer stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, at the Christian Science Church in Dayton. They married Aug. 28, 1942, after a brief courtship.

In 1953, the family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods. When her children were older, Mrs. Swenson began work at University Liggett School, eventually becoming secretary to the head master of the upper school. She enjoyed her 19 years of service, making many new friends and acquaintances and the student interaction each day. Attending student theatrical productions was one of her favorite pleasures.

After her husband of 62 years passed away in 2004, Mrs. Swenson continued to live in Grosse Pointe Woods, attending the Grosse Pointe Farms Christian Science Church, playing cards with the Grosse Pointe Woods Seniors, reading avidly and enjoying time with her children and grandchildren. She loved cooking and sharing meals with family and friends. Over the years she helped many family members, opening her home to them and welcoming the opportunity to do so.

In April, she moved to Shore Pointe Village in St. Clair Shores and later to Sunrise on Vernier, where she received loving care from the caregivers and hospice workers.

Mrs. Swenson is survived by her children, Linda (William) Mitchell, Pamela Roberts and Willard Jr. (Jane); grandchildren, Michael (Krista) Hall, Brian (Michelle) Roberts, Sean Timothy (Jill) Roberts, Anne Elise Swenson, Ellen Elizabeth (Philip) O'Niel D.D.S. and David Swenson; and great-grandsons, Joseph Hall, Jackson Hall and Tyler Roberts. She also is survived by her sister, Ruth Lorene Church.

In addition to her husband, Willard Sr., she was predeceased by her brothers, Darrell and Charles and her sister, Rosealia.

A memorial service will be held at A. H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memorial Park in Terre Haute, Ind.

For service information, call A.H. Peters Funeral Home at (313) 884-5500.

Marilyn Smith Wood

A celebration of life service for Grosse Pointe resident Marilyn Smith Wood will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Wood, a loving mother, cherished grandma Mimi and dear friend, peacefully passed away Monday, Aug. 8, 2011.

A life-long resident of Grosse Pointe, she was an accomplished artist and interior designer.

Mrs. Wood is survived by her children, Christine (Sheldon) Wardwell, Jane (Charles) McFeely, Robert (Tricia) Wood, all of Grosse Pointe; Candace (David) Lancaster of Seattle, and Martha (Bill) Cyphers of Haverford, Pa. She also is survived by 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Love stinks

At about 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, a woman investigated the sound of glass breaking outside her house in the 800 block of Rivard.

She discovered her ex-boyfriend smashing the windows of her 1996 Ford Taurus, she told police.

The suspect fled the area in a black 2000 Cadillac Deville, the woman added. Police said the suspect had an alibi.

Go away forever

An alleged pest who won't bug off faces trespassing charges for bothering a woman living on Dodge Place.

The man, a 24-year-old Detroit resident, was arrested at about 3 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. He'd been reported knocking on the woman's front door for 20 minutes and disregarding her orders to go away.

"(He) stated he was there to sing to (the homeowner)," police said. "(The homeowner) stated (the suspect) has been harassing her for approximately three months."

— 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

Three many dogs

A resident in the 100 block of Ridgemont complained that a neighbor's three Doberman dogs bark all the time.

One of the dogs bit someone about a year ago, the resident told police.

He's back

The reported car thief who set off ridicule from Farms police as beyond stupid for allegedly committing a crime this summer while free on bond and being tracked by a global positioning tether was seen at 8:54 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, meandering on Mack near Moran.

A patrolman questioned the 18-year-old Detroit resident as a "local car thief."

"He was just released from the Dickerson facility this morning and a bus dropped him off in the Grosse Pointe area," said the officer.

Yet, the man said he'd prefer to go to Livonia.

An officer dropped him off at a bus stop on Eight Mile and Gratiot in Detroit.

Car stolen

A Warren woman said her burgundy 2000 Jeep Cherokee Classic Sport was stolen during daylight hours Wednesday, Oct. 5, while parked on eastbound Mack west of Labelle.

The vehicle has polished aluminum wheels and state park stickers in the windshield.

Purse gone

At 8:10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, the purse of a 70-year-old Harper Woods woman was reportedly stolen from inside her white 2004 Honda Civic while she was in the lobby of the BP station at Mack and Moross.

The car was parked near a gasoline pump, she told police. She said her purse is black.

Casing cars

A resident reported shortly after 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, three unknown men walking southbound on Stanton Lane looking into parked car windows.

They left the area in a red Ford pickup, the resident told police.

One of three patrolmen responding to the scene discovered a 2001 Jeep parked with its doors open. The owner said a gold-colored iPod was missing from the vehicle.

A City of Grosse Pointe officer, monitoring Farms radio reports of the incident, pulled over three men in a red Ford pickup on Kercheval near Lincoln.

Officers searching the vehicle didn't find the iPod.

The men, ages 17 and 19 from Detroit and St. Clair Shores, were let go.

— 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

Hit and run

At 2:35 a.m., an officer monitoring traffic on Vernier spotted a 2002 Chrysler Neon matching the description of a car involved minutes earlier in a hit and run collision on Vernier and Canton in Harper Woods.

The Neon's front end was damaged. Smoke came from the engine compartment.

The driver, a 23-year-old woman from Hazel Park, told police she didn't know she'd been in a wreck, but that "my air bag went off."

She admitted drinking "some shots after my shift," police said.

Shores officers turned her over to Harper Woods authorities.

I'm outta here

A cat didn't stick around when a public safety officer rescued it at 5:12 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, from a metal-walled basement window well on Stonehurst.

"(It) scurried off," said Officer Tony Spina.

Fan fire

Cardboard and other matter blocking the opening of a kitchen exhaust fan ignited last week when a homeowner in the 500 block of Sheldon mistakenly turned on the fan and left the premises.

"Upon her return, the house was full of smoke," said officers responding to the incident at 11:36 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. "The fan (was) stuffed full of cardboard and insulation to stop the cold draft."

Officers doused the fan with a fire extinguisher. They also vented the dwelling and checked for fire inside walls.

"(A) thermal imaging (camera) was used to check the entire (house)," said an officer.

Making sure

Shores officers and Grosse Pointe Woods medics responded shortly after 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, to a carbon monoxide alarm sounding at a 73-year-old woman's house on Fordcroft.

"It was determined a bad battery activated the alarm," said a public safety officer.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Larceny from auto

Two Harper Woods residents are being held on suspicion of breaking into a car and removing the radio at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

According to police, an Aline resident and a friend saw the radio was gone, noticed two men walking away and gave chase. The suspects eluded them by running through yards.

A police tracking dog found the suspects at Mack and Brys, along with the stolen radio. The radio's owner identified one of the suspects as an acquaintance.

Vicious dog

An Anita resident called police the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 8, to report the neighbor's dog attacked a dog being walked by its owner.

The owner of the dog that was attacked also called police to report the incident. Police said the offending dog's owner refused to open the door to the residence.

Car crash

An 18-year-old Woods resident was in stable condition after driving a minivan into a telephone pole at Morningside and Hollywood at 2:54 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 2.

He was transported to St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

A parked car was also hit and sustained significant damage. Employees from DTE repaired damaged wires.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Marijuana arrest

A patrol officer arrested a woman smoking marijuana at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at the corner of Jefferson and Maryland.

Garage fire

A homeowner in the 1200 block of Devonshire observed smoke coming from his garage at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. His 1984 Corvette caught fire. He pushed the car from the garage and extinguished the fire. There was no damage to the garage.

Some friends

When some noisy friends were asked to leave the house of a resident in the 1400 block of Maryland at 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, they thanked their host by taking an iPod, a bike and a cell phone.

UDAA

An ex-boyfriend is being held on charges he unlawfully took a 2005 Range Rover from a former girlfriend at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.

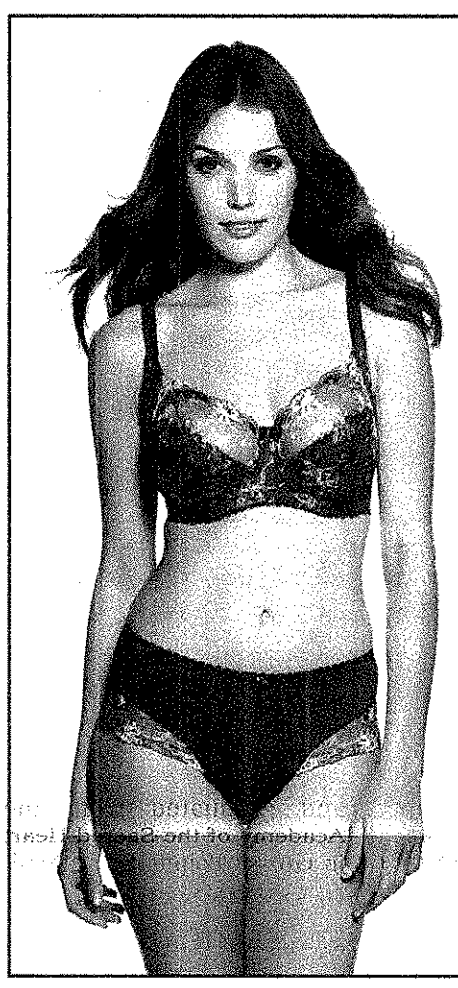
The car's owner notified police, who used Stop Sticks to catch the fleeing driver.

Purse theft

An employee of a business in the 15000 block of Charlevoix reported her purse stolen at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Cash, a camera and medication were in the purse.

— Kathy Ryan

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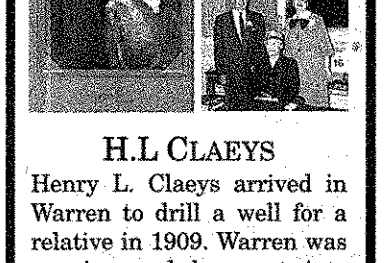
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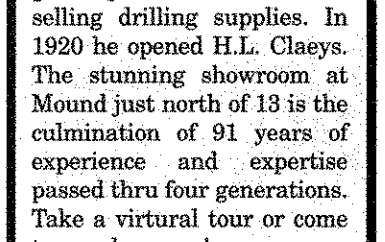
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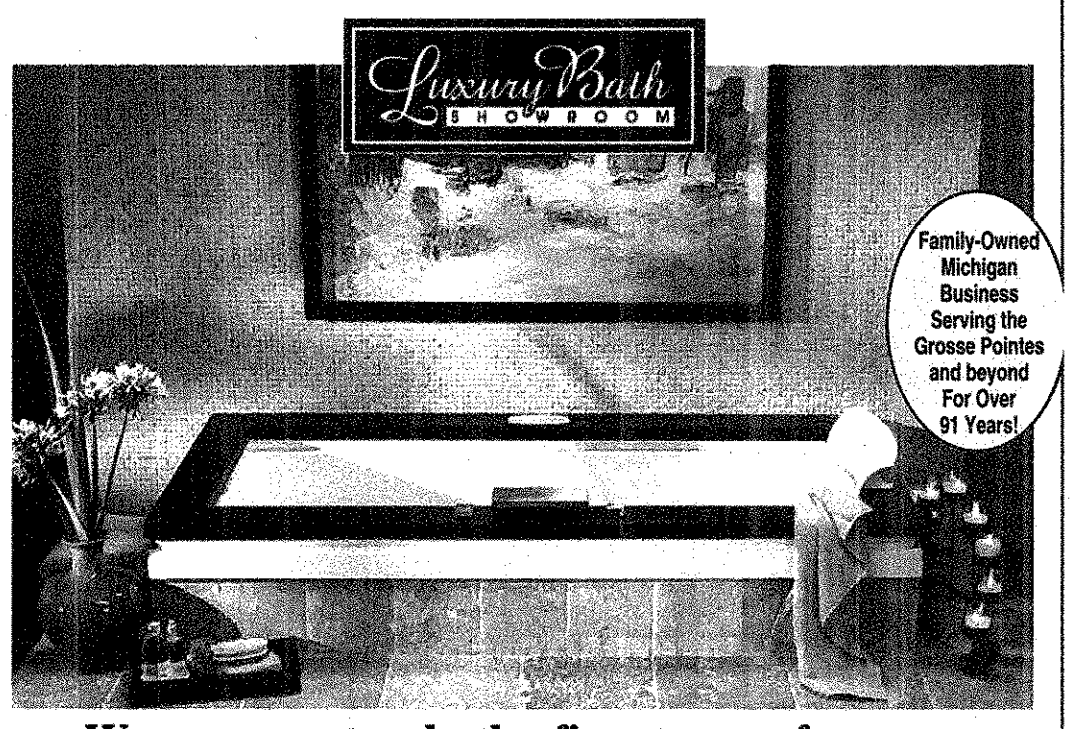


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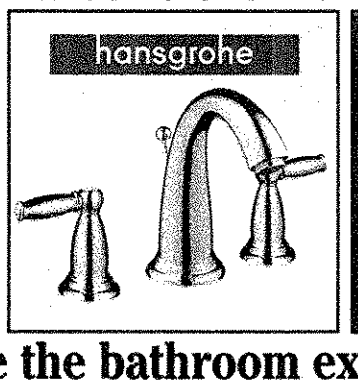
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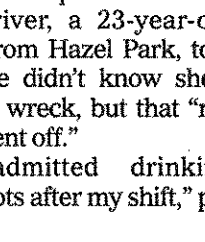
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Man dies fixing gas leak in the Farms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Medics were unable to revive a DTE Energy repairman that public safety officers rescued last week from the bottom of a 5-foot trench filled with natural gas jetting from a broken pipe.

"It was a sad day," said Farms Officer Tom Shimko.

Thomas Isaac, 50, of Roseville and an employee of the utility company for more than 20 years, was dead on arrival at St. John Hospital minutes after being hauled from the hole at about 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, in the 400 block of Moran, said police.

"I thought we had a chance to save him," Shimko said. "I thought it was going to be a rescue. It turned out to be a recovery."

Officers from the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe responded to a 911 call from the victim's coworker, working topside. A Shores officer arrived to warn neighbors of the gas leak.

"We didn't know if it was going to explode," Shimko said.

City Lt. Eddie Tujaka arrived first, with Shimko and another Farms officer seconds behind.

"I was close by, up on Mack, when the call came out," Tujaka said. "It sounded quite serious."

Officers pulled up to see the coworker waving them down.

"The one employee was frantic," Tujaka said.

A roaring sound came from the trench.

"You could hear gas flowing out," Tujaka said. "It was extremely high pressure. You could smell it."

"It was pungent," Shimko said.

The rotten egg smell of otherwise odorless natural gas is due to the addition of mercaptan, which serves to warn of leaks.

"I never smelled it that concentrated before," Shimko said.

"I saw the guy in the hole slumped over unconscious," Tujaka said.

He tried to reach down and pull Isaac out, but he was too far down.

"I went to my scout car and got an air tank and a big strap I carry with me for emergencies," Tujaka said.

Shimko got a ladder off the utility truck.

Tujaka put on breathing gear and climbed down.

"I put a strap around him and started lifting him out," he said. "It was such a high pressure leak from a six-inch main. There was extreme danger of an explosion. But, there's a victim in the bottom. You've got to go down and give it a shot. That's what we do."

Shimko and another officer helped haul Isaac out. They carried him to a gurney from an ambulance just pulling up.

"He wasn't breathing as far as I could tell," Tujaka said. "We tried as hard as we could. Farms medics started CPR right away. They shocked him."

Shores Sgt. Dan Pullen gave mutual aid.

"I went east on Moran from Mack evacuating homes," he said.

Officers accompanied the ambulance to the hospital.

"As soon as we got there, I picked up on the CPR until we got him in the ER and turned him over to the emergency staff," Tujaka said. "I guess he was unrecoverable."

Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati arrived on Moran when the victim was in the ambulance being treated.

"His partner, who I interviewed, said Isaac was in the hole fixing a break in the line," Rosati said.

Isaac was attaching a flow seal clamp, a rubber clamp tightened by bolts over leaks.

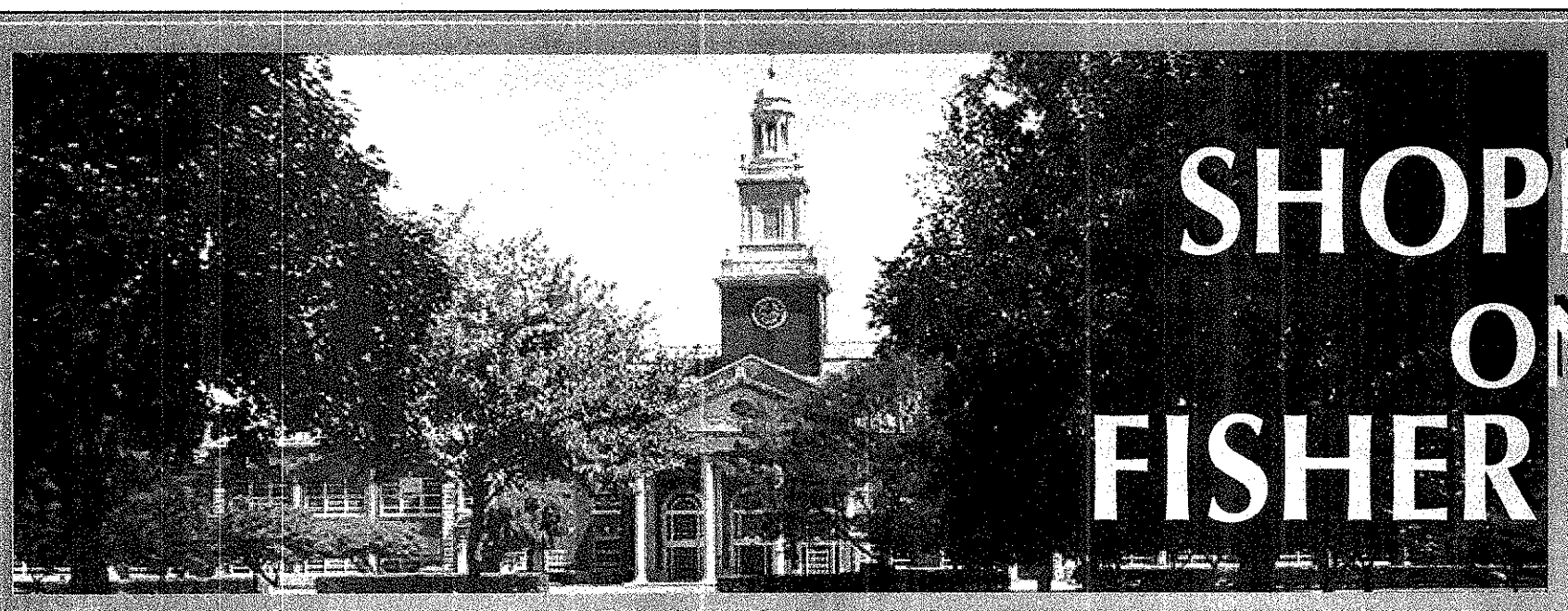
"He was close to being done putting the clamp on," Rosati said. "He was tightening the bolts. He took his breather off because the gas wasn't flowing that much anymore."

The coworker walked away from the trench to get something off the truck, according to Rosati.

"He heard a sudden rush of gas," Rosati said. "He went back to the hole and saw Isaac slumped over. He tried to roust him by hitting him on his back. He couldn't alone pull him out, so he called 911."

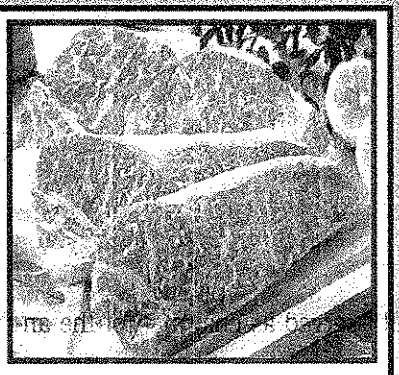
The odor of leaking gas had been nagging the area since the week before, Rosati said.

"They were fixing what you might call a routine problem that turned deadly," Rosati said.



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Park candidates seek council spots; mayor unopposed

There are four candidates running for three council seats in Grosse Pointe Park.

Daniel Clark is seeking his seventh term on the Park city council. A resident of the Park for 33 years, Clark was first elected to council in 1987 after serving as neighborhood liaison to city administration for the northwest sector. He has served as council representative to the beautification commission, the finance committee and personnel review committee. He is currently chairman of the ordinance review committee.

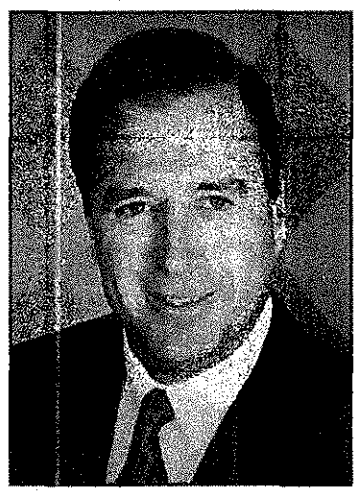
Clark holds a master's degree from Michigan State University.

He is a manager in field operations for the Social Security Administration. Married with four children, Clark is an active member of St. Ambrose parish.

"During the last 24 years, I have maintained a commitment to three principal goals: first, to ensure that we live in a safe and secure environment; second, to improve and expand upon the services that are provided to our residents; and third, to guarantee the very best stewardship of scarce resources."



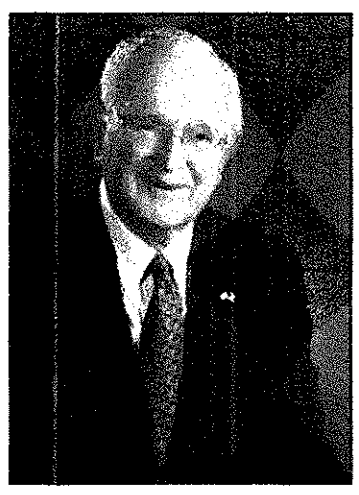
Daniel Clark



Robert Denner



John Teodecki



Palmer Heenan

Robert Denner is seeking his third term on the Park city council. A resident of the Park for 29 years, Denner was first elected to council in 2004. He has been active in the Audubon-Whittier Property Association and is a trustee and past president of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. He serves as chairman of the Park's personnel committee and sits on the ordinance review committee and the building and eevelopment committee.

Denner holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Michigan. He is retired from Accenture, a global management and technology service company.

Married with two sons, Denner is a member of St. Clare of Montefalco parish.

"The most important action is to use our current resources effectively while pursuing efficiencies within city operations. We are already arguably the leanest operating of the Pointes and there are limited if any areas where cuts could be absorbed without affecting the quality of services. It is critical to maintain excellence in the services and amenities that make our community a special place to live and raise a family. Public safety and our parks are at the top of the list. Going forward, sharing and consolidating services with the other Grosse Pointes will improve all the cities' finances."

John Teodecki is running for his first elected office. A resident of the Park for more than 20 years, he said he is running for council to provide more transparency in city government and to improve communication with the residents of Grosse Pointe Park.

Teodecki is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is an engineer with Ford Motor Company.

Married with two children, Teodecki is active as a class sponsor at Grosse Pointe South High School and is an active volunteer with the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, where he has served as chairman of the annual Eyes On Design fundraiser.

"My goal as a member of council is to provide strong fiscal management, maintain city services and public safety, restore uniformed public safety officers staffing levels, maintain parks and improve marketing of our existing services, improve real property values and address critical road repairs and utility upgrades."

Gregory Theokas did not respond to a request for information.

Incumbent Mayor **Palmer Heenan** is running unopposed.

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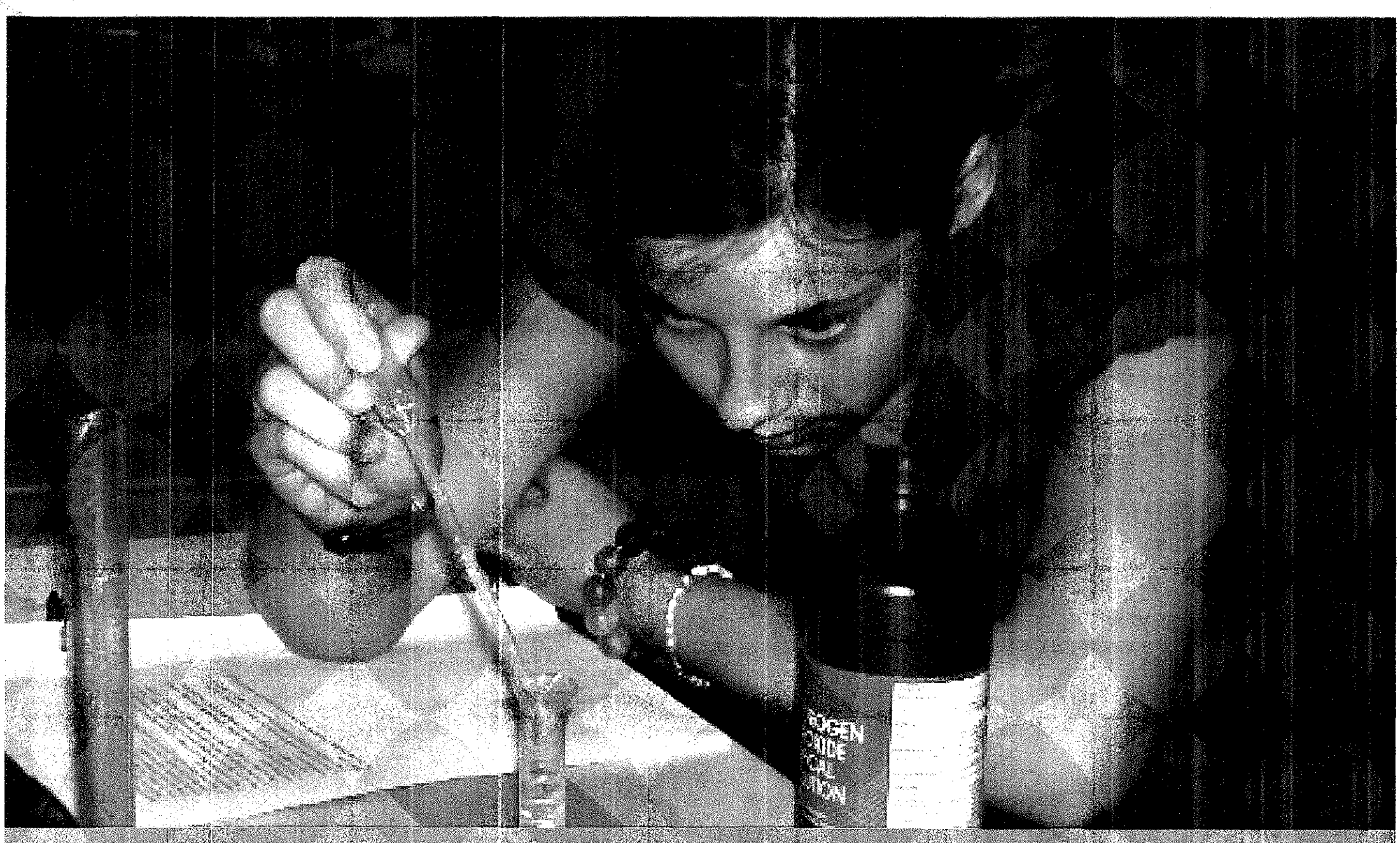
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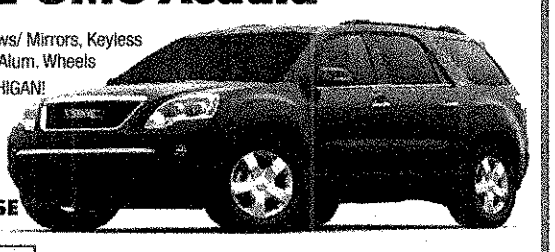
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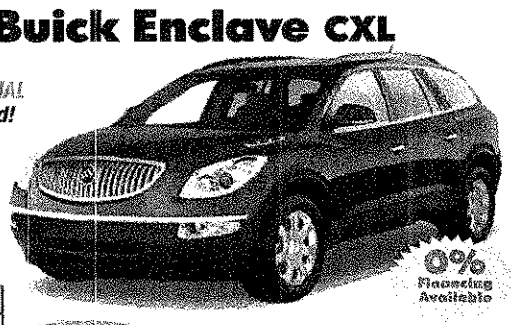
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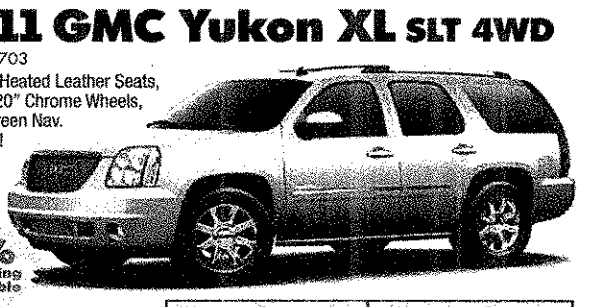
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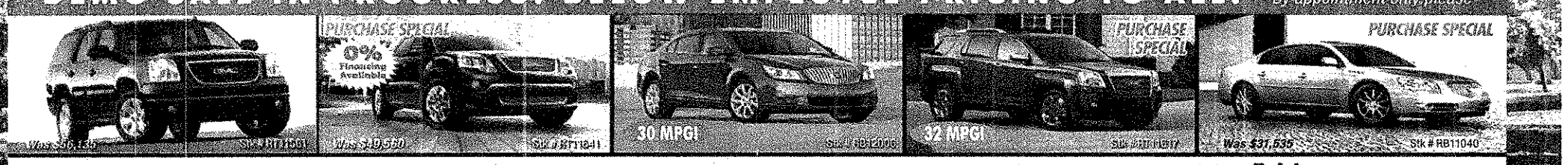


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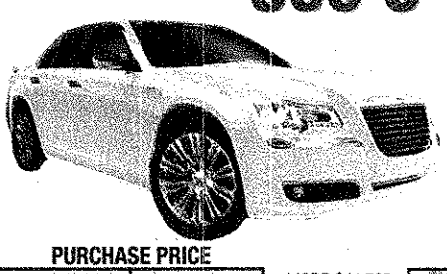
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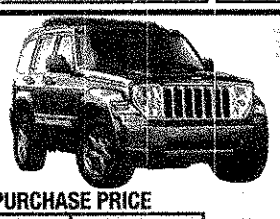
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	$238* mo	$298* mo

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PURCHASE PRICE

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36 MO. LEASE	EMPLOYEE PRICE	EVERYONE PRICE
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PURCHASE PRICE

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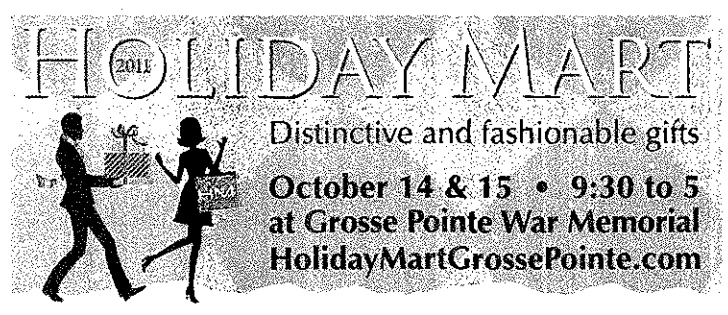
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NEWS III



AUTOS By Jenny King

2011 Mini Countryman ALL4



Imagine well-appointed ruggedness in a vehicle and think smaller — quite a bit smaller. Envision a BMW Mini with four doors, seating for four, all-wheel drive and a lift-up tailgate. And call it a Mini Countryman ALL4.

The Mini family now includes the original Mini two-door hardtop, Mini convertible and the Mini Clubman with two full doors up front and rear-hinged demi-door on the passenger side for rear-seat occupants. The Countryman is the first to offer four full-size doors. And there are four bucket seats inside plus rear cargo space. It is Mini's version of the tried-and-true station wagon.

Mini Electric

The Mini Electric — Mini E — is a battery-electric vehicle tested by consumers in California, New York and New Jersey between 2009 and 2011 as part of a University of California - Davis and BMW study.

Calling it the largest publicly available study of electric-car users; 120 families drove Mini E's more than 1 million miles. The report said participants found the cars fun, practical and easy to drive and rechargeable. Stay tuned: they are not yet available for purchase.



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

Parked across from vehicles like a Cord sedan, the 2011 Mini Countryman snags a parking place. A round speedometer occupies a large portion of the instrument panel and a digital readout directly in front of the driver verifies numbers.

The Countryman

The Mini Cooper Countryman is available in six configurations: the basic model with front drive and 121 horsepower 1.6-liter four with either manual or automatic transmission; Cooper S Countryman with turbocharged 181 horsepower 1.6-liter four with front drive and manual or automatic transmission; and the Cooper S Countryman ALL4 has all-wheel drive, turbocharged 1.6-liter four and choice between two transmissions.

The basic Countryman with naturally-aspirated 1.6-liter engine and manual transmission is the most fuel-efficient, with an average 27 miles per gallon city and 35 mpg highway. The Cooper S Countryman ALL4 with automatic transmission fares worst: 24 city/31 highway. All require premium fuel.

Mini Cooper prices run in a narrow band. The hatchback starts at $19,400; the Mini convertible opens at $24,850; and the Clubman, $21,200. The two-seater coupe starts at $21,300 and the Countryman launches at $21,650. Some are available with the premium John Cooper Works package.

It is what it is

There are downsides with any vehicle and the Countryman is no exception. If seeking a quiet, cushy ride, it won't be found in the Countryman.

Mini handling is precise; the slightest movement of the steering wheel brings an immediate response. When the turbocharging kicks into the 181 horsepower, 1.6-liter engine, hold on to your seats.

The test vehicle included all-wheel drive and turbocharged four (S), plus double panoramic sunroof and lots of striping and glitter. Standard features, with a base price of $26,950, include corner brake control, manual six-way adjustable front seats, seven air bags, upgraded sound system, satellite radio with one-year subscription, roof rails and a center rail between the front seats with a special "pod" for sunglasses and a sport button for quicker steering and throttle response.

Then there are options — some $8,000 worth. A $1,250 convenience package included mirrors; the premium package added the panoramic sunroof and Harman-Kardon sound system; and the sport package, 18-inch allow wheels, Xenon headlights and black hood stripes for $1,500.

The Steptronic automatic transmission was $1,250. Buyers are charged $250 for a cargo net and another $250 for a center arm rest, which will always be in the way.

We discovered huge hooks in the storage space under the rear cargo floor. And the Mini had no spare tire or repair kit.

Jenny King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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LEASE IT FOR 39 MOS. $236 $2,500 DUE AT LEASE SIGNING, PLUS TAX

REGAL
$23,168.24* GM Employee Price WAS $28,065
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STK# B411683 Deal#154887
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$29520* $1,000 due at lease signing, plus tax. 10,000 miles a yr.

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$22,788.71* GM Employee Price WAS 27,595
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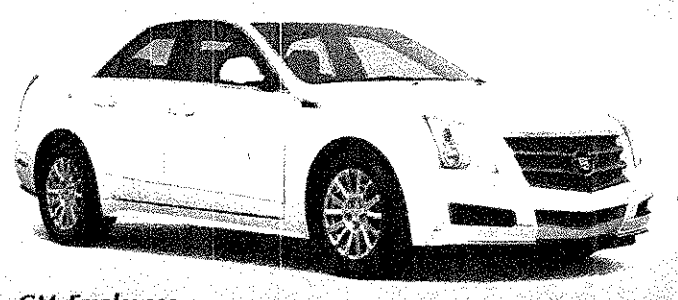
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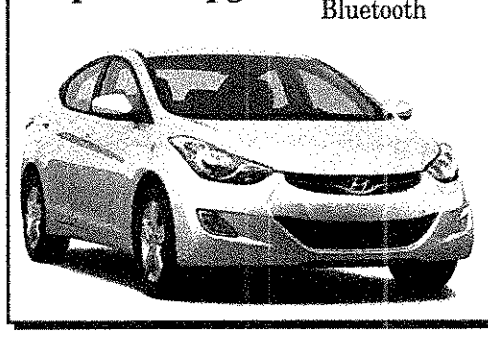
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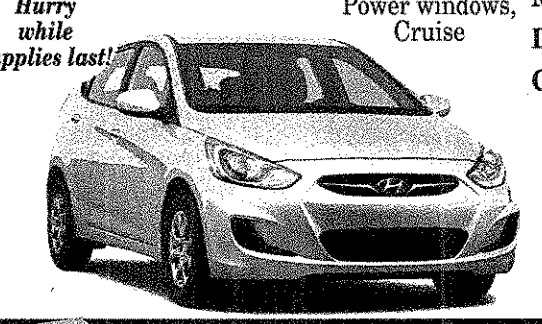
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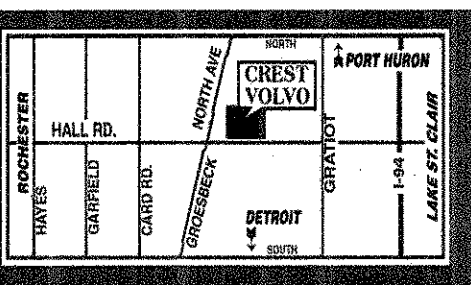
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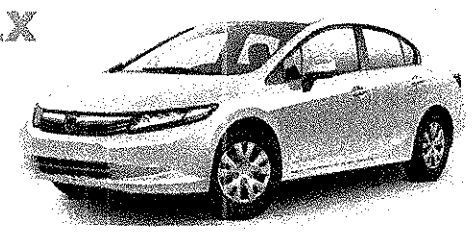
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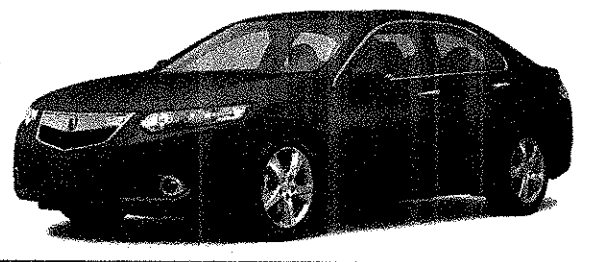


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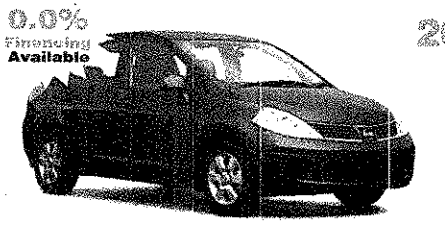
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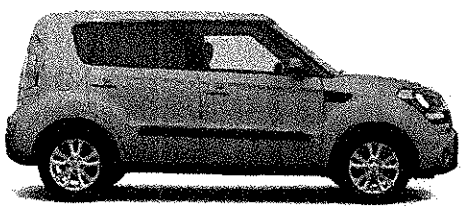
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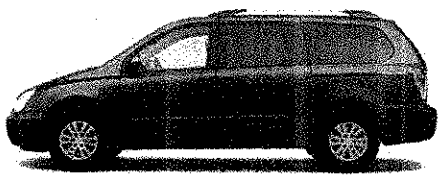
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The 2011 Mercedes-Benz CL 550 is one of the most sophisticated and powerful sport coupes. Loaded with all the high-tech options, it has the most automotive technology available together in one car.

The 2011 Mercedes-Benz CL 550

I took my Palladium Silver CL along scenic rural back roads. The 4,619-pound vehicle handles tautly on the bends and was alert when cruising at speed. This may be due to Direct-Steer, which varies the steering ratio with the steering angle.

I picked up a nail in the right rear tire and was warned on the display screen pressure was dropping. I called the Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance number and in 20 minutes, help arrived.

The CL550 carries a 429 horsepower 4.6-liter V8 engine. With twin turbochargers and 518 pound-feet of torque, it rockets the car from 0 to 60 in 4.8 seconds while 4Matic All-Wheel-Drive traction sends it effectively to the ground. Potent ventilated disc brakes, with the fronts cross-drilled, pull down to a quick stop.

The new 4.6-liter V8 makes beautiful music. It replaces last year's 5.4-liter mill, yet it not only delivers 12 percent more power, but 32 percent more torque, too. That means more for less, with fuel economy numbers of 15 City, 23 Highway.

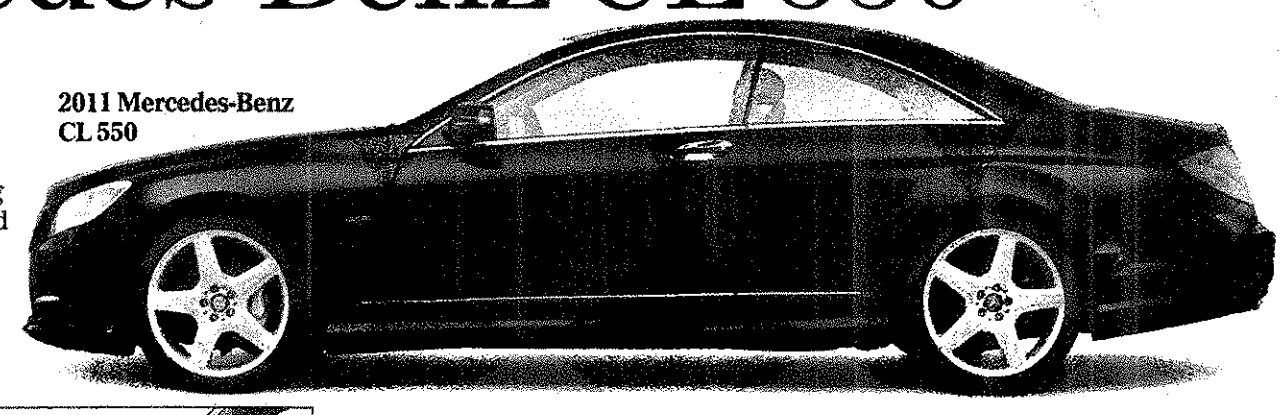
I averaged 18.4 miles per gallon. The EPA Green Vehicle Guide gives the CL an air pollution score of 6, good; and greenhouse gas number of 3, not so good — but not surprising either.

The interior of the CL is spacious. The mostly wood steering wheel features leather at the 3 and 9 positions for grip. The burl walnut trim is gorgeous and the center-mounted clock resembles an expensive tank watch. There's roll-top storage for the two rear passengers. I especially admired the sleek ridge of climate control buttons along the center console.

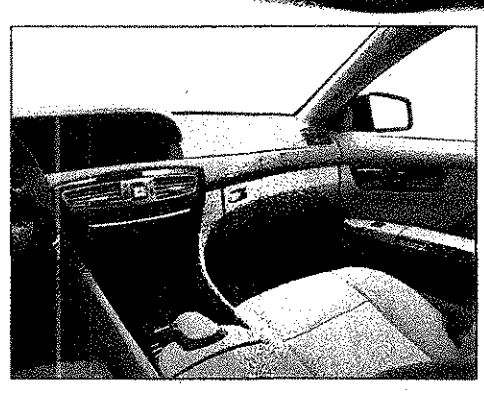
A real bonus is the ambient lighting along the dash and doors that can be set in three moods: solar, amber; neutral, white; and polar, ice-blue, with intensity at five levels.

The instrument panel gauges are clean and simple and features Night View Assist Plus, an infrared camera view of the road. The screen shows much more detail than my view through the windshield.

The air suspension can be adjusted for sport or comfort. Also, you can vary the ride height. The Mercedes' doors close themselves the last inch or so. I got used to gently placing them near and letting them pull tight.



2011 Mercedes-Benz CL 550



The standard seats in the CL are incredible, but the ones in the premium package come with massage. They are not meant to relax you into slumber, but keep you alert.

To combat drowsiness — a major cause of accidents — Mercedes-Benz also provides Attention Assist as standard.

Years of research has led to a sophisticated system that continuously evaluates more than 70 parameters to identify driver drowsiness and then provides a warning.

This is a genuinely special car; I was amazed at how many features kept turning up. As its custodian, I was enthralled by its content and performance, but also worried about scratching a wheel, or something worse.

Let's hope some of the design, performance, fuel economy and safety features filter down into the other Mercedes-Benz models soon.

New GM safety features available in upcoming models

General Motors has announced new safety features will be available on several of its 2012 and 2013 crossover utility vehicles.

One of them — the first of its kind to be brought to market — is GM's center-mount front air bag. Designed to protect driver and front-seat passenger from head, neck and thorax injuries in side impact crashes, the new air bag will be available on 2013 Buick, Chevrolet and GMC midsize crossovers.

The 2-1/2-pound brick or air bag receptacle is mounted in the right side of the driver's seatback. In a side impact crash, it inflates in a figure-8, upward to cover neck and head areas and down and slightly around the driver's chest.

It addresses the safety of both persons in the front seat, with a focus on the person across the vehicle from the point of impact.

Developed with supplier Takata, GM's front center air bag is a response to serious injuries and fatalities from far-side impact crashes. These crashes accounted for 11 percent of the belted front occupant fatalities in non-rollover impacts between 2004 and 2009 involving 1999 model year or newer vehicles, GM reported.

No price was available for the front center air bag, but GM has put a $295 tag on its new camera-based lane departure and rear-end collision warning system. The system will be available on 2012 GMC Terrain and Chevrolet Equinox compact utility vehicles as new-model production before the end of the this year.

The passive crash-avoidance safety system warns the driver on a small screen directly above the center-mounted information screen. When turned on, the system shows green "vehicle detected" and "lane departure warning" car icons. If the driver is closing in too rapidly on the vehicle ahead, a flashing red "forwards collision alert" and eight quick beeps signal the need to quickly apply the brakes.

If the driver is drifting into another lane or onto the shoulder of the road, the lane departure posts amber "lane departure warning" icons accompanied by warning chimes.

The forward collision alert kicks in at speeds more than 25 mph; the driver can set the warning distance from far, closer and very close, depending on driving style.

The lane-departure picks up on drifting but not purposeful lane changing. If a turn signal is employed, it will not send a warning. It is available at speeds above 35 mph.

The camera looks through a windshield-integrated opening and operates much like the human eye, GM engineers explained. It operates as long as the camera eye is unobstructed by something like snow or mud. The area is kept clear by the windshield wipers.

The camera searches for other vehicles in its forward collision warning function and for lane markings in its lane departure function.

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2011 Jeep Patriot Latitude X 4x4



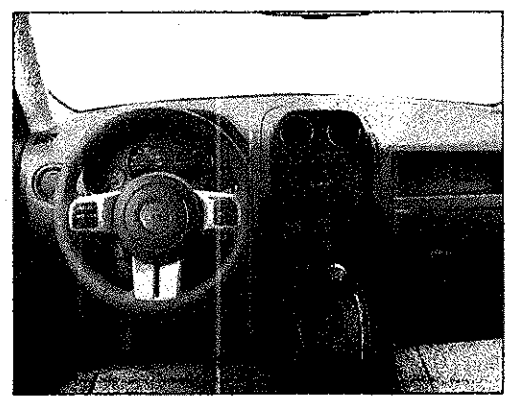
This week, we're driving Jeep's 2011 Patriot Latitude X 4x4, a higher-end SUV and still one of Jeep's most popular 4x4's on the road today — base price: $23,895; price as tested: $27,575.

Although our Latitude X came loaded, a base Patriot 4x2 starts at $15,995, so there is much leeway in pricing out a Jeep. If you want a 4x4, add another $1,650 to the base.

Gone from the lineup this year is the Patriot Limited, replaced by the "upper scale" Latitude series. All Patriots are built in Belvedere, Ill., by Chrysler Group LLC, and the Latitude series starts at $22,195 for the 4x2. The front end is tweaked compared to last year, with a new grill and rounded headlamps.

Under the hood, all Latitudes and base model 4x4s receive motivation from the trusty 16-valve, variable valve timing 2.4-liter 172 horsepower inline 4-cylinder engine. When mated to the standard 5-speed manual transmission, Latitude delivers a respectable 23 city and 28 highway EPA rating. The base Patriot 4x2 still comes with the smaller 2.0 liter 158 horse 4-cylinder that delivers 23 and 29 EPA numbers, respectively.

As for 4x4 transmissions, all Patriots feature 5-speed manuals. If you prefer not to shift, the optional Continuously Variable Transaxle II costs $1,100 extra across the line. The CVT reduces EPA numbers to 21 city and 26 highway and features an Autostick function that allows for either fully automatic shifting or driver-interactive manual control. The manual control includes a six speed simulated "step-up-gear" ratio to assist in delivering the best fuel mileage possible with more spirited performance.



Inside, Latitude's cabin is loaded with amenities, yet is still sheathed in the Jeep simplicity owners have come to expect. Included on Latitude's standard feature list are heated front seats, power driver seat, front passenger folding seat, rear 60/40 reclining seats, Sirius Satellite with one-year subscription, 230W Media Center for AM/FM/CD/DVD/MP3, audio jacks, air conditioning, steering wheel controls, cruise, tilt wheel, premium carpet mats and much more. The seats are firm and all air bags, including curtains for front and second row, are part of the base price.



2011 Jeep Patriot Latitude CUV

As for more standard safety features, electronic stability control, traction control and anti-lock 4-wheel disc brakes with brake assist are standard. The tires are 17-inches on very nice aluminum wheels, while the suspension is a fully independent design with MacPherson struts up front and a multi-link setup out back.

Jeep's Freedom Drive II 4x4 system features an electroni-

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The 25 miles per gallon **2012 Honda Pilot 2WD** achieves top highway EPA ratings for an eight-passenger SUV.

2012 Honda Pilot has sleek new look

The Honda Pilot eight-passenger SUV receives a wide range of upgrades for 2012 with a sleeker front-end design, enhanced interior features and an EPA highway fuel economy rating of 25 miles per gallon on two-wheel-drive models, an increase of 2 mpg compared to 2011 models.

As with the prior model year, the 2012 Pilot is available in four model choices — Pilot LX, EX, EX-L and Touring. Each is offered in either 2- or 4-wheel-drive configuration.

The new styling for the front fascia, with its three-bar chrome-style grille, conveys a more sophisticated crossover SUV appearance. Interior styling changes focus on instrument panel refinement and a more intuitive button layout. For 2012, audio system upgrades on Pilot EX and EX-L models include a 2 GB CD-Library and Bluetooth Audio Streaming, along with the addition of Bluetooth HandsFreeLink to those trim levels.



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2012 Honda Pilot EX-L 4WD

Feature upgrades on the Pilot EX-L include the addition of a full-color 8-inch intelligent Multi-Information Display for audio and vehicle information. Models equipped with the available Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System for 2012 receive subscription-free FM Traffic, 15 GB audio hard disk drive memory and a higher-resolution display.

The fuel economy gains for 2012 result from combined improvements to the powertrain, chassis and vehicle aerodynamics. The 250 horsepower i-VTEC V-6 engine includes additional measures for friction reduction and improved efficiency. The 2012 Pilot becomes quieter with additional noise insulation and other enhancements throughout the vehicle.

The 2012 Pilot's new grille and front fascia replace the prior model's six-sided grille insert with a distinctive three-bar horizontal design.

Safety technology includes the Advanced Compatibility Engineering body structure which helps reduce the amount of crash energy reaching the passenger compartment and can enhance frontal collision compatibility.

Additional safety equipment includes three-row side curtain air bags with a rollover sensor, driver's and front passenger's side air bags with passenger-side Occupant Position Detection System, active front seat head restraints and anti-lock brakes with electronic brake distribution and brake assist. Vehicle Stability Assist — Electronic Stability Control — is standard on all models. The 2012 Pilot also meets new federal regulations with taller rear head restraints.

Power comes from an advanced 24-valve, all-aluminum engine with "intelligent" Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control technology with Variable Cylinder Management. The system allows the V-6 engine to operate in six-cylinder mode for power and four- or three-cylinder modes for efficiency. Fuel economy improves for 2012 with an EPA-estimated city/highway/combined fuel economy of 17/24/20 mpg on 4-wheel-drive models and 18/25/21 mpg on 2-wheel-drive models. The 2012 Pilot 2WD offers the highest fuel economy of any 8-passenger SUV. And the Pilot 4WD offers the highest fuel economy for any mid-size 4WD SUV.

TEST DRIVE: 2011 Jeep Patriot

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cally controlled coupling that attaches to the rear differential. The module processes signals from wheel speed sensors and accelerator pedal to determine how much torque to transfer to the rear wheels. It then sends electrical current to the ECC proportional to the amount of torque required.

Recommended for true off-road situations including steep grades, wheel lift and rock or log climbing, the Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package necessitates the CVT transaxle that engages when the off-road mode is activated.

Acceleration and handling are adequate, but remember, this Jeep is no sports car and has fast corner limitations like all SUV-based 4x4s.

Overall, Patriot is a fine highway performer waiting for its next off-road weekend of fun.

Our tester came with a customer preferred package for $1,195 that includes side air bags, security alarm, remote start, Uconnect voice command with Bluetooth, USB port, daytime running lamps, adjustable roof rails, soft tonneau cover, garage door opener and automatic dimming rear view mirror. A $685 430 watt media center with HDD Radio and Navigation by Garmin rounded out the options, bringing the total to $27,575 with $700 destination.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 103.7 inches, 3,332 pound curb weight, 8.2 inch ground clearance, 23 to 62.7 cubic feet of cargo capacity depending on seating arrangement, 2,000 pound maximum tow capacity and a 13.5 gallon fuel tank.

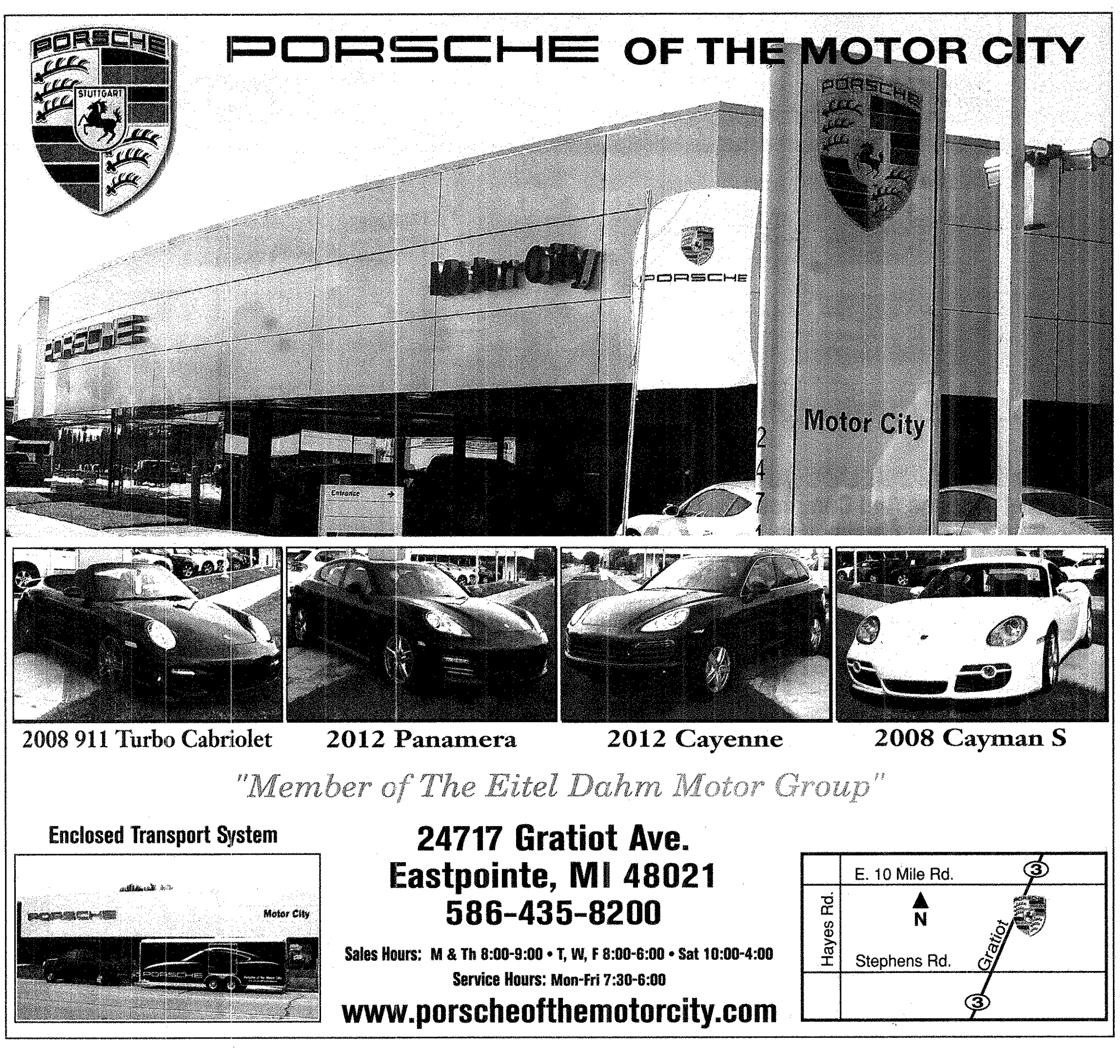
There's much to like about the American made Jeep Patriot.

Additionally, if you like the American made versions, including the smaller Compass, I'd hurry to a Jeep dealer as news is both models will be discontinued after 2012, replaced by a single "Fiat influenced" version in 2013. Italian-bred Fiat is a Chrysler corporate partner.

Likes: Jeep looks, off-road genes, ride, price.

Dislikes: Engine a bit noisy, model discontinuation.

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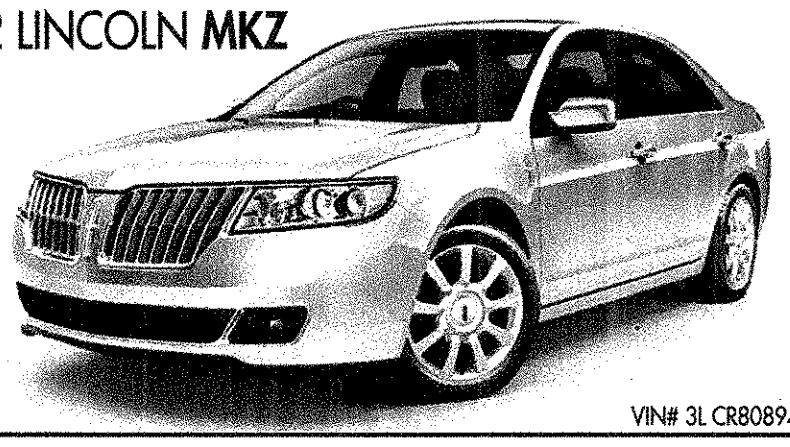
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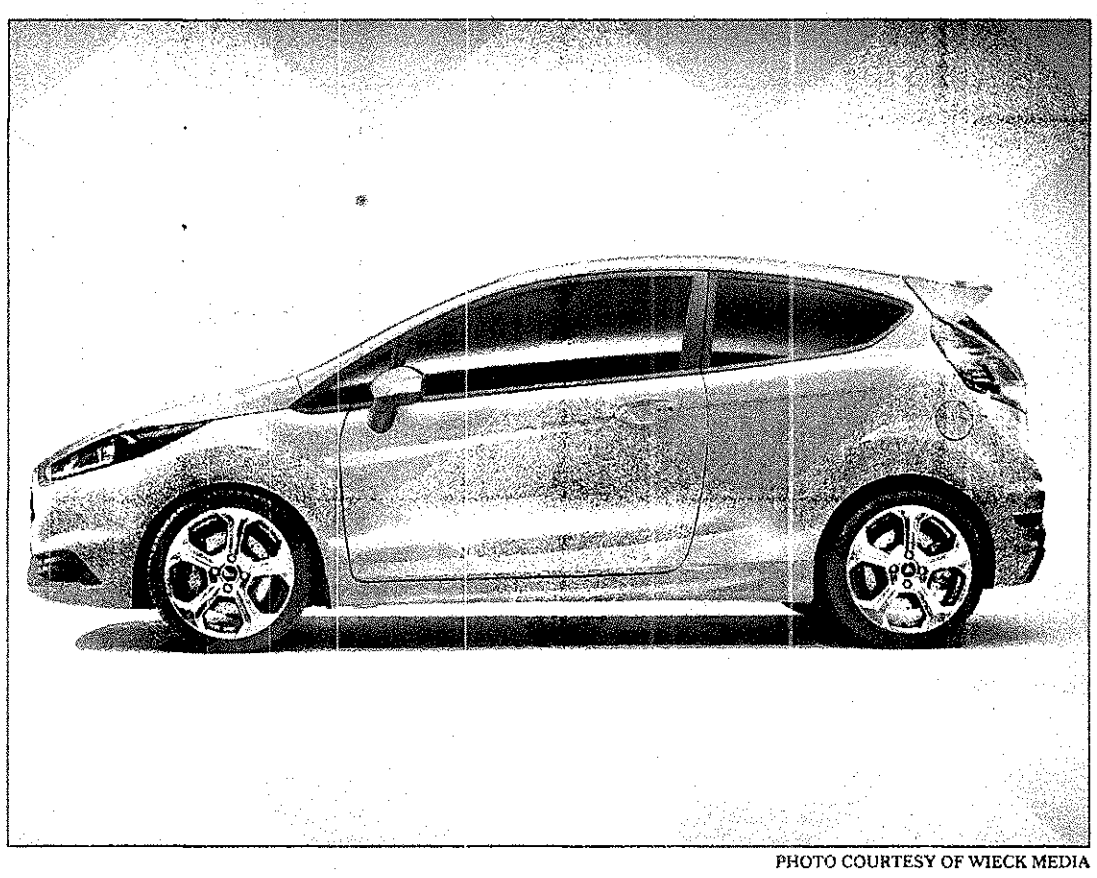


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The Ford Fiesta ST Concept

Ford Motor Company recently revealed its vision for a future high-performance Fiesta ST at the 2011 IAA Frankfurt Motor Show, Germany. The Ford Fiesta ST Concept signals the next step in Ford's global performance vehicle strategy. It hints at how a future Fiesta ST performance model might look when it joins the Focus ST in the global Ford small car portfolio.

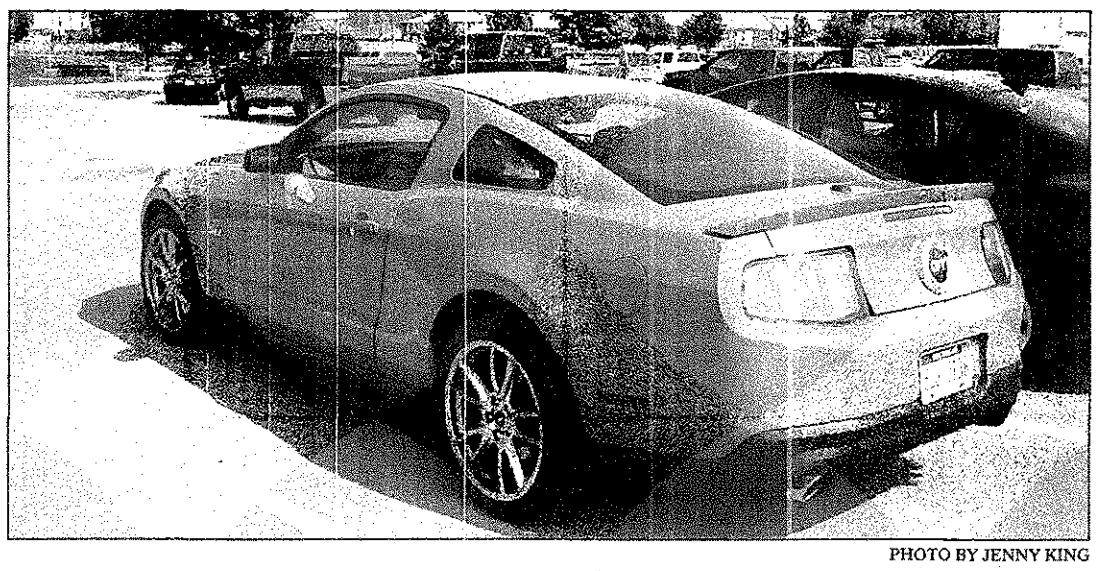


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2011 Mustang GT

The 2011 Mustang GT reviewed earlier this summer met a sad fate. When driven onto a flooded freeway service drive following torrential rains, the engine quit and the car had to be put on a flatbed and returned to Dearborn. The report said the air intake sucked water into the 5.0-liter V-8, destroying the engine.

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Woods candidates battle for four spots on council

There are two separate city council races in Grosse Pointe Woods this November. One is for the regular four-year term, the other is a special election that will complete the remainder of a term vacated when Gabriella Boddy resigned in 2010.

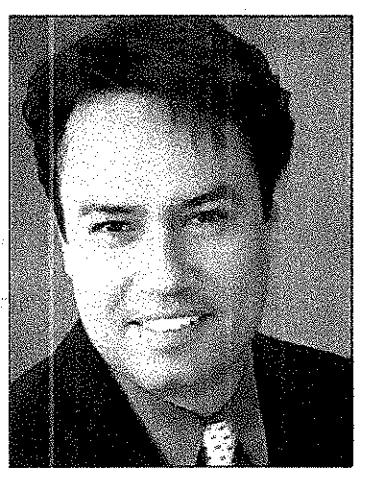
In the special election that will complete a term set to expire in 2013, two candidates are facing off.

Kevin Ketels was appointed to the city council in January 2011 following Boddy's resignation. He serves as council liaison to the planning commission and is a member of the construction committee and the public relations committee.

He has lived in the Woods for five years. Ketels holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's from Boston University. He is CEO of KMED, a clinical research firm and teaches in the School of Business Administration at Wayne State University.

Married with two children, Ketels is a volunteer with Services for Older Citizens. Ketels served as a member of the organizing committee for Michigan Communities for Local Control, a grassroots organization opposing mandatory school of choice legislation. He also served on the Woods' beautification commission prior to his appointment to council.

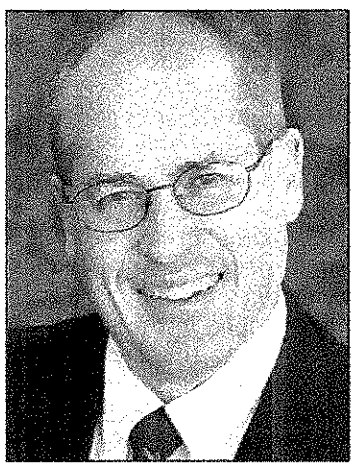
"My goal on council is to provide strong fiscal management that anticipates possible future reductions in revenue, while preserving quality city services and a rainy day fund balance. A strong reserve balance also helps the city maintain a high bond rating. The council should serve in oversight role and govern city with transparency in such a way that eliminates waste and meets community expectations and values. I would also maintain high-quality public safety department that does not compromise police, fire or emergency protection service levels, and provide an environment for thriving commercial district and promote local businesses."



Kevin Ketels



Allison Secord



Art Bryant

Allison Secord is running for her first elective office. A lifelong Woods resident, she is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Secord holds a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. She graduated in 2004 and taught in the Detroit Public Schools until 2008. She is now employed by the Wayne County Register of Deeds. She is working on a master's degree in educational administration.

"I am an independent thinker. I will look at each issue brought to council with an open mind and evaluate it with the best intentions for all residents of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Santa Claus Parade gets Wellness Train

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Santa's helpers are at it again.

They're planning another addition to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

Being constructed at a Detroit workshop is a railroad train inspired by the Toys for Tots logo. A steam locomotive named the Grosse Pointe Express pulls three coaches.

"There's going to be a toot-toot on it with steam coming out," said John Stevens, board member of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade, a tax-exempt charitable group. "It's a new, self- propelled float."

The Friends are funding, designing and paying for the train's construction, operation and storage — just as with the Santa Claus float, Rudolph the reindeer and caboose of prior parades.

"We're planning a big unveiling of the express at the Tompkins Center Nov. 16," Stevens said. "All the sponsors will be introduced at that time."

The center is at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

Bringing up the rear is a small sleigh, referred to as a caboose.

The caboose carries toys donated along the parade route for Toys for Tots, a non-profit charity founded and directed by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

As rates a highballer, the coaches and caboose due for this year's parade down Kercheval the day after Thanksgiving have a name: the Grosse Pointe Wellness Train.

The name evokes the mission of its main sponsor and sponsor of the unveiling ceremony, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

"Beaumont's trying to move away from just being an after-the-fact health care provider, but also promoting wellness throughout the hospitals," said Rick Swaine, senior vice president and president of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.



PHOTO BY JOHN STEVENS

Construction of the coaches is under way.

"We're the largest employer in the Grosse Pointes," added John Danaher, vice president of the Beaumont Foundation and former Farms mayor. "As such, we like to be central to things going on in our community.

"We support organizations and events that speak to the health and wellness of our community."

The Wellness Express builds on success the Friends had collecting toys from parade-goers.

"Walking in the parade is exciting," Stevens said. "Seeing all the children respond. The joy families have."

Additional sponsors are being sought.

"Sponsors are able to have their children ride in the coaches," Stevens said.

Each coach has four seats.

"We may auction some rides for children in the parade," Stevens said. "We're also collecting Toys for Tots."

Contact Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade at facebook.com/gpsanta.

Board members are Bruce Burton, Gary Cortner, Robert Ermanni, Palmer Heenan, Robert Liggett, Andrew Richner, Edward Russell, Richard Ruzzin, Elizabeth Stevens and Chris Walsh.

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WOODS: Council offers options

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Since 1999 I have watched most of my friends move away. I want to provide solutions to keep young professionals in Grosse Pointe Woods. Solutions include promoting Mack Avenue as a business friendly district. I will make myself available to all residents and welcome their questions and ideas."

Four candidates are running for the three council seats.

Art Bryant is running for his second term on the council. He serves as chair of the compensation and evaluation committee, chair of the ad hoc labor negotiations committee, council representative to local officers compensation Committee, council representative to the community tree commission and council representative to the Wayne County Community Block Grant Advisory Board.

Bryant holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and is retired from Ford Motor Co.

Married with grown children, Bryant has lived in the Woods for 32 years. He volunteers with the Woods' beautification commission and Services for Older Citizens. He is a member of the Wayne State University Foundation Board, a member of the Board of Visitors, Wayne State University College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts and is president of the Detroit Chapter of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association.

"My goal on council is to promote Mack Avenue businesses and address their needs, support beautification of the business area, maintain our unmatched city services and parks and stabilize and improve residential property values. I will continue to solicit and respond to residents' input by phone, e-mail or in person."

Jill Jarboe did not respond to a request for information.

Michael Koester did not respond to a request for information.

Richard Shetler Jr. is making his first run for elected office. He serves on the city's senior citizen commission.

Shetler holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. He is employed in his family-owned automotive supplier business.

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe Woods, he has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America and is a board member of the local MSU Alumni Chapter.

"If elected, I have three goals. My first is to keep Grosse Pointe Woods Grosse Pointe Woods, the respected community and highly desirable neighborhood that has attracted and kept families for generations. Second, I will review the city's financial position and construct a proposal so we may resume street maintenance as it has been done in the past. Finally, I will promote business enterprise on Mack with the assistance of the city's boards, commissions and departments and review the current city code."

For Woods municipal judge, the **Hon. Ted Metry** is unopposed.

Diabetes report editor named

City of Grosse Pointe resident, Davida F. Kruger, a nurse and diabetes expert at Henry Ford Hospital, is editor-in-chief of Clinical Diabetes by the American Diabetes Association. Kruger serves from 2012 to 2014.

Published four times a year, Clinical Diabetes provides information on advances and state-of-the-art care for people with diabetes. It is also a forum for discussing diabetes-related problems in practice, medical-legal issues, case studies, digests of recent research, and patient education materials.

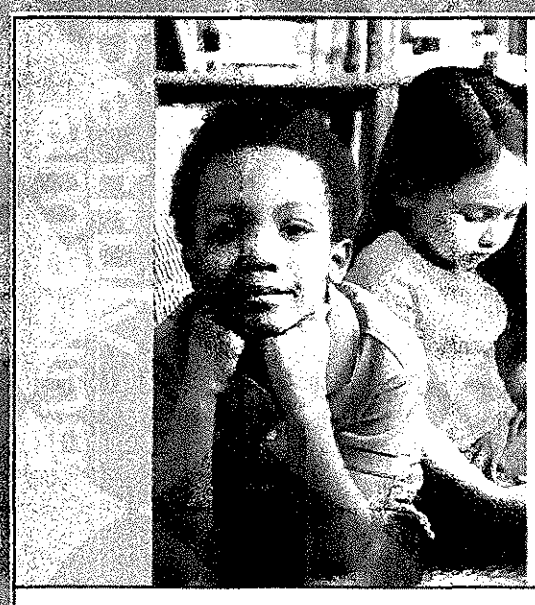
A certified nurse practitioner in diabetes, Kruger specializes in both clinical practice and research. She is board-certified by the American Nurses Association Credentialing Center in both Primary Care and Advanced Diabetes Management.

Kruger has been a certified nurse practitioner in diabetes for 26 years at Henry Ford, where her role includes both clinical practice and research. She has been a principal investigator on a number of research projects and has written widely on diabetes care, authoring the book "The Diabetes Travel Guide 2nd edition (2006)."

Her awards include the Florence Nightingale award for excellence in research, ADA's Rachmeil Levine Award for Distinguished Service, ADA's Award for Outstanding Service in Diabetes Research Funding, and The ADA Wendell May's Award.

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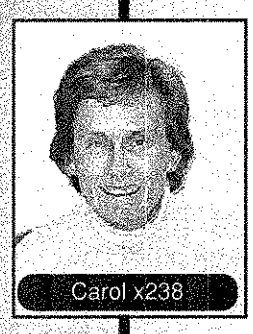
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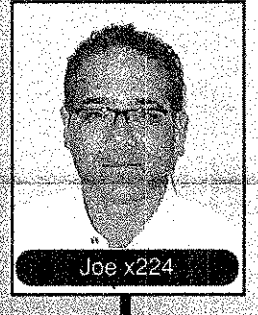
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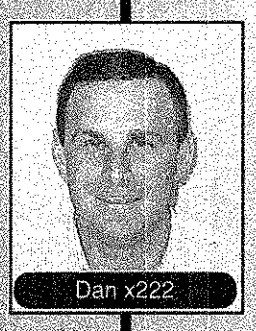
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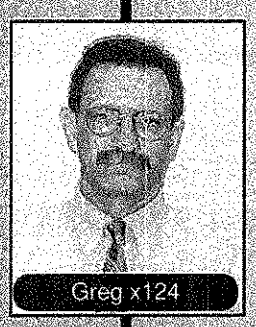

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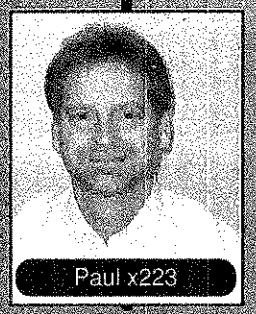

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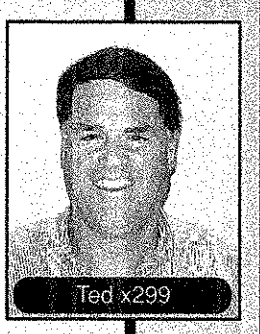
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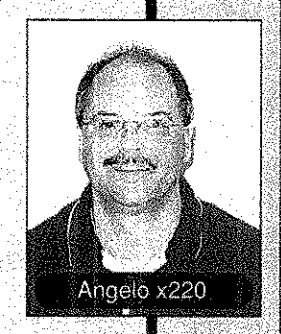
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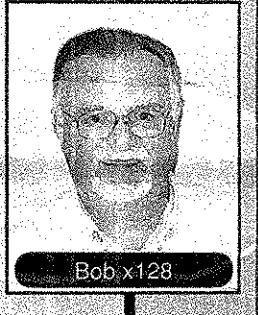
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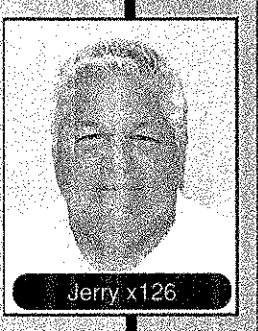
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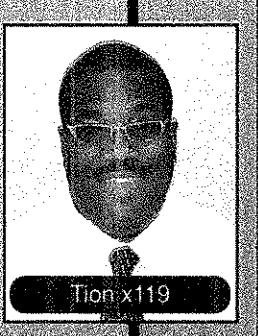

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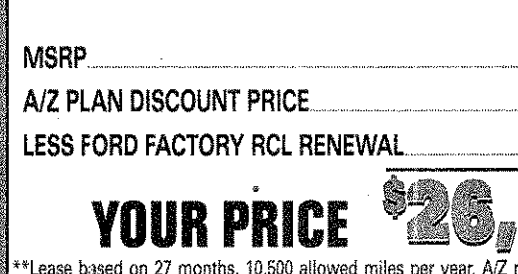
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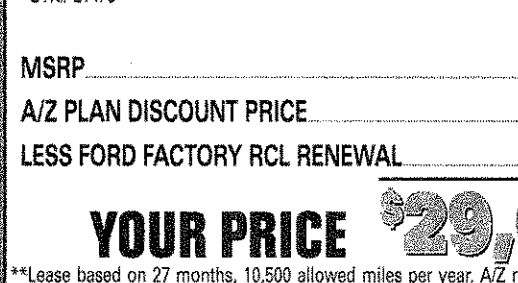
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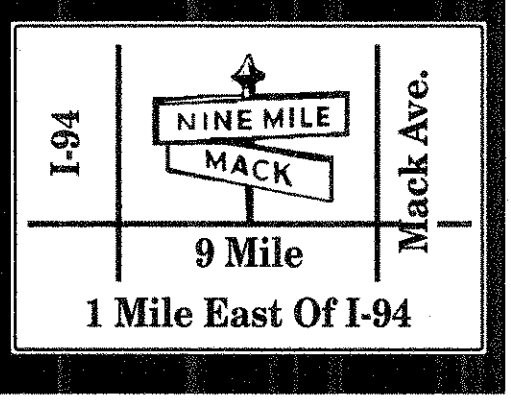
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Nicaraguan school children are all smiles after receiving gift boxes from Grosse Pointe Rotarians in 2006. Medical supplies were taken to help the Children of the Dump program instituted to create better living conditions for those previously living off a garbage dump.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

One hundred cents of every dollar donated to the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe is spent on projects. No overhead. No administration fees.

Each project is run, from inception to completion, by volunteers.

A volunteer's time commitment is from one hour to life.

Once a person understands the Rotary Club's focus, it's not hard to find the time, said Mike Carmody, a longtime Rotarian and 2009-10 and 2010-11 Rotarian of the Year.

Observing its 75th anniversary with a gala in April, the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe is not about "us," said Mark Wilson, a Rotarian since 1993.

"The 75th is important to us," he began, "but it's for people to know what we can do and have done."

Both Wilson and Carmody brushed aside the anniversary to spotlight what both the local club and the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world can do together. From Rotary International's impetus, PolioPlus, has virtually wiped out polio in all but four nations — India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

"Rotary was there to pave the way, to educate the residents about the program which has been going on since 1985," said Ron Vitale, of Grosse Pointe Woods, a member since 1982.

"Rotary, on an international basis, is committed to eradication of polio. The areas that let us in is an amazing success story," said John Mozena, Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe president from 1987-88.

But the work is not done.

"We have to remember, polio is just a plane ride away," said Kim Towar, Grosse Pointe Rotary's president in 2003-04 and Rotary district governor from 2010-11.

Rotarians are adamant they don't just throw money at a problem and walk away.

"It's sustainability," Wilson said.

Carmody added: "Rotary builds wells and schools (in third-world countries) and other Rotarians go to visit those projects to make sure they have what it needs to sustain it."

While on a Rotary trip to India with World Health Organization members, the team Vitale was attached spent 18 days in Augra, Delhi and Mumbia, providing two drops of oral polio vaccine to thousands of children. They also handed out 18 suitcases filled with eye glasses.

Is it due to Rotarians dedication and commit-

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Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe President Bill Scott and vice president Diane Strickler

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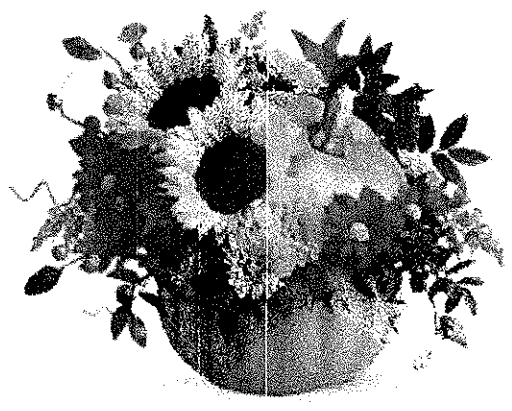
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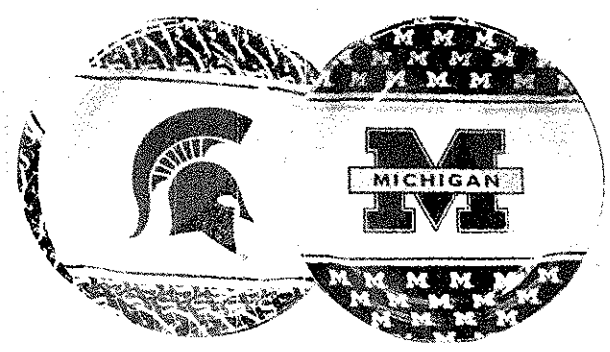


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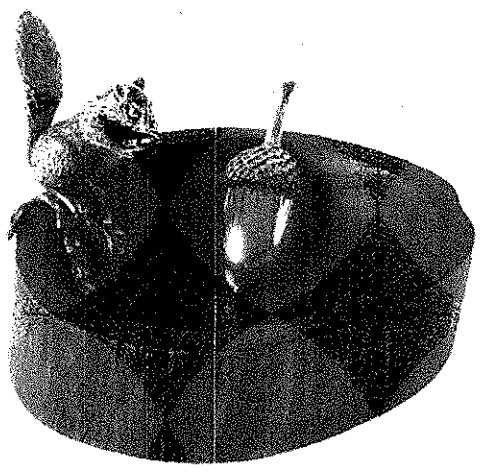


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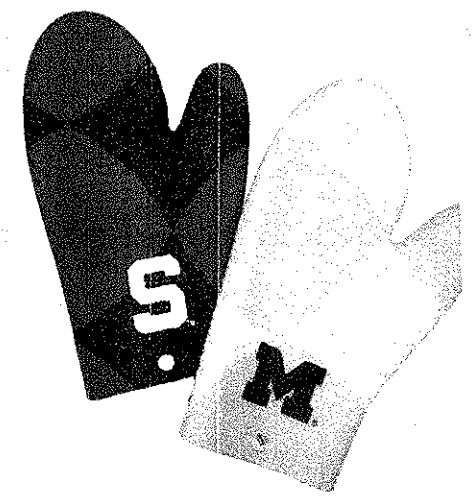


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ROTARY: Serving others

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ment to solving a problem, its reputation or follow-up that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation challenged Rotary International?

Whatever the answer, Rotarians from 200 countries rose to the challenge and raised $100 million. The Gates foundation increased its initial offering of $200 million to $250 million specifically for the worldwide elimination of polio.

"There has never been a whiff of scandal. That's why PolioPlus has been so successful. It has been done by volunteers," Mozena said.

That is a project for the Rotary International with assistance from clubs around the world. What about problems close to home?

"Some (members) don't have an international interest, saying there are enough needs here," Towar said.

For example, Raleigh, the Grosse Pointe Farms police dog, was purchased by the Rotary and the club continues to support the canine program, Carmody said. The most recent local project is providing funds for Grosse Pointes public safety departments to purchase patrol bicycles.

Purchase of thermal imaging cameras and jaws of life were made possible by Rotary funds. Ask Poupard's third grade teachers how their students were able to visit the Detroit Historical Museum last school year and they will reply. by the generosity of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

"Rotary gives an amount of stability to the community," Mozena said. "We have 100 men and women who raise money to spend in the community and care about the community and bring their friends in who care about the community. The hub is service. It's not just a luncheon club."

Club members meet at 12:10 p.m. Mondays at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for lunch, business and to hear a speaker.

"Our club was typically known as a check-writing club," Towar said. "There's nothing wrong with that, but some wanted to roll up their sleeves and get dirty. We are seeing a change, young people want to roll up their sleeves."

Organizations such as The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Macomb Warming Center, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, eighth graders receiving scholarships to pay for college textbooks and North and South high school students awarded scholarships accept those checks.

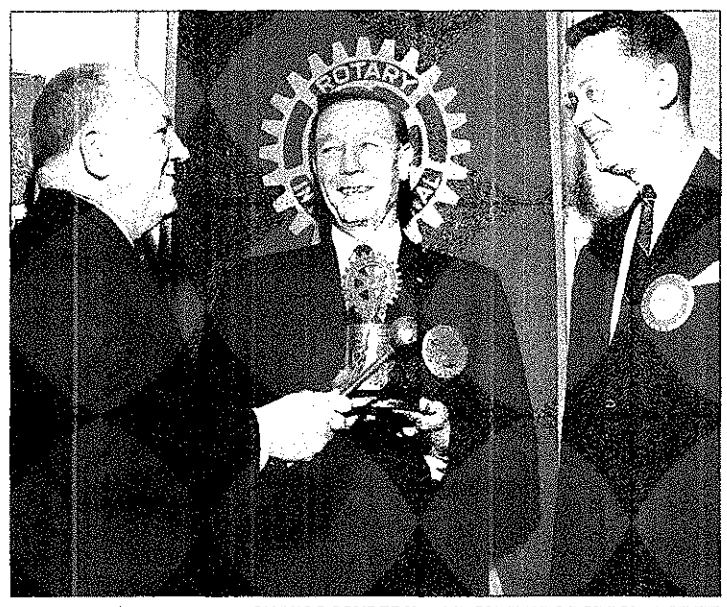
Grosse Pointers enjoy the Tot Lot across from the Neighborhood Club and the tool lending at the library, both courtesy of the Rotary. Pointers also participate in the club's sponsored run.

Roll-up-your-sleeves type projects to which Rotarians

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1972-73 Rotary offices and directors, in back row from left Dick Ferrara, Hank Sobson, Fred Seltzer, Max Gardner, Tom Persing and Bill Peters; front row from left, Bill Merritt, Frank Sladen and Pete Higbie.



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From left, Ken Smith, Al Thomas and Vern Glendenning photographed in 1965.

Rotary's beginnings

The Rotary Club was formed in Chicago Feb. 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wanted to create a professional club with a friendly spirit.

The name is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Within a decade, clubs were chartered from coast to coast and Canada. By 1921, Rotary clubs were formed on six continents and a year later, the name Rotary International was adopted.

As it grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests to serving communities and living up to its motto: Service Above Self.

Rotary grew to more than 2,000 clubs and about 108,000 members by July 1925.

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The Four-Way Test, a code of ethics adopted 11 years later.

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3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

In 1989, women were admitted.

Today, 1.2 million people belong to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m., followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, John Prost. His topic is the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

Presbyterian church

The sixth annual Harvest Celebration is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

The free event includes a petting zoo, pony rides, cider and doughnuts, pumpkin painting, a pumpkin sale and a chili cook-off.

For more information, call (313) 886-4301 or visit gpwpres.org.

St. Michael's

The "Music in the Woods" concert series presents Detroit Camerata for the 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, concert at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20745 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert showcases selections of Mozart's chamber music featuring violinist



Swea Swanson sits on a bale of hay and holds a bunny during the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church's 2010 harvest celebration.

Kypros Markou, accompanied by Yawen Hsu on the cello and Gail Gebhart on piano.

Proceeds benefit the restoration of the church's organ, the E.M. Skinner Opus 705.

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Morningside and Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds a "White Mass" for health care workers at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, with the Rev. Gary Smetanka. All local health care workers and staff can attend.

"White Mass" is the customary description for a liturgy for health care workers because, traditionally they wore or still wear white while serving patients.

Tuesday, Oct. 18 is the feast day of St. Luke, a Gospel author, physician and patron saint of health care workers.

For more information, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at (313) 884-5554, ext. 202 or b.jamieson@stargp.org.

◆ A flu and pneumonia vaccination clinic is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, in the parish center. Flu shots cost $25, flu mist $30 and pneumonia shots cost $70.

Picture ID, Medicare and insurance cards must be provided. Wear garments providing easy access to the upper arm.

Christ Church

The Christ Church Spirituality Center presents a workshop entitled, "Praying in Color," from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

This is an active and meditative prayer practice. Sybil MacBeth facilitates the workshop.

The cost is $45 and includes lunch; without lunch, the cost is $40.

Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 17, and can be made by calling (313) 885-4841, ext. 113.

◆ The girl choristers provide music for the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, evensong service.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual Oktoberfest from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, in the Luther Center of the church.

Proceeds benefit a Lutheran Social Services of Michigan foster care youth's tuition for college or trade school.

The evening features German cuisine and a cash bar with German beer and wine.

Children can take part in German craft activities.

A German band, "The Happy Wanderers," provides the musical entertainment from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be a 50-50 raffle.

Adult tickets cost $15, children's tickets cost $5.

For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church holds a bagpipe service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

Many pipers come from the original White Heather Highlanders Bagpipe Band.

Traditional hymns included in the service are "Amazing Grace," "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee."

The service is followed by a Scottish meal including meat pies, broth and shortbread.

A freewill offering is accepted. The public can attend.

The church is located at the corner of Chalfonte and Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.



Planning the Party for the Pipes are, standing left, Pat Dyble, event co-chairman Bob Bashara, Stephen Chan, Rosemary Berger, Kathy Zmyslowski, event co-chairwoman Jane Bashara and Gavin Craig; seated, from left May Jean Chan and Jeanne Flynn.

Party for the Pipes

St. Michael's Episcopal Church hosts a Party for the Pipes dinner and auction at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at the Greek Assumption Cultural Center.

Proceeds benefit the restoration of the church's E.M. Skinner organ, opus 705.

Dave Wagner, radio host of WRCJ, is the honorary chairman.

Tickets are $50 and include an open bar, appetizers, dinner, dessert, entertainment and a silent and live auction.

"I know that organ very well and love it!," Wagner said. "I have played a couple of recitals on that organ. It is so great that it was never altered and changed."

Mark Muller and the Muller Pipe Organ Company of Croton, Ohio, undertake the restoration.

The organ, built for St. Columba Episcopal Church in Detroit, was gifted to St. Michael's in 2008 by the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, provided money would be raised for its restoration. After a feasibility study, the Vestry of St. Michael's accepted the challenge — at a cost of $414,000. Some $175,000 has been raised through gifts and pledges and $150,000 granted through The Joseph Bradley Foundation.

A monthly concert series, "Music In The Woods," at St. Michael's also contributes donations to the fund.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Milissa Pierce and Carla Palffy

Logging in: College and career access

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The Family Center is hosting an interactive hands-on computer workshop, Logging In: College and Career Access, to help parents and students become aware and adept at navigating Internet resources facilitating the transition to college. Space is limited to one family (two persons) per computer. Register in advance at familycenterweb.org.

Pierce is a counselor at Grosse Pointe North High School and teaches in the counseling program at Oakland University. She can be reached at (313) 432-3226.

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The adult's only event benefits the Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods.

"The Family Center's annual hayride has become the not-to-be-missed event in Grosse Pointe's line-up of major fall activities," said Gary M. Wilson of Wilson & Cain P.A., co-hosts of the event along with Grosse Pointe Magazine.

"The Family Center is known for its informative programming for parents, caregivers and professionals," said John Minnis, center president. "The annual hayride serves as a less serious way to support The Family Center's programs and have good, old-fashioned fun at the same time."

In recognition of The Family Center's "CELEBRATE 11!!" anniversary, tickets are $20 in advance and include hot dogs, chili, dessert, beer, wine, pop, coffee and a horse-drawn hayride down Windmill Pointe Drive.



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The Barley Boys Jug Band.

Barley Boys Jug Band provides the entertainment. Tickets at the door are $25. Reservations are limited, call (313) 432-3832 or visit familycenterweb.org.

PIPES: Organ concerts planned

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Skinner organ, opus 705," said Bob Bashara, event co-chairman. "We believe this effort will benefit the entire community. Once the project is completed, a series of organ concerts featuring leading organists of the metropolitan area will be held."

For more information, call (313) 886-8750 or (313) 884-4820.

HEALTH POINT By Jeff and Debra Jay

Resolution for trauma victims available



Dear Jeff and Debra,

Our 38-year-old daughter had a lot of problems with drinking and prescription drugs. She's been through treatment, but doesn't like going to 12-Step meetings. She seems isolated and keeps relapsing.

She was involved in a terribly traumatic series of events some years ago and we think these things are still weighing on her. Is there any specific treatment for trauma?

CONCERNED PARENTS

Dear Concerned,

We often see trauma occurring with addiction and at a higher rate in female patients. Resolving the trauma won't make the addiction go away, but ignoring or leaving it untreated is a recipe for relapse.

We have found Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing therapy to be very effective in helping patients resolve trauma and other issues. It helps patients process the events fully and privately, so they can move on with recovery and their lives. James Loffredo is an expert in this model.

He explained this eight-phase approach, which helps clients address a wide range of issues, was developed in the late 1980s to treat post-traumatic stress disorder and other traumatic experiences.

Treatment includes "dual stimulation," which includes using bilateral eye movements, tones and taps. During this reprocessing phase, clients visit past experiences, present triggers, or future experiences while focusing on the external bilateral stimulation.

By using the eight-phase approach and dual stimulation, clients rapidly reprocess the disturbing experience. It does not erase the experience nor does the client forget it. In most cases, it reduces or eliminates the psychological pain.

This treatment can also be used to assist patients through the stages of change rapidly and typically requires clients and their families to participate in two 8-hour sessions on consecutive days. It is very intense work, but the outcomes have been extremely rewarding.

One of the stumbling blocks to clients entering long-term recovery is unresolved trauma and a fear of connecting with others. The best way to treat the disease of addiction is through the support of 12-Step fellowships. Many patients are not able to engage the fellowships or were terrified to enter a meeting due to past experiences. Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing helps them resolve barriers that may keep them engaged in the12 step fellowships and work on their long-term recovery.

The Jays are the authors "Love First" and can be reached at lovefirst.net or by calling (313) 882-6921.

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take pride are the Three Million Pound Challenge, book collections and a literacy project in Detroit.

Under Carmody's chairmanship, the club took on the monumental task of collecting and distributing a million pounds of clothing, a million pounds of books and a million pounds of food. With the help of district's other 49 clubs, it was done, done and done.

District 6400, in which the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe and its 20-year-old sister club, Sunshine Rotary, stretches from Eight Mile to Michigan's southern border and east to Essex, Ontario, Canada.

"Hands down it was the most impressive worthwhile project," Mozena said. "We completed the Three Million Pound Challenge in less than a year and a half. Virtually all of it went to Detroit."

And the club continues to collect books.

For two hours twice a month, Rotarians accept books at the Grosse Pointe Methodist Church. To date, 170,620 books have been collected and redistributed.

The goal is to "infect those families with the desire to read. That can have nothing but a positive effect," Carmody said.

Wilson quoted a 2010 study from a Utah university stating it was almost as important to have a book in the house as it was to have educated parents.

Encyclopedias, generally written at a fifth-grade level, are happily accepted, because as Wilson pointed out, the Boston Tea Party facts don't change.

"We have filled shelves of libraries. We are now moving to churches and may want to help small libraries and mini-stations all over the city," Carmody said.

Wilson instituted the Rotary Literacy Initiative in 2010.

"For over 60 years, we have been giving scholarships to individuals from Grosse Pointe North and South. We are honoring people from all over the world — and less than a mile away, there are people who can't read," Wilson said.

"I don't want to be myopic," Vitale added. "We are on the border of Detroit and it's time to help Detroit which helps Grosse Pointe. It helps the community. That's what Rotary is about."

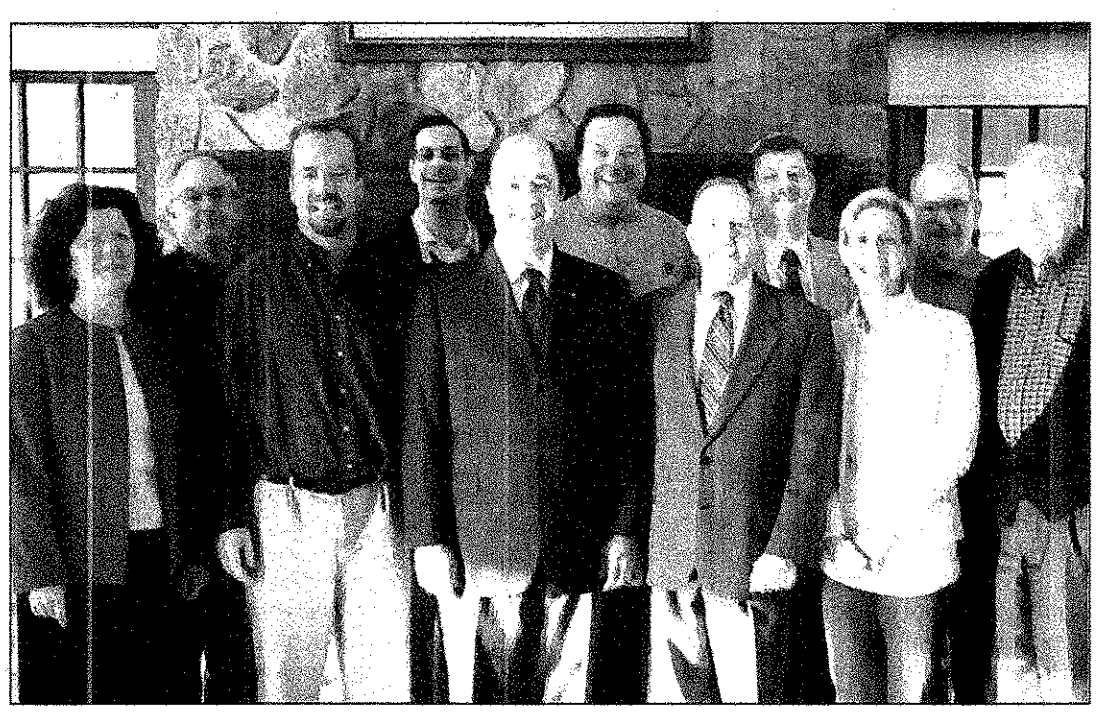
He infers this project fulfills the 2011 Rotary International motto: "Reach within to embrace humanity."

Tutors have been "spider webbing" the community. And Rotary International stepped in to provide a Future Vision Global Grant, the first given to a United States-based project.

Tutors include the 60-member Interact Club, the Rotary's high school-sponsored group.

But Rotarians weren't going to reinvent the wheel, they work alongside established organizations — Pro-Literacy Detroit, the Dominican Literacy program and Matrix Human Services reading program, SOAR.

"We are supporting what is there. All these good organizations, they know what needs to be done," Carmody said.



The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe Board of Directors in 2008, from left, Susanne Klein, Kevin Reitzloff, Mark Brooks, Tony Zoia, Roger Hull, Bob Bashara, Bill Scott, Mark Wilson, Linda Mackool, Gaylord Creedon and Marv Asmus.

Helping hands

Vocational Training Teams is a pilot project in which both Grosse Pointe and District 950 in Australia are part. It is a tool by which both Detroiters and East Timor residents benefit.

During a training session, Towar met Allan Church from Australia. As a result of her explanation about the club's literacy program, Church brought an educational team to Detroit for five weeks to teach trainers to teach reading tutors in April.

But, Towar wondered, how could her district reciprocate?

Church told her East Timor, a fourth-world country of a million people and the No. 1 country in the world suffering from maternal and infant death, could use the help of midwives and pharmacists.

Say no more.

In April, Carmody, accompanied by three midwives and two pharmacists, spent 4 1/2 weeks on the island 1 1/2 hours north of Australia. Rotary International provided a professional videographer to create a documentary.

True to its counsel, Rotary provides follow up.

Routine communication between pharmacists here and

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Learning from another perspective

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Caroline Wilkinson, a member of Grosse Pointe South's Rotary-sponsored Interact Club, came home from the week-long Rotary World Affairs conference with a different world perspective.

Through her interactions with students from around the United States and the world, she said she learned what she takes for granted others must work to obtain — clean water, enough food, personal transportation.

She admitted the conference's topic, Sustainable Development, was depressing because there is so much work for her generation to do to repair and preserve natural resources for other generations and provide life components, such as food and water.

"We must preserve resources and life so generations will have the same opportunities," she said.

As former secretary of the Interact Club, the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club gave her a scholarship to attend the early summer conference in Wisconsin.

"Students from all over the United States and world attended," said the 2011 South graduate. "They had all different backgrounds. They see things differently. My roommate was from Norway. She's going to college at the University of Oslo. She was three years older. They (Norwegians) go to school longer. They use public transportation. It was eye-opening for me coming from a closed community."

Her roommate was just one young person from whom she learned there are countries that can't afford sustainable living standards — clean water and enough food to feed its populace.

"It's political why they can't afford clean water and food. You can't just send in money (to correct the problem). The governments and people resent that. The work must be done from the inside," she explained.

Wilkinson said one solution came from conference speakers; global talks through peace-keepers.

Another is an answer to a question put to conference attendees: "How can we live so it won't negatively impact those that come after us?"

To help students understand the question and devise answers, they broke into small groups to learn about different products.

Wilkinson's group disassembled a bicycle and identified steel, aluminum, rubber and latex as its components.

They were asked, "from where does each of the materials originate? What is the process to manufacture each material? From where are the goods coming?"

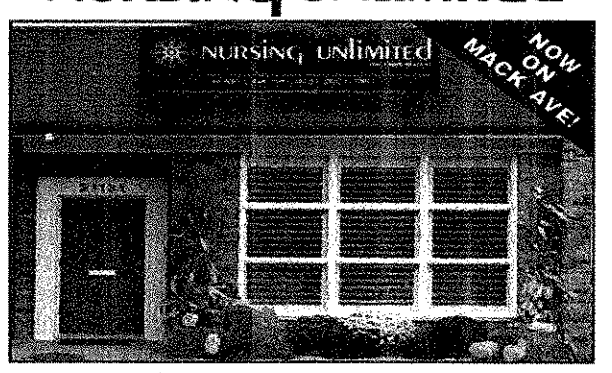
"You can buy a bike, but don't know where it's coming from," she said.

By examining the bike not as a whole but as a complexity of parts. They understood materials originate in various countries and how each component must be manufactured from raw materials to end up a single item, in this case a bicycle. And how those materials went from a natural form through the processing stage to become a single item, in this case a bicycle.

She said she is beginning to see how her generation must face problems created by previous generations, including pollution and reduction of natural resources.

"We have to try and fail and try again. We can't ignore it anymore. It's good to have programs like this," she said.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Social security not broke, yet



For weeks, we've heard Social Security is an entitlement program going broke and immediate steps must be taken to drastically reduce benefits.

Last night I listened to the Jim Lehrer News Hour. Two experts, pro and con on Social Security, agreed it is not an entitlement program. They reasoned both employers and employees pay into it and it's not anticipated to go dry until 2036 at the earliest. It's not in crisis and there is plenty of time to come to a thoughtful decision on what to do next.

This is the first year Social Security has paid out more than it took in, a result of high unemployment. Another reason is many in their 50s and 60s making good money lost their jobs. Those folks can't get a job, even one paying considerably less. The lucky ones are those 62 and up that can get Social Security benefits.

Another reason is we're living longer.

When the economy picks up and more people are paying into the fund and efforts to improve our schools show results, we can start looking at the Social Security program. The easiest way to increase necessary funding is simply raise the cap on those paying into the fund. Currently the cap is $106,000 per year.

Medicare is totally different. It has turned into a monster eating up funds that simply aren't sufficient to pay the benefits. And it's nobody's fault. The most overriding costs result from advances in pharmaceuticals and medical technology that contribute to longevity.

One can enter the hospital for a few days and leave with a $15,000 to $20,000 bill. Prescription drugs can cost thousands each year. How to pay these bills is the problem.

The suggestion the government gives older patients $18,000 toward purchasing their own insurance is guaranteed to result in many going broke over a single serious medical problem, and the impact of chronic diseases.

We could say no to drugs that save lives, but cost too much and specialized medical equipment that quickly pinpoints a medical problem, but costs an arm and a leg.

It's a real conundrum and is going to take a lot of thoughtful discussion that may lead to heart-breaking decisions. In other words, some smart and thoughtful people must get together in the spirit of what's best for the general public. Are any of there in Washington, D.C.?

Fortunately, there are people doing wonderful things and hope is always in our hearts that things will get better.

Reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Make age adjustments to driving skills



As we age, it's normal for driving abilities to change; but that doesn't mean we need to stop driving.

But, it does mean paying attention to warning signs and making appropriate adjustments.

By reducing risk factors and incorporating safe driving practices, many can drive safely long into the senior years. But keep in mind, older adults are more often cited for and involved in accidents. In fact, fatal crash rates rise sharply after age 70.

Decreased vision, impaired hearing, slowed motor reflexes and chronic conditions affect driving. Aging reduces strength, coordination and flexibility, which can impact safely controlling a car. For example: Neck pain or stiffness makes it harder to change lanes or check for pedestrians; leg pain makes it hard to move your foot from the gas to brake pedal; and diminished arm strength makes it hard to quickly and effectively turn the steering wheel.

As reaction time slows, it's tougher to spot vehicles emerging from side streets and driveways, or to realize the vehicle ahead has slowed or stopped. Signs can come gradually, or a recent change in health may hasten problems:

- Check medication labels and with health professionals if taking several medications, especially if starting a new one.
- Peripheral vision, extra sensitivity to lights, trouble seeing in the dark or blurred vision should be checked.
- Can you hear emergency sirens, someone accelerating next to you, or horns honking?
- Reflexes and range of motion can significantly impair driving. Can you brake suddenly or quickly look back? Do you confuse the gas and brake pedals? Are you flustered or quick to anger?
- Do you miss exits that used to be second nature or get lost frequently?
- Close calls and increased citations are a big sign. Dents and scrapes on the car, fences, mailboxes, garage doors, etc. should be noted.

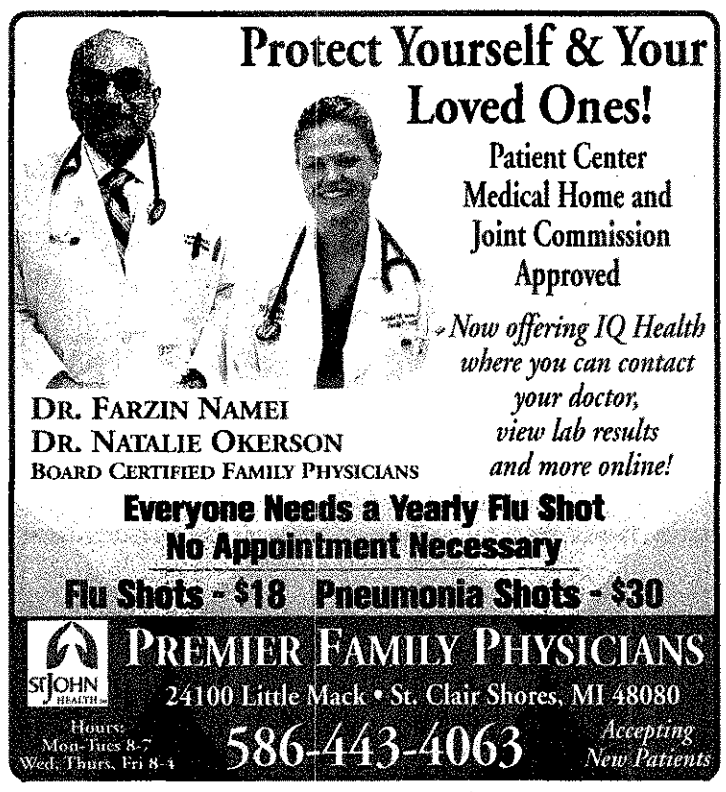
Health problems and aging don't always mean driving needs to stop, but they do require extra vigilance, awareness and willingness to correct them.

How can you maximize safety? Get regular medical checkups, find the right car and needed driving aids. Drive defensively, know limitations and listen to others.

Benefits of not driving are saving money on insurance, maintenance, registration and gas. Walking more improves overall health and energy level

Slowing down may not seem appealing at first, but most find life is better at a slower pace.

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Six Rotary club members from Queensland, Australia, spent several weeks in April working with Detroit-based Pro-Literacy, were in back row from left, Bryan Dobson; team leader John Clark; Grosse Pointe Rotarian Kim Towar; and Bruce Edwards; front row from left, Tyler Crosby; Shirley Verral; and Narelle Hibberd.

ROTARY: Serving others

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on East Timor is on-going. Ferris State University pharmacy students provide tracking and management skills throughout the year.

Next year, another contingent of Rotarians and medical professionals will revisit the island for support and updating, Carmody said.

Women in the club

Rotary was established in the early 1900s by a Chicago businessman to network with other businessmen. The club was represented by one man per profession. No duplications. No women.

Rules have relaxed and professions are duplicated by redefinition. For example, doctors can be represented by their specialities. In 1989, women were allowed to join.

"Now we look back and say, 'What did we ever do without them.' They are leaders and workers," said Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marvin Asmus, president in 2008-09.

Anita "Jo" Lake and Rena DeRidder, Grosse Pointe Public School System employees, were the first females to join Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe. Lake was South's athletic director and DeRidder was Ferry Elementary School principal.

Towar goes on about women joining Rotary: "It brought balance and a different perspective. The biggest challenge is perception of Rotary. Young people think it's a good ol' boys club. It is so much more. Rotary is a family. Rotarians are active."

It took her a while to truly understand Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self."

"I was in Rotary years before I got it. There were 100 members who where business owners, respected community leaders, political figures. I though it was a networking opportuni ty. I loved going every Monday Then I got involved in the youth exchange program. Tha sold me 100 percent.

"My husband and I stumblec in it by hosting an exchange student for a brief time," she said.

Towar picked up the Colombian teenager at the air port who met her with a scow on her face. She was unhappy to be in America, she tolc Towar. The only reason she was here was because he grandfather made her come Towar said the student told he she hated Americans anc America.

It wasn't long before the stu dent admitted she had been un wisely counseled. She vowec to change her countrymen's at titude, so much so her brothe also came to Grosse Pointe as a Rotary exchange student.

She returned to the U.S. t earn a degree from New York' Columbia University in peac and conflict resolution. She i now a lawyer.

Rotary Club of Grosse Point has hosted more than 30 ex change students in the past 2 years from South America Europe, Russia and Japan.

"Rotary is the largest an most respected student ex change program," Towar saic "Eight thousand students fror around the world are annuall involved in living in anothe country through the studer exchange program.

"They are the key to the fu ture of world peace," Towa said. "It's so cliche. But if some one is thinking about bombin another country, an exchang student can say, 'I have a frien in that country.'"

Whether it's peace promc tion, elimination of a disease helping a neighbor learn t read or contributing to a saf community, Rotarians will ste up.

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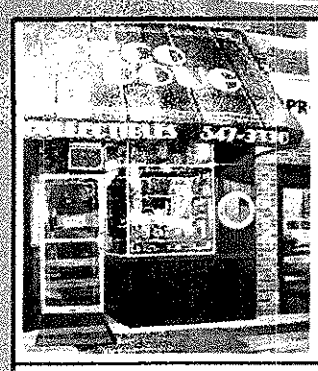
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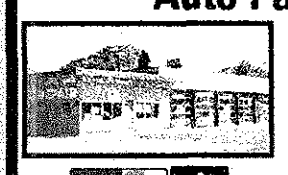
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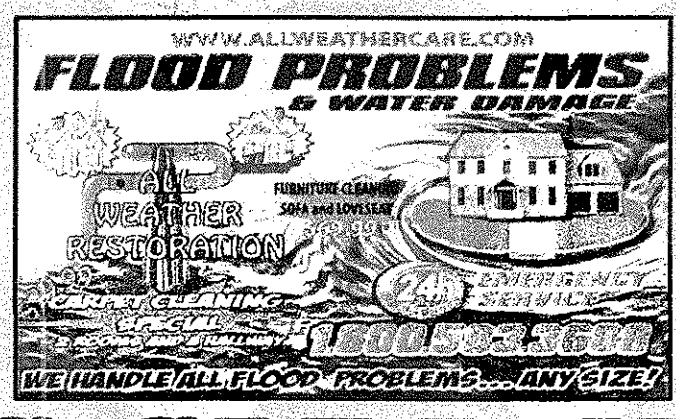
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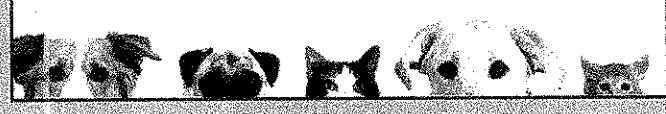
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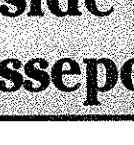
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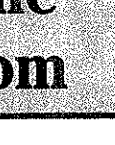
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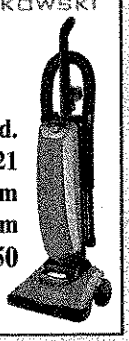
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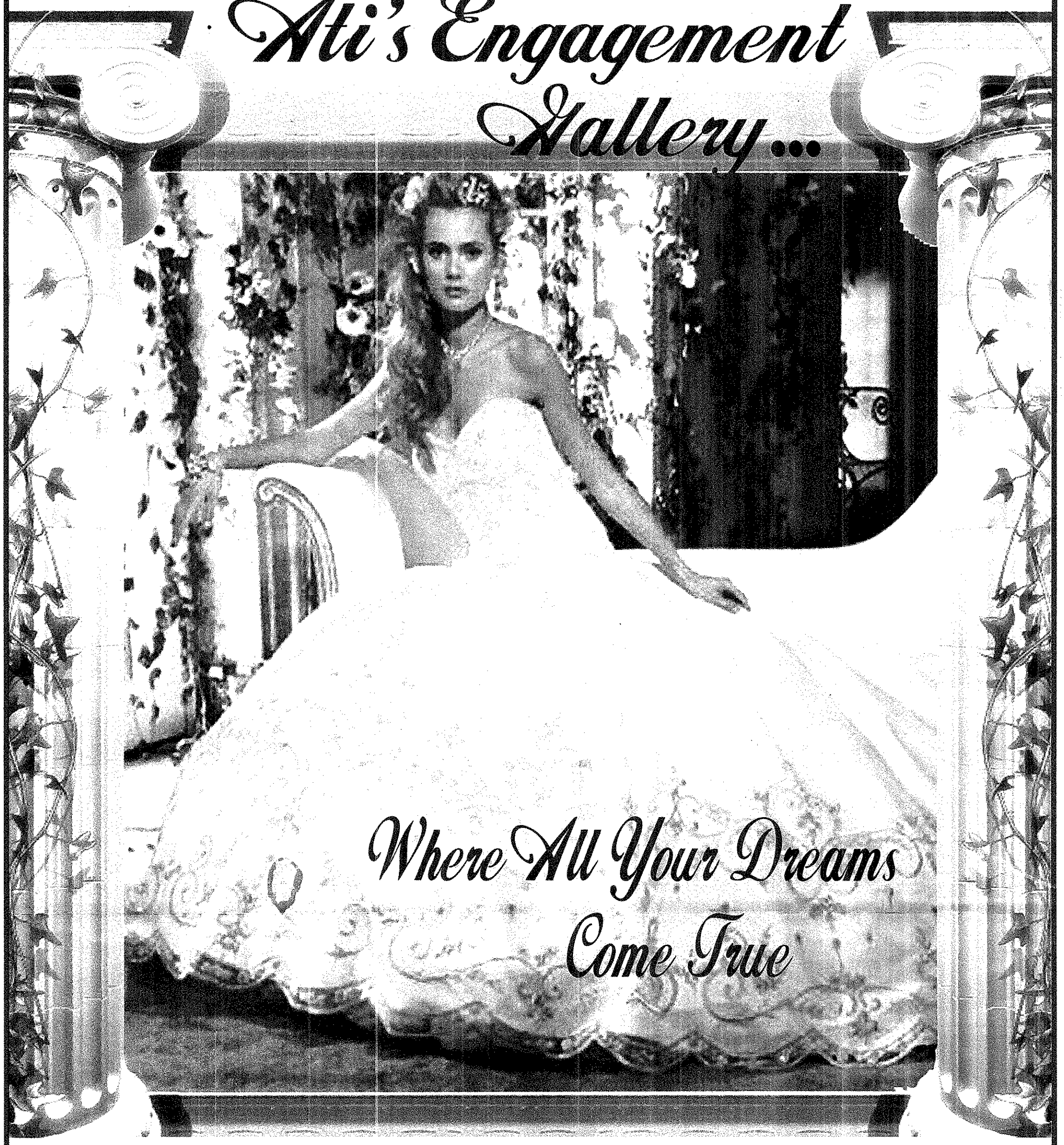
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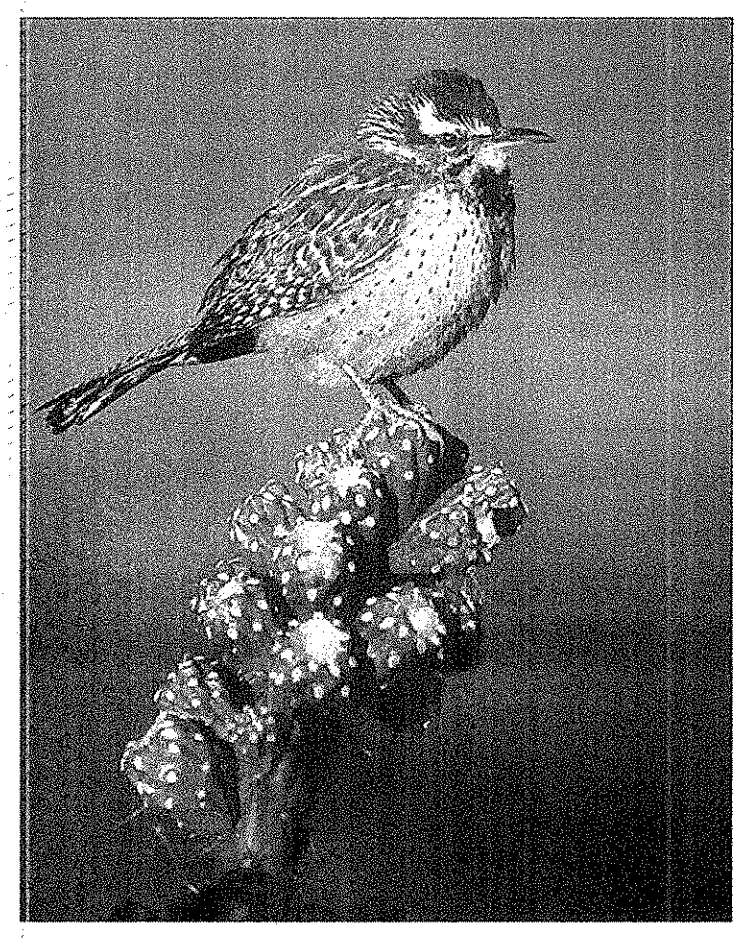


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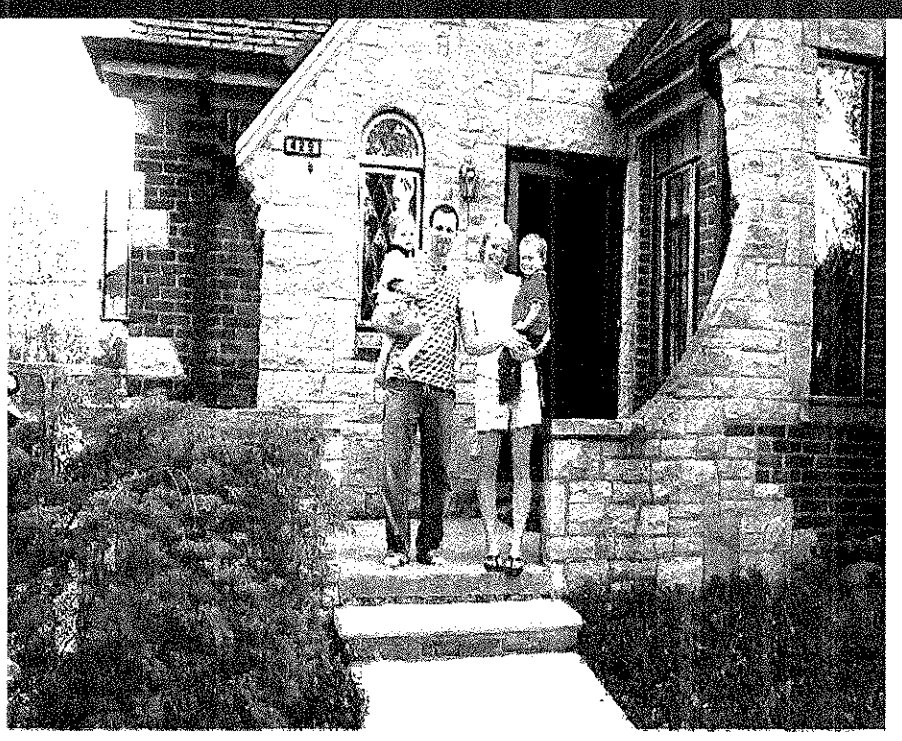
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AREA ACTIVITIES

Jardiniers

The La Societe des Jardiniers meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, to car pool for a Christmas decorations trip to Nordlie's in Warren. The visit includes a 10:30 a.m. demonstration and is followed by lunch provided by hostess Joanne Niederoest.

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14. Mary Steiner presents the program on artist John Stobart.

Sharon DeHaven is hostess and co-hostesses are Ann Hoag and Lynn Baker-Hunter.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods fall celebration fundraiser featuring a horse-drawn hayride, jug band music, food and beverages is from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

Advanced tickets for this adult's only event are $20 and include hot dogs, chili, dessert, beer, wine, pop and coffee. Guests can also take a horse-drawn hayride down Windmill Pointe Drive. The Barley Boys Jug Band provides the entertainment. Tickets at the door are $25.

Limited reservations can be made by calling (313) 432-3832 or online at familycenterweb.org.

The fundraiser is hosted by Wilson & Cain P.A., Counselors at Law, of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Magazine.

Holiday mart

The 53rd annual Grosse Pointe Holiday Mart is from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, and Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The Patron Preview Cocktail Party is from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, and features food from Burger Pointe, da Edoardo, Fresh Farms Market, Pegasus Restaurant, Chocolate Bar Café, Fou d'Amour, The Hill Seafood & Chop House and Sierra Station and a signature martini bar.

Cocktail party tickets cost $75 and can be purchased at holidaymartgrossepointe.com.

Among the 30 upscale shops from Michigan and around the country, shoppers will find clothing, designer jewelry, housewares, toys and home and garden accessories.

A Holiday Mart Café is open both Friday and Saturday during shopping hours.

Proceeds benefit cancer prevention and educational programs of Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan.

This year's Holiday Mart committee chairwomen are Joan Emerick, Marsha Goan, Robin Heller, Scottie Knight. Gloria Kotas, Helen McKnight, Karyn Weir and Bethine Whitney, who has been involved with the event for four decades.

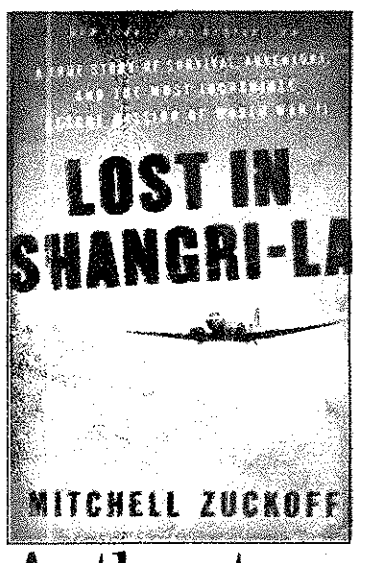
Bird walk

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts a bird walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. The cost is $7. To register, call (313) 884-4222.

Bring binoculars, dress in multi layers and wear boots.

Detroit Garden Center

The Detroit Garden Center, 1900 E. Jefferson, Room 227, offers an herbal salve workshop from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 15. The cost is $12 for members and $15 for non-members. Barbara Hayes is the instructor. Take home a container of herbal salve made of all natural ingredients. For directions and parking instructions, call (313) 259-6363.



Author to speak

New York Times best selling author, Mitchell Zuckoff, speaks at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, about his latest book, "Lost in Shangri-La: A true Story of Survival, Adventure and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II." The Boston University journalism professor recounts in his book the daring rescue of two American servicemen and an American nurse trapped in a remote region of New Guinea at the end of the war. They encounter a hostile jungle environment, Stone Age cannibals and Japanese snipers. To attend the free lecture, visit gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.

Art center

Live! Music Night is from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ Lights, camera, Auction! The art center's 2011 auction fundraiser is from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the art center.

Bid on artwork created by local artists in collaboration with Grosse Pointe celebrities. Daren Dundee, Jody Jennings and Alonzo Edwards provides the musical entertainment.

Other items for sale include gift baskets, miniature paintings and a painting donated by Peruvian artist Juan Carlos Zeballos Moscairo.

Tickets cost $40 and red carpet attire should be worn. To register, call (313) 821-1848 or visit the art center.

Festival of Tables

The ninth annual Festival of Tables is Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Presented by The Daughters of Penelope, Thamyris Chapter of Grosse Pointe, the first viewing is from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Advanced tickets cost $10 or $12 at the door.

Limited dinner tickets cost $60 and include a 4:30 to 8 p.m. viewing, Holiday Gift Boutique, dinner, fashion show by Boutique Bellisima and Lazare's of Grosse Pointe and a silent auction.

Grosse Pointe Audubon

Rick Lieder conducts a travelogue tour featuring insects, birds, assassins, golly-whoppers, lightning bugs, jewel wings, lacewings and orb weavers at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the annex behind the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. The program is free and the public can attend.

Social hour begins at 7 p.m.

Rotary

Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts Dan Carmody, president of the Eastern Market Corporation, at 12:10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

He discusses the market's location and its recent updates and rehabs. More than 40,000 people visit the market each Saturday.

The club continues to collect books from 7 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Enter at the rear of the building.

For more information about the club, visit grossepointerotary.org.

Cancer foundation

The Pink Blessings Cancer Foundation presents "Italian Opera Night" at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at Grosse Pointe Woods' Andiamo Trattoria.

The evening features Grosse Pointe North High School graduate and opera singer, Jennifer Trombley.

Tickets cost $50 and include entertainment, appetizers, dinner and a cash bar.

For more information, call (313) 770-3345.

Vision support group

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired meets 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The group also meets from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at St. Lucy's Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

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

Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is the Honorable William Giovan.

Lifelong Learning

Elder law attorney Robert Fortunate discusses financial and medical powers of attorney at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Center of Lifelong Learning, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

The discussion includes selecting the right person to act as an agent and the necessary legal documents.

For more information, call (313) 885-8063.

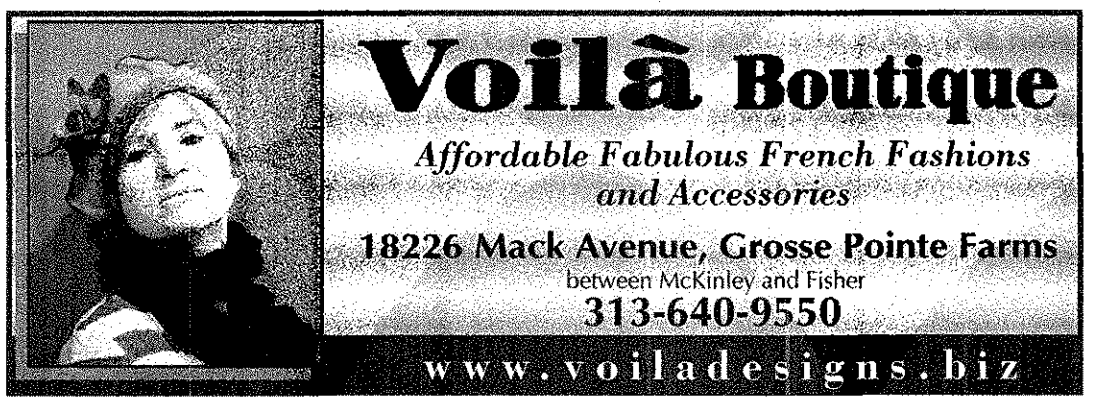
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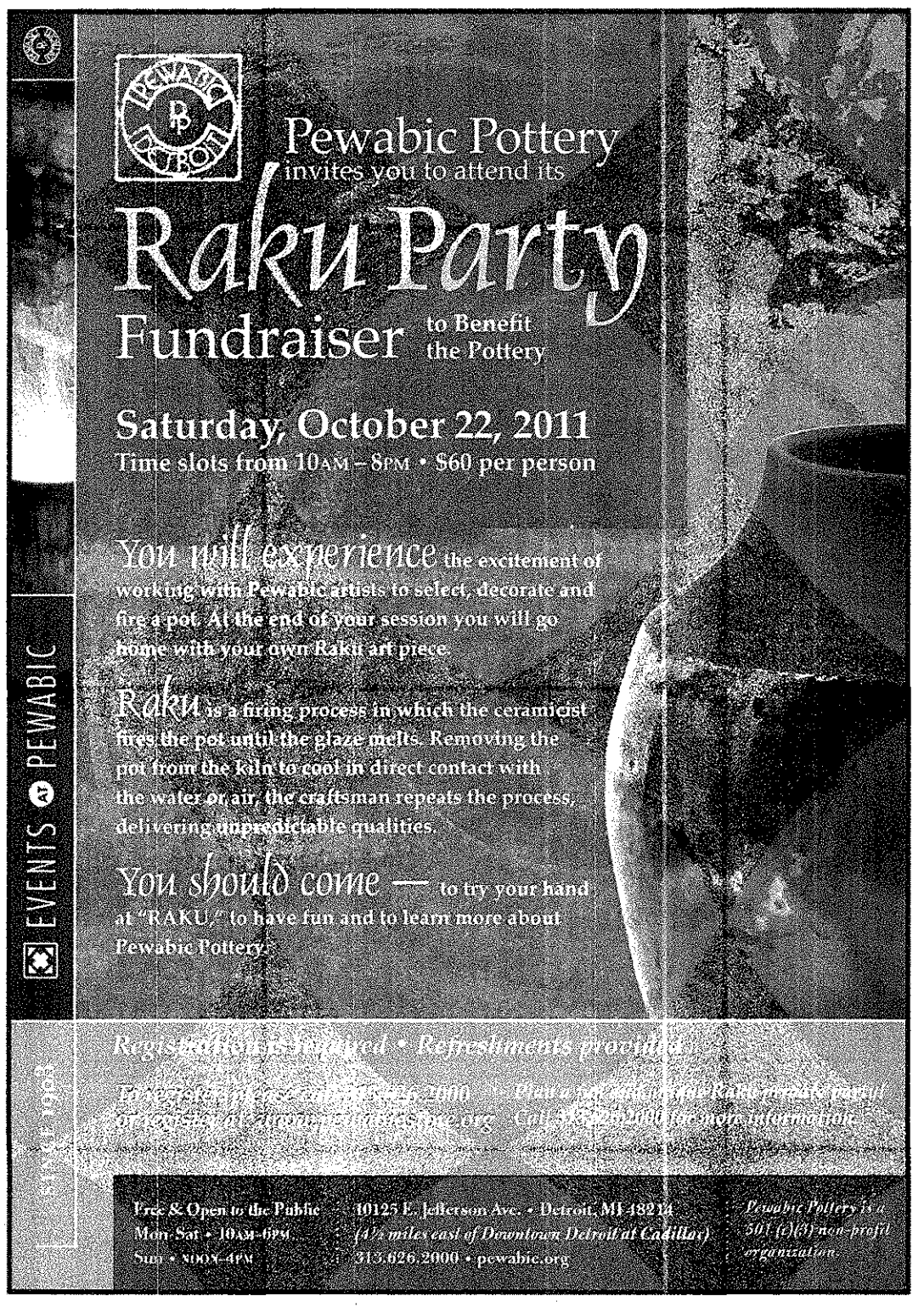
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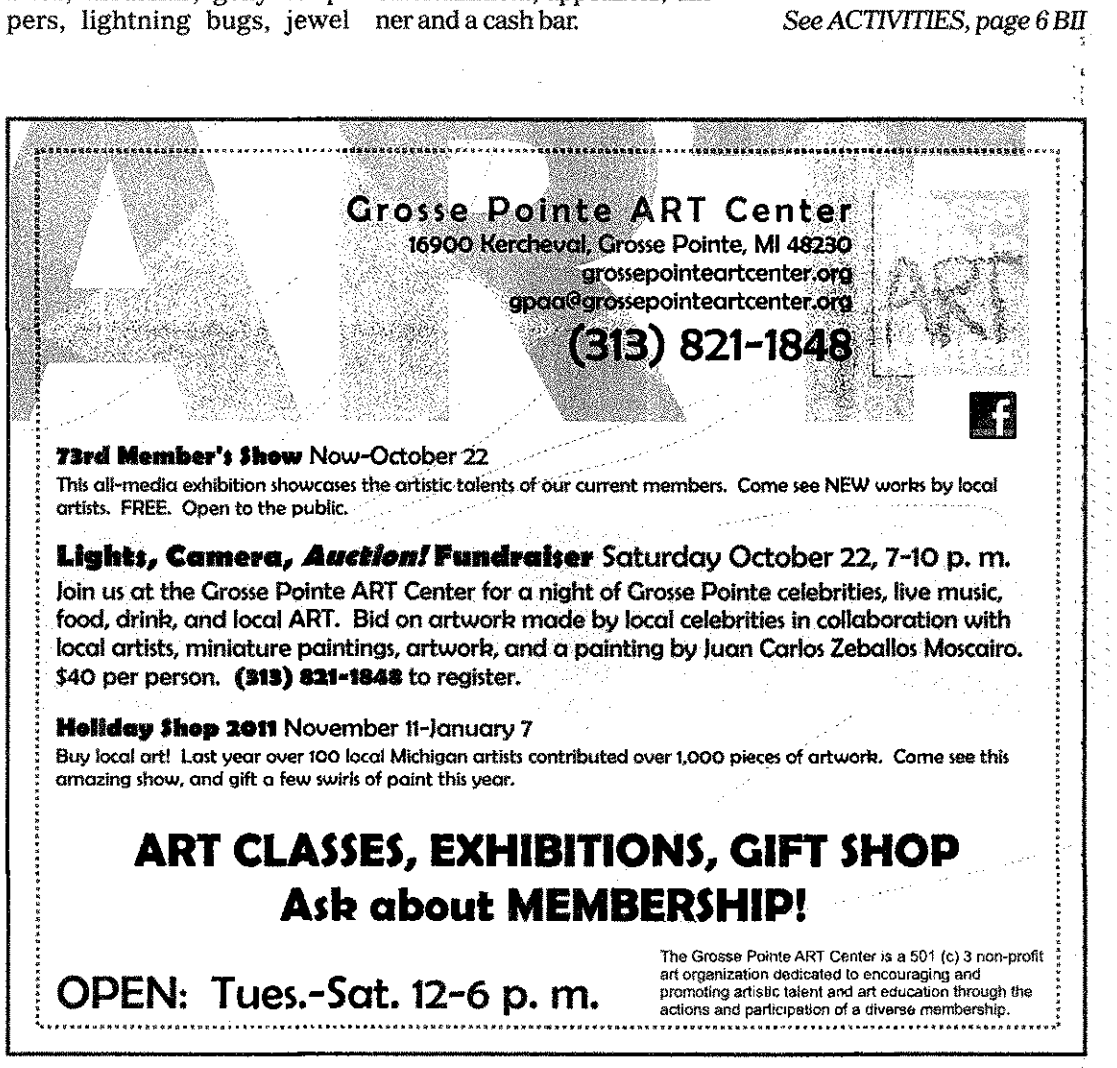


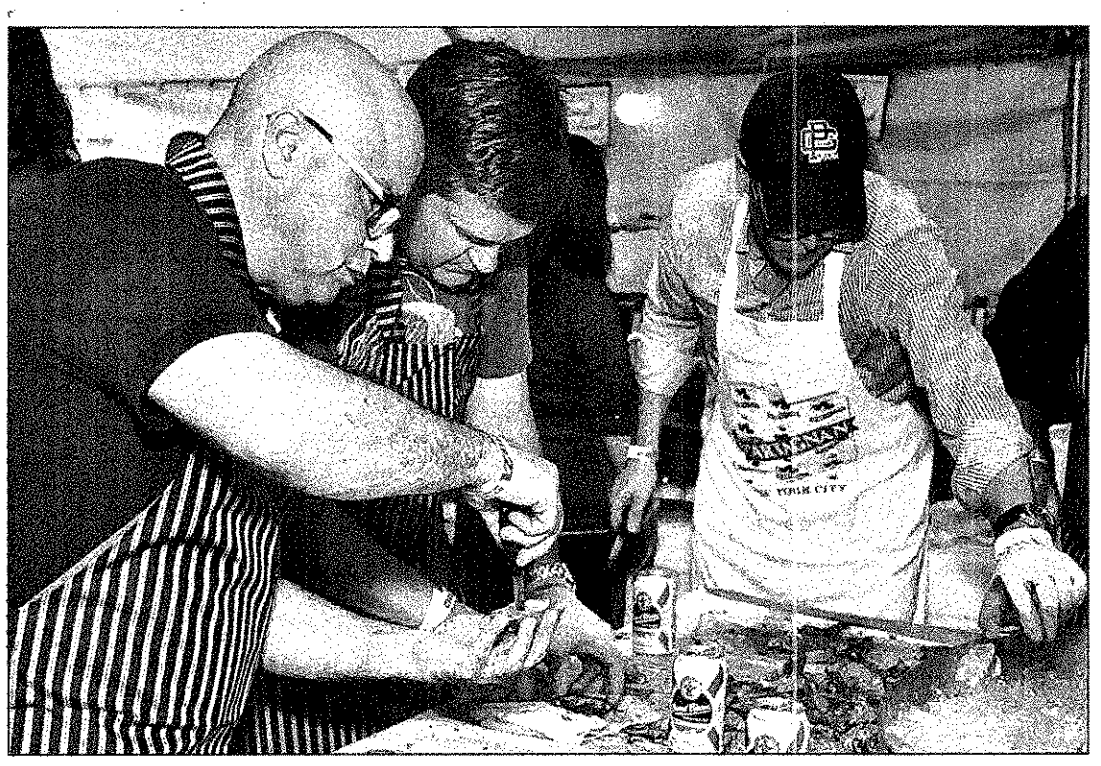
Supplying the troops

La Societe des Jardinieres Garden Club members packed items needed by soldiers serving overseas. They gathered hand wipes, snacks, drink mix packets, dental items, soaps, creams, sunscreens, playing cards and grooming kits delivered to Team Selfridge Family Relief Fund. Club members, standing from left, are Karen Kolp, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Jean Forton of Grosse Pointe Park; Mary Lou Smith, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Joanne Niederoest, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Sandy Magreta, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Kathie Smith, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Pat Hays, of Grosse Pointe Farms; and seated from left, Carol Nault, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Marel Thomas, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Sharon Lutz, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Mary Dennehy, of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Phyllis Kerslake, of Grosse Pointe Farms. Seated on the floor, Madeleine Phillips, of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Cheryll Nelson, of Grosse Pointe Woods

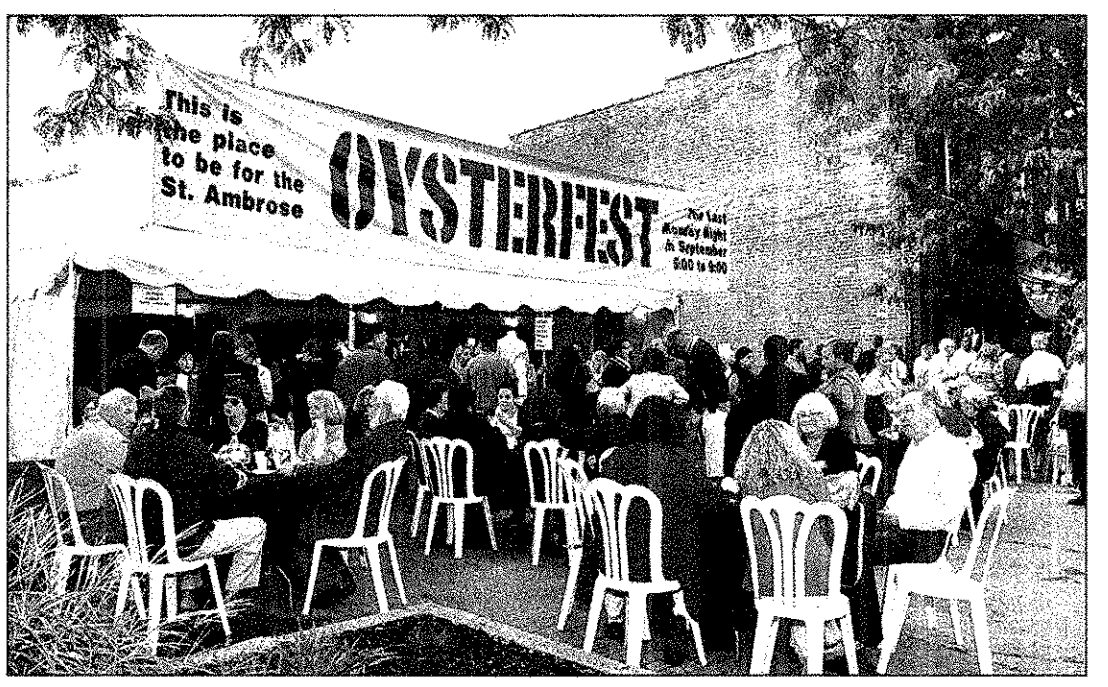








Shucking oysters are, from left, Patrick McKeever, Russell Mylnarak and Mark Grech.



It was a good day for St. Ambrose's oysterfest.

Oysterfest — a community tradition

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Oysterfest at St. Ambrose Catholic Church has become a community event. A sort of summer send-off, as it is always scheduled for the end of September.

The 2011 event wrapped up the 21st year of serving 25 cases of oysters, plus shrimp and pizza for the children, with nearly 100 volunteers serving 1,000 guests.

"It's a good place to be seen. It's the signature event for the parish and the community," said the Rev. Timothy Pelc. "The profitability is not that much. We don't lose money, but we don't balance the budget. But its a good introduction to the neighborhood and parish."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Scott Adlhoch, of Grosse Pointe Farms, slurps down an oyster. His wife, Jennifer, watches.



The Rev. Timothy Pelc chats with a young member of his congregation, Gianna Decker, and her mother, Lindsay, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Pelc said he is somewhat amazed to see how the festival morphed from a young adult gathering into a family event.

"It's amazing how the market turned from a singles bar night to a family-style, senior night," he laughed.

Always ordering cold water oysters from the Atlantic, the August hurricane reeked havoc on the oyster beds, Pelc said. But all was well and the five varieties of 2,500 oysters and shrimp were shipped the day of the event from M.F. Foley in Boston.

Oysterfest began as a combination of Tom's Oyster Bar expanding, a thought of giving back to the community and a motivated teacher moonlighting as a waitress.

"Tom was opening an expansion and wanted to invest in the community. He would give the profits to the school," he said. "I said, 'Who's going to come to an Oysterfest?' He said, 'Trust me they'll be coming.'"

And people have been coming ever since it started in the parking lot next to the restaurant. Guests continue to attend even though it moved to Kercheval and involves more businesses encouraged to stay open on a Monday night — a night many mainstream restaurants are closed, Pelc said.

"It started as informal thing," he said, adding a raffle is part of the festivities.

In the beginning, a classroom piano was dragged down to the site for a pianist to provide music. This year, the Edgar Wallace Trio performed.

"Tom moved on," Pelc said. "We decided to do it as a broad community event and transformed it into a taste fest. It is at a point where it has its own momentum."

This year, some 45 area restaurants provided food, to which Pelc is proud.

He said the Taste of Chicago has 59 participating restaurants and the Ford Arts, Beats and Eats has 70. "And we don't have corporate backing.

> *'It started as an informal thing.'*
> THE REV. TIMOTHY PELC, St. Ambrose Catholic Church

"We have a wide variety of participation. It has truly grown up."

As well as keeping the basic menu.

Pelc said the event is always held under a tent, shielding it from all kinds of weather ranging from warm fall days, to rain and sleet.

No matter the weather, the oysters are flown in and people keep coming to eat them.

It was a good day to eat oysters al fresco.

South grad performs with solid technique

By Dina Soresi Winter
Special Writer

Ivan Moshchuk, a Grosse Pointe South graduate and winner of the Gilmore Young Artist Award, recently performed at Grosse Pointe South's auditorium.

The 20-year-old has won many prizes throughout his years of study, including a substantial award by The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit.

For his Grosse Pointe performance, Moshchuk chose a program of Brahms, Beethoven and Chopin, which would have been a formidable challenge for the most seasoned performer.

Moshchuk has a fluid and solid technique which he uses, not to dazzle, but to serve. He is already a true master of his craft.

From beginning to end, the dominant impression this young artist gave was of a deeply thoughtful, sensitive musician who unfailingly strove to communicate the inner, poetic meaning of the music. In the Brahms "Six Pieces Op.118," he spoke eloquently to the quiet places of the soul, drawing the audience into a mesmerizing experience of the piece in an almost magical way.

In Beethoven's "Sonata in E Major Op 109," his fluid fingers obeyed every impulse, every subtle nuance the music wanted to convey. Chopin's "Prelude in C-Sharp Minor, Op 45," was a gem of exquisite refinement. But it was in the great Polish composer's "Sonata in B minor, Op 58," that, although Moshchuk was playing this work for the first time in public, his dazzling fluidity and imaginative and poetic rendition made Chopin's music go straight to the heart.

The audience stood in enthusiastic response to this last number and was rewarded by a superb encore – perhaps the most exuberant performance of the evening – the "Transcendental Etude, No. 10 in F minor" by Franz Liszt.

He performed this difficult work with drama, gusto and pathos, bringing the audience once again to its feet.

There is no doubt this young genius is headed for stardom.

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enjoy weaving, spinning and other fiber arts.

Adults of any age and experience in the art or are willing to learn can attend the club's monthly meetings featuring programs, lectures and workshops held at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the St. Clair Shores Adult Education facility, 23055 Masonic.

Offshoot groups for knitters, spinners and study groups are also offered.

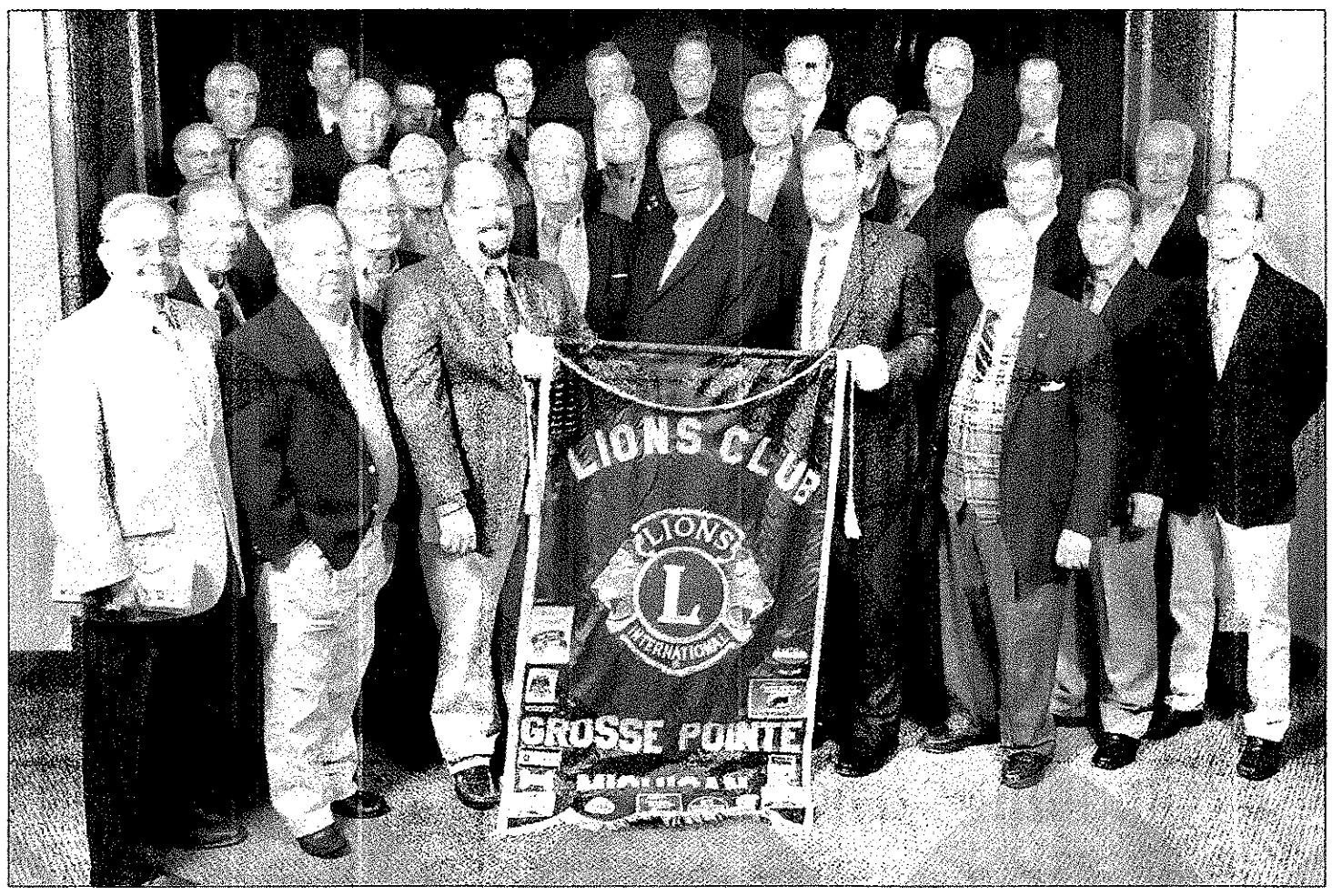
Dues are $15 with an additional charge for workshops and materials.

For more information, visit eastsidehandweavers.org.

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and expanding the educational cultural and outreach programs of the library. The Friends sponsor activities encouraging literacy, life-long learning and the love of reading and stimulate interest in the library.

Volunteering at fundraisers, including the bookstore and book sale days, are staffed in two hour shifts and members volunteer at will. Training is provided.

For more information, call volunteer coordinator Elsie Onychuk at (313) 343-2074, ext. 204.



The 2011 Grosse Pointe Lions Club.

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired offers friendship and understanding for the visually impaired in the community.

The group provides an environment to discuss the challenges of living with age-related macular degeneration and other eye diseases.

Members meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of October, November, February, March, April and May at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park and at St. Lucy's Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Transportation to the Grosse Pointe meeting can be arranged.

For more information, contact Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225 or npilorget@dioeyes.org.

Game-onTues@Caribou. Come, began in September and requires no dues for its adult members.

The purpose is to meet new people, talk and keep brains working by playing a game from 1 to 3 p.m. every Tuesday at Caribou Coffee.

October's featured game is Greed or Frackel.

Weekly attendance and promptness are optional.

For more information, call Ron and Donna Carloni at (313) 885-0882 or visit grimleafer@yahoo.com.

Grosse Pointe, Michigan branch of the American Association of University Women is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization which advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Fundraisers throughout the year benefit scholarships given to women for post-secondary education.

The time commitment is based on the meetings and fundraising projects. Annual dues are $74, which includes national dues of $49, state dues of $10 and $15 for branch dues.

Membership is available to those who have paid dues and have a degree from an accredited community college, four-year college or university or specialized two-year program.

All skill levels are welcome and members' interests can be art appreciation, books, cooking, evening book discussion, lunch gatherings, literature, stitchery, music appreciation, mystery readers, beginning bridge, poetry and plays. A complete list of interest groups, with meeting schedules, is available at aauwgrossepointe.org.

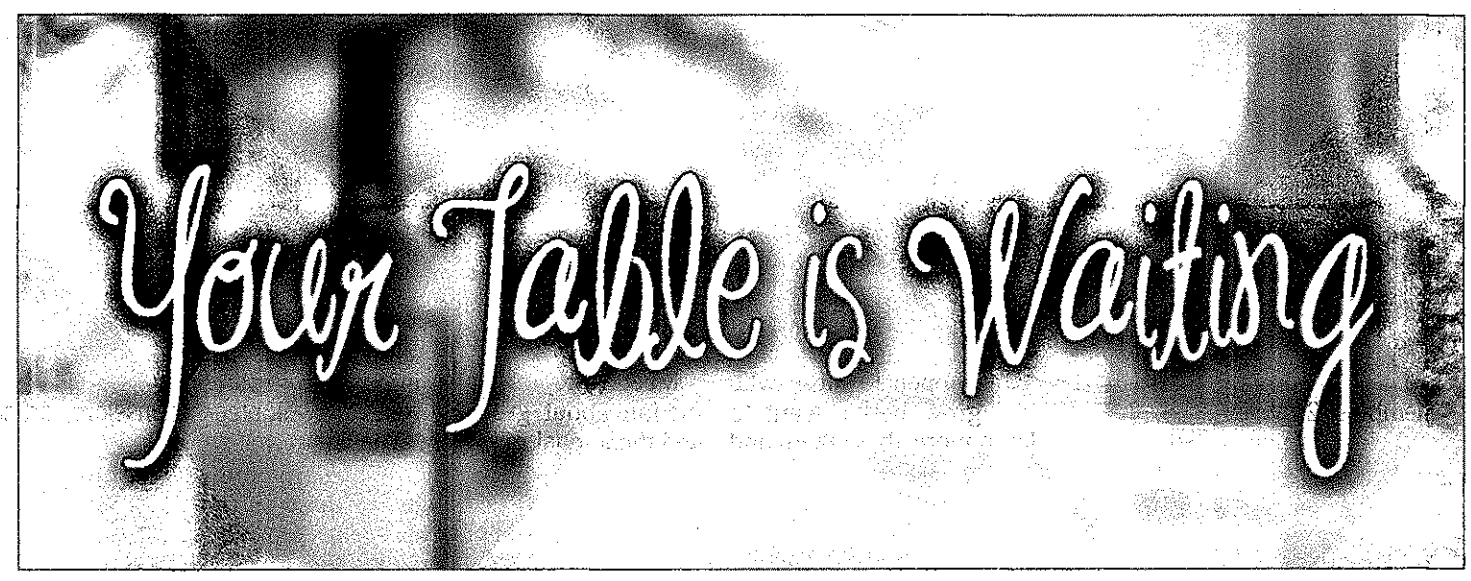
For more information, call president Alison Bailey at (313) 647-9818 or vice president for membership Carolyn Barth at (313) 320-0808 or e-mail at aauwgp@comcast.net.

Grosse Pointe Camera Club is for individuals sharing their photographic interests. It is open to all ages and all skill levels.

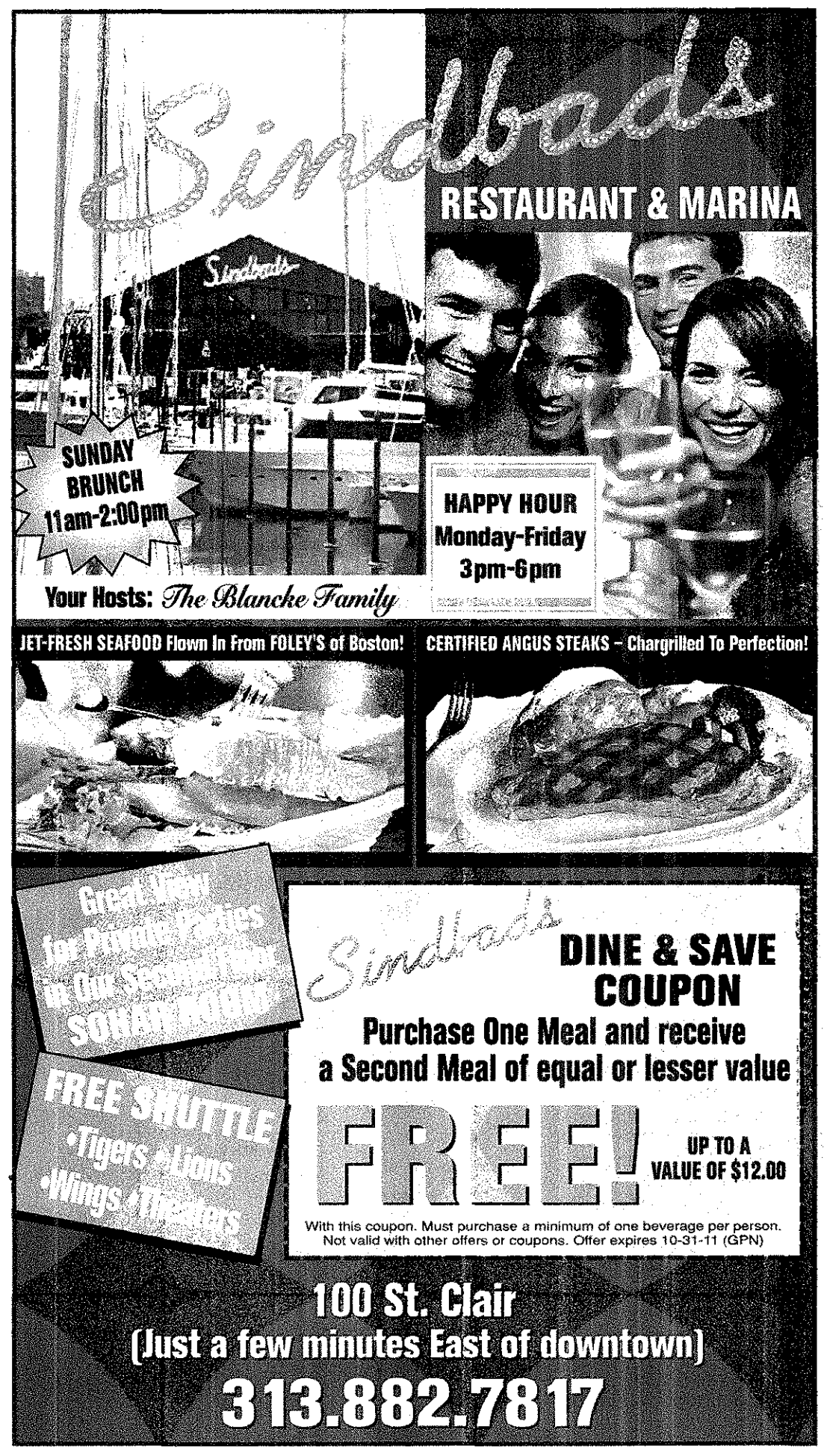
The club provides educational opportunities for members to develop photographic interests and skills. It affords mem-

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bers contact with others with similar interests accomplished through feedback, participation in assignments, mini-programs, field trips and organized shoots.

Monthly meetings provide members with feedback on their images and recognition of improvement.

Meetings are two hours, two to three times a month from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in Room C-11 at Brownell Middle School, plus time to take photos on your own.

Annual dues are $20 and normal expenses associated with taking and displaying photos.

For more information, call Mike Florian at (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameraclub.org or e-mail gpcc.club@comcast.net.

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club is a member of the Greater Detroit Club Council, which includes nine camera clubs from greater Detroit and Windsor.

The club provides opportunities for competition with other clubs.

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club is a nonprofit service organization for those 18 years and older. The club is a division of Lions International.

Meetings are at noon the first Thursday of the month at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Village Grille banquet room.

The Lions members, 21 years and older, are dedicated to helping others through service for those in need of assistance. Annual dues are $125.

The club holds annual events including, but not limited to: eyeglass recycling for the blind, the White Cane Drive, Goodfellows Paper Sales, the annual 5K Thanksgiving Day parade walk/run and a Grosse Pointe News advertising insert. All proceeds are spent within the Detroit metro area with a large focus on the Grosse Pointes.

Some notable charities supported include Penrickton Center for the Blind, Kids on the Go, The Judson Center, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Paws with a Cause and the Gloria and Thomas R. Kitchen Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis.

For more information, call president Will Conway at (313) 473-7399.

The **Grosse Pointe Woman's Club** is a nonprofit organization open to women of any age interested in learning through speakers and programs and helping to raise funds for scholarships awarded to Grosse Pointe students.

Members meet for lunch seven times a year in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and pay annual dues of $65. Members also receive a newsletter.



Photo by Kenny Rhee, a member of the Grosse Pointe Camera Club.

Herb Society of America - Grosse Pointe unit holds an herb sale every May and an Herb and Holly Boutique in November in the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza. This year's boutique is Nov. 12.

Workshops are held to help stock the sales tables.

Members plant and tend an herb garden at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and are often asked to speak to other groups.

Membership is open to those who grow herbs, want to learn more about them and willing to take an active part in the unit and projects.

The group meets for about two hours the second Wednesday of the month at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Annual dues are $50 to the Herb Society of America and $10 to the unit.

For more information, call Sue Ternes at (313) 822-8019 or Pat Cardellio at (313) 881-1857.

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods provides parent education and enrichment programs. Volunteers, 21 years and older, plan events, market, sit on program planning committees and donate time and in-kind services.

The time commitment is one to four hours a month. Meetings and events are at The Family Center in Grosse Pointe Woods and other local venues.

The Circle of Friends auxiliary plans community events to raise awareness of parenting issues.

For more information, contact executive director Debbie Liedel at (313) 432-3832.

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League is a nonprofit special interest group with members who enjoy classical music, meeting new people and are positive.

Its purpose is to raise scholarship funds awarded to high school music students.

For more information, call president Helena Thurber at (313) 886-7937 or membership chairwoman Karen Shea at (313) 881-1705.

Quarterly luncheon meetings are held at the Grosse Pointe Club, the Country Club of Detroit or Lochmoor Club.

Grosse Pointe Rose Society meets the second Wednesday of September, October, March, April, May and June. Members have a Christmas dinner in December and sponsor a rose show in June.

Meeting topics cover information about growing roses and the annual rose show. The club is open to all who love to grow roses. Annual dues are $15.

Meetings are at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

For more information, call Deb Leslie at (313) 881-7321.

Grosse Pointe Ski Club is open to those 20 years and older with skill levels from beginners to expert. It is a nonprofit organization, social and special interest club that hosts ski trips ranging from three days to a week, three or four times a year.

Members are principally young and middle-aged skiers. Annual dues are $5. Meetings are at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial or at a Grosse Pointe Park facility.

For more information, call Carl Sultzman at (313) 268-1359.

Junior League of Detroit is a social and charitable organization for women and provides educational, recreational, cultural and health resources for Detroit's children. It empowers women through leadership training as well as volunteer opportunities.

For the past three years, members have focused their efforts on Project Literacy, providing family literacy programming in Detroit's 48215 ZIP code.

A prospective member must be at least 21 years old and live within a 50-mile radius of Detroit.

For more information, contact the league at (313) 881-0040.

Lakeshore Longhouse is part of the National Longhouse - Native Sons and Daughters. The nonprofit organization provides father and son and father and daughter activities throughout the year, highlighted by six weekend-long camping experiences.

Children range from 5 to 16 years old and the annual family membership dues are $80. Camp-outs have additional fees.

No special skills are required to join.

Events take place in and around the Grosse Pointe area and camp-outs are typically at Michigan YMCA facilities.

The group's focus is to promote family values and provide fathers and their children an opportunity to spend quality time together during coordinated events and activities. Three father and son and three father and daughter camping trips are planned each year.

Members build a float for the Grosse Pointe Thanksgiving parade; have family picnics; decorate gingerbread houses; and deliver necessities to senior citizens and shut-ins.

For more information, contact pcarlse01@lear.com or call (313) 715-4299 or Charlie Krasner at charles.krasner@comcast.net or call (313) 574-4350.

Pregnancy Aid, a nonprofit Christian organization, offers emotional, spiritual and physical support to women with crisis pregnancies and newborns in need.

Pregnancy Aid provides weekly classes for its clients promoting parenting skills and healthy lifestyles.

Volunteer counselors, office support and teachers from teens to adults are sought. Those joining volunteer at least once a month, or more if they so choose. The office is at 17325 Mack, Detroit. Suzy Stockmann is president. For more information, call the office at (313) 882-1000 or e-mail info@preganancyaid.com.

The Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit is a nonprofit organization open to all ages and promotes cooperation, provides quilts to area charities and an interchange of ideas related to quilting. A quilt show is held every other year.

Dues are $25 and the club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods.

For more information, call Lois Schwab at (586) 751-3117.

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is a volunteer service organization for women dedicated to improving the lives of girls and women locally and throughout the world. Grosse Pointe's chapter is more than 50 years old.

Members have been raising the community's awareness of of trafficking of women and young girls.

The group provides $5,000 in assistance to women who apply for the club's awards — Women's Opportunity Award and Virginia Wagner Educational Grant. Members also annually honor girls 14 to 17 for their community volunteerism through a $250 Violet Richardson Award to the charity of her choice.

The Ruby Award for Women Helping Women is a $500 donation to the winner's charity

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ACTIVITIES: Clubs, blood drives, music

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Fontbonne Auxiliary

Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical center sponsors a bingo party from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Barrister House, 21801 Harper, St. Clair Shores. Costs range from $40 to $50 and includes food, wine, beer, drinks and bingo cards for 11 games. Cash prizes are awarded.

Proceeds benefit the Fontbonne Nursing Scholarship program at St. John.

Dress is casual. Attendees must be 21 years old

Co-chairwomen are Jean L. Azar and Aspa Raphtis.

Reservations must be made by Oct. 14. For more information, call (313) 343-3675.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. followed by speaker Dr. Cynthia Browne from the Van Elslander Cancer Center. Her topic is an overview of cancer and women.

The cost is $10. For reservations, call Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081 before Saturday, Oct. 15.

For more information about the club, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 881-1324.

Lake House

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds orientations at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, and 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20.

The organization provides support to help people live quality lives during their cancer journeys.

◆ The fundraiser Waves of Hope is Thursday, Nov. 10. Doors open at 7 p.m.

General admission costs $50 and VIP admission costs $100. The latter includes apetizers, live music, a silent auction preview and open bar.

◆ Lakehouse bears are on sale. If ordered by Oct. 15, the cost is $10. After that date, the cost is $15.

Custom options are available.

To order, visit info@milakehouse.org.

For more information, call (586) 777-7761 or visit milakehouse.org.

Blood drive

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross Blood Drive, from 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information or an appointment, call Don at (313) 881-6094.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Assistance league

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Assistance League, Group IV holds a fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, in the Crystal Ballroom, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event offers cards, games and food to benefit the hospital's scholarship fund.

The cost is $25 and includes table prizes, snacks, cards and score pads.

To reserve a table or for more information, call Patty Marantette at (313) 823-0251 or Connie Lucchese at (313) 882-2895.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens has flu and pneumonia shots available from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is $25 for a flu shot and $70 for a pneumonia shot.

For an appointment, call (313) 882-9600. Bring Medicare card, driver's license and health insurance card.

Chamber music

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music season begins with works by Vivaldi, Mozart, and Brahms at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Violinist Terese Edelstein and pianist Anne Roberts open the concert with Mozart's "Sonata in C Major, K. 296."

Soprano Faith Foster sings Vivaldi's "Motet 'Nulla in mundo pax sincera'" accompanied by violinist Gerda Bielitz, Jamie Dabrowski on viola, cellist Judith Vander Weg and pianist Kelly Smith.

The recital closes with the Brahms "Violin Sonata in A Major, Op. 100," performed by violinist Kelly Roenicke and pianist Chiaki Kubota.

An annual membership to the concerts costs $40. Individual tickets available at the door cost $12. Those 18 and under are admitted free.

For information, call (586) 771-4387, gpchambermusic @yahoo.com.

Remaining concerts are Nov. 20, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 25, April 22, May 2 and June 3.

Blood drive

St. Peter the Apostle Church, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods, hosts a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

The drive is in the social hall, with entry off Anita.

For appointments, call (586) 776-2471.

Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The concert includes music by Vivaldi, Mozart and Brahms.

Tickets cost $12 and can be purchased at the door. Those 18 and under are admitted free.

For more information, call (586) 771-4387.

Historical society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society sponsors the premier of "Legends of Le Detroit" from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Rain date is Saturday, Oct. 29.

The free outdoor event features stories red by local actors from Theatre Arts Club of Detroit, Fine Arts Society of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Theatre, Historical Players Playhouse and Wayne State University.

The legends book was published in 1883 and written by Marie Caroline Watson Hamlin who grew up hearing tales from her ancestors. There will be six eerie stories read about the shores of Lake Saint Claire and Grosse Pointe dating from 1679 to 1770.

Refreshments are served from 6 to 7 p.m. and the readings are from 7 to 8 p.m. Stories are inappropriate for those less than 7 years old.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Grosse Pointe Woods residents can take a bus trip, leaving at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, to Partridge Creek. The motor coach leaves from the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center and returns at 4 p.m.

Each shopper receives a Partridge Pass that includes special offers to many stores and restaurants.

The cost is $7 for residents and non-residents pay $9. For more information, call (313) 343-2408.

◆ The Michigan Recreation and Park Association, the Detroit Red Wings and Grosse Pointe Woods offer discounted tickets for select Red Wings games. Both general and premium seating options are available.

Tickets for the following games are available:

7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21 — Red Wings versus Columbus Blue Jackets. Ticket prices are $25 or $40.

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8 — Red Wings versus Colorado Avalanche. Ticket prices are $30 or $45 and includes voucher for pizza and pop.

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27 — Red Wings versus St. Louis Blues. Ticket prices are $25 or $40.

7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21 — Red Wings versus Columbus Blue Jackets. Ticket prices are $30 or $45.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 — Red Wings versus Anaheim Ducks. Ticket prices are $30 or $45.

7:30 p.m., Monday, March 26 — Red Wings versus Columbus Blue Jackets. Ticket prices are $30 or $45.

4 p.m., Sunday, April 1 — Red Wings versus Florida Panthers. Ticket prices are $30 or $45.

The Red Wings organization donates $5 from each ticket sold to be split between the parks association and Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call the Woods' Community Center at (313) 343-2408.

Soroptimist

The Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe's third annual holiday ornament honors the 100th anniversary of the Neighborhood Club. Ornaments cost $10.

For more information, contact Roseanne at rhorne@entertainment.com.

Proceeds benefit the club's annual scholarship awards.

Wild Birds

Ohio birder Greg Miller gives a presentation at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Emagine Theatre, 200 N. Main, Royal Oak, prior to the screening of the film, "The Big Year," at 8 p.m.

Actor Jack Black portrays Miller in the movie about three birders who attempt to set the record for the most bird species seen in a calendar year in North America. It also stars Steve Martin and Owen Wilson.

Advanced tickets cost $10 and can be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited of Grosse Pointe Woods. Seating is limited.

For more information, call (313) 881-1410.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1976 holds its 35th class reunion Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information, call Kathy Kirchner at (313) 520-4674 or visit gps1976.webs.com.

Symphony orchestra

In observance of its 50th season, Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra holds its fall concert, "A Time to Remember," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 30003 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

The program includes music by Rossini, Mascagni, Ravel, Mozart and Johann Strauss Jr.

Adult tickets cost $15, seniors pay $10 and students pay $5.

Advanced tickets are available at Gifts Afloat and the Dockside Cafe.











Historical society launches online game

Oregon Trail players rejoice — there's a new game in town.

The Detroit Historical Society is launching Building Detroit, a Macromedia Flash-animated online game teaching economics and Detroit history.

Designed for second through fifth-graders, the game teaches Detroit history and economics through role-playing scenarios. It is part of the Past>Forward campaign to add new and expanded exhibits, technology upgrades and educational offerings to the Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum and the Detroit Historical Society Collection.

Based on the Frontiers to Factories exhibit, Building Detroit is an educational game reinforcing skills, such as economics, geography, history and mathematics. Players travel through Detroit history during the 1750s, 1790s, 1820s, 1860s and the 1890s. Teachers have a full curriculum guide online to complement the game.

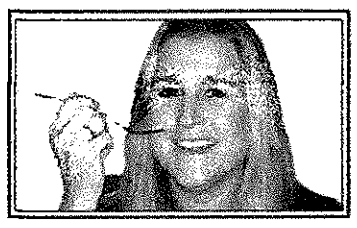
Tobi Voigt, director of education at the Detroit Historical Society, worked with society staff members and developers at EduWeb to develop the game, which meets Michigan state grade level content expectations in social studies for grades 2-5. Building Detroit launches Oct. 25 and is accessible through the historical society website at detroithistorical.org.

Players begin each of the five levels with a given career and can decide whom to marry and whether to change occupations based on career choices of the time period. Historical facts and economic factors impact decisions and may deplete or increase savings.

For more information on the Detroit Historical Society, visit detroithistorical.org.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Zucchini bread — a seasonal favorite



Fresh zucchini is abundant this time of year. Whether home grown, from the market or even the grocery story, the price is right. I turned my zucchini into delicious loaf breads. The recipe is a combination of several, mostly pulled from church and school cookbooks I collected over the years.

Homemade Zucchini Bread

(makes 2 loaves)

3 cups flour
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup applesauce
3 eggs
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 cup sour cream
2 1/2 cups shredded fresh zucchini
1 cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)
1 cup chocolate chips (optional)

Grease two standard size loaf pans and set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine flour with cinnamon, salt, baking soda and baking powder. In a medium bowl, combine sugar with vegetable oil and applesauce. Mix well. Add eggs, one at a time followed by vanilla, again mixing well.

Add wet mixture to dry mixture, a little at a time, alternating with sour cream. Stir in zucchini, nuts and chocolate chips. Stir just until combined.

Divide batter into two greased loaf pans. Bake for about an hour and 15 minutes, or a bit longer, depending on the oven. Do the clean knife check if in doubt. Cool for 10 minutes and turn onto cutting board and serve warm slices of zucchini bread with a smear of butter.

Yummy.

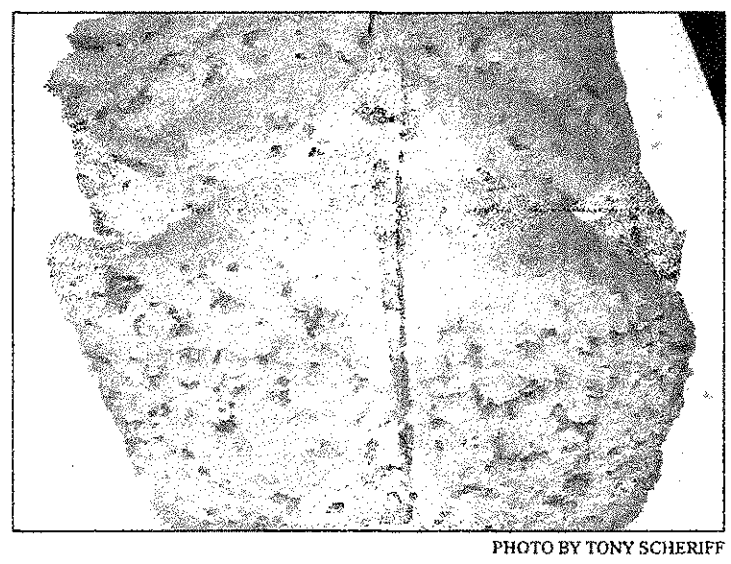


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Garden-themed Halloween at Ford House



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A fierce pirate greets guests at the Pirates Cove.

A ghoulish event begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The afternoon features themed garden areas — The Pirates Cove, An Enchanted Forest, Cinderella's Castle, Renaissance Revelry and more — all with activities, characters, treats and photo opportunities.

After visiting the trick or treat trail, attendees can hear "Monster Mash" and other Halloween-inspired music while eating fall-inspired treats.

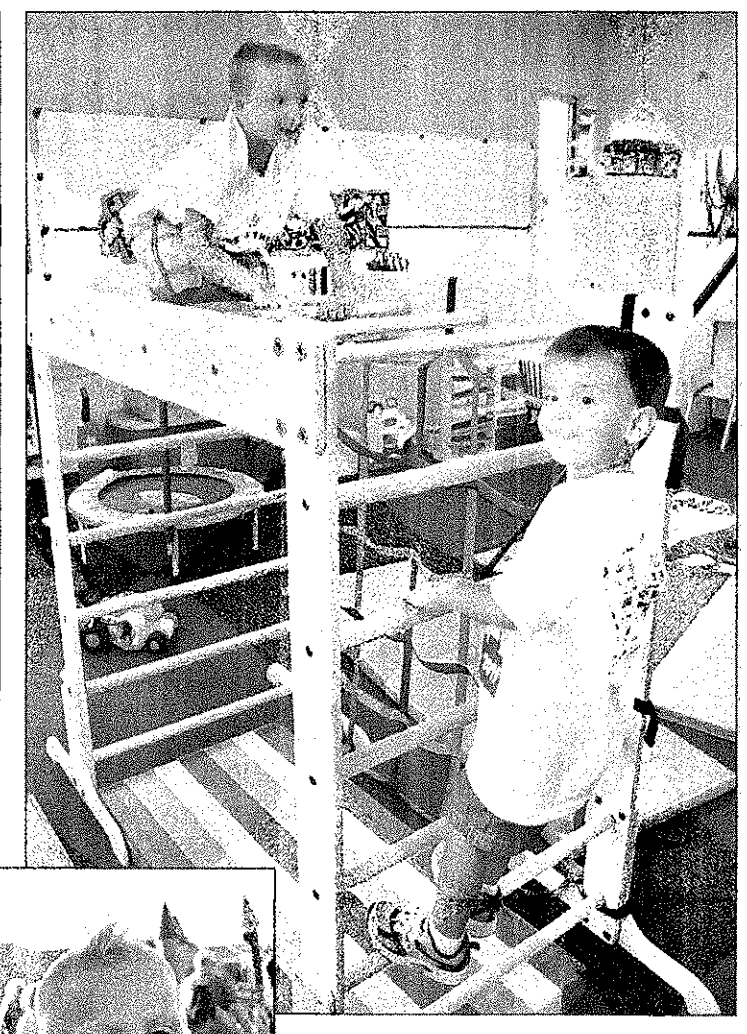
"The gardens are an enchanting place for children to explore and we're freshening up this popular annual event to allow families to experience the grounds in new thematic areas," said Kathleen Mullins, president of Ford House.

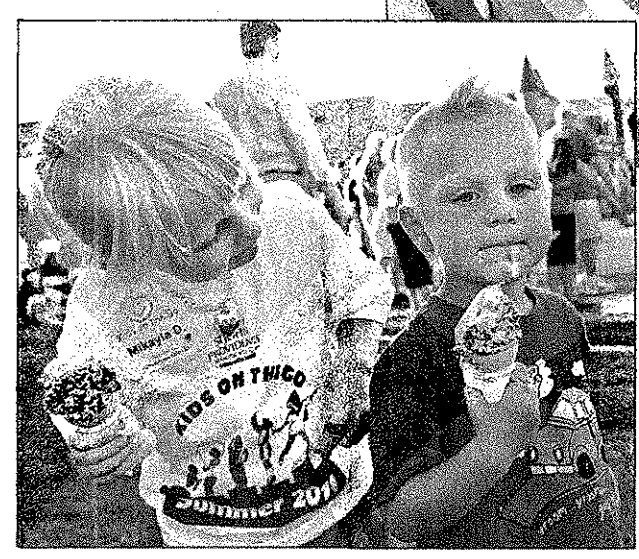
Goblins in the Gardens is recommended for children ages two to eight. Advanced tickets are $10 and can be purchased at fordhouse.org. Entry tickets are available every half hour from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.



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Kids on the go

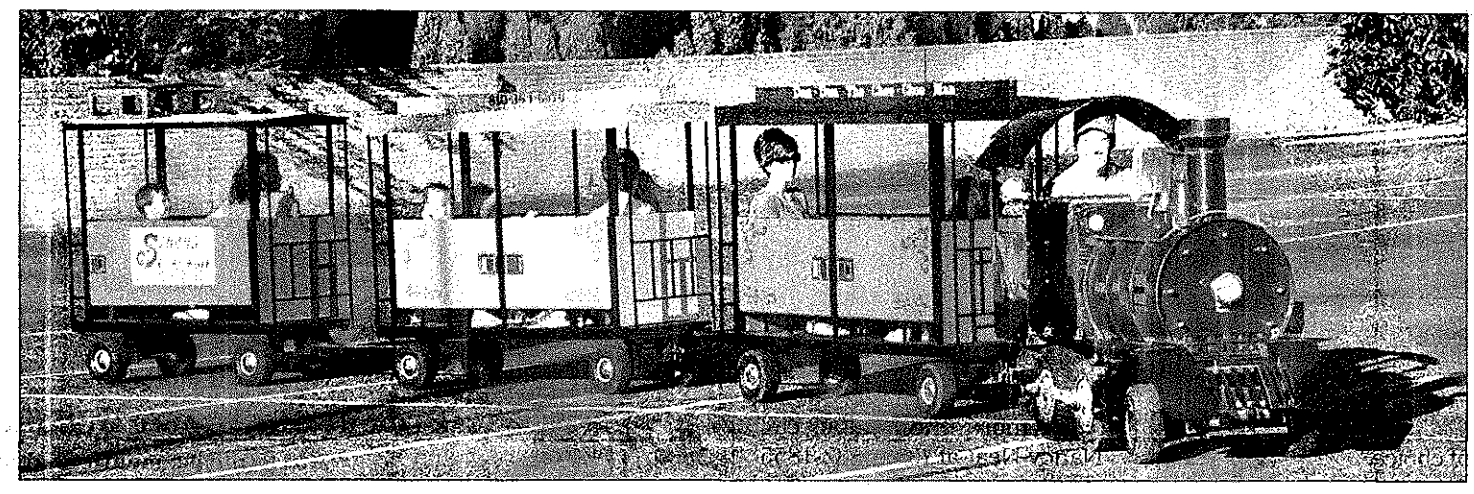




Matthew Lefever and Marie Schueneman accompany music therapist Emily Schienko on the drums during a Kids on the Go family event recognizing program sponsors. The organization offers physical, occupational and speech therapies in a summer camp setting and is affiliated with St. John Community Health.

Below, Dan Dan the Choo Choo man provides rides for the families.

Above, Anthony Edge, top, and Cole Vanderdonckt play on the monkey bars. Left, Mikayla Dombrowski looks at her brother, Christopher's, chin covered with ice cream and sprinkles. The ice cream social was just one of many activities offered.



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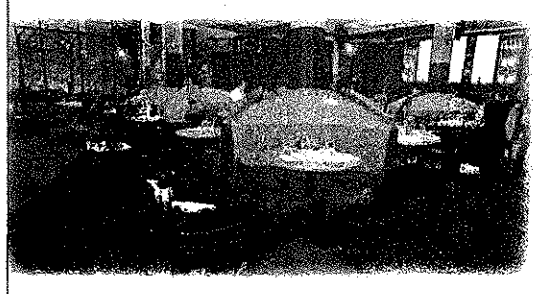
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Flagstar Bank is collecting food at its three Grosse Pointe branches for Crossroads of Michigan. The goal is to collect 4,000 non-perishable food items. From left, Samantha Quilter, manager Flagstar Bank at Mack and Canyon; Nathan Steiner, vice president of home lending; Kim Schmidt, vice president; Mary Honsel, executive director of Crossroads of Michigan; and Jacqueline Kennedy, manager of Flagstar Bank at Kercheval and Cadieux.



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Three new Eagle Scouts honored

Boy Scout Troop 96 honored Alexander John Kuhn, Brandon Mazzara and Max Roeske, Grosse Pointe's newest Eagle Scouts

The Eagle, the highest rank in scouting, represents several years of participation, achievement, education, training, leadership and community service.

About 2 percent of all scouts achieve this rank, which requires the completion of 21 merit badges, including personal management, environmental science, family life, communications, first-aid, camping, personal fitness and citizenship in the community.

In addition, Eagles hold leadership positions and complete many hours of community service, including an Eagle Project.

The Eagle Scout must plan, lead and carry out this project from the concept through completion.

Kuhn, the son of Timothy and Kathleen Kuhn, of Grosse Pointe Woods, led construction of a garden planter set 3-feet off the ground at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"People benefited from my project because they are now able to plant flowers in a raised garden platform," he said.

Kuhn, who joined scouts in 2003, said his best scouting memory is a canoe trip. He also learned to never wear cotton socks on a winter campout.

He was a member of the National Honor Society and the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Acacemy ski team and band.



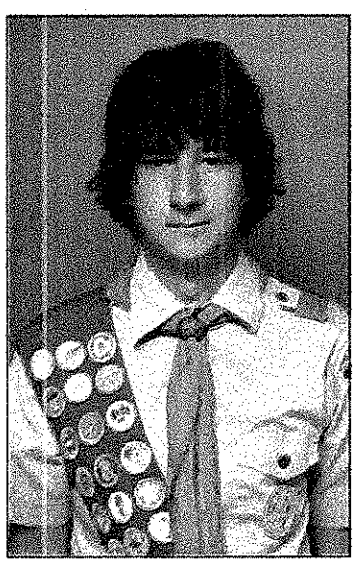
Alexander Kuhn

The 2011 graduate attends Albion College and is studying computer science and education. His professional goal is to become an elementary school teacher or a computer systems administrator.

Mazzara, the son of Paul and Cheryl Mazzara, of Grosse Pointe Shores, built and planted two flower beds at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods.

His best scout memories are the Rifle River canoe trip and his experiences with Hamilton, the mule, at summer camp.

The University of Detroit honor student ran track and earned a scholar athlete award.



Brandon Mazzara

He attends University of Michigan and is pursuing a career in video game design and animation.

Roeske, the son of Dan and Tish Roeske, of Grosse Pointe Farms, built a GaGa ball court at Kerby Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms. GaGa is an Israeli form of dodge ball. The game, Roeske said, is fun and interactive and can be played by children of all ages.

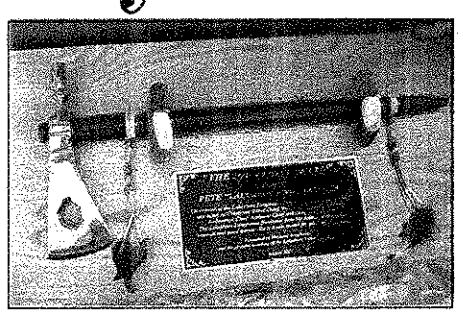


Max Roeske

His best scout memories are camping trips to Philmont Camp and North Manitou Island during which he was amazed by the aggressive chipmunks and a coyote attack.

Roeske is a member of Grosse Pointe South High School football, track and field, the German club and a Student Association Senator.

Joe Friday award



Native Sons and Daughters of Lakeshore Longhouse Joe Friday Award.

Lakeshore Longhouse's co-creator and retiring chief Pete Spencer received the Joe Friday award at the annual Native Sons and Daughters of the Lakeshore Longhouse family picnic.

The national Longhouse programs, designed for one-on-one parent-child interaction within a group setting, help build inter-family, communal and spiritual relationships through shared and structured activities.

Since the organzation's inception in 2002, Spencer's titles and accomplishments include Chippewa tribal chief, webmaster, volunteer director, federation chief, assistant chief and chief of the Great Lakes Regional Advisory Lodge of the National Longhouse, Ltd.

Enscribed on the plaque, dedicated to Grosse Pointe Farms resident, are the words: "The Lakeshore Longhouse tribes flourish due to his dedicated leadership, genuine warmth and good humor. Laughing Fish is a role model for generations to come."

This, the highest award of the organization, was created to honor Ojibway Indian Joseph Friday, whose efforts led to the founding of the Indian Guides and Native Sons and Daughters programs.

A Native American theme serves as a common level of interest for parent and child and provides an educational tool for the casual introduction to Native American cultures.

The Lakeshore Longhouse hosts annual father-son and father-daughter fall, winter and spring camp-outs.

For more information visit lakeshorelonghouse.org.

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of choice.

This award recognizes a woman's positive influence on other women or girls.

Fundraising is done through the Dine Around Town restaurant raffle, the holiday ornament sale and garage sales.

Members' ages range from 20 to 90 who commit time as each sees fit from working on a committee to attending a monthly business meeting. Annual dues are $125.

Business meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month, except December, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

For more information, contact membership chairwoman Marya at mmalkovich@gmail.com or president Mary Ellen at (313) 640-5964.

The club's website is grossepointesoroptimist.org.

Theatre Arts Club of Detroit is a 501(c)(3) organization open to women of any age interested in the arts.

No special skills are needed. Dues are $75 and the time commitment depends on the individual.

Proceeds from the twice a year plays fund an annual scholarship for a drama student. Performances are at the Players Playhouse on Jefferson.

The annual meeting and Christmas party are at various locations.

Member participation ranges from lead roles to audience members. Theater workshops are held for underprivileged girls.

For more information, call Susan at (313) 882-9706.

Toastmaster's is a group dedicated to improving public speaking of its members of all ages and skills by building self confidence and esteem.

The club meets 1 1/2 hours twice a month either in public schools or city offices. Annual dues are $85.

For more information about the international organization, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe is a networking business and personal enrichment group open to women of all ages and backgrounds.

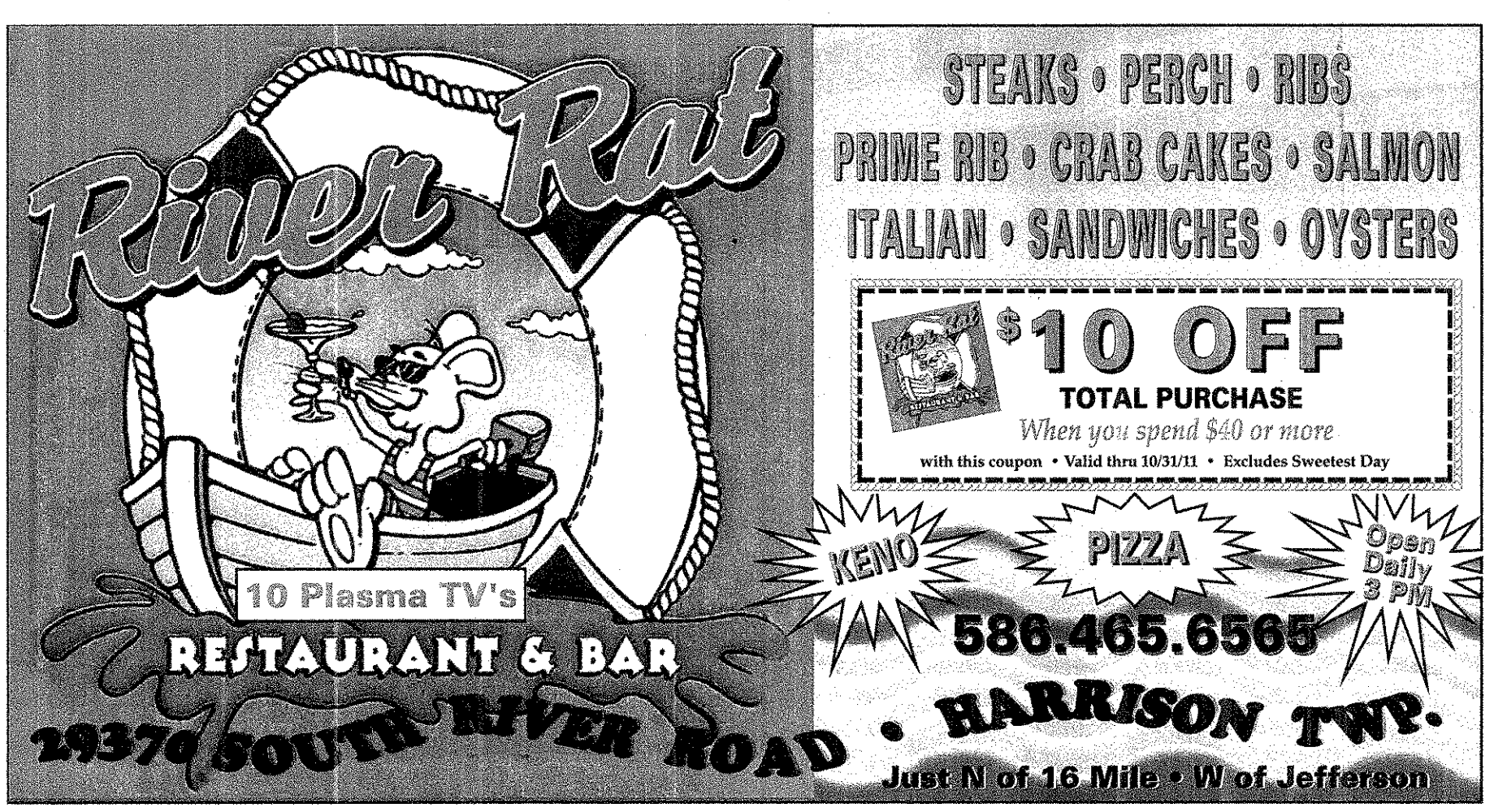
The dinner meetings are from 6 to 9 p.m. once a month at local clubs with speakers discussing topics to improve and empower women.

The evening meetings cost $30 and annual dues are $35.

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TENNIS

North, Liggett send teams to state finals

Norsemen crush foes to win title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' tennis team swept its Division 2 regional tournament last weekend to earn another trip to the state finals.

Head coach John VanAlst and the Norsemen won every flight in straight sets and only lost a total of 15 games in the 16 sets.

North finished with 24 points and Eastpointe East Detroit was able to secure a spot in the finals with a runner-up total of eight points.

Port Huron and Sterling Heights each came within a point of second, finishing with seven points, while Warren Woods-Tower had six, St. Clair Shores Lakeview had three and Detroit Western International had one point.

Dan Amato beat his Sterling Heights foe 6-4, 6-0 in the final at No. 1 singles and Bryan Butts took care of business, winning 6-1, 6-1 over Port Huron at No. 2 singles.

Michael Kain beat Sterling Heights' No. 3 singles foe 6-0, 6-0 in his title match and Bobby Mulpurri followed with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Warren Woods-Tower's opponent in the championship match at No. 4 singles.

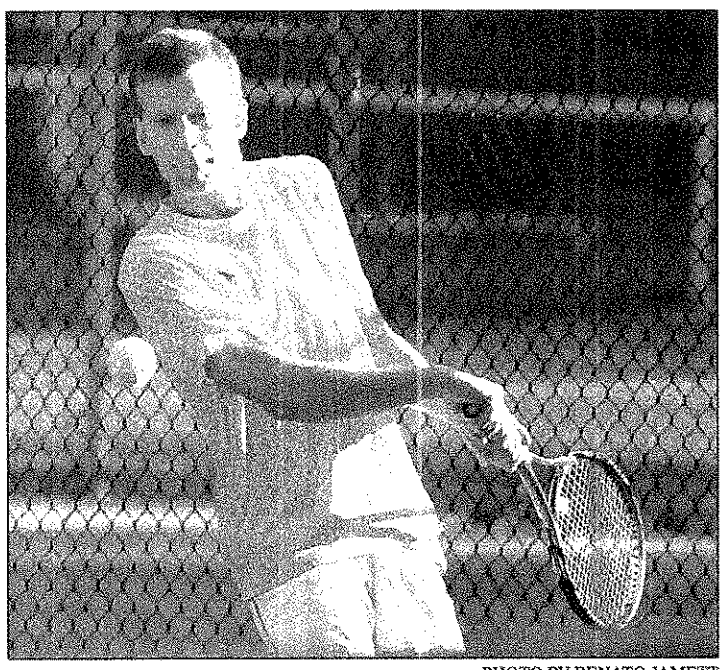


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North's Dan Amato, shown above during a match against Liggett earlier in the week, won the No. 1 singles flight at the Norsemen's Division 2 regional tournament.

The Norsemen had the luxury of perfect weather with sun and temperatures in the high 70s.

Jeff Irving and Jason Vismara had an easy time in the finals of the No. 1 doubles flight, beating East Detroit 6-0, 6-2. East Detroit took nearly two hours to win its semifinal match and they didn't have much gas left in the tank to battle tested Irving and Vismara.

At No. 2 doubles, Michael Plouffe and Patrick Hastings beat Port Huron 6-3, 6-0 in the finals and Jeremy Harr and Scott Johnston also defeated Port Huron in the finals, winning 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles.

Matt Kain and Grant Shaheen won 6-1, 6-1 in the No. 4 doubles championship, beating East Detroit.

North plays in the state finals Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15, in Kalamazoo.

Knights get one flight champion

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Another year, another trip to the state finals for University Liggett's boys' tennis team.

First-year head coach Drew Mascarin, who helped the Knights win four straight state championships in the late 1970s and early 1980s, guided his current team to a second-place finish in last weekend's Division 4 regional tournament at Grosse Ile.

Ann Arbor Greenhills won the regional with 30 points, followed by Liggett. The host team also gained a spot in the finals, earning the necessary 18 points.

"Our goal every year is to make the finals and try to win state championships," Mascarin said in an interview a couple of weeks before the regionals. "The guys are playing with a lot of confidence and they know what it takes to win."

Greenhills won six of the eight flights and was second in the other two. However, Liggett was able to secure a flight championship at No. 2 doubles when junior Alec Petitpren and senior Patrick Thomas beat Greenhills' duo.

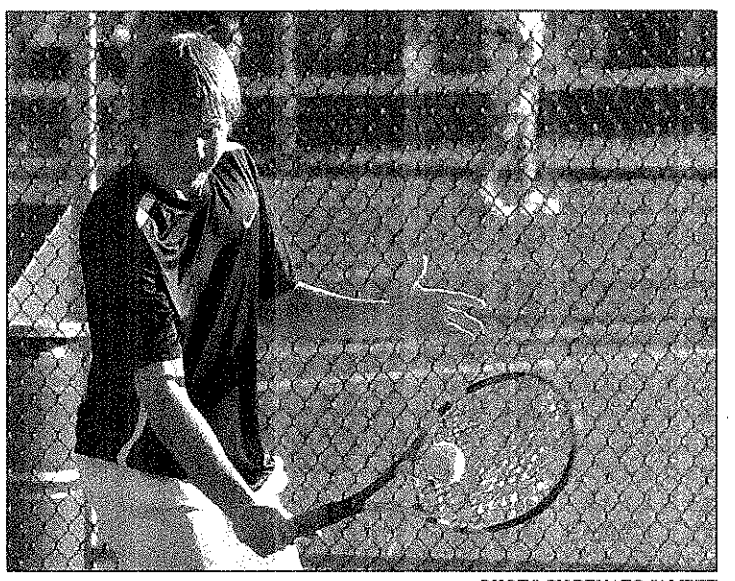


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Austin Petitpren is playing the best tennis of his high school career for first-year head coach Drew Mascarin.

The Knights had a lot of success, but couldn't win the championship matches.

The No. 4 doubles team of senior Anthony Palleschi and sophomore Patrick Diaz lost to Greenhills in the finals and sophomores Neil Sekhon and Alan Jurcak also made the title match at No. 3 doubles, but lost to Greenhills.

The No. 1 doubles squad of seniors Boris Canzano and Robert Stanley also made the finals before losing to Greenhills.

In singles play, senior Austin Petitpren and sophomore James Jurcak made the title round at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, but lost to Greenhills' Thane Feldeisen and Zach Martell, respectively.

Mascarin's top singles players, juniors Garrett Mallires and Phillip Pierce, played well, but did not make it to the championship round of their flights.

Earlier in the week, Liggett beat Grosse Pointe North 5-3 and Almont 5-3 to end the regular season 5-3-1 overall.

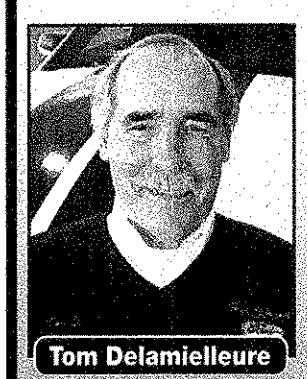
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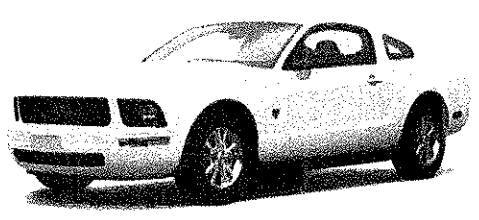
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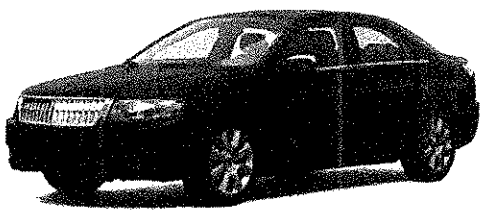
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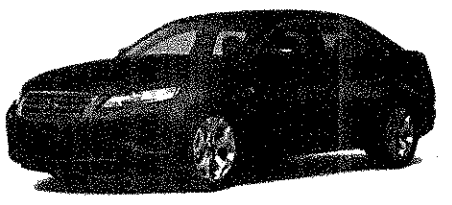
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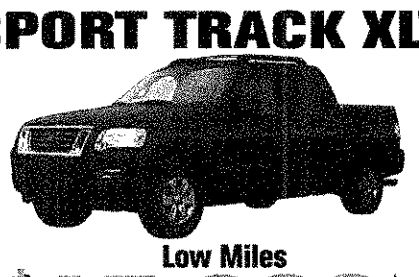
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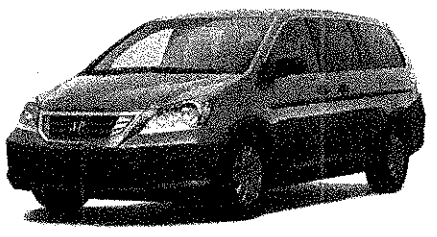
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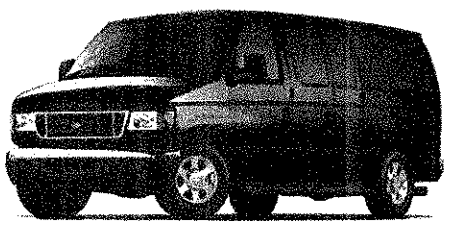
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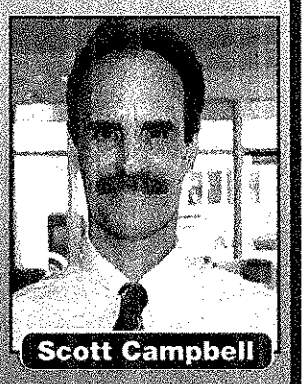

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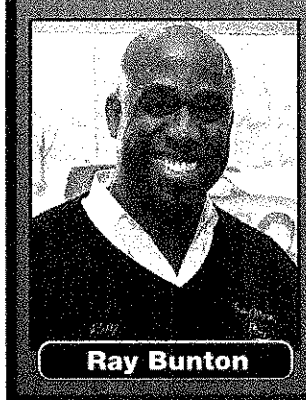

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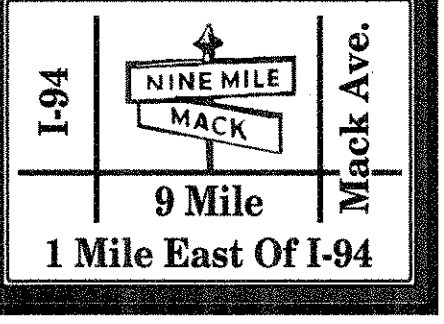

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Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Finals bound

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' golf team earned a return trip to the state finals after winning last week's Division 1 regional tournament at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon.

Head coach Peter Kingsley watched his Blue Devils win rather easily, posting a 318. Troy was second with a 337 and Livonia Churchill also stamped its ticket to the finals with a third-place score of 363.

Other finishers were Walled Lake Central with a 363 (lost tiebreaker), Novi with a 368, Northville with a 375, Dearborn with a 389, NorthFarmington/Harrison with a 393, Troy Athens with a 416, Royal Oak with a 437, West Bloomfield with a 449 and Livonia Franklin with a 473.

Leading the way for the regional champion Blue Devils was senior Claire Boyle, shooting a 78, followed by sophomore Tenley Shield with a 79.

Senior Ella Pendy had an 80, while sophomore Lily Pendy and junior Hannah Buzolits fired an 81 and 88 to round out the team scores.

Individuals madking the finals are Northville's Camilla Zhao, North Farmington/Harrison's Sophie Kolin with an 83 and Athens' Jennifer Yang with an 83.

The Blue Devils have won every tournament and dual match this season, leaving just one more event on the docket, the Division 1 state finals Friday, Oct. 14, and Saturday, Oct. 15, at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University.

The field includes Ann Arbor Pioneer, Brighton, Davison, Holt, Hudsonville, Livonia Churchill, Milford, Plymouth, Rochester Adams, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Saline, Traverse City West, Troy and Utica.

Troy Athens needed only one more point, 18, to make the finals, but the Red Hawks lost several tight matches down the stretch to end their season, too.

South had 15 points, followed by Warren Cousino with four, Warren DeLaSalle with three, Royal Oak with one, Fraser with one and Southfield Lathrup with zero.

"The tough three-set losses were the difference," head coach John Willard said. "We would have made it with those wins, but I have to give our boys credit because they played hard and competed against some very good players today.

"We had a very tough regional with Brother Rice added to the mix."

Leading the way for the Blue Devils was sophomore Colden Gosselin. He lost 6-1, 6-2 to Brother Rice's Chase Peery in the finals of the No. 3 singles flight.

Freshman Nick Paolucci and senior Matt Clune each won a match at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively, before falling in the semifinals. Paolucci lost 6-1, 6-1 to Athens' Richard Chang and Clune dropped a 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 outcome to Brother Rice's Gunnar Peery.

Senior Alex Gosselin did not win a match at No. 4 singles.

Each of the Blue Devils' doubles team won a match before getting ousted in the semifinals of each flight.

Seniors David Harris and Daniel Garberding lost 7-5, 6-1 to Troy at No. 1 doubles, while seniors Henry Brophy and Ted Berkowski dropped a 6-4, 6-3 decision to Troy at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 3 doubles, sophomore David Wittwer and senior Michael McCuish lost 6-4, 6-0 semifinal to Troy and the No. 4 doubles squad of junior Patrick Dietz and sophomore Victor Flynn lost a 6-0, 6-0 semifinal match to Brother Rice.

"I'm proud of my players for competing all season," Willard said. "We have to fill several holes in our lineup, but I'm confident we will field another solid team next fall."

In other action last week, South lost 7-1 to Novi Detroit Catholic Central and 5-3 to West Bloomfield, ending the regular season 6-5 overall.

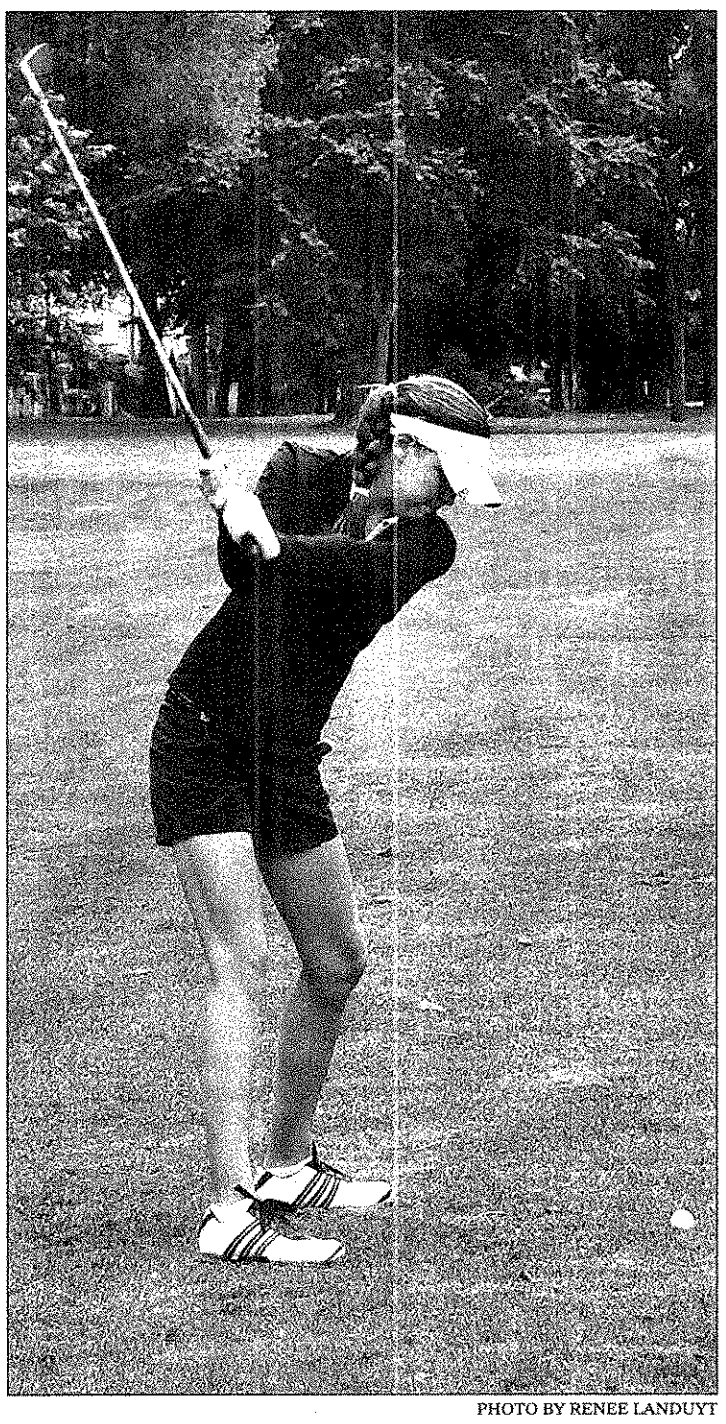


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South senior Ella Pendy is making another trip to the state finals, along with her teammates. They enter the tournament ranked No. 2 behind Saline.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen just miss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' golf team ended its season last week, finishing fourth in a Division 2 regional tournament at Heather Highlands Golf Club in Holly.

Head coach Brian Stackpoole watched Birmingham Seaholm win with a 336, while Birmingham Marian and Fenton also earned a spot in the state finals, posting a 344 and 362, respectively.

"We played our best golf of the season and shot our lowest team score in six years," Stackpoole said. "We finished in fourth place, just missing making it to states. None of our five players who were at regionals are seniors, so we are already excited for next year."



FILE PHOTO

Ali Scoggin

The Norsemen posted a 384 with Ali Scoggin leading the way with a 92, followed by Jordyn Parent with a 95, Jenna Paglino with a 97, Paige Micks with a 100 and Madison Vens with a 127.

Scoggin was one stroke from making it to the state finals as an individual.

Teams finishing behind North were Oxford with a 389, Holly with a 403, Bloomfield Hills Andover with a 405, Birmingham Groves with a 425, Ortonville-Brandon with a 443, St. Clair Shores Lakeview with a 470, Berkley with a 1307 and Auburn Hills Avondale with a 2192.

Both Berkley and Avondale didn't have the required number of golfers, so each scoring position in their lineups were given a score of 999.

The top three from non-state qualifying teams were Groves' Jessica Turner, posting an 86, followed by Alexandra Johnson of Holly with a 90 and Kyla Kursczewski of Oxford with a 91.

More tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils come up shy

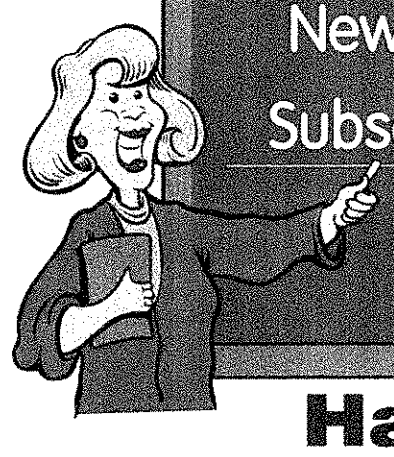
By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' tennis team made an uncharacteric early end to the season last week.

The Blue Devils failed to make the state finals for the first time in more than two decades after finishing fourth in a Division 1 regional tournament at Elworthy.

Newcomer to the regional, Birmingham Brother Rice, won the title with 29 points, while Troy also earned a trip to the state finals with a second-place total of 24 points.

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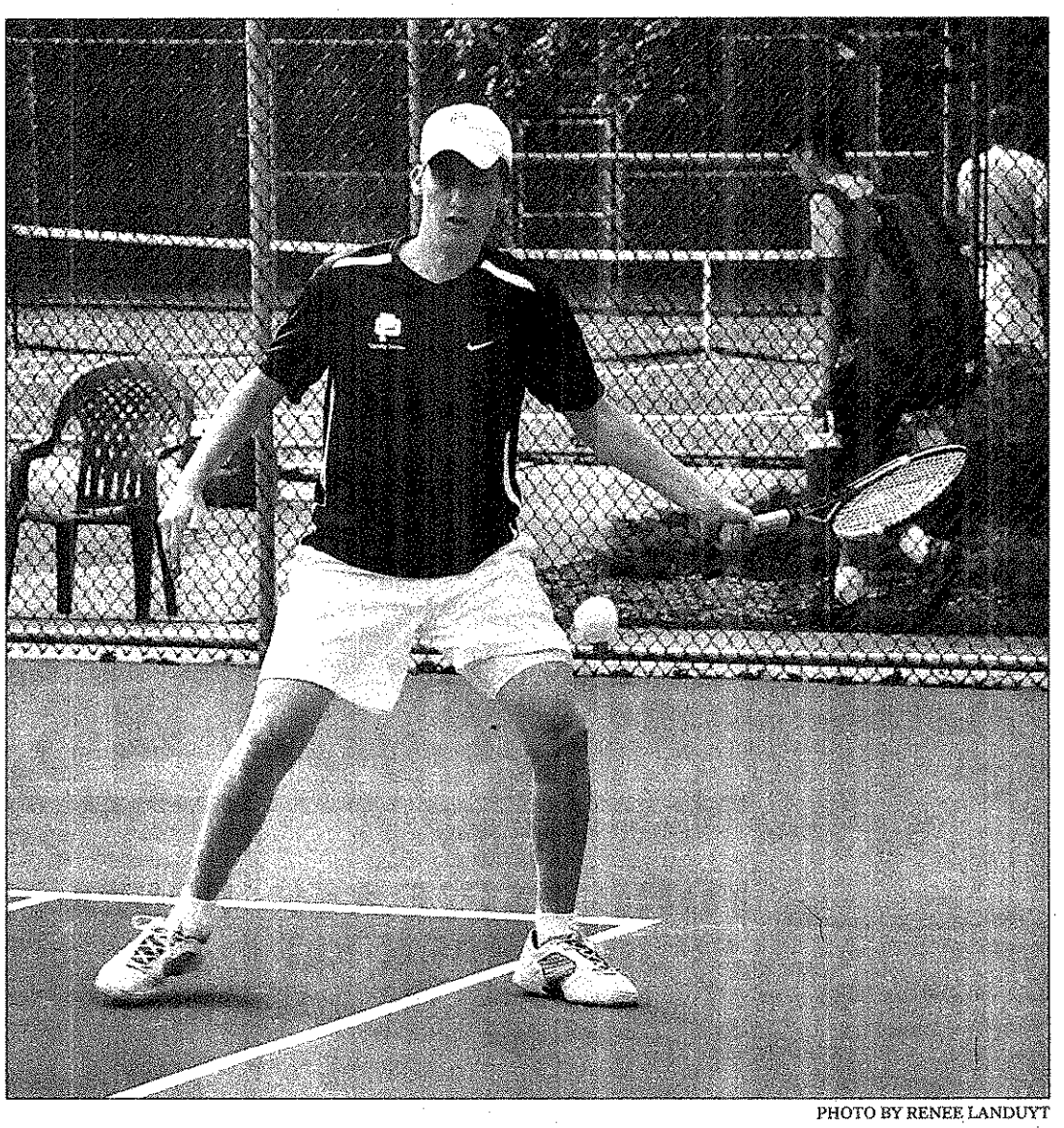


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South senior Henry Brophy ended his high school career by making it to the semifinals of his doubles flight with partner, Ted Berkowski.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Park meeting open to public

The Grosse Pointe Park Little League board of directors conducts a public meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at St. Clare of Montefalco in the lower level below the gym in the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

There is an election for the board of directors. Candidates are drawn from the membership of the Park Little League.

The public can meet the candidates and hear a summary of the 2011 regular season, tournament teams, "Second Season" and the play of the Junior, Senior, and Big Leagues (players aged 13-18 to the core group of players ages 6-12).

For more information about the duties of the board, contact league President Marty McMillan at (313) 824-1443.

Cross country

NORTH & SOUTH GIRLS

South trio lead team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

South junior Hannah Meier cruises to a first-place finish in the Wayne County Championship meet at Willow Metropark.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' cross-country team swept the Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree meets once again.

Head coach Steve Zaranek guided the Blue Devils to a 6-0 finish in last week's meet and a 12-0 overall record to win the dual meet portion of the schedule. This is the Blue Devils' fifth straight league championship and 11th in the past 15 seasons.

"We accomplished our goal today," Zaranek said. "The MAC Red is filled with talented runners, especially from Stevenson and North. We were very pleased with our performances and the end result."

Grosse Pointe North was fourth in this meet with a 3-3 mark and fourth in the overall standings at 7-5. Sterling Heights Stevenson was second at 9-3 and Macomb Dakota third at 8-4.

Utica Eisenhower took fifth overall with a 4-8 record, while Utica and L'Anse Creuse North tied for sixth with a 1-11 mark.

The champions were paced by the trio of Kelsie Schwartz, Haley Meier and Hannah Meier, who tied for first with identical times of 19:09. The Blue Devils also had the fourth-place runner, Ersula Farrow, who posted a time of 19:46.

Rouding out the Blue Devils scorers was Carolyn Sullivan, who was 15th with a time of 21:07.

Head coach Scott Cooper and his Norsemen had their five scorers each run under 22:30 with Allison Francis taking a solid fifth place with a time of 20:03. She was followed by Katy VanEgmond, 16th with a time of 21:09; Natalie Schaefer, 17th with a time of 21:15; Sarah Rustmann, 27th with a time of 22:01; and Alyse Victor, 33rd with a time of 22:26.

"We looked a little flat today, but the girls pushed through it and fought hard," Cooper said.

Francis tied her best time from last year and Victor moved up to the fifth spot for the Norsemen, running a personal best.

Earning Barrier Breaker shirts for surpassing a goal at the race were Anne Race, Maria Fisher, Kallin Morris and Erin McCarthy.

Mira Shenouda, finished her first race, as well as Delaney Bennett.

For South in the JV race, Alex Dulworth, Lizzy Langenburg, Mary Spencer, Alexa Calas, Nina Piccione, Rachel Forcillo and Sarah O'Neil led the way to a 6-0 mark and perfect 12-0 finish.

South also competed in last weekend's Wayne County Championships, winning with 31 points.

Northville was second with 41, followed by Livonia Churchill with 83, Plymouth Salem with 117 and Livonia Stevenson with 200.

It was the Blue Devils' fourth straight county championship. The meet had 35 teams competing at Willow Metropark.

They took four of the top five places with Hannah Meier winning with a time of 17:48.

Haley Meier and Schwartz took second and third with times of 18:44 and 18:49, respectively, while Farrow was fifth overall with a time of 19:10.

Other solid performances were turned in by Megan Sklarski, Sullivan and Nicole Keller with times of 20:29, 20:48 and 21:04, respectively.

NORTH & SOUTH BOYS

Mixed results in MAC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North boys' cross-country team competed in last week's final Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree meet.

The Blue Devils' team, under head coach Mark Sonnenberg, finished third in this meet with a 4-2 mark and was third overall with an 8-4 mark.

"We completed an excellent jamboree season, despite being under-manned both times," Sonnenberg said. "Jake Knuth, in particular, had a stellar race and once again proved to be the heart and soul of the boys team."

The Norsemen's squad, under head coach Diane Montgomery, took sixth with a 1-5 record and was sixth overall at 3-9.

Utica swept both meets to win the dual meet season with a 12-0 record and Macomb Dakota was second at 10-2, finishing 5-1 in each meet.

South was 8-4, followed by Sterling Heights Stevenson at 5-7, Utica Eisenhower at 4-8, Grosse Pointe North at 3-9 and L'Anse Creuse North was 0-12.

For the Blue Devils, Austin Montgomery was fifth overall with a time of 17:19 and Charlie Warren was 12th at 17:33. Matt Geist also ran a sub 18-minute race, placing 19th with a time of 17:57.

Cameron Davies was 22nd at 18:04 and the Blue Devils' final placer was Brad Sanford, taking 34th with a time of 18:36.

For the Norsemen, Nick Finley continued his fine season, taking sixth with a time of 17:24. Finley was one of the MAC Red Division's top runners this season.

Other scorers for the Norsemen were Ed Surmont, 21st with a time of 18:02; Jay Gryniewicz, 24th with a time of 18:10; Jordan Radke, 28th with a time of 18:23; and Nate Limback, 30th with a time of 18:26.

South's junior varsity squad won the jamboree for the fourth time in a row, capturing the Red Division crown.

Conor Buckley had an 18:45 to earn a spot on the varsity squad for the Wayne County Championships. Others in the top 15 were Bailey Labadie, Stephenson Brengman, Pat Rennell, Zach Due and Adam Bolton.

In addition, senior Colin Anderson earned a varsity letter with this one finish.

In other action, the boys' cross-country team placed 13th in the Coaching Legend's Classic at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton.

Rockford won the meet with 64 points, followed by St. Francis De Sales with 88, Saline with 93, Romeo with 106, Northville with 153, Plymouth with 170, Brighton with 222, Canton with 279, Ann Arbor Huron with 297, Novi with 307, Fenton with 317 and South with 363.

Sonnenberg's top runners were Austin Montgomery with a time of 16:48.40 for 14th; Geist at 17:47.30 for 86th; Davies at 17:49.20 for 89th; Warren at 18:08.50 for 102nd; Sanford at 18:24.30 for 115th; Michael Aro at 18:28.20 for 119th; and Zach Montgomery at 18:28.70 for 120th.

LIGGETT

Improving with practice

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's cross-country teams finished strong among smaller schools in last weekend's Wayne County Championships at Willow Metropark.

"We continue to see more athletes setting personal and seasonal bests and the pack running strategy is paying dividends for team scores, as well," head coach Trey Cassidy said.

Highlights for the Knights included sophomore Danielle Lorant finishing the second loop of the race with only one shoe after losing the other shoe in the mud. She finished 52nd among the 183 runners, but had a smile on her face when she crossed the finish line.

Junior Haleigh Ristovski nearly matched her personal best time of 22:43 on a toughest course of the season.

Others running behind them at the meet were Katarina Goitz with a time of 23:28, Wesley DeJoie with a time of 25:25, Taylor Slayton with a time of 25:46, Hannah Hodges with a time of 26:49 and Jo Hummel with a time of 28:16.

For the boys, Kevin Allen ran a time of 18:37. He was followed by Dylan Goitz at 20:07, Joe Renzi at 20:56, Will Loner at 21:32, Connor Borrego at 21:43, Cole Zingas at 22:38, Joe Pas at 23:48, Peter Jachim at 25:20 and Robert Hammond at 28:08.

Soccer

LIGGETT

Knights inch close to title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The goals just keep on pouring in for University Liggett's boys' soccer team.

Last week, the Knights beat Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 7-1 behind senior Billy Marx's three goals and Taylor Baptist Park 11-3 as Marx had four tallies.

Junior Andrew Amine scored twice and senior Brian Gutermuth added a goal in the victory over Parkway Christian, while sophomore Adante Provenzano scored twice and junior Andrew Heaney had a hat trick in the victory over Baptist Park.

Junior Peter Hopkins and Gutermuth also scored against Baptist Park.

The Knights also defeated Franklin Road Christian last weekend, improving to 12-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 12-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils lose to Utica

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The opportunity to get back in the division race went out the window last weekend.

Grosse Pointe South boys' soccer team rode a six-game winning streak into its big game at division-leading Utica.

The Blue Devils trailed the Chieftains by five points and a win would cut the deficit to two with one game remaining.

A lackluster few minutes didn't help as the Blue Devils lost 4-0, lifting the Chieftains to the Macomb Area Conference White Division championship. South has to win its final division match to finish second.

"It was disappointing because we actually played pretty well and controlled major parts of the game," head coach Stefan Harris said. "Things just didn't go our way and we lost."

Earlier in the week, South beat Sterling Heights 4-0 in front of the home fans as junior Henry Fildes, senior Adam Black, junior Max Ganesch and junior Josh Carolan scored goals.

Grosse Pointe South is 6-4-1 in the MAC White Division and 6-5-3 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a Division 1 district semifinal game Wednesday, Oct. 19.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win on homecoming

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team remained in the hunt for a share of the Macomb Area Conference White Division title after last weekend's 27-0 homecoming victory over L'Anse Creuse North.

"We needed this win to keep our hopes alive to at least share the division title and the guys played very well to get it," head coach Frank Sumbera said. "The defense was outstanding tonight and the offense was very good."

Junior Jack Stander, in for injured senior starter Dylan Balicki, completed 8-of-12 passes for 105 yards and one interception. Junior Nick Rahaim caught three passes for 54 yards, while senior Anthony Sarkis had three receptions for 49 yards.

The running game was key in the win as sophomore Tod Long had 139 yards on 17 carries and three touchdowns. Senior Aaron Rivera had 75 yards on nine carries. Midway through the fourth quarter, senior Nick Romanelli rushed for his first career touchdown, an 8-yard run.

Long scored on a 4-yard run on the Norsemen's first possession and he added a 27-yard TD run late in the opening quarter to give the home team a 14-0 advantage.

He added another long scoring run, 20 yards, midway through the third quarter to open a three-touchdown lead on the Crusaders.

Senior Boyan Mihaylov kicked three extra points.

Defensively, the Norsemen were flying around the field, disrupting the Crusaders' offense from their first possession.

The Crusaders had the ball eight times and only mustered 53 total yards of offense. They punted seven times and junior Robert Tillman intercepted a pass.

With the win, North improved to 3-1 in the division and 3-4 overall. North is tied with Utica Ford for second place, one game behind Warren Cousino, who is 4-0.

Ford and Cousino play this weekend, while North wraps up its division slate at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Roseville.

"This is a big game," Sumbera said. "We need Ford to beat Cousino Friday night and then we have to go to Roseville and win a tough football game. I know the guys will be ready to play."

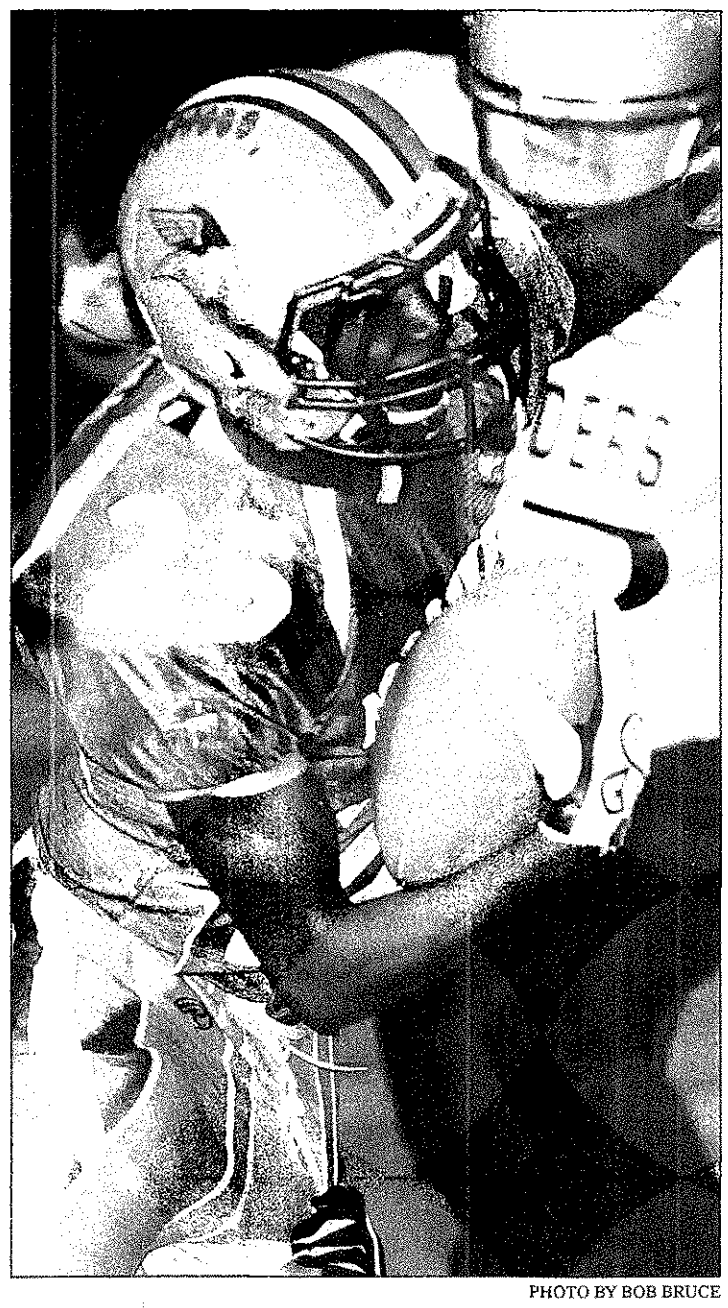


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Sophomore Tod Long was on his game during the homecoming win over L'Anse Creuse North, scoring three touchdowns and rushing for 139 yards.

LIGGETT

Knights come up big vs. Parkway

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's football team took a huge step forward in defending its league title last weekend, blasting host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 42-3.

"Defensively we were excellent," head coach Lou Ray said. "Overall we executed the offense effectively. Our offensive line was superb and led by Josh Dickens, Antonio Malkoun, Rashan Trice and Antoine Crews.

The Knights put the pedal to the metal and never let up as freshman running back Charles Jones rushed for 102 yards on 15 carries and scored three touchdowns.

Junior quarterback Nate Gaggin was effective in the pocket, completing 11-of-17 passes for 191 yards and two touchdowns, plus rushed for 34 yards on three carries and one score.

Junior wide receiver KeVaughn Jackson had two catches for 25 yards with one touchdown in the second quarter and returned an interception 60 yards to set up another TD.

Two other wide receivers had big games. Juniors Eric Ewing and Drew Jerome had two and four catches, respectively, for 52 yards and a TD and 71 yards. Ewing's 29-yard TD reception from Gaggin opened the scoring in the first quarter.

It was 21-3 at the half, but the Knights put the game away after scoring 21 third-quarter points. Gaggin displayed leadership and gutsy play from the quarterback position.

Ray watched his defense shut down Parkway Christian in a battle of league unbeatens.

Senior Patrick Monahan had 12 tackles and an interception, while senior Stavros Bricolas had nine tackles and junior Dan Baird added eight.

Jerome also picked off a pass, while the Knights' nose guard Caleb Stokes had a sack and four tackles for a loss.

Liggett improved to 5-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 7-0 overall.

Coming up next for the Knights is homecoming at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

If the Knights win, they will be MIAC champions and inch closer to earning a home game in the state playoffs.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall in pivotal game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

In a matter of a couple of hours, Grosse Pointe South's football team's goal of winning a third straight division title became a lot tougher, thanks to a 42-15 loss to Port Huron.

"They are a very good football team and we were not a very good football team that night," head coach Tim Brandon said. "Offensively, we had too many penalties and turnovers, and we can't do that to beat a quality opponent like Port Huron.

"We had to play a good game and we fell well short of that. We have to put that behind us and get ready for L'Anse Creuse.

"We need the win to qualify for the state playoffs and possibly host a state playoff game down the road. Those are good motivating factors, plus it is homecoming. It should be a great night."

The host Big Reds, which boasted an early-season win over Eisenhower, jumped out to a 21-0 lead.

It was 21-7 after senior Eddy Mollison rushed for a 4-yard scoring run and senior Jon Parker kicked the extra point.

The defense came up with a safety in the third quarter and senior quarterback Robby Kish hit senior wide receiver Axel Ivers with a 28-yard TD pass to make it a 28-15 game.

"We had momentum and they fumbled the ensuing kickoff, putting the ball at their one," Brandon said. "We needed a stop and get into the end zone to make it a game again."

Instead, the Big Reds gained a first down and used a long run to score and put the game out of reach.

Kish completed 12-of-28 passes for 182 yards and one touchdown to lead the Blue Devils.

With the loss, South dipped to 3-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 5-2 overall.

Coming up next is the Blue Devils' annual homecoming game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, against L'Anse Creuse.

The Blue Devils need the win to make the state playoffs and have any chance to win a share of the division title. Port Huron also has to lose its final division game against city rival Port Huron Northern.



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South senior Matt Reno tries to outrun a Port Huron defender during the Blue Devils' division loss to the Big Reds.

COLLEGE NOTES

Saros excels in Ivy League

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Brown University's Jimmy Saros earned Pre-Season All-American honors in the Ivy League this season.

Saros, a Grosse Pointe South graduate and one of the state's all-time leaders in receptions with 200, has raised the level of his game to the collegiate level.

Last year, he caught 42 passes and scored five touchdowns in 10 games.

This season for the 3-1 Bears, Saros has 15 receptions for 112 yards.

Brown is know as "Receiver U" with four players now catching passes in the National Football League.

Saros is 6-foot, 3-inches tall and weighs 205 pounds. He worked out this summer during the NFL lockout with Lance Long, an NFL receiver with the San Francisco 49ers who lives in Utica.

In addition to earning the pre-season accolade, Saros was named Honorable Mention All-American by the FCS Senior Scout Bowl.

Saros is quick to point out you go to the Ivy League for an academic degree.

"We only play one nationally televised game a year (this year Brown plays Yale Nov. 5) and the Ivy Leaue does not play bowl games.

"You also can't red shirt unless it's for medical reasons and then you must drop out of school for a semester to get that additional season; they are very strict.

"So, the Ivy League is a little under the radar, but some of my former teammates are in the NFL right now, so it can be done. If I get that chance, I'd take the ride as far as it takes me and when I'm done, I'll do what I set out to do; go to law school, get my MBA and enter the game of life with a solid resume."

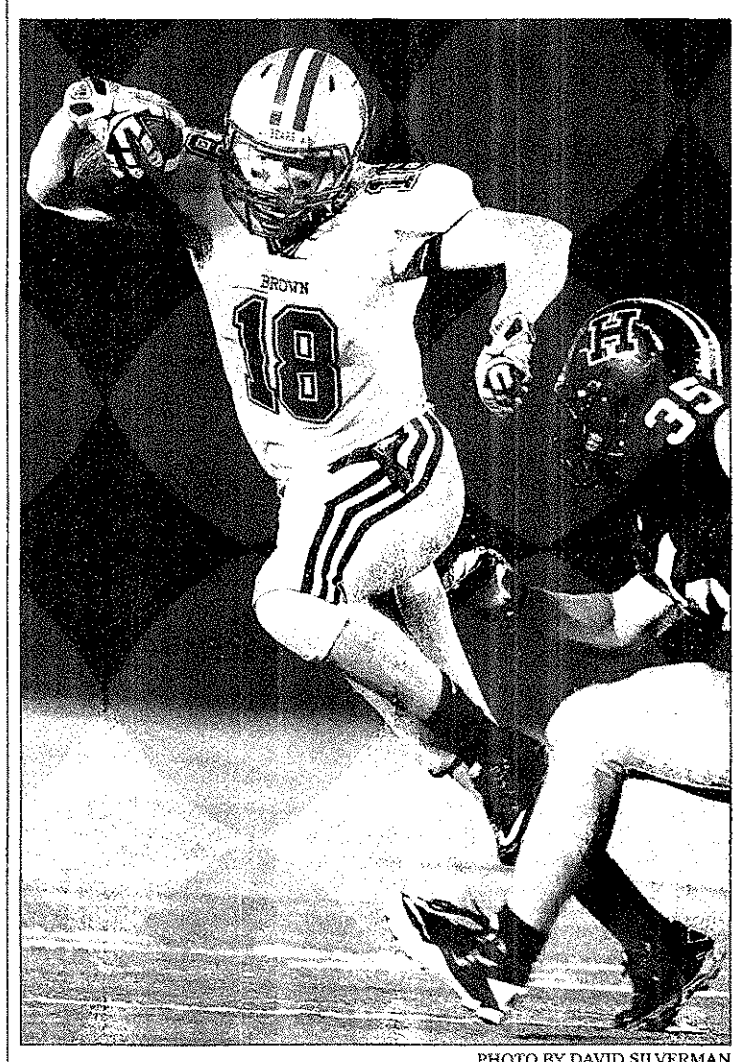


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Grosse Pointe South graduate Jimmy Saros, left, is enjoying a ton of success as one of the Brown University's top wide receivers.

RED BARONS

South varsity romps by Bulldogs

The Grosse Pointe South Red Barons varsity football team moved to 4-1 on the season with a 40-12 victory over the Romeo Bulldogs last weekend.

Ryan McWood opened the scoring with three straight off tackle runs, covering 25 yards. McWood ran behind the blocks of Andrew Sharp, Connor Mallegg, Evan Gillooly, Jon Gough, Joe Calhoun, Nathan Lawerence and Noah Francis.

Romari Ennis-Rogers took an option toss on the next drive from Luke Riashi, covering 41 yards around end.

Sam Jones, Luke Davey, Bobby Weiland, Ryan Keating, Justin Moore, John Allen and David Borowicz paved the way. McWood added the PAT.

Riashi found Kareem Muhammad with a scoring pass for the third Baron score, putting the Barons ahead 20-0.

In the second half, Mac Cimmarrusti connected with Sam Genna on a 40-yard post pattern and Jon Martinuzzi swept around the end for the PAT.

Garrett Hudson took an option pitch 30 yards for the fifth Baron touchdown and Muhammad swept right end 45 yards for the final TD of the day.

The Baron defense was airtight until late in the fourth quarter.

The memorable hit of the day came from Noah Francis and Evan Gillooly. Other defensive play-makers included Adam Elbadawi, Douglas Graham, Michael Calcaterra, Patrick Nauert and Alex Alli.

Volleyball

LIGGETT

'Team' plays paves way

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

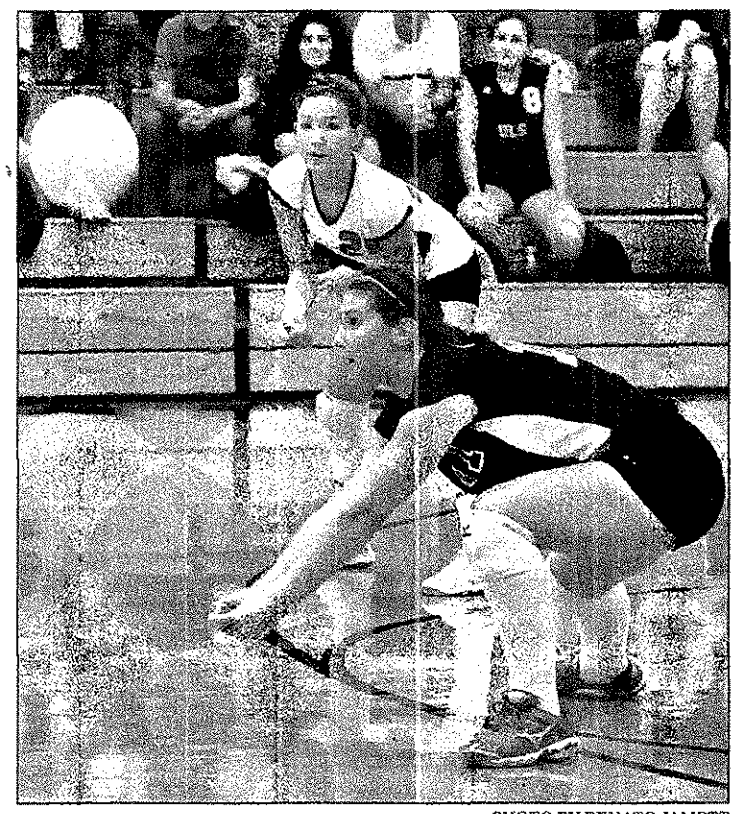


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's Colleen Klimek, foreground, and Anne Flick, background, have been the backbone of an improved Knights' team.

University Liggett's girls' volleyball team has risen to the occasion this season under first-year head coach Joe LaMagno.

"The girls have worked hard and I can see the improvement," he said. "They believe in our system and they're playing Liggett volleyball now."

Last week, the host Knights beat Bloomfield Hills Roeper 25-23, 25-8, 25-10 as everyone got in on the score sheet.

Offensively, Tori Wuthrich, Lexi Mustafaa and Ashley Rahi led the team in kills, while Haley Smith has improved as a setter, putting up huge assist numbers.

Defensively, Colleen Klimek and Anne Flick lead the team in digs and their serve receive has been stellar.

"Right now our passing is very good and the girls are looking to run our offense off the opponents' serves and even their digs," LaMagno said. "It's fun watching the hard work in practice pay off in matches."

In the first game, the Knights trailed the entire game, except the end when Flick put together a string of six straight service points to pull out the win.

She opened game two with four consecutive points to get the ball rolling. Game two and game three were never close as the Knights were on fire.

Courtney Slabaugh, Clarissa Dixon, Victoria Chochla, Kacie Wuthrich, Natalie Caramagno and Sarah Edmonds each chipped in with a positive play during the next two games.

Two nights earlier, the Knights found themselves in a battle with Huron Valley Lutheran.

They lost the first game, but won the next two and had a commanding 20-10 advantage in game four.

"We were ready to put it away and win in four games, but somehow we didn't focus enough and lost it," LaMagno said. "It didn't look good for us in game five, but the girls dug deep."

The Knights trailed 9-3 and 13-7 before Klimek put the team on her back and served out the match with eight straight points, including a couple of aces.

Liggett improved to 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 16-8-2 overall.

Field hockey

LIGGETT

Tough slate

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

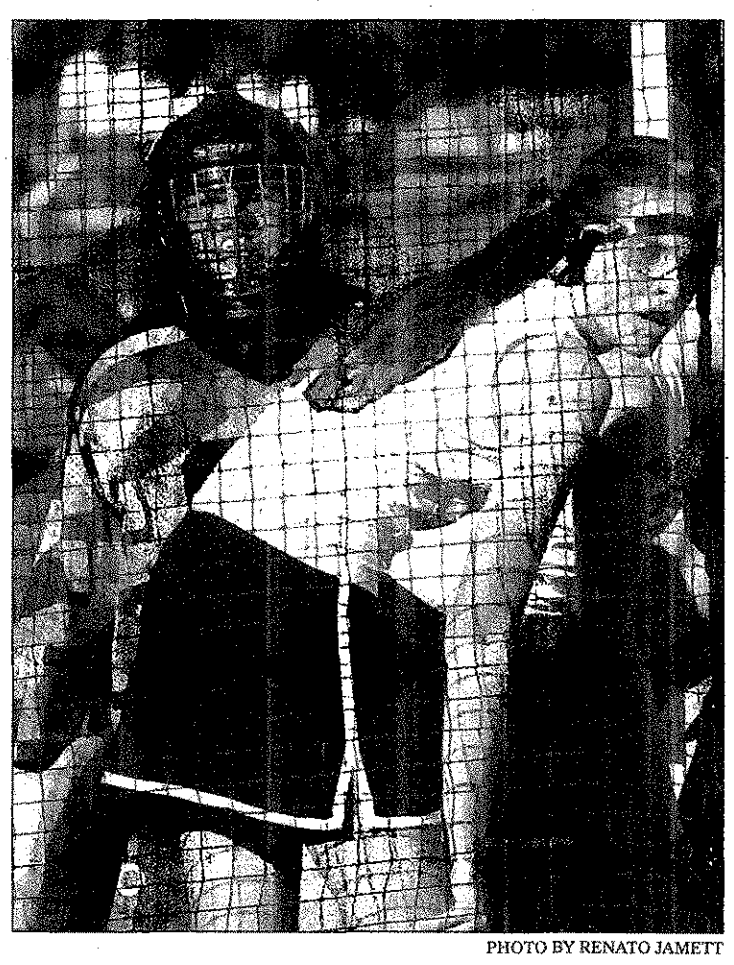


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett goalie Anne Grech, left, and Mackenzie Lukas keep a keen eye on the Saline forwards during the Knights' division loss.

University Liggett's girls' field hockey team suffered another one-goal defeat last week, losing 3-2 to visiting Saline.

The Knights have played tough against all but one opponent this season and the results have been mostly ties and losses.

"The girls are playing very well and running the offense, but just not converting those opportunities into goals," head coach Tamara Fobare said. "We had a ton of scoring chances today and the shots went just wide or the goalie made a save."

Saline's goalkeeper couldn't stop Ania Dow and Courtney Knight from scoring goals that had the game tied 2-2 midway through the second half.

Saline scored a disputed goal to take the lead for good. On the initial shot on net, Liggett goalie Anne Grech made the save, but the offensive player looked to make contact with her, knocking her to the ground.

A whistle was heard, but the play continued and Saline was able to put the rebound in the back of the net for the winning goal.

Despite falling behind by a goal, the Knights continued to pressure Saline's defense, but shot after shot failed to find the mark. Kassidy Olson and Abby Belcrest each had solid chances to score, but the goalie made several big saves in the final three minutes.

The Knights' last two division games have been one-goal differences. They also played four consecutive ties.

Two days later, Liggett traveled to Ann Arbor Greenhills and lost 2-0, falling to 0-4-4 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings and 1-7-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Losses drop South to third

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

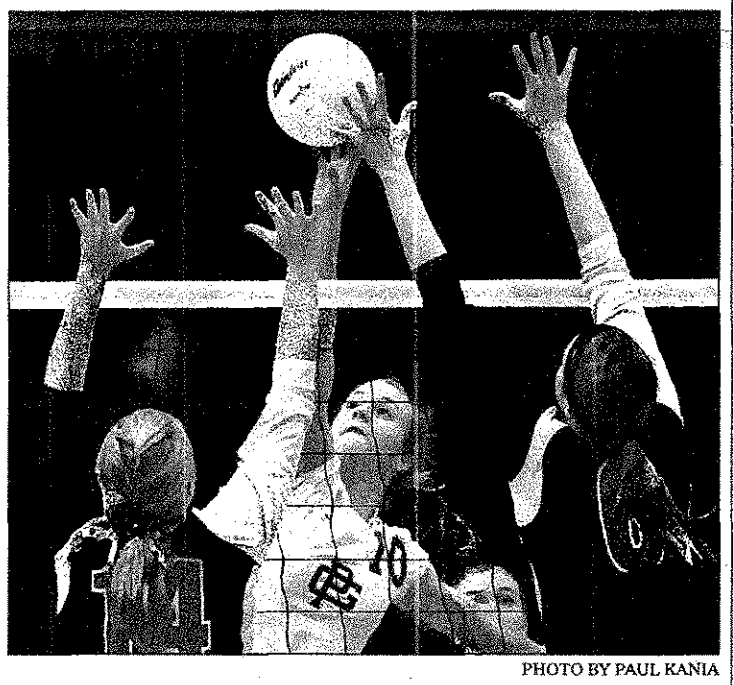


PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

Junior Claire DeBoer, center, nails one of her dozen kills in the Blue Devils' division showdown with Port Huron.

In a battle for first place, Grosse Pointe South's girls' volleyball team lost to Port Huron 25-19, 25-15, 25-19.

With the loss, the Blue Devils fell a game behind the Big Reds in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division.

"I have to give credit to Port Huron because they played very well tonight," head coach Ryan Welser said. "We had a good practice the day before and a good warm-up, but they were just better than us tonight.

"We have to put this behind us because we still have a chance at a title, but now we need some help."

The Blue Devils couldn't stop the Big Reds' top hitters, Heather Weiss and Jade Rhone. Both finished with more than a dozen kills as the Blue Devils' front line couldn't tally enough blocks and digs.

In game one, the home team fell behind 17-7 before mounting a rally, and in game two, the Blue Devils didn't hold any momentum and dropped another game.

"I thought our girls played their best in games one and three," Welser said. "We weren't as crisp as we should have been tonight and Port Huron was. The first time we played them (a win), we had them scrambling a bit and we were on our game. It was a reversal tonight."

Junior Claire DeBoer had the Blue Devils in kills and blocks.

Two nights later, the Blue Devils had to regroup and take on host Utica Eisenhower. They played well, but not well enough in a 25-22, 29-27, 25-22 loss, dropping to third place in the MAC Blue at 4-3 and 20-8-5 overall.

With three division matches left, Port Huron is 6-1, followed by Chippewa Valley at 5-2 and South and Eisenhower at 4-3.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen drop 5-setters

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

In a matter of three days, Grosse Pointe North's girls' volleyball team went from first to third place in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

The Norsemen lost two five-game matches, losing 20-25, 15-25, 25-21, 25-145, 15-6 to Fraser and 25-27, 25-22, 25-21, 23-25, 10-15 to Macomb Dakota.

Head coach Kim Lockhart knew it wouldn't be easy-going through one of the toughest divisions in the state, but at one point her Norsemen were 4-0.

After falling in five games to Port Huron Northern, the Norsemen haven't been able to generate enough key points during crunch time against Fraser or Dakota.

In addition, serve receive during critical junctors has led to the three defeats.

Despite the defeats, seniors Liz Champney and Melissa McCabee, juniors Julia Guest and Breann Reveley, sophomore Colleen Reveley, and freshmen Megan Lesha and Christa Raicevich have played well.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 4-3 in the MAC Red Division and 16-7-4 overall.

With three division matches left, five teams are still alive for the championship.

North is one game behind Marysville and Dakota.

NORTH & SOUTH

Bragging rights on line

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' field hockey team is starting to play its best of the season with the state playoffs around the corner.

Last week, the Blue Devils beat Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart 3-0 and Birmingham Marian 2-1, improving to 3-4-2 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 1 standings and 5-4-3 overall.

"The girls are doing a nice job at both ends of the field," head coach Millie Tompkins said. "We are getting everything together in time for the state playoffs."

Leading the way for the Blue Devils were Carmen Engel, Franny Aliotta and Lindsey Mestagh.

South faces city rival Liggett Thursday, Oct. 13, in its second-to-last regular season game.

North results

Grosse Pointe North's girls' field hockey team endured a tough week, losing games to Dearborn Edsel Ford, 3-2, and Ann Arbor Skyline, 8-1.

The Norsemen have lost six of their last seven games, falling to 1-5-2 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 3 standings and 3-6-2 overall.

Head coach Melissa Carron and her Norsemen spent a Friday evening playing in the cold, wind and rain against Novi, but returned to play a tough game against Edsel Ford.

They had chances to tie or win the game, but the tying goal never found the back of the net, despite a bevy of shots on net.

The host Norsemen never had a chance against Skyline, falling behind 7-1 before Katie Bowles scored. Anna Giordano had a couple of shots on net in the final five minutes, but none found the mark.

Skyline finished off the scoring late in the second half in the Division 3 contest.

North finishes its regular season with an away game at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, against University Liggett.

Rowing

DETROIT BOAT CLUB

Pointers capture medals

The fog was dense over the Maumee River when the Detroit Boat Club Crew arrived at the Frogtown Races Regatta.

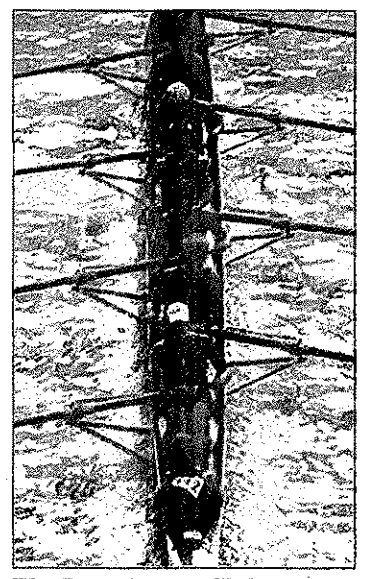
Early on, the medal rush began for the crew from Detroit.

First up, the Women's HS Second Varsity Eight plus coxswain took the bronze. Crew members were Grosse Pointe North's Devon McKinley, International Academy's Hannah Davies, Grosse Pointe South's Gabriella Tucker, Grosse Pointe South's Meredith McCarron, Grosse Pointe North's Kirsten Schoensee, Brownell Middle School's Paige Swegles, Grosse Pointe South's Maggie Sullivan, Grosse Pointe South's Chloe Walker and coxswain Rebecca Constant of Grosse Pointe South.

The juniors won seven more medals before the day was complete. The Women's Pair of Grosse Pointe South's Jeanette Llorens and Marijane Brennan grabbed the women's only gold medal of the day.

The Women's HS Novice Eight plus Coxswain and the Women's HS Lightweight Eight plus Coxswain both won Silvers.

The Women's HS Novice Eight plus Coxswain crew consisted of Grosse Pointe South's Gianna Manchester, Grosse Pointe South's Asha Sanford, Farmington Hills Mercy's Rita Ewald, Swegles, Brownell Middle School's Isabella Strickler, Birmingham Seaholm's Alexandra



The Detroit Boat Club Men's HS Lightweight 8+ cruises in a recent race.

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SPORTS

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Hamilton, Grosse Pointe South's Gabriella Tucker, Davies and coxswain, Constant.

Women's HS Lightweight Eight plus Coxswain crew membes were Schoensee, McCarron, Grosse Pointe North's Devon McKinley, Grosse Pointe South's Meghan Shook, Grosse Pointe South's Emily Hughes, Grosse Pointe South's Anna Mordell, Sullivan, Walker and coxswain Colleen Rose of Grosse Pointe South.

Teammates Zac Jatkowski of Grosse Pointe North and Nick Willson of Birmingham took the gold in the Men's HS Doubles, split up and swept the Single Sculls with Willson taking the gold and Jatkowski the silver.

The previous weekend at the Head of the Cuyahoga in Cleveland, the two teammates also swept the Single Sculls with Jatkowski placing first. In the same regatta, the two teamed up to grab second in the Men's Double.

The Men's HS Four plus Coxswain earned a bronze medal. Team members were U-D Jesuit's Andrew Seski, Country Day's Daniel Suma, U-D Jesuit's Connor Campbell, Grosse Pointe North's Trevor Duncan and coxswain Carl Sachs of Grosse Pointe Academy.

The Masters (Rowers aged 21 – 80s) took silver in all four of the races they entered. The medalists were Ray Jones Jr. in his single scull; Steve Campbell and Brian Sullivan in the Double; Steve Ziemba, Paul Jatkowski, Mike Wattai, Nick Serafin and coxswain Matthew Dimond in the Four plus Coxswain.

Ziemba, Jatkowski, Mahar, Sullivan, Wattai, Jones, Meerwald, Serafin and Dimond, coxswain, made up the Eight plus Coxswain.

— Stephen Palffy

LIGGETT MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Madness melts Ice

University Liggett seventh-grade student-athlete Emma St. John won back-to-back games to help the Motor City Madness 14U Red beat the Ice 14U Silver 9-0 and 7-4 in the championship round of last weekend's 2011 Scarecrow Tournament at Heritage Park in Adrian. Between St. John's pitching, a stellar offensive attack and solid defense, the Madness, composed of nine eighth-grade students and two seventh graders, pulled off two straight wins against the Ice which fields a team with a majority high school freshmen. The Madness came out of the losers bracket to win five straight games to win the championship and gain an automatic spot in the ASA World Series in late June in Novi. Leading the offense were Sydney Jascoe, who hit .800 with power in the tournament; Kaitlyn Wolschlager, two homers and three triples; St. John, who hit .500 in the tourney; Nicole Ireland, two homers; Isabella Buttazzoni, a home run; Aziza Afzal; Rachel Hendrickson; Sydney San Juan; Regan Peyton; Shirley Hao and Madyson Ampe, pinch running due to a thumb injury that kept her out of the starting lineup. In the opening day, Madness finished 2-2, losing twice to the Softball Fans Rebels and beating the Dearborn Wild and Oakland Cobras. On Sunday, Madness beat the Wild and Cobras before getting revenge on the Rebels, beating them 13-3 to make the finals. Pictured above are team members, bottom row from left, St. John, Sydney San Juan, Nicole Ireland and Madyson Ampe; and standing from left, Shirley Hao, Rachel Hendrickson, Aziza Afzal, Kaitlyn Wolschlager, Isabella Buttazzoni, Regan Peyton and Sydney Jascoe.

Hockey

MICHIGAN ICE HAWKS



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Tourney champs

The '97 Michigan Ice Hawks Bantam AA hockey team won the Belle Tire Back-To-School Classic Tournament Sept. 25, beating the Oakland Junior Grizzlies 3-1 in the title game. The Ice Hawks won their five games by a combined score of 26-6. Pictured left are, back row from left, coach Craig Fursteneau, Keenan Sabatini, Austin Koleski, Ramone Kammo, William Walker, Bobby Kaiser, Richie Filippelli, Antonio Tijerina, Jason Sommerville, Kyle Schulz, coach Greg Cheesewright and coach Mike Hamilton; middle row from left, Alexander Minanov, Alex Potter, Austin Levering, Mitchell Visbara, Jake Smith, Liam Walker, Marko DerManulian and Brent Jones; and front row from left, goalies Tyler Parsons and Nick Salliotte.

GPHA

Players learn from nation's best

More than 100 of Grosse Pointe's future hockey players were treated to a special training session Saturday, Sept. 24, at Grosse Pointe City Rink.

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association American Development Model, through its primary sponsor DeSeranno Wealth Planning, brought the nationally recognized USA Hockey National Team Development Program from Ann Arbor to train the GPHA children.

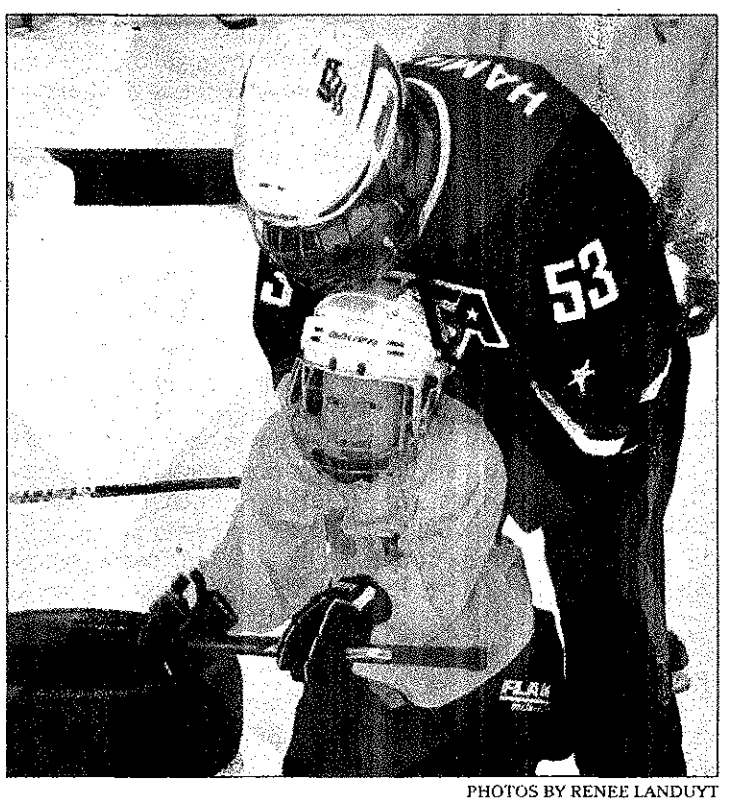
Among the beat 17U players in the country is Grosse Pointer Trevor Hamilton. The players signed autographs after the morning-long training session. The players on the 17U national team are destined to play in the National Hockey League at some point in the next several years.

The 21 players on the 17U team are part of a program created 15 years ago by USA Hockey to make the United States a bigger player on the world stage of hockey. They live around the country and commit themselves to living and training in Ann Arbor throughout the year.

In between a rigorous schedule of practice and games, the young men perform community service and they jumped at the chance to come to GPCR and help out the GPHA with the help of other sponsors, Closet Connections and Thomas Gebeck Jr., M.D.

The GPHA ADM, identified by USA Hockey as the premier ADM program in the state, is coached by Paul Fayad, Robb McIntyre and Don Jaeger. The trio has developed solid hockey players through this program.





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Grosse Pointer Trevor Hamilton is one of the best hockey players who joined the elite national team. He is helping Jeidus DeSeranno learn how to skate. GPHA coaches and players join the USA 17U national team for a photo opportunity before the training session.

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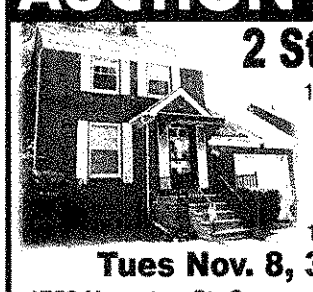
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664 University. Eclectic sale. (Furniture, accessories, clothes). Friday, 9am- 3pm. Saturday, 9am- 1pm.

831 Grosse Pointe Court, Grosse Pointe City. Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 9am- 3pm. Antiques, collectibles and household items.

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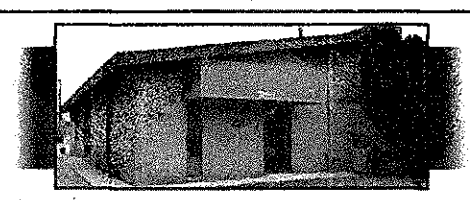
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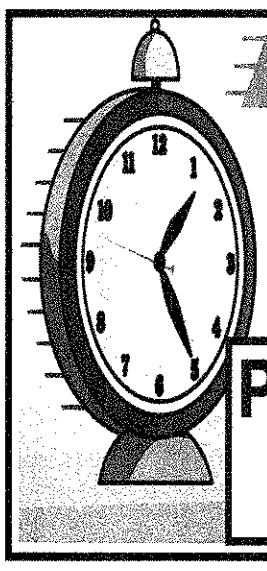
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1 "Six-pack" muscles
4 Somewhere out there
8 Snare
12 A Gershwin brother
13 Albacore, e.g.
14 Apiece
15 Reverie
17 Tool storage structure
18 Bombard
19 Fore's opposite
21 Greek consonants
22 Masseuse's workplace
26 Seraglio group
29 April payment
30 Joan of —
31 Enrages
32 X rating?
33 Fedora feature
34 Conger or moray
35 Crafty one
36 High-quality
37 Fluorescent trademark
39 "Eureka!"
40 "— Town"
41 Operatic voices
45 Kill bills
48 9-to-5
50 A long time
51 Massachusetts motto starter
52 Caesar's "I love"
53 Protuberance
54 Colonial sewer
55 Kitten's comment

DOWN
1 Verdi opera
2 Lingerie buys
3 Puts into words
4 Hotel lobby, perhaps
5 Gas, oil, etc.
6 Literary collection
7 Fast time
8 Irritable
9 "Go, team!"
10 Dogfight participant
11 Advanced deg.
16 Hamlet's countrymen
20 Transmit, in a way
23 Ganges attire
24 Prudish
25 Wile E.'s supplier
26 Wasted no time
27 Neighborhood
28 Hinge (on)
29 Cowboy nickname
32 As specified
33 Impudent
35 Winter ailment
36 Aspects
38 Gaggle member
39 Bottomless pit
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49 "I'll take that as —"

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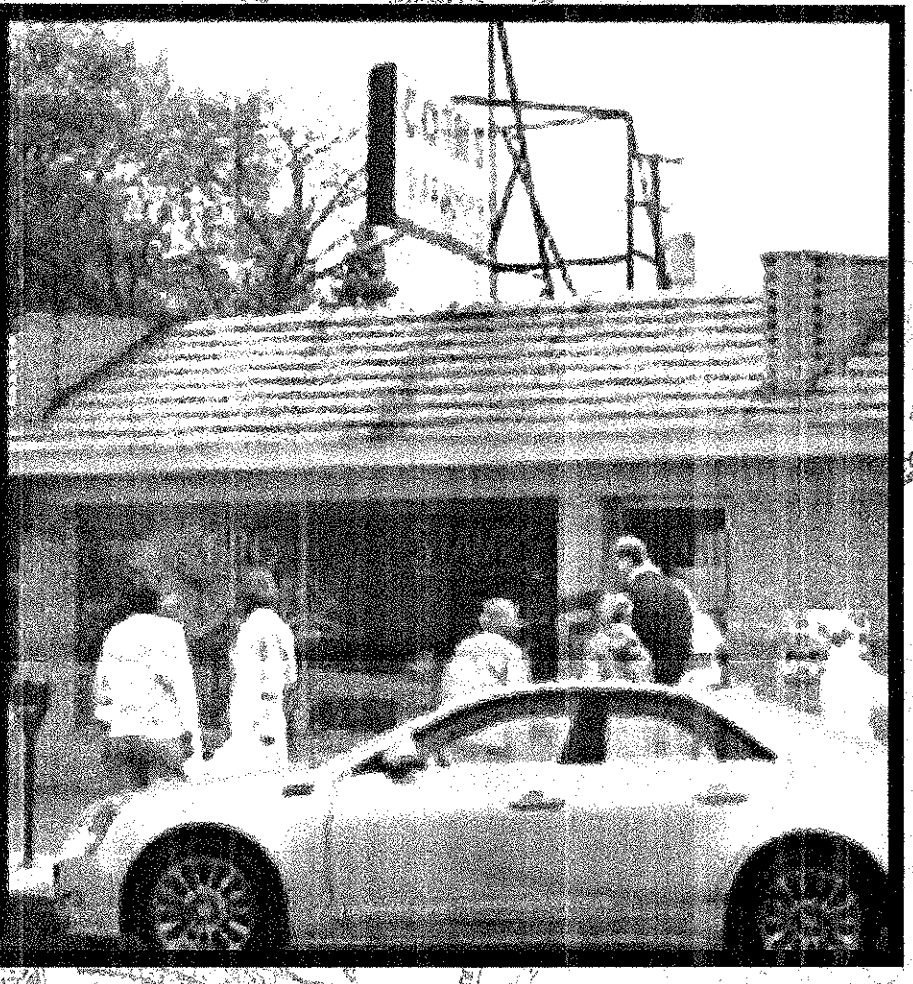
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A nationwide search brought **Shelley Page** to Grosse Pointe where she is minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church. She looks forward to walking with her congregation members and the community.

Third career is a charm

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Shelley Page has been moving toward her career as the new minister at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Universalist Church on Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe for ever.

"This is my third career and I must admit I've been edging toward this all my life," she said, sitting in her sunny office.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in human ecology and communication arts from Cornell University, Page spent 30 years in marketing and communications in the corporate and not for profit management worlds.

"I spent a lot of time doing those kinds of leadership roles. I was called to the ministry 20 years ago, but didn't go to seminary until my youngest daughter graduated from high school," she said.

Since earning her Master of Divinity degree from Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, Calif., Page has served congregations in Dover, Del., Plattsburgh, N.Y. and Flint. She also filled interim roles and preached around the country. In 1982, she was founding mother of the Unitarian Universalist in Canadaigua, N.Y.

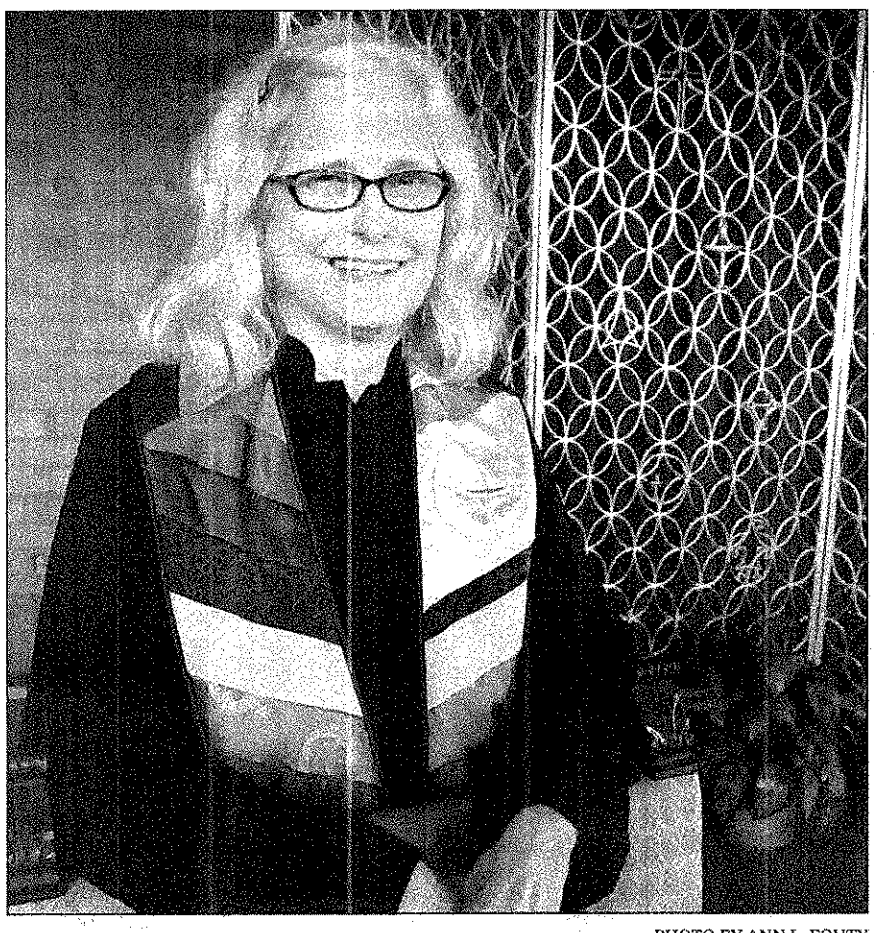


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The Rev. Shelley Page of the Unitarian Universal Church in the City of Grosse Pointe.

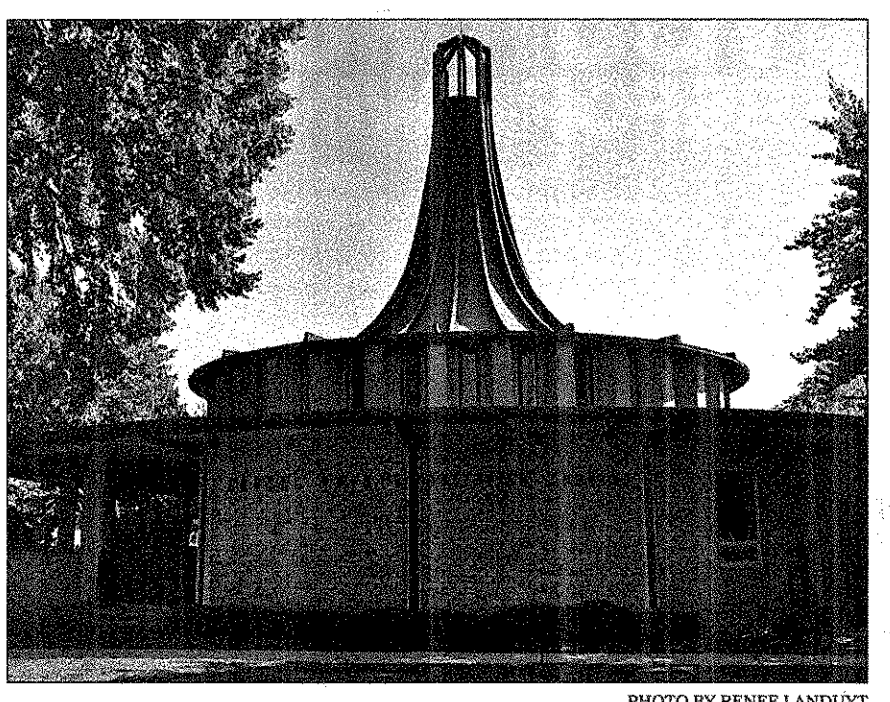


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Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church on Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe.

She plans to stay in Grosse Pointe for "the long haul."

"I was brought here through an extensive search," she said. "I will continue to build on the work of my esteemed colleague (John Corrado), but will do it my own way. I'm offering my gifts to the community. I am the first settled female minister (in the Grosse Pointe church) and I feel honored to be called to this community.

"The challenges of a new minister is handling the creative tension of

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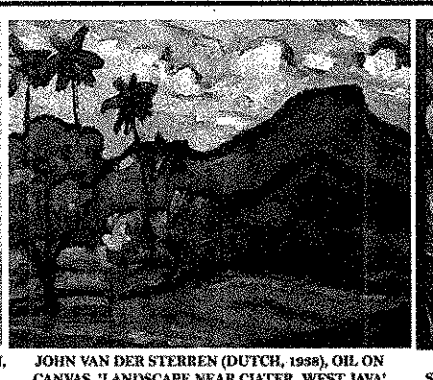
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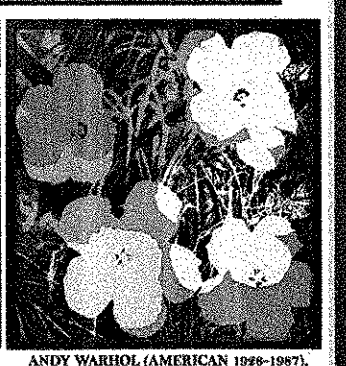
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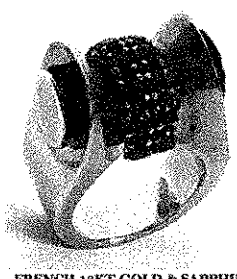
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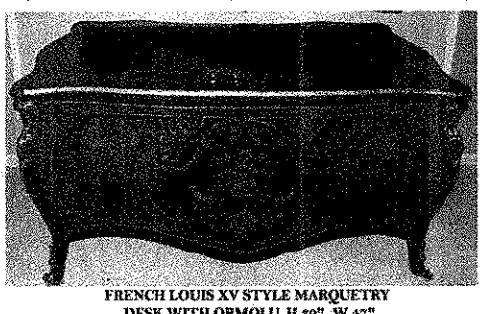
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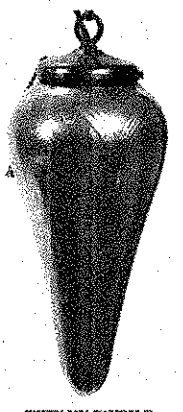

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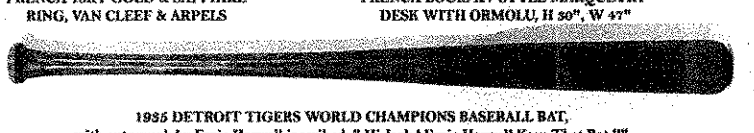

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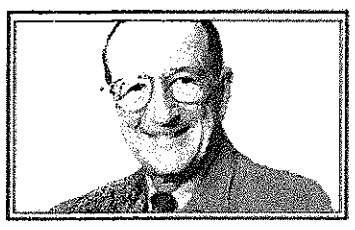

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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

'The Misanthrope' reeks of history



A play that reeks of history in style as well as story, not to mention eminent classical comedic status, is right up Stratford Festival's alley.

Hardly a better example could come along than Moliere's famous comedy satire, "The Misanthrope." Happily, it just opened with a bang.

In the era of the French monarchy at its peak, the aristocratic poet, Alceste, resists the popular social custom of flattery. Brutal honesty is his policy.

He has the respect of a few friends and seemingly his sweetheart, Celimene, but he engenders the resentment of much of the overdressed society around them.

Celimene, on the other hand, refrains from a final commitment to Alceste as she enjoys the attention and flattery of other admirers.

In the two roles, Ben Carlson and Sara Topham toss off Richard Wilbur's excellent English version of Moliere's French verse dialogue with rapid fire fluency and conviction.

Listening to their outstanding articulation of the exchanges and rationale is a delight that grips attention. You don't want to miss a word.

The Misanthrope

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The peevishness of Alceste's obsession with rejecting all flattery reaches an extreme pitch when it comes to Celimene's other admirers. Alceste's underlying jealousy creates an image of an immemorial lovers quarrel.

His confrontation with his principal rival gives rise to a laughable three-way contest as Topham performs Celimene rising above the fray with magnificent feminine superiority.

One can only laugh wryly later when she is forced to change her tune. It appears all the more amusing against the background of pre-revolutionary French fashion and elegant décor.

Set and costumes are another area where Stratford shines. While there is only one set, it is opulent.

Celimene's apartment, where all the action takes place, is quintessentially elegant.

Crystal chandeliers and wall sconces sparkle with the light of candles flickering convincingly with their realistic electric flames.

A gracious staircase leads up through chiffon hangings that provide background for impressive artwork and lead to private chambers.

They are an avenue for dramatic entrances and hasty retreats by Celimene in the ebb and flow of the action.

The costumes are absolutely brilliant.

They glow with all the pretentious excess of the age. The men wear full satin trimmed frock coats with lace and brocade.

Cuffs on the sleeves are enormous. The women's gowns are full and flowing and trimmed with frills and appliqués.

The effect is to inspire gestures and mannerisms by the players as exaggerated as the sentiments they utter. It is a feast of very amusing social pretensions.

Part of Moliere's genius is to use such rich surroundings to set such a petty argument.

The set and costume designers and the festival's workshops have filled the bill lavishly.

The veiled sarcasm only makes it all the funnier when, in the peculiar twist of Moliere's politically correct ending, you can only chuckle that Alceste and Celimene both get what they deserve.

That's providing you can avoid any misplaced sympathy.

"The Misanthrope" is presented through Oct. 29 at the Festival Theatre. For tickets and information, visit stratford shakespearefestival.com or call 800-567-1600.

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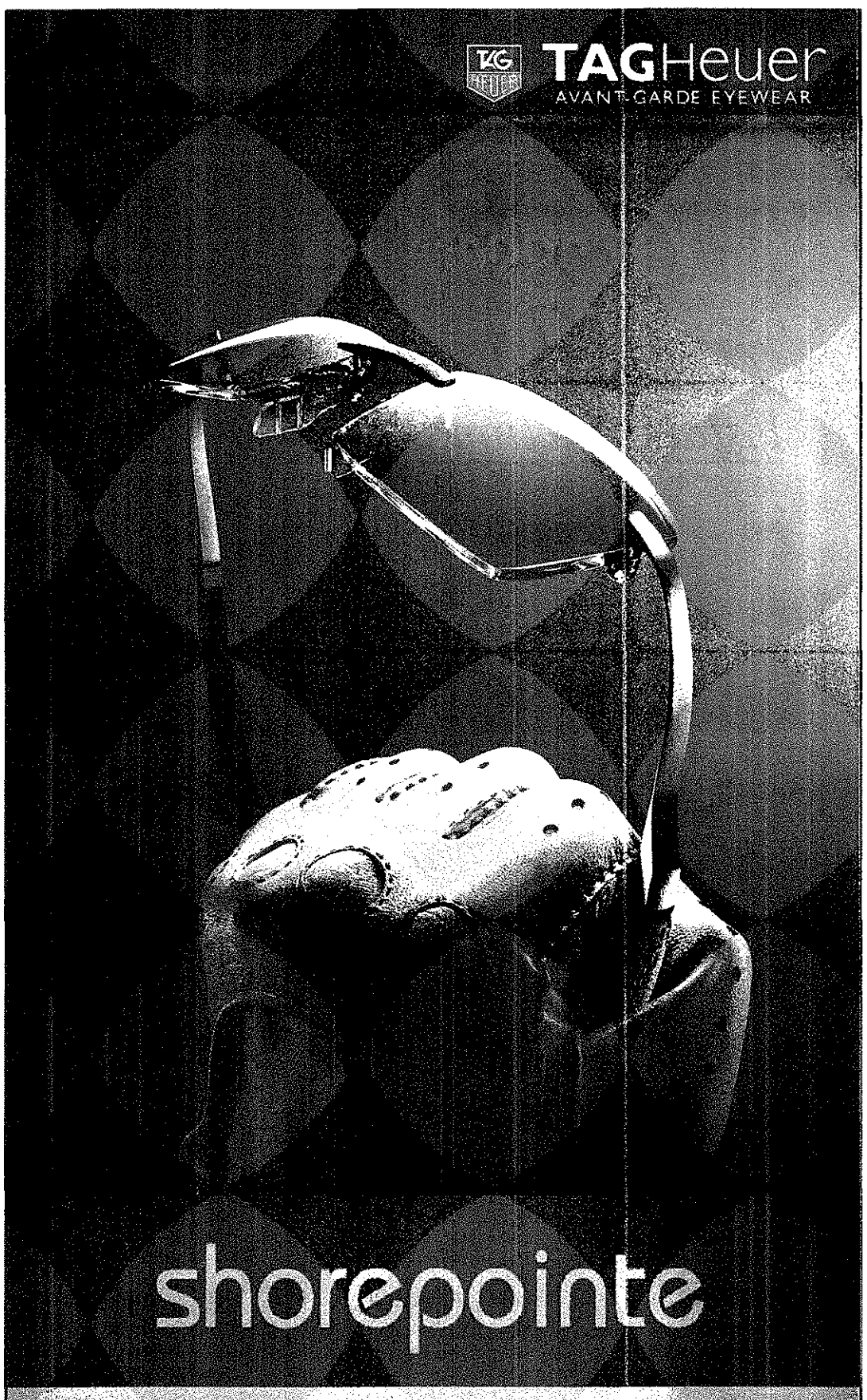
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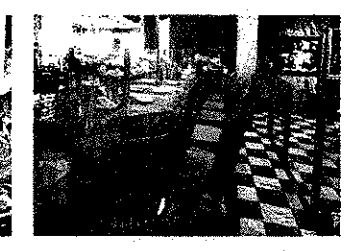


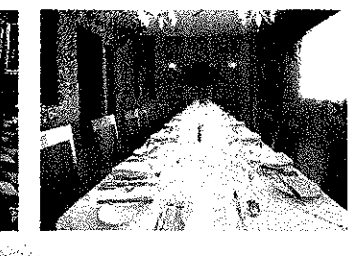
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HEALTH POINT By Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe

Healthy lifestyle promoted

It's tough to burn calories while texting or sitting around watching reality TV. Skipping rope, playing baseball from dusk to dawn and riding bicycles is just not the lifestyle of today's youth.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the rate of childhood obesity has tripled in the past 30 years. Obesity among those ages 12 to 19 has increased from 5 to 18 percent.

To help fight childhood obesity, sixth-graders in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods are participating in a 12-week program promoting healthy lifestyles by encouraging better food choices and physical activity involving more than the thumbs.

Project Healthy Schools is being introduced to sixth-graders at Tyrone Elementary School in Harper Woods this fall and Grosse Pointe schools this spring. The program is offered through a partnership between the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

"This hands-on program combats childhood obesity," said Tom Spring, manager of Community Health & Education at Beaumont Health System. "Project Healthy Schools is an excellent means of reaching young people at a time when they can learn and develop life-long healthy habits

"Based on the success of our Healthy Kids Program, I'm confident we have the medical team and resources necessary to make a difference."

In addition to reducing obesity, activities are designed to teach sixth-graders heart-healthy lifestyles to reduce future risk of heart disease and diabetes. The program, developed by University of Michigan, uses three strategies to encourage children to adopt healthy habits: education, environment and measurement.

Project Healthy Schools activities incorporate five goals:

- Eat more fruits and vegetables,
- Make better beverage choices,
- Exercise at least 150 minutes each week,
- Eat fewer fast and fatty foods,
- Spend less time in front of television and computer screens.

The school-based wellness program includes interactive classroom activities, health screenings, assemblies, a field day, student rewards/incentives, healthier options in the cafeteria and vending machines, parent communication and partnering with existing community resources.

There is no charge to participate. All materials are provided by Beaumont, Grosse Pointe.



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Race to Nowhere

More than 350 attended the 85-minute film, "Race to Nowhere," a close-up look at the pressures on today's students; offering a view of lives packed with activities. The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Ask the Experts panel, from left, Carla Palffy, Mary Beth Garvey and Sean Hogan-Downey, facilitied a question and answer discussion following the film.

New treatment tested at St. John

Physicians at St. John Hospital and Medical Center have enrolled the first Michigan patient in a global, multicenter, randomized clinical trial evaluating the safety and effectiveness of a new treatment for peripheral arterial disease.

Thomas Davis, M.D., interventional cardiologist at St. John, will be using the LEVANT2, Moxy drug coated balloon sponsored by medical device manufacturer Lutonix, Inc.

St. John is one of 55 centers around the world participating in the trial, which is expected to randomize 476 patients with diseased leg arteries. The trial investigates whether the Moxy balloon is more effective than standard angioplasty at keeping leg arteries open and free from re-blockage over time.

LEVANT 2 is the largest randomized peripheral drug-coated balloon clinical trial to date, and one of the largest peripheral vascular studies conducted. Randomized patients in LEVANT 2 will be followed for five years and independent core laboratories are used to verify trial outcomes.

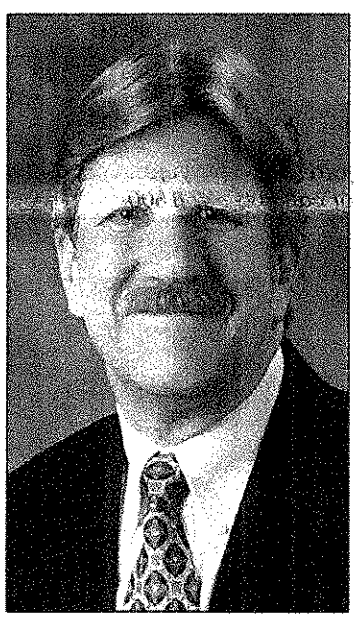
"We believe this trial may lead to a substantially better treatment option for patients with PAD," said Davis, LEVANT 2 site investigator at the hospital.

Drug-coated balloons are similar to standard angioplasty balloons except they are coated with a drug aimed at preventing the artery from becoming blocked again.

During the procedure, the Moxy balloon is inserted inside the narrowed area of the artery and inflated to open the blockage and deliver the drug to the artery. After this short inflation, the balloon is removed, leaving the drug in the artery.

"The potential opportunity to treat PAD without the use of a permanent implant is exciting," Davis said. "If the results of this trial are positive, we feel it could significantly change the way PAD is treated in the future."

LEVANT 2 is a follow-on trial to LEVANT 1, which was a 101-patient multicenter randomized trial. Patients either received the Moxy balloon or standard angioplasty for the treatment of diseased femoropopliteal arteries. Based on the success and positive results of the LEVANT 1 trial, LEVANT 2 is designed to investigate the device in a larger patient population.



Greg Solecki

New VP of home care

Greg Solecki, of Grosse Pointe Park, has been appointed to the newly created position of vice president of Henry Ford at Home, which includes Henry Ford Home Health Care, Health Products, Self-health, Home Infusion, Extended Care and e-Home Care.

He most recently served as vice president of Henry Ford Home Health Care and has been with the Henry Ford Health System for 35 years and serves on the Information Services team for Community Care privacy and information security officer.

In addition, Solecki is a founding member and chair of Home Care LINC, a national networking consortium of large system-affiliated home health providers.



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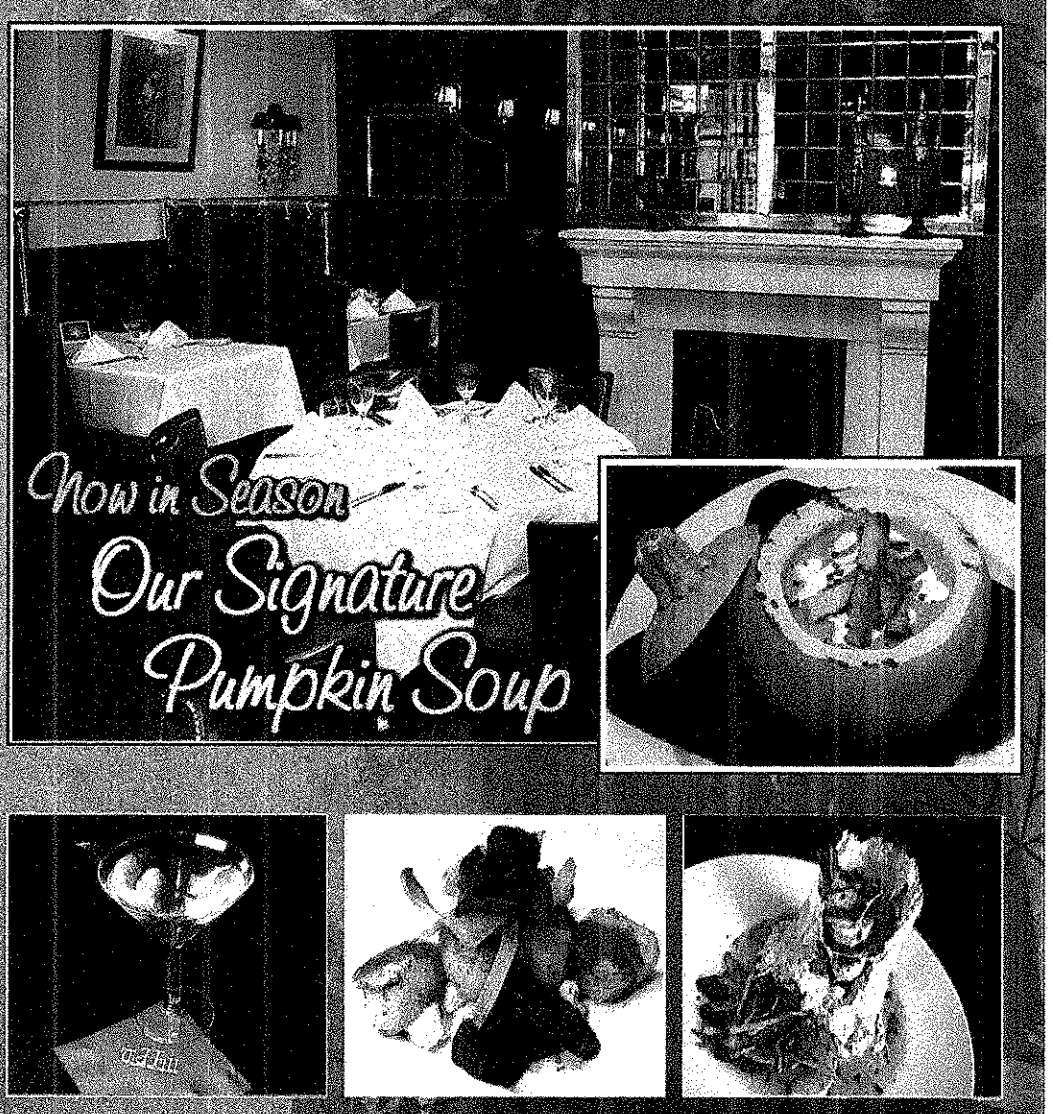
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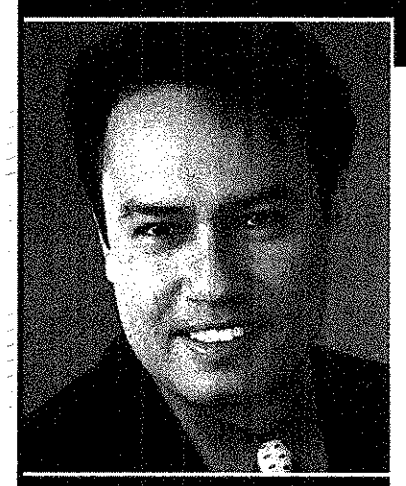
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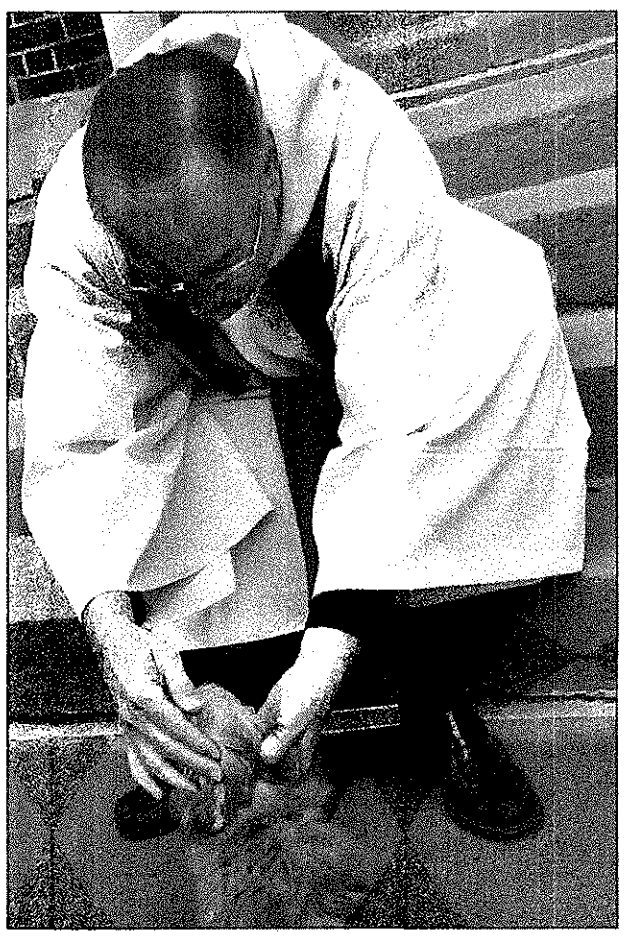
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Pet blessings

The Rev. Gerald Spice, of St. James Lutheran Church, asked God's blessing on pets for good health, a long life and owner companionship at the annual Blessing of the Pets, Saturday, Oct. 1. St. James provides the blessing close to Oct. 4, St. Francis of Assisi Day. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals. Left, even the smallest animals are blessed, including City of Grosse Pointe pooch, Mocha. Above, Trixie is held by Stella Carr of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Spice said pets are an important parts of God's creation. "When we bless pets, we give thanks to God for them and we invite them and all creation to join us in praising God." Below, Spice blesses Louie, flanked by Hank, Tracey and Anna Simpson, of Grosse Pointe Woods.



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Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE OCT. 12, 1961, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1961: New teachers

Principal Vincent Peterson of Parcells Junior High School got together with the five newcomers to his teaching staff. Pictured from left are John Wargelin, art teacher; Charlotte Beck, mathematics and science instructor; Helen Lloyd, Latin and English specialist; Sallie Wilson, French and English teacher; Mr. Peterson and Harlan Minor, boys physical education teacher.

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **AIR LIBRARY EXPANSION PLANS:** The Grosse Pointe Board of Education moved a step closer to finalizing plans for improving the high school library situation. A two-story addition to be constructed on the front of the present building was approved as the most feasible means of enlarging the badly over-crowded library.

◆ **PARK'S PUMPING STATION JOB ON SCHEDULE:** The Park's $186,380 pumping station alteration-improvement is about 65 percent completed, and the entire project should be finished by February.

◆ **HOSPITALITY CENTER TO OPEN:** An attractive new community meeting place will be opened to the public next Wednesday when Michigan Consolidated Gas Company holds open house at its "Hospitality Center" at 16906 Kercheval.

The center will be made available for groups of 25 to 75 persons for meetings of all kinds.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **PROPOSAL TO BUILD DIKE IN PARK IS CRITICIZED:** Stinging from a barrage of criticism for his proposal to build a five-foot high dike along the Detroit border, Park City Manager John Crawford defended the idea as one solution to the constant threat of flooding for some 500 families in a flood plain.

"We have to confront the problem and do something," he said. "We can't allow this to continue."

Crawford was referring to seepage from the earthen berm on the east side of Fox Creek along Alter Road.

◆ **SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERS BAN ON SMOKING:** There won't be any more smoking on Grosse Pointe high school campuses if a committee studying the subject has its way. In a report to the school board, the committee recommended a complete ban on smoking by January.

The schools currently have designated smoking areas. State law, however, bans smoking on high school campuses by people younger than 18.

◆ **STREET SURFACE IRKS RESIDENTS:** The Grosse Pointe Woods council meeting drew about 60 angry Stanhope Road residents who complained about the chip and seal application used to resurface Stanhope between Mack and Harper.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

Outstanding

Named

Scott Carter, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Detroit Zoological Society's chief life sciences officer, has been named to the 2011-2012 class of Noyce Leadership Fellows.

Carter is the first from a zoo or aquarium to be invited to participate in executive leadership training with the global group which focuses on science education and community connection. Carter will use the fellowship to develop the external elements of the zoo's Greenprint strategic plan, which involves assessing and improving "green" literacy in Metro Detroit.

Carter is one of 18 from science centers, children's museums, natural history museums and related community science centers worldwide to be recognized.

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Darcy's donation

Darcy Graham's hair measured 14 inches long and she wore it in two pigtails until hair stylist Linda Pore-Guddeck cut it. Graham donated her hair to Wigs 4 Kids in memory of her grandfathers who both died of cancer. It will take eight to 12 pony-tails to make a wig. Far left, Graham holds her pony tails one last time.

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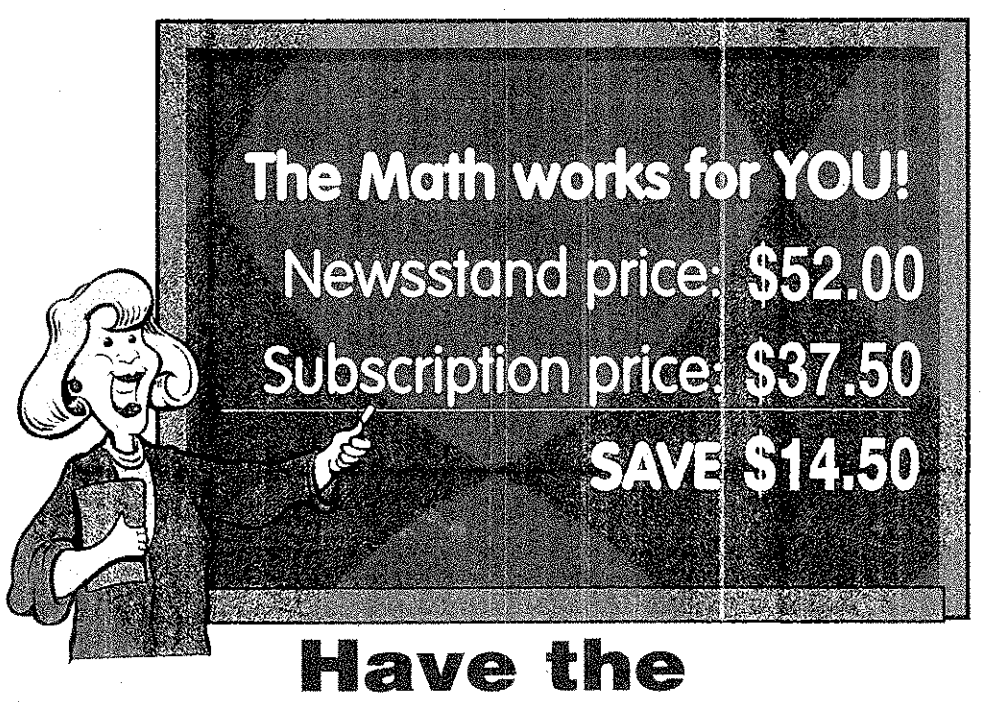
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PAGE: Compassion and understanding her qualities

Continued from page 1D

change. It is exhilarating and energizing and challenging. We (she and the congregation) will work through it together," she said.

Page said she is excited about the future.

"I love the church. I love everything about it. I love its challenges and promise each and every day. I will get to know the congregation and Grosse Pointe and the metro area and get my arms around what is happening here and formulate thoughts along with what the congregation is doing.

"I bring my whole self to the ministry. I have compassion and understand parents, business and women, not-for-profit and elder care," she said.

"New young families are checking us out and we have more than a full house. We welcome folks seeking a liberal faith for themselves and their children."

Page plans to guide families through services, including chanting and movement, labyrinth walking, poetry and altar gifts and minister to all ages with the passion she feels for life and all its intricacies.

"We partner with babes to elder. I'm bringing my compassion as a pastor to walking with people as life happens," Page said.

Outside the church, Page plans to seek new avenues for the congregation and continue projects already in place.

"We will be exploring together what we can be doing to do our part," she said. "The social action has been part of the congregation; called as people of faith not just for ourselves but in our world to promote healing. It's roll up your sleeves with joyful faith, live in deep gratitude and joy.

"(We) have a moral obligation to leave the world a better place in whatever way we can. Our faith is rooted in Christianity, but is a bigger tent; recognizing life in the inter-connected world."

"I'm doing my part to move the world forward, to love one another," she said. "Part of what draws me to Grosse Pointe, we are embedded in a vastly diverse community. We are finding a way to collectively do our part to create As the region's diverse population brings social change, Page is looking forward to sampling the wide spectrum of available cuisine.

"I'm a foodie," she said. "How we choose to eat is a moral choice. What we eat leaves a carbon footprint."

The interest in food and social issues all ties together with her career choice.

"We seek diversity as a way to nurture our souls and heal our world," Page said.

Women's role

Page said, unlike other religions, Unitarian Universalists have "embraced women as ministers in recognition of the gifts each individual brings regardless of gender.

"I am aware of standing on the shoulders of female colleagues who were pioneers. The first female ordained minister in the United States was a Unitarian in 1865. It is becoming more of a norm to see women in the pulpit."

Raised in New York's Finger Lakes region of Honeoye, she was valedictorian of her 1972 high school class, a year in which 18-year-olds could, for the first time, vote in a presidential election.

"I was challenging my peers with a notice of democracy. Democracy is about participation. That was probably my first sermon," she said of her graduation speech.

It was also an affirmation of her passion to social justice, the environment, female reproduction issues and diversity.

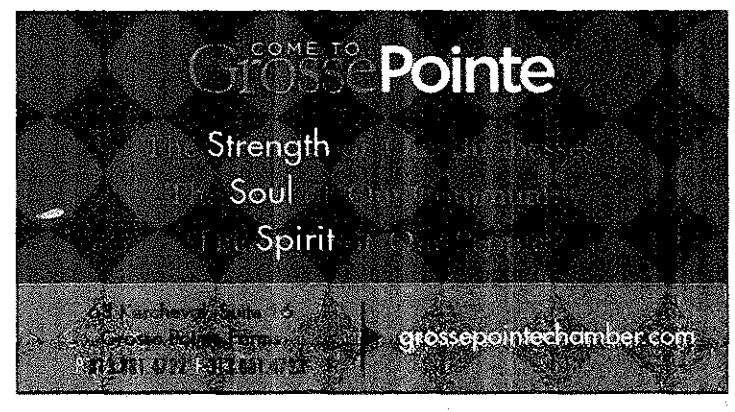
Continuing to voice her opinion, Page became involved with the National Organization for Women at a young age and has been active in civil rights ever since.



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Wigs 4 Kids

The recent eighth annual Wigs 4 Kids gala included, back row from left, founder Maggie Varney and board member Susan Goulette, of Grosse Pointe Woods; front row from left, Grosse Pointe North High School sophomore Lauren Brush and Alissa Bandalene. Brush has received three wigs since 2009, one of which is pink, and Bandalene has received one wig. The non-profit organization provides wigs for children and young adults who have lost their hair due to medical reasons.





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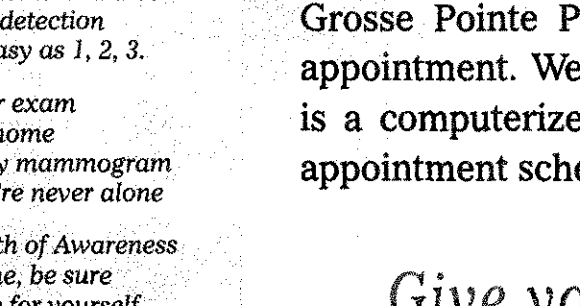
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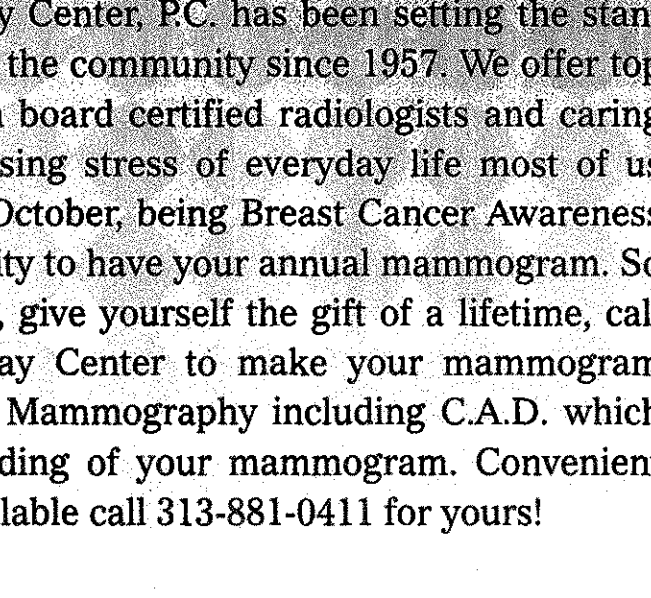
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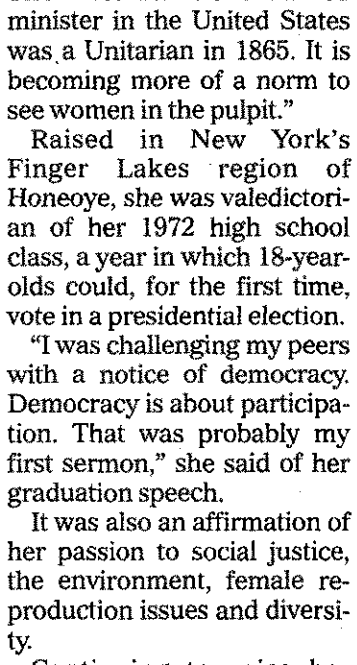


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Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.





Grosse Pointe Farms sisters, Lucy, left, and Anna Wujek planned a sea theme. Wujek models her mermaid costume and Anna put on a Nemo outfit.

Abbey Homminga, of the City of Grosse Pointe, found a Wilma Flintstone costume and her sister, Rachel, discovered a Victorian-style dress.

Library has the outfit

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Characters came alive during the fourth annual Grosse Pointe Library Halloween costume sale in early October.

More than 150 costumes and accessories donated to the Friends of the Library are sold at prices ranging from $5 to $10, with profits benefiting the Friends' projects.

Costume sizes range from infants to adults, said volunteer Joanne Dennis, past organizer of the event and vice president of the Friends.

"We try to arrange the costumes in sizes so people can more easily find what they are looking for," she said.

Though many girls sizes are available — several being dance recital costumes — disguises cover the gamut from athletes to ghouls. Still, she said, girls hone in on the princess costumes.

"We also receive many costumes such as firemen, pirates, pumpkins, ghosts, etc.," she added. "Most of the kids who come shopping are probably between 4 years old and 11 years old. I don't think the older kids have discovered us yet.

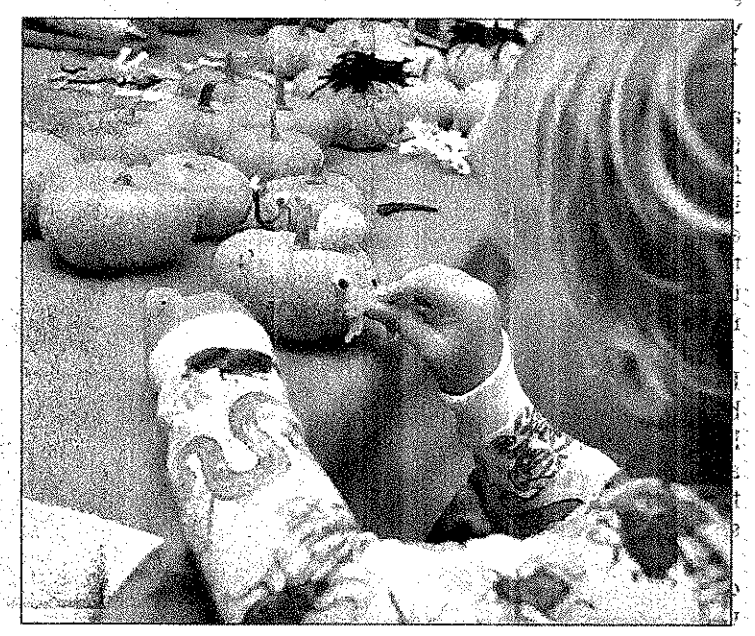
"Even adults that have a costume party to go to would find some great bargains here."

Most of the costumes donated in the late summer are store-bought, though some are handmade.

"You'd be amazed at the quality of costumes that are donated. Some are even brand new, donated in their original packaging," Dennis said.

Both the Friends and Grosse Pointe Public Library Board like the costume sale for a number of reasons — providing an avenue to recycle costumes and helping those unable to afford a high-priced costume — it also brings young families into the library.

After buying a costume, customers often wander into the Friends Down Under Bookstore to buy used Halloween books and vidoes.



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Keller Dungan, of Grosse Pointe Woods, added an orange mustache to his pumpkin, which he named "Moppy."

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A FAR-rewarding experience



Grosse Pointe Park resident, "Bill," a special needs student, expressed interest in being an artist.

That was nearly three years ago and Bill is still taking art therapy classes at FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts in Birmingham, which provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for those with mental, physical and/or emotional impairments.

Bill also participated in Camp FAR OUT in 2010 and 2011, described by his mother, Jan, as FAR's version of "Glee."

Two and a half hours of artistic therapeutic expression each day for nine days ends with a public performance the 10th day.

"You can see the enjoyment and excitement in the faces of those campers as they perform – singing, dancing, acting, playing instruments – each at their own level of ability," Jan said. "That 10th day is the highlight of the year for me."

For Jan, the long distance to Birmingham is a challenge, but the payoff is big. Her son looks forward to his weekly art class and the joy on Bill's face makes it all worthwhile, she said.

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Flutes, Friends and Fa-La-La

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Nov. 16
Seligman Performing Arts Center
Detroit Country Day School
Beverly Hills
(248) 646-3347 for more information

This year marks the conservatory's 60th anniversary. The 11th annual Flutes, Friends and Fa-La-La event Wednesday, Nov.16, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills, kicks off a yearlong celebration.

The fundraiser showcases the talents of FAR students, along with special guests Alexander Zonjic and Josh White, Jr.

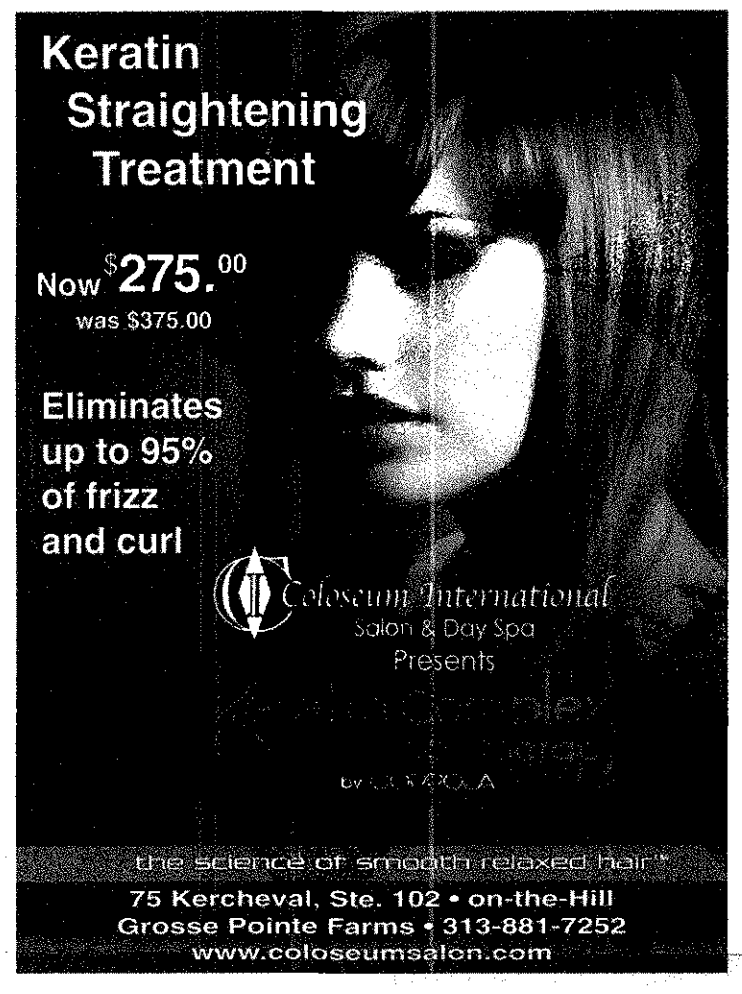
A bazaar and silent auction round out the event.

Ticket prices range from $10 for general admission to $500. All proceeds fund FAR scholarships.

Bernadette Banko, of the City of Grosse Pointe, is on FAR's board of directors. Her sister had Down Syndrome and grew up without such opportunities FAR offers.

For more information on Flutes, Friends and Fa-La-La and FAR, visit farconservatory.org or call (248) 646-3347.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome [fragilex.org]. Send questions or comments to mblangan@hotmail.com.



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Entry forms must be postmarked by FRI., OCTOBER 28, 2011
FEE: $10 per entry

Entry forms may also be downloaded from www.familycenterweb.org

Holiday ORNAMENT Artists Challenge
Reception SUNDAY, November 13 2-4pm
All are welcome to see the ORNAMENT Challenge Entries & Winners and
Grosse Pointe News "Kids ORNAMENT Coloring Contest" Winners
GROSSE POINTE ART CENTER
16900 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe
No Fee to attend

Look for the Coloring Contest in the Grosse Pointe News October 13th and 27th.

This Artists Challenge is a community event supporting The Family Center's 11th year of service.

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For more information call 313-432-3832
or visit www.familycenterweb.org

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Lois Valente
for Grosse Pointe School Board



About Lois:

- Three children currently in the schools district
- Resident of Grosse Pointe Park for 20 years
- 25 years in business and education strategic planning, currently employed at Wayne State University

WE ARE A COMMUNITY:

LOCAL CONTROL — Property values and our school district depend on each other. Enrollment requirements and capacity decisions should be ours to make.

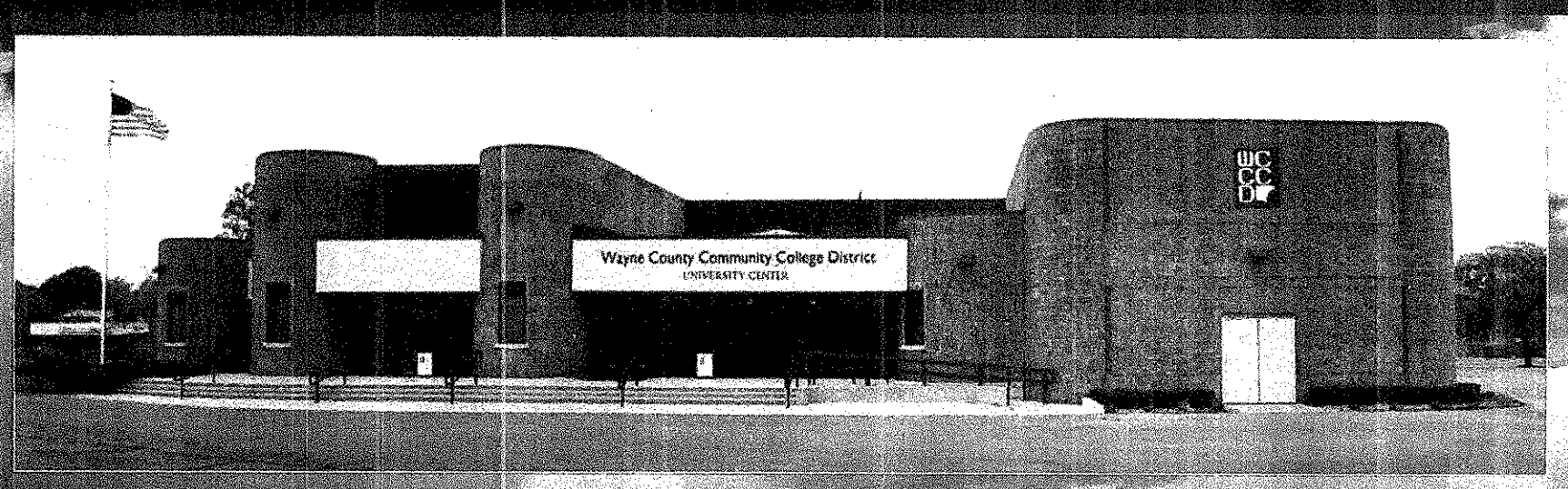
BUDGET — An annual strategic plan that reflects our community's values and establishes a timely and relevant guideline for evaluating budget decisions will help us navigate through these difficult times.

QUALITY EDUCATION — Best practices coupled with a commitment to teacher and assistant professional development will ensure we remain an exemplary district.

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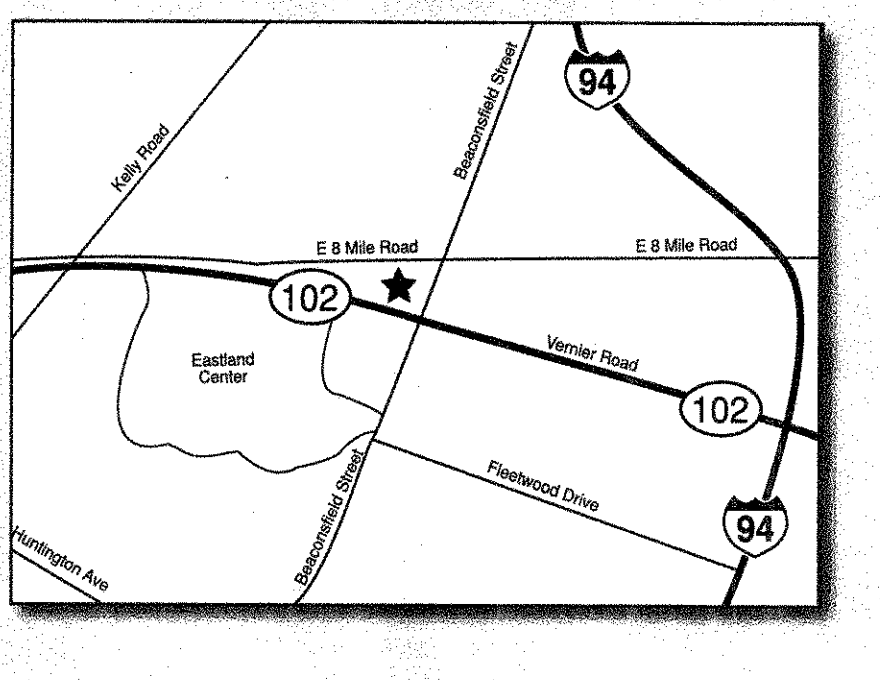
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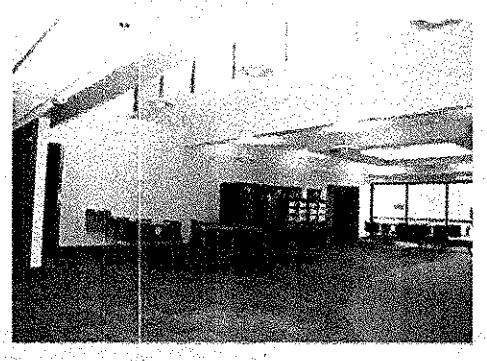
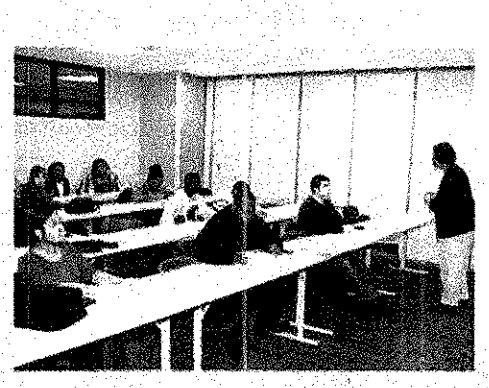
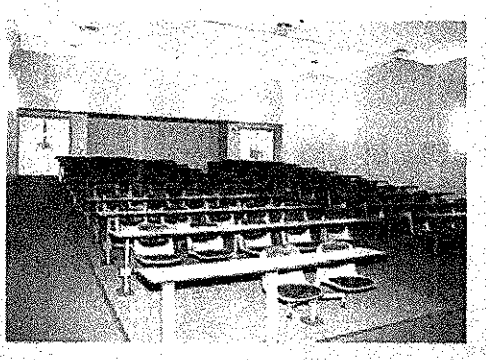
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