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COMING THURSDAY

The First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs will hold a "Blessing of the Animals." On the Religion Page.

Money inside today

Are collectibles a good way to invest your money, or are they just a fun hobby? We look at this question in today's special section Money.

Terror report fires debate

WASHINGTON — White House release of a previously secret intelligence assessment depicting a growing terrorist threat gives both political parties new ammunition in the election-season fight over the Iraq war. Page A9

Surveillance bill stalls; detainee measure heads toward floor votes

WASHINGTON — Half of President Bush's antiterrorism legislative agenda stalled Tuesday when discords among Republicans forced GOP leaders to give up on trying to legalize his warrantless wiretapping program before the Nov. 7 election.

Republican lawmakers instead turned their attention to the other half — establishing a legal framework for detaining, interrogating and trying terrorism suspects before military commissions. The House and the Senate were set to consider the detainee bill on Wednesday.

Doctors group predicts serious shortage of family physicians

CHICAGO — A doctors group expects a serious shortfall of family physicians in at least five states by 2020.

Population growth and rising numbers of elderly people in Nevada, Arizona, Florida, Texas and Idaho will make the need in those states most critical, said Dr. Perry Pugno of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

"As Americans age, they need more health-care interventions, and primary care is the most cost-effective way to help them maintain their health," Pugno said.

The number of U.S. medical graduates going into family medicine has been falling — by more than 50 percent from 1997 to 2005 — with many preferring specialties that pay better and offer more control.

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Tax break OK, despite error

State: Flaws in pollution reporting don't disqualify Petoskey Pointe

BY RYAN BENTLEY
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Though Petoskey Pointe developers' application for a state tax credit cited evidence of soil contamination previously known to be flawed, a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality spokesman said the flaws weren't the sort that would jeopardize eligibility for a multi-million-dollar brownfield credit the state awarded for the downtown Petoskey project.

"We agree that it is eligible (for brownfield consideration)," MDEQ press secretary Bob McCann said Monday. "The concern was more just about the amount of toxins that are still in the soil."

Furthermore, MDEQ staff said



RYAN BENTLEY/NEWS-REVIEW

Utility components have been piled at the downtown Petoskey block where Lake Street Petoskey Associates of Farmington Hills proposes to build the Petoskey Pointe complex.

earlier evidence of contamination at the site automatically allow it to be considered for the brownfield tax incentive.

The Michigan Economic Growth Authority board, working with the Michigan Economic Development Corp., awarded Petoskey Pointe

developer Lake Street Petoskey Associates a \$4.5 million Brownfield

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Gas price drop political? Striking back

Readers respond to idea that election is bringing down costs at the pump

BY STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER
AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Motorists across Northern Michigan and across the nation are breathing a sigh of relief as gas prices continue to fall after peaking at more than \$3 per gallon this summer.

But some people are also letting off a huff of exasperation as they question what's really behind the price swings.

In fact, a large number of people believe that politicians — in particular President Bush and his administration — have been tinkering with gas prices to their political gain during this election season.

A recently-released Gallup poll found that about 42 percent of respondents agreed with the statement that the Bush administration "deliberately manipulated the price of gasoline so that it would decrease before this fall's elections." Fifty-three percent of those surveyed did not believe in this conspiracy theo-



STEVE ZUCKER/NEWS REVIEW

With gas prices on a recent downslide, after peaking at more than \$3 per gallon this summer, motorists feel a lot less bite on their pocketbook as they fill up at the Petoskey Marathon today, Wednesday.

ry, while 5 percent said they had no opinion.

Almost two-thirds of those who suspect President Bush intervened to bring down energy prices before

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READER PANEL 2006



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The old days

Don Trout (left) of the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers, cuts a cedar shingle as fourth-grade students from Cindy Ross' class at Petoskey Ottawa Elementary school look on. The students were attending a day-long

field trip to the Flywheelers grounds near Boyne Falls, Tuesday, as part of their Michigan history studies. The Flywheelers will host fourth-graders from more than 30 schools over a four day period this week.

Democrat defends his votes for education as 'good for the district'

BY FRED GRAY
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Gary McDowell, D-Rudyard, says political ads placed in the News-Review and other newspapers in the state are examples of smear campaigning without substance by shadow groups.

An ad that appeared in the Sept. 13 issue of the News-Review and was paid for by "Working for Michigan's Future" alleged that "McDowell voted to send \$14 million in extra funding to Detroit public schools."

McDowell said Tuesday that he doesn't know where the group came up with the \$14 million figure, but he said that if the ad was referring to the bipartisan school aid bills, they had been approved overwhelmingly by votes of 107-2 in the House in 2005 and 103-3 in 2006.



McDowell

"It's politics at its worst," McDowell said. "It's just a smear. It smacks of regionalism, pitting one region against another."

"You don't know who puts the money up for these ads, and the groups hide behind the 527 designation."

Bill Nowling, a spokesman for Working for Michigan's Future, told the Royal Oak Mirror that because it is a 527 committee, it can't support or oppose any particular candidate, but it can use its funding to "raise awareness" of its issues.

The 527 committees, named for a relevant section of the tax code, can raise and spend unlimited sums of money during the elections with little, if any, public disclosure.

McDowell said the ads, which asked readers to register complaints with his office, were ineffective.

"We received two calls — both from supporters who thought this type of attack was an outrage."

"I supported the school aid bill for one reason and one reason only: It was good for the schools in my district."

McDowell said this year was the first time his district received a per-student increase — \$210 per student.

"There was also equity money for

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Ex-Bay City mayor takes over after mayor's death

BAY CITY — A former mayor has been selected to return to his old job after the death of the mayor. Robert J. Katt, who had lung cancer, died Sept. 8. On Monday, the City Commission picked Michael J. Buda to replace him, The Bay City Times reported. Buda was mayor in 1991-97. Commission President Charles M. Brunner, who also sought the mayor's post, said Buda will do a great job. "We have somebody who has years of experience, who is still very well connected," Brunner said. "I know he'll be a great cheerleader for Bay City." Buda said he will not seek election when the job comes up for a vote in November 2007.

State worker/soldiers' benefits into place indefinitely

LANSING — Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Tuesday signed an executive order indefinitely extending special pay and group insurance benefits for state employees called to active military duty after Sept. 11, 2001. Under current Civil Service Commission rules, the special pay and benefits expire at the end of each fiscal year, which falls on Sept. 30. The benefits now will stay in place past that date. "Our state employees who have been called to active military duty responded without hesitation; the least we can do is supplement their military pay and ensure that they and their families are covered by the state's group insurance plan until they are home and back to work," Granholm said in a statement. The special pay is equivalent to the difference between the employee's military pay and regular state salary. The state also will continue to pay the employer's portion of the cost of continuing group medical, dental and vision insurance.

Truck driver found dead in rig at Oklahoma rest stop

SAPULPA, Okla. — A missing truck driver has been found dead in his rig at a rest area on the Turner Turnpike. The body of Marvin Clay Sandifur, 51, of Cheboygan, Mich., was found about 8 p.m. Monday south of Sapulpa, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said. Troopers say Sandifur was driving a 1994 Freightliner owned by D&T Delivery of New Boston, Mich., that had been reported missing. The body was sent to the state medical examiner's office in Tulsa to determine the cause and time of Sandifur's death.

Ageing inmates, more-rigid parole rules fuel prison spending

COLDWATER — James Lindsey is an increasingly rare specimen of prison inmates in Michigan these days. Not because of his age — he's 82 and leans on a cane — but because 26 years after his second-degree murder conviction in 1980, he's scheduled to be released in a few weeks from the Lakeland Correctional Facility in Coldwater. "I gotta take advantage of this, 'cause my days are numbered," he told The Grand Rapids Press for a story published Tuesday. The ranks of inmates like Lindsey who are age 60 or older in Michigan are growing — from 649 in 1995 to 1,557 last year, according to the state Department of Corrections. And largely because of medical problems, elderly prisoners are more than three times more expensive to incarcerate than younger inmates, according to the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives. Along with the elimination of credits for good behavior, tougher drug laws and a parole board that is more hesitant to release inmates, it's fueling a spike in corrections spending — about \$1.8 billion, more than the state spends on higher education.

Compiled by Neil Stilwell from AP reports.

Lottery numbers

DETROIT (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Michigan State Lottery: Mid-day Daily 3, 8-7-0; Midday Daily 4, 6-7-4-9; Daily 3, 2-8-6; Daily 4, 6-3-5-0; Fantasy 5, 7-13-22-32-36; Keno, 3, 14, 19, 25, 26, 31, 40, 41, 44, 47, 55, 56, 60, 61, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 74, 76, 79; Mega Millions, 3-6-38-42-45; Mega Ball, 30. Tuesday's Mega Millions jackpot was estimated at \$15 million. Wednesday's Classic Lotto 47 jackpot is estimated at \$1.4 million.

Defeated chairman running anyway

Vic Patrick to run as write-in candidate in Charlevoix County

BY FRED GRAY
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

EAST JORDAN — Vic Patrick, chair of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, has decided to run in November as a write-in candidate in District 4 against Joel Evans, the official Republican candidate who defeated Patrick by 19 votes in the August primary.

Patrick, 69, said he will file papers today with the Charlevoix County clerk.

He said a group of 23 East Jordan



Patrick

treasurer.

He said other committee members include Ruth Gee, Harry Watson, Jim Meredith and Tammy Jackson.

"We are putting together a program that includes a platform, signs and other campaign materials. And

we have money in the bank," Patrick said. Patrick said he will be campaigning door-to-door to all of the 2,900 registered voters in the district. "Of that number, less than 400 voted in the Aug. 3 primary, when I lost by 19 votes," he said.

Patrick has served on the Charlevoix Board of Commissioners for 10 years, the last three as chairman.

After graduating from Muskegon Community College in 1960, he served on the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department for eight years.

In 1968 he began working for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, administering a program

of marine grants to counties and reviewing expenditure reports for reimbursement of these funds.

In 1978, until he retired in 1994, Patrick was assigned to the northern half of the state, working on treaty and tribal fishing regulations.

Patrick has been a resident of East Jordan and South Arm Township for 13 years, and a resident of the state of Michigan his entire life. He is married to Mary, who works at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Patricks have one daughter who lives in Boyne City and two sons in Lansing.

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Low and behold

Workers lift a garden center sign into place on the new Lowe's Building Center under construction south of Petoskey, Monday. The giant building center is scheduled to open later this year.

Harbor man heads state social services association

Bay Bluffs board member represents rural Michigan medical services

BY FRED GRAY
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

HARBOR SPRINGS — Fred Rogers of Harbor Springs, retired life insurance executive and Bay Bluffs board member, has been elected president of the Michigan County Social Services Association (MCSSA).

"It's quite an accomplishment and it's nice to have him representing us down in Lansing," said Diana Bailey, executive director of Bay Bluffs, adding that the Department of Human Services (DHS) system has been established as the gatekeeper for the Medicaid population.

Rogers, 73, is also president of Dis-



Rogers

trict III of the MCSSA, which is made up of 18 counties in Northern Michigan.

The MCSSA is a statewide organization that represents DHS employees. Association members include county DHS board members, directors, district managers and supervisors from all 83 counties.

MCSSA represents community social and economic concerns, represents the front-line DHS services delivery perspective, and advocates for DHS client populations.

"The Department of Human Services pumps millions into Emmet County every year with all kinds of services. Basically we're dealing with lower income people, looking out for their interests, and making sure they have a good, positive life

style," Rogers said.

Rogers, a volunteer who was elected to the one-year term by the MCSSA membership at its annual convention in Bay City, said the 15-member MCSSA board meets monthly with Marianne Udow, the director of DHS, to draft and review pending legislation.

He said there are 37 county-owned medical care facilities in Michigan, including Bay Bluffs, that serve citizens from all 83 counties, regardless of their ability to pay. They are typically located in less-populated areas of the state, serving citizens who live in rural Michigan.

"And even though he represents all the people of the state, because he is from our area, he is able to demonstrate our needs up here," Bailey said. "He will make sure the rural needs are heard in Lansing and met."

Rogers added: "I am president of District III, the 18 counties from

the Mackinac Bridge south beyond Grand Rapids, and will be for the next two years. We have a meeting every other month in Cadillac and have a real interest in rural counties."

He said the MCSSA works very closely with the DHS, holding several meetings in Lansing every year. "The MCSSA's Boilerplate Committee, of which I am a member, was formed to see if we can't find a way of providing better service to all of the counties in all areas and at the same time possibly save some money by closing down or modifying some of the operations throughout the state.

"We are about to send to the Legislature our recommendations as to the changes that we hope the Legislature will make to effect these cost savings," Rogers said.

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Details set for Granholm-DeVos debates

BY KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN
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LANSING — Gubernatorial candidates Jennifer Granholm and Dick DeVos said Tuesday that they have agreed to hold three live, hourlong, televised debates in October and appear jointly at a Detroit Economic Club luncheon.

The first debate will be held at 8 p.m. Monday and broadcast live from WKAR-TV in East Lansing on public television and Fox television stations that choose to carry it.

The second debate will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 10 at WOOD-TV in Grand Rapids and broadcast on WDIV-TV in Detroit while being available to all NBC stations plus WOTV-TV in Battle Creek. The third will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 16 at WXYZ-TV in Southfield and made available to ABC and CBS stations statewide.

The Economic Club appearance will be at an Oct. 12 luncheon co-sponsored by the Michigan Chronicle. Each candidate will speak for 15 minutes.

The debates will differ in format, with a studio audience allowed to ask prescreened questions during the second half of the final debate. Two WXYZ news anchors will ques-

tion the candidates in the first half.

Tim Skubick of Michigan Public Television and Charlie Cain of The Detroit News will question the candidates during the first debate, which won't include a studio audience.

The Grand Rapids debate will include questions from a panel of three journalists and include a studio audience made up each candidate's family members, campaign staff members or party chairmen. The audience will not ask questions.

TV and radio stations broadcasting the debates will not carry any political ads concerning DeVos or Granholm for 30 minutes before and after the debates.

Neither candidate will be allowed to bring any books, notes, correspondence, news articles, photographs or any props into the debate, although each will be provided with note paper or index cards and pens and pencils on the podiums.

The campaigns of Democratic incumbent Granholm and GOP challenger DeVos released news of the debates in separate, identically worded news releases.

The campaigns said they received many debate invitations but agreed on the WKAR, WOOD and WXYZ de-

Details

DEBATE 1, on Oct. 2, will be moderated by Tim Skubick of Michigan Public Television and Charlie Cain of The Detroit News and take place at WKAR studios at Michigan State University in East Lansing. There will be no studio audience.

DEBATE 2, on Oct. 10, will be moderated by Suzanne Geha of WOOD-TV and take place at WOOD studios in Grand Rapids. Questions will be asked by a three-person panel of journalists that will include Mike Wendland of the Detroit Free Press and one person each from WDIV-TV in Detroit and WOOD-TV.

DEBATE 3, on Oct. 16, will be moderated by Chuck Stokes of WXYZ-TV and take place at WXYZ studios in Southfield. Two WXYZ news anchors will ask questions of the candidates during the first half of the debate, and then prescreened questions will be asked by the studio audience.

bates because they would receive the largest possible viewing audiences.

DeVos campaign: <http://www.devosforgovernor.com>

Granholm campaign: <http://www.granholmforgov.com>

Ludington man sentenced in attack on alligator

LUDINGTON (AP) — A man who attempted to kill a 4-foot alligator and abandoned it near a city park was sentenced Tuesday to 30 hours of community service and ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

Brian Scott DeRooy, of Ludington, pleaded guilty to a charge of animal cruelty in Mason County district court.

DeRooy, 37, said he attempted to dispatch the animal and did not mean to maim it.

"I put a hatchet in the back of the head of the alligator," he told Judge Peter Wadel. "I was watching it for some people and was moving and couldn't take it with me. At the time I thought it was the right thing to do."

After attempting to kill the alligator on June 8, police said DeRooy dumped it behind an empty building near a Ludington park. A man walking his dog in a marshy area of the park later spotted the alligator. Animal control officers corralled it.

Wadel told DeRooy he should have called animal control.

The alligator survived the attack and was taken to a shelter in Traverse City.

Our View



STEVE ZUCKER/NEWS-REVIEW

A group of area high school students, wearing make-up to simulate injuries sustained in an airplane crash, walk away from the mocked-up "crash" site as they playing the role of "walking wounded" in a mass casualty drill conducted on Sept. 16.

Poised, prepared for disaster

The dead, the amputees, the bloodied, battered and beaten were spread across the woods, awaiting rescue and medical help. They got it, because local emergency management officials planned for it.

Jack Messer and Cheryl Beyer of the tri-county emergency management office worked with local, state and federal agencies to pull off the recent Operation Black Forest drill in the woods of Charlevoix County.

Their efforts to coordinate 70 student "victims" of a plane crash and emergency units from several counties was needed to meet Homeland Security guidelines, and the realistic drill must certainly do that.

Three years in the planning, the realistic disaster — based on a plane being shot out of the air — saw police, fire, ambulance, first responders and others scrambling to come to the aid of the wounded. Oh, and trying to track down the terrorists that blew the plane out of the air in the first place.

Area agencies knew a drill was planned, but they had no idea where, when or what they had to contend with.

Homeland Security needs aside, it was reassuring to see all the area agencies working together to turn a disaster into a manageable emergency.

Good work, all.

"Our View" represents the view of the News-Review Editorial Board. Serving on the board are News-Review staffers Doug Caldwell, Kendall P. Stanley, Babette Stenuis, Jeremy McBain and Neil Stilwell.

Quote of the day

'I'm certain that if my husband and his national security team had been shown a classified report entitled 'Bin Laden Determined To Attack Inside the United States' he would have taken it more seriously than history suggests it was taken by our current president and his national security team.'

Sen. Hillary Clinton on recent criticism of former President Bill Clinton.

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In wake of Iraq miscalculations, talk turns to Iran

WASHINGTON — This fall in the nation's capital seems like a threatening reverse reminder of the fall of 2002, when the decision to invade Iraq was being made with almost victorious jubilation.

Back then, I deliberately haunted the various meetings at the think tanks. There I heard how the war would be over in six months, the Iraqis would raid their flower gardens to garland our troops, and then they'd sit down in their Founding Fathers Book Clubs and study how to be exactly ... like ... us.

At the Heritage Committee, a rare skeptic asked an avid pro-war speaker exactly how American soldiers from Iowa, Nebraska and California would know the "good guys" from the "bad guys" in a brutal country like Iraq. It was typical of the criminal inanity of the time that the speaker just nodded sagely and said, "They'll know."

But now it is four years later. You would have to be Rip Van Winkle not to know that Iraq is growing increasingly desperate every day, that our troops are so overpressed that the military has begun to accept recruits up to age 42, and that the administration, with its personal egomanias and geopolitical gluttony for victory, has overreached so much that even the real victory in Afghanistan is threatened.

It would be amusing, were it not so deadly serious, that the 30-page National Intelligence Estimate, completed last April, has been leaked this week. It cites the "centrality" of the U.S. invasion of Iraq and the chaos that followed it as the No. 1 inspiration for the new Islamic radical insurgents, cells and networks in Iraq. They are united essentially by an anti-Western agenda fed by our occupation forces there, says the National Intelligence Council, and backed up by more than 5,000 radical Islamic Web sites.

So, what are they talking about in the think tanks THIS fall? That this NIE report, by America's finest intelligence analysts, which was held back all these months because it is so utterly damning of American policy, is exactly what almost every serious journalist in Iraq

has been saying for months? Do they discuss realistic plans to gradually reduce our presence in the area, to heal the Israeli/Palestinian bleeding sore, or to design programs that would gradually wean anti-occupation Muslims away from the miasmic appeal of al-Qaida?

As a matter of fact, no. They are talking about the growing perception that this administration is increasingly serious about invading Iran.



Georgie Anne Geyer

"I am very worried about Iran," Joseph Cirincione, one of the city's best analysts, now with the Center for American Progress, told one group meeting. "We have a problem there. But even though Iran is not going to build a bomb for at least 10 years, the administration is again using terrorism and the nuclear threat as a reason to attack still another country. Watch how the administration talks about Iran and al-Qaida constantly in the same line. Something is brewing! Meanwhile, our policies of the last five years increased the number wanting to kill us."

Revealingly, Cirincione's organization, along with Foreign Policy magazine, recently compiled a poll of 116 leading experts on Iraq, the military and the region which concurs with the NIE report. They found that 84 percent of these analysts think we are losing the Iraq war, that 70 percent felt the war had a negative effect on containing terrorism, that 51 percent thought the insurgency had to do with religious beliefs, and that only 4 percent said it was due to a rejection of democratic values. They repeated that it's America's POLICIES, not its freedoms, as the president constantly avers, that are motivating the insurgents against us.

In other sessions, such as one at Georgetown University on the power of the Israeli lobby in partly pushing America into these wars, experts pointed out that Iran has made several

overtures to the United States in the last few years and gotten nothing for them. Iranians sent a back-channel message via Switzerland in 2003 saying they would recognize Israel, according to the former dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Stephen M. Walt, but the message was rejected outright. "Many of the same groups that brought us the war in Iraq are now pushing for war with Iran," he said.

None of these experts say that Iran is not a serious problem; if it were indeed to develop a nuclear bomb, it could/would change the balance of power in the region. Its leadership is both wildly irresponsible and sinister in its threats to Israel, to the West and to moderate states in the region.

But there are other ways — diplomatic, economic, even psychological — to deal with Iran, a country whose ancient historical power makes it crave recognition from the United States. Experts are openly questioning whether it is not close to madness for a country such as America to extend itself to still another fight with the most vicious country in the region, with almost the same wanton disregard for reality the administration showed four years ago this fall.

"The last six years has seen a demonstrable decline in American power," Cirincione summed up. "Every member of the 'axis of evil' is stronger than before. Iraq is in absolute chaos. Iran has made more progress on its nuclear program in the last five years than in the previous 10. North Korea's plutonium has increased six times. The Taliban is back. Al-Qaidaism is spreading like wildfire through the Muslim world. Terrorist attacks have tripled worldwide.

"What," he finally asked the group, "are the American people THINKING?"

Georgie Anne Geyer is a nationally syndicated columnist. Her column appears each Wednesday on the Opinion page and occasionally on other days. What do you think? Write to her c/o Universal Press Syndicate, 4520 Main St., Suite 700, Kansas City, Mo. 64111-7701.

Letter from our readers

Help elect Jay Duggan for state representative

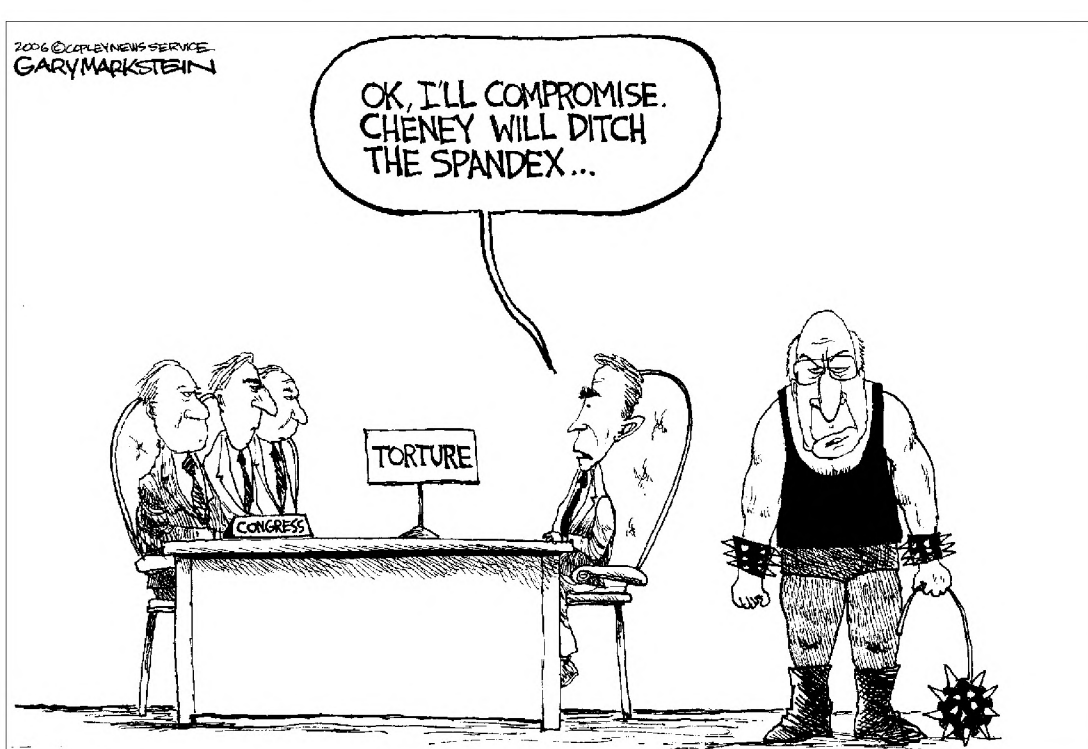
Editor:

When I read Barry Cole's letter in Tuesday's Sept. 12, paper regarding "litter on a stick," I looked up the definition of litter in the dictionary. One example was "things laying around in disorder," which is far from what I would say Jay Duggan's signs are doing.

I support Jay Duggan for state representative, so I called and requested a sign for my yard, as did many other supporters — they did not just "pop up." Several of these signs have been destroyed, taken down or stolen. A large, expensive sign was recently stolen from Jay Duggan's yard.

If you would like a sign of your own or you wish to contribute or volunteer to help elect Jay Duggan for state representative, go to www.JayDuggan.com.

Kay Coulter
Petoskey



Ground observation post dedication ceremonies held

50 Years Ago

High speed jets cut vapor trails in an otherwise peaceful sky yesterday as Petoskey dedicated its new ground observation post at Lockwood Field.

Captain Robert L. Faulhaber, commanding officer of the Grand Rapids filter center, called attention to the trails and reminded those assembled that to many people in the world such a sight represents hardship, death and destruction.

As protection against that happening in America, civilian observers were standing guard as part of a chain weld-

ed around the country to guard the American way of life, he said.

He reminded them that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link and more volunteers were needed for this vital work.

Probate Judge John T. Murphy, Emmet's Civil Defense director, was master of ceremonies and spoke of the need for taking part in such activities.

Mrs. Floyd West, supervisor of the Petoskey post, joined in thanking the city for its part in erecting the post.

Mayor Chester Crago expressed the city's thanks to the volunteers for manning the post.

The Women's Relief Corps to the Grand Army of the Republic presented a flag for the post to fly in a colorful ceremony and Sgt.

Frank Seiler of Petoskey and Sgt. Baker of the Air Force provided an honor escort for Mrs. West when she received it from Mrs. Freeman Corey.

Many awards were given, including badges, bars and wings.

Junior members receiving "wings" included Betty Stevens, Billy Horniman, Pat Garrett, Tom Beldin, John LaTocha, Gordon Laughlin and Larry Laughlin. George Peck received an award for junior wings and a merit badge.

Mrs. West reported that the group of 250 had volunteered 3,105 hours.

Debbie McGuiness is a News-Review staff member. Her column appears each Wednesday on the Opinion Page. Call 439-9353 or e-mail dmguiness@petoskeynews.com



FILE PHOTO / NEWS-REVIEW

LEFT: The Women's Relief Corps presented this flag to the Petoskey Ground Observation Corps and it was raised by the Air Force during the observation dedication ceremonies held in Petoskey. RIGHT: Speakers for the ceremony (from left) include Sgt. Frank Seiler, Air Force (partially hidden); Lt. Robert I.



FILE PHOTO / NEWS-REVIEW

Kallman, Air Force; the Rev. Lloyd Brasure; Capt. Robert L. Faulhaber, Air Force; Mrs. Floyd West, Ground Observation Corps supervisor of Petoskey; Petoskey Mayor Chester Crago; and Judge John T. Murphy, Emmet Civil Defense director.

There are three things that no one can do to the entire satisfaction of anyone else: make love, poke a fire and run a newspaper.'

TAX BREAK: Petoskey Pointe's pollution reporting flaw would not have jeopardized economic development incentive

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Single Business Tax Credit in mid-June.

This week, representatives from Lake Street Petoskey Associates and AKT Peerless, a downstate firm which conducted environmental testing for developers, disputed the accuracy of recent media reports that claimed incorrect evidence of contamination helped in securing the tax credit.

"We didn't try to hold back or withhold anything at any point (in the tax credit process)," Lake Street Petoskey Associates partner Jim Wilson said.

Lake Street Petoskey Associates, based in Farmington Hills, recently demolished the buildings on the block bounded by Lake, Mitchell and Petoskey streets and U.S. 31.

Later this year, the company plans to start construction on Petoskey Pointe, a \$60 million mixed-use complex, on the block. It will include about 160 condominiums, which are a mix of hotel and residential units, along with a conference center, spa, restaurant, parking garage and retail spaces and a new office for Northwestern Bank.

The project has drawn much local debate in recent years. Though some residents and businesspeople have embraced it for reasons like economic potential, others have criticized aspects of the project such as its large physical scale.

The fact that incorrect information was submitted in the tax-credit application process prompted concern from Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"We have asked the MEDC to review the project and the processes that they have in place, and we have asked that they work with the MDEQ in doing so," Granholm's spokeswoman Liz Boyd said.

For years, environmental regulators have observed signs of contamination at the project site, some of which are believed to be linked to an auto dealership which once operated on the southern part of the block. Steps were taken in 1990s to remedy the environmental issues to a degree that would make the site safe for commercial use.

But more needed to be done when developers decided they wanted to put residential condominiums at that location.

McCann said, "Once the plan calls for residential homes on the site, you need to start taking a little closer look at it."

So, developers secured the assistance of AKT Peerless Environmental Services, a company with four downstate offices, to assess environmental conditions on the block.

In mid-2005, AKT Peerless conducted soil borings at 10 locations on the block. Tests of soil collected in three of these locations showed concentrations of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) in levels that warranted cleanup action.

These test results were included in brownfield redevelopment plans shared with Emmet County and MDEQ officials in

early 2006. Along with the state Single Business Tax Credit, developers sought reimbursement of their costs to resolve soil contamination through Emmet County's brownfield redevelopment program, which is overseen by MDEQ.

The brownfield redevelopment plan, prepared by AKT Peerless, noted the flawed PCE

Sale completion, utility work expected soon on Petoskey Pointe

Work to establish utility connections for the \$60 million Petoskey Pointe project hopefully can begin by the end of September, project partner Jim Wilson said Tuesday.

Some utility components have been delivered to the project site — the block bounded by Lake, Mitchell and Petoskey streets and U.S. 31 — in recent weeks.

"We believe we're going to have the majority of (utilities) in by the middle of November," project consultant Rick Moffat said last week.

Though developers may need to hold off on some utility installations until spring, Moffat said the goal is to complete the work this fall.

Excavation and the start of foundation work for new buildings is expected to begin on the block in late fall or early winter, the consultant added.

Developers had previously noted plans to begin work on the block earlier in the construction season, but Moffat said complexities associated with utility installations and delays in selecting a general contractor pushed back the schedule.

The John M. Olson Co. of St. Clair Shores is serving as general contractor.

Developers acquired all of the buildings on the block and demolished them in June, but have yet to finalize their acquisition of some vacant portions of the block.

In December 2005, Lake Street Petoskey Associates announced they'd entered a purchase agreement with Northwestern Bank, the owner of some of the vacant land. Wilson said Tuesday that he expects that purchase to be finalized within a matter of days.

This closing — the last which developers need to complete on the private portions of the block — must be taken care of before Lake Street Petoskey

readings in a section that established the site as contaminated.

It also noted the intent to remove 10,000 cubic yards of soil from the block as part of the cleanup, but more recent reviews have established that a far smaller volume of soil is affected by contamination. Less than 200 cubic yards is now

proposed for removal.

Brian Eggers, a principal in AKT Peerless, said plans call for the contaminated soil to be removed when the block is excavated for new construction later this year. In a recent letter to the DEQ, Eggers' firm noted plans to dispose of that soil at the Elk Run landfill in Onaway.

In early April, shortly after MDEQ received the redevelopment plans prepared by AKT Peerless, the state agency's staff questioned the company about elevated PCE findings listed in the report.

AKT Peerless responded April 7 that contamination of the samples from an outside source likely led to the elevated PCE readings, and that those test results likely didn't reflect the soil's PCE content.

In a quality control procedure after the soil tests, Eggers said his firm analyzed the testing equipment without the soil samples present and still found the presence of PCE.

MDEQ environmental quality analyst Elaine Pelc informed Lake Street Petoskey Associates partner Jim Wilson of the discrepancy in a May 16 letter. Wilson said in an interview Tuesday that he contacted AKT — which was handling the application submission for the tax credit — about the flawed results.

AKT Peerless received a copy of the May 16 letter, but didn't catch the erroneous figures in the tax-credit application by the time it was submitted to MEDC later that month, Eggers said. He said a problem in communication between staff at two different AKT Peerless offices likely played a role.

"You have to understand that we have scientists and engineers working on the environmental side of it and tax credit specialists working on the tax credit side," he said.

Though Pelc's letter to Wilson questioned whether AKT Peerless' measurements of PCE could be used in defining the site as contaminated, she also noted that earlier knowledge of contamination at the site would automatically give it eligibility for consideration of brownfield incentives.

Pelc wrote that when the site was cleaned up to commercial standards in the 1990s, the contaminants found remaining in the soil at that time — which were considered too high for residential uses — would automatically establish the site's contaminated status for brownfield programs.

Brian Eggers, a principal in AKT Peerless, said petroleum-related contaminants known as polynuclear aromatic hydro-

carbons (PNAs) were found on the site years ago, and added that additional soil borings last month showed evidence of these substances.

In estimating the need to remove 10,000 cubic yards of soil, Eggers said his firm took PCE contamination which was observed about 40 feet below the surface into account. This contamination, found in groundwater, was thought to have migrated there from another location.

Following the application process for the tax credit, Eggers said an updated site plan for Petoskey Pointe became available to his firm. Because the revised plan didn't call for the site to be excavated to the 40-foot depth as a previous version did, Eggers said the contamination at that level was no longer an issue.

"When we write a brownfield plan, we estimate it on the conservative side so that we're not coming back," Eggers said Monday. "As we gained more information on the size of the development and the extent of the contamination, we were able to reduce the tax increment financing (to cover soil removal costs) by about \$400,000."

MEDC spokesman Mike Shore said the decision to provide the brownfield tax credit was made with MDEQ's recommendation for it in place.

"They came to us and said, 'From our perspective, you can go ahead and approve this project. It meets all the requirements of the law,'" Shore said. "We recognize that when you start digging in a contaminated site, you may find contamination that you didn't expect or that you didn't have as much contamination as you thought."

Along with the potential for improving environmental conditions, Shore said the MEGA board weighs other community considerations in decisions to award the single-business tax incentives, like improving areas near city centers and the potential to create jobs.

A memo briefing MEGA board members on the Petoskey Pointe project noted a projection of 115 full-time jobs to be created through the redevelopment effort.

Developers can use a state brownfield tax credit to deduct from the state Single Business Tax they would incur in redeveloping a site. Shore said it represents a deduction in tax liability on new value which a project creates.

Though Shore said his agency stands by the decision to

Associates completes its acquisition of city-owned land for use in the project.

Based on the firm's development agreement with the city, a deadline is approaching for developers to have the private land acquisitions completed.

Originally set for July 1, this deadline was moved back until Oct. 5 because of delays associated with a voter-initiated referendum last year, city manager George Korthauer said.

In the May 2005 referendum election, voters decided to keep the zoning change allowing for the downtown project intact.

"The city's properties are the last to be acquired by the developer," Korthauer said. "The city wanted to make sure everything else was in place before it released its property."

If the conditions aren't satisfied by Oct. 5, the city council will have options within the following 30 days to cancel the development agreement or renegotiate its terms.

"If council doesn't act within 30 days following the adjusted deadline then the presumpt is that the city accepts the provisions of the agreement," Korthauer said, and the deadline would no longer apply.

Establishing utility connections for the block is a process that will require closures on the surrounding portions of Lake, Mitchell and Petoskey streets, Moffat said, adding that developers will work with city officials to establish scheduling for that part of the work.

City planner Amy Tweeten said she expects the city will wait for the closing on the Northwestern Bank land before putting a schedule in place.

"Until that happens, we don't really want to schedule anything," she said. "That's kind of a critical point."

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You may need a new image, revamped branding or perhaps just a rewrite of your marketing materials to address the needs of this changing customer base. Take a hard look at whether your products or services are performing to customer expectations. Remember that your goal should be to exceed expectations, not simply meet them. If customers are luke warm on your business,

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This is a weekly feature which appears Wednesday on the Business Page. SCORE stands for Service Corps of Retired Executives and the nonprofit volunteer group works through local chambers of commerce to promote strength in business.

find out why. Perhaps competitors are doing a better job, or maybe they've created add-on products and services that you haven't. Your own customers can help with your makeover if you ask them for feedback. If your marketing message has never changed, perhaps it's time to reevaluate and devise a new one. Try revisiting your original business plan. You might be able to recapture some of the insight and enthusiasm you originally had from that document. Think back to your most successful promotions, presentations or sales efforts. Rather than reinventing the wheel, you might be able to update and expand an approach that has already worked for your business.

Some old-fashioned brainstorming sessions can help rekindle your managerial flame. Meet with your most trusted advisors, partners, employees, friends and outside consultants.

Ask for their view on what your business can do to improve itself. For more business makeover ideas, contact the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and for an appointment with SCORE counselors at (231) 347-4150.

Walstrom Marine adds 75 ton lift to facility

Walstrom Marine, Inc. of Harbor Springs has added a new 75 metric ton marine travelift to their main yacht sales and service facility in Harbor Springs.

This new state-of-the-art lift and accompanying haul-out slip further enhances Walstrom Marine's award winning service capabilities.

The 23 foot clear width slip utilized by the new lift now allows Walstrom Marine to haul and service vessels up to 175,000 pounds with a maximum 23 foot beam.

Dave Price, Walstrom Marine, Inc. service manager, said, "Now, with the addition of this new lift, boaters with larger vessels have the ability to get their boats hauled for bottom work as well as other service needs and not have to travel any farther than Little Traverse Bay".

David Lyle, Walstrom Marine, Inc. president, is equally excited, and said, "Walstrom Marine is pleased to be able to offer the larger yachts on Little Traverse Bay a place to get lifted out of the water. Our new 75 metric ton marine travelift will enable us to service boats up to 80 feet."

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Walstrom Marine recently added this 75 metric ton lift to its yacht sales and service facility in Harbor Springs.

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ers in the United States. Walstrom Marine is based in Harbor Springs with sales and

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Former Enron finance chief sentenced to 6 years in prison

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Corp. financial whiz Andrew Fastow found a sympathetic ear as he pleaded for leniency while facing a 10-year

prison term for his role in the fallen energy company's bankruptcy.

Fastow, the ex-chief financial officer who cooperated with

prosecutors in other cases related to Enron's 2001 implosion, had agreed to serve a maximum 10-year term when he pleaded guilty in 2004.

But U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt instead sentenced him on Tuesday to six years, saying Fastow had already paid a heavy price for his actions.

SCORE to host business seminar

Tip of the Mitt SCORE (counselors to America's small business) and (Petoskey area) Chamber University will present "Keys to a Successful Business" in a panel-style seminar preceding this week's Chamber After Hours.

Prospective and current business owners are encouraged to participate with this interactive panel of experts who will present insightful and practical guides to build your business from the ground up and to improve the profitability of your already successful business.

Experts will give you "how to" advice in starting, growing, financing and managing your business. Kevin Christman, CPA from Smolinski and Christman, will discuss ac-

counting and bookkeeping; Bob Bleyaert, Bank of Northern Michigan, will cover financing and how to work with your banker; Julie Adams, Julieanne Tomatoes, will focus on customer service and satisfaction; Tim Kuhlman, The Mole Hole, will talk about merchandising; and Bill O'Brien, SCORE, will review marketing, including research and promotion.

"Keys to a Successful Business" will be held 2-5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Inn at Bay Harbor.

The cost of \$25 includes a pass to the Chamber After Hours at the Inn immediately following the seminar. Call Jessica at the Petoskey chamber for more information and to reserve a spot at 347-4150.

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High-profile case brings elder abuse into the open

Dear Grandparenting: Remember the big scandal in the news this summer about Brooke Astor? She's the fabulously wealthy and very old New York high-society queen whose grandson went to court to remove his father as her legal guardian, claiming she was being forced to live in squalor by her son, who was allegedly pinching her pennies so he'd inherit more money when she's dead.

Anyway, this got me to thinking. Like most grandparents, I depend on my family to take care of me. I'm not as worried about myself as I am about others

incapacitated by age or disease or dementia. What's going to prevent their caregivers from abusing them or otherwise taking

advantage of them? — Worried, Tunis Mills, Md.

Dear Worried: There's a name for the situation you describe. Authorities call it "elder abuse."

Now, the high-profile case of Mrs. Astor may give it a face. And America may finally wake up to this oft-hidden problem, thanks to these controversial charges being bandied about — that the anemic 104-year-old blueblood who has given away millions to charity was forced to sleep on a dirty couch stained with dog urine, deprived of medications and made to wear tattered nightgowns.

The Astor case shares a disturbing common thread that binds many cases of elder abuse. According to a National Elder Abuse Incidence Study, in almost 90 percent of abuse and neglect incidents with a known perpetrator, the perpetrator was a family member; two-thirds were spouses or adult children.

No one knows how many older Americans are abused, exploited or neglected. America lacks a national tracking system for this, and definitions of what constitutes abuse can differ from state to state. Authorities do agree that reported cases are the tip of an iceberg. The National Center on Elder Abuse reports that only one in 14 cases of domestic abuse ever comes to light.

Since many elders suffer in silence, authorities also say that alert vigilance is society's best defense against elder abuse. Changes in behavior, personality or appearance may be a tip-off.

Grand remark of the week: Our daughter, Liza, a cute little blonde, was all of 3 when her new brother, Will, came home from the hospital.

A week later I was nursing him when she cuddled up to me, and said, emphatically, "Let's put him in a garbage bag and throw him out; we don't need him!" Of course I was appalled. Fortunately, they are now the best of friends. — Elizabeth Folberth, Bronxville, N.Y.

Dee and Tom, married more than 50 years, have eight grandchildren. Together with Key Kidder, they welcome questions, suggestions and Grand Remarks of the Week. Send to 830 W. 40th St., Suite 304, Baltimore, Md. 21211; or grandparenting@aol.com. The "Grandparenting" column appears each Wednesday.



Dee and Tom Hardie & Key Kidder
Grandparenting

On your mark, get set, Go!

AN AP MEMBER EXCHANGE
BY ANNE RUETER
THE ANN ARBOR NEWS

CHELSEA — Inside a pole barn at the Chelsea Fairgrounds, everyone's wearing earplugs. The place has gone to the dogs.

The metal walls reverberate as border collies, Jack Russell terriers and other lean, wiry athletes with names like Bongo, Scrubby and Static bark and yelp for joy — pretty much nonstop.

Everywhere you look, dogs are straining at their collars as handlers make them wait their turn, or streaking down a track to tap the trap door holding the prized flyball, or exuberantly leaping with their handlers in a post-race adrenaline high.

Canine heaven must be just about this noisy.

"It's the most fun a dog can ever have," says Phyllis Askew, a member of Front Runners, a flyball club competing in a recent tournament at the fairgrounds. A long-standing Ann Arbor-based club with about 50 dogs, Front Runners entered five teams.

Area flyball clubs keep one of the barns hopping on most weekends for practice sessions. For tournaments five or six weekends a year, clubs from southern Michigan and Ohio fill the barn and spill onto the grass. At one recent tourney, members pulled up their RVs and set up shade tents for resting dogs.

Bongo and Throttle of the Smokin' Paws flyball club cooled their heels in one of the kiddie swim pools set out for contestants.

Some neighbors don't like the noise of so many barking dogs, says Doug Stevens, rental manager for the Chelsea Fairgrounds. But the flyball events are good for the fairgrounds — the rental fees help pay the insurance — and good for local business, he said.

In flyball tournaments, dogs from two competing teams race beside each other on a 51-foot-long rubberized track separated by a couple of empty lanes.

"It's sort of like relay racing and drag racing for dogs," says Cindy Arnold, coach and owner of the Pawsitive Attitudes club, which hosted the recent Chelsea tourney.

Four dogs on each team run, one at a time. Some dogs are so eager they bust loose from handlers and try the course before the starting whistle.

In each heat, a dog streaks over four low jumps, touches a spring-loaded panel at the end which ejects



Susanna Woycitzky, of Cleveland, cheers on her dog, Pippin, in a recent flyball competition in Chelsea.

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a ball, grabs the ball in its mouth and speeds back over the jumps to the start/finish line. There, a second dog starts the course, ideally an instant after the first dog crosses the line's infrared sensor. Then two more teammates continue the same pattern. To win, a team must be the first to have all four dogs run the course without making an error.

Teams compete in different divisions based on their previous speeds. The fastest dogs in the sport cover the 102 feet, including the pause to trigger and grab the ball, in less than four seconds. They're moving about 26 feet per second.

Everything happens in a couple of blinks. Judges get a needed boost from technology: starting lights that look like traffic signals, passing sensors and instantly recorded times for each dog and team.

Individual dogs get points, based on their team's speed, that can be accumulated toward a future title.

The recent Chelsea tournament hosted 39 teams representing 17 clubs from Michigan and Ohio. The upper Midwest and Ontario are hotbeds of flyball activity.

Flyball was developed to offer obedience-trained dogs some fun, says Kim O'Neill, a member of Pawsitive Attitudes. The fun for owners extends to word play: club and team names like Fur in a Blur, Swat, Bordering on Insanity, Fuzzy Lightning, Instant Replay, Flying Giblets and a new southeast Michigan team, the Wooferines. Dog names run from Bubba to Blitz to Sonic.

Dogs seem to run the course for sheer fun. Do they even know their handlers have larger stakes in mind, like points and titles?

The most competitive canines are aware they're racing against a dog on an opposing team a couple of lanes away, and show a drive to win, says Arnold.

As for the people, flyball fans say they range from fiercely competitive to laid-back. In all cases, flyball is a team effort.

"If you have to pull your dog (because he's not in top shape), you do what you need to for the good of the team," says Elin Becker of Huntington Woods, a Pawsitive Attitudes member who races her dog Nigel, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Her

club, like many, runs a lot of border collies but also whippets, golden retrievers and mixed-breed dogs. All are welcome in flyball.

"It's fun to win, but the good thing is, your dog gets points even if your team loses," says Front Runners member Vicky Lamb, a Westland veterinarian.

Jack Russells are a go-go kind of dog, so they're naturals for flyball. But a mellow yellow Labrador retriever stands out in this crowd. The sport appeals especially to dog owners who need to take the edge off seemingly bottomless stores of canine energy and drive.

Flyball is a workout for handlers as well, Lamb says. Some rush with their dogs to the starting line, and run up again to egg them on for the home stretch. Some flail thick rope chew toys on the ground and shout "Back!" In the din, it's hard to tell who's yelping loudest, dogs or humans.

At the end of one round of the Chelsea races, the Ballistics team shook hands with the Paw Busters team. The handlers, that is. The dogs just panted and looked happy.

50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. John McKenney, 1956



Mr. and Mrs. John McKenney, 2006

McKenneys celebrate golden anniversary

John "Wes" and Cynthia McKenney celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday with family and friends at Epsilon United Methodist Church.

John McKenney and Cynthia Reasoner were married Sept. 22, 1956, at the Epsilon church in Petoskey. They have lived in the Petoskey area ever since, where John worked for Ballard's and Haley's plumbing and heating. After retiring from

the Petoskey Public Schools, John worked for a number of years as the Bear Creek Township plumbing inspector.

Their children are Scott (Cynthia) McKenney of Mesick, June (Kevin) Brott of Gladwin, Wayne (Sally) McKenney of Boyne City, David (Elsie) McKenney of Kiev, Ukraine, and Margo (Tim) Terry of Longmont, Colo. The McKenneys also have 11 grandchildren.

Retired meter man writes of career to benefit Birmingham Historical Society

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) — Jack Fawcett is one of the best-known and best-loved characters in Birmingham, though plenty of people who have parked in the city's downtown have had reason to be a bit peeved with him.

For a quarter century, Fawcett's job was to take care of Birmingham's parking meters. He installed, repaired and collected money from the meters. And when one expired, it was Fawcett's job to slap a ticket on the offending car's windshield.

Often, Fawcett says, the car's owner would come running up with an excuse as he was writing the ticket.

He's got lots of stories, most of them funny, and this summer, the Birmingham Historical Society has collected them in a memoir titled "Parking for a Nickel," released by JCarp Publications of Ann Arbor.

Fawcett, 85, and a Birmingham resident, has donated all royalties from the 93-page collection of stories to the historical society. The book is filled with short vignettes with a small-town feel.

"All of my stories are true, even if some are over 50 years old," Fawcett, who retired 23 years ago, writes on the jacket cover. "All of the characters are real. The names of some have been deliberately left out to protect the NOT so innocent."

The book also contains stories unrelated to meters about silly little things Fawcett and other Birmingham police officers used to do.

"It was a great job," Fawcett said last month. "I liked it, even though it was pretty tough going when the snow was knee deep, and you had to go from meter to meter and fix them."



Jack Fawcett, 85, of Birmingham, poses with some of his parking meters. For a quarter century, Fawcett's job was to take care of Birmingham's parking meters. He installed, repaired and collected money from the meters and even wrote tickets. He shares a career of stories in a book titled "Parking for a Nickel."

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And people like Fawcett so well, despite his ticket writing, that the folks around City Hall nicknamed him "Birmingham's Goodwill Ambassador," which is the subtitle of his book.

"His winning smile is all you need to smooth over any complaints you might have about a ticket," said Bill McElhone, executive director of the Birmingham Historical Museum.

"He's a charming gentleman. Full of stories. Most people around this town know of him and like him."

The society — the only place to buy the book — has had requests for it from people with Birmingham connections now living all over the country, McElhone said.

Blood pressure topic of program at senior center



Zako

Dr. Louis Zako will be speaking about blood pressure numbers at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Petoskey Friendship Center.

Dr. Zako will address "What do the Numbers Mean?" as he explains blood pressure readings and their significance. All seniors are invited to attend.

Lunch is served at the Petoskey

Friendship Center at noon, but attendees are welcome to come just for Dr. Zako's presentation.

The seminar is offered as a component of Michigan Aging in Place Week, Oct. 8-14. Presentations about services that help seniors remain in their own homes will be presented throughout the state during this week in October.



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On the road

Gary Lesky (left) of Lesky Agency presents a \$500 donation to Inland Lakes High School senior Stuart Fisher. Meemic Insurance Co., represented by the Lesky Agency of Petoskey, donated the funds so that students like Stuart would have transportation to area recreation sites for sports and fitness activities. Inland

Lakes' lifetime sports program, taught by Tom Frick, utilizes area recreation sites for activities like golf, cross country, skiing, bowling, tennis and ice skating. "This is a tremendous opportunity to get the kids involved in activities that I hope will carry into their adult lives," Frick said.

Office romance would put gossip machine into overtime

Dear Annie: I'm very attracted to a woman I work with. "Vera" is one of the most beautiful, wonderful women I've ever met. I'm not asking if I should pursue a relationship. Besides the obvious difficulties that may come with an office romance, Vera is married, and I have no intention of interfering in that.



Annie's Mailbox

But I am concerned that when we're in the same room together, at a staff meeting or maybe in the lunch room, I may subconsciously say or do something that would reveal my feelings, not only to her, but to others. Aside from the embarrassment, the office gossip machine would start working overtime.

How can I make sure I'm on my best behavior around this woman? I want to maintain a professional demeanor.

Dear Confused: This is an issue of self-discipline. Talking and smiling are permissible. Drooling is not. You won't be able to prevent yourself from, say, blushing, but if you remind yourself that revealing an attraction would cause you extreme office humiliation, it might help put a damper on things. Meanwhile, you should actively seek out women who ARE available. Once your brain is focused on someone else, it will be less interested in Vera.

Dear Annie: I'm a self-confident, capable, 25-year-old woman. When my husband is home, I sleep great. But when he's away, I have a hard time. I become paranoid and worry about every sound. When it's time

for bed, I'm afraid to turn off the light. I lie there, heart pounding, imagining that someone is going to break in.

We live in a safe building on the second floor, and my apartment has no outside entrance, so I know, logically, nothing bad is likely to happen. I've tried a nightlight, but it prevents me from sleeping well. The phone is nearby so I can call 9-1-1.

What else can I do? My husband will soon be traveling more regularly for business, and I don't want to be terrified every night. — Afraid of the Dark

Dear Afraid: This is actually a fairly common anxiety response. You can, of course, seek counseling or hypnosis, both of which may be effective, but here are other things to try: Relax before bed, take a hot bath, drink warm milk. Turn on a light in another room to brighten your surroundings, but close your bedroom door so the light doesn't disturb you. Use a fan or play soft music to create white noise, so you don't hear every creak. Take a self-defense class. Get a dog.

Dear Annie: I have never written to a newspaper before, but after reading the letter from "Mourning Mother in Camarillo, Calif.," whose son died from alcoholism, I had to respond:

Dear Mother: When I read

your letter, I broke down and sobbed. No letter has ever touched me more deeply. I, too, drink too much. I have a great career and a wonderful, beautiful wife and a daughter I don't want to lose. I drink because I think it helps kill the pain of life's frustrations, but deep down, I know it's killing me. Perhaps your son felt this way, too.

I'm so sorry for your loss, but your letter hit me like a ton of bricks. You've made me realize how selfish my actions are, and your letter affected me deeply, as I'm sure it has affected others. Thank you for writing. It was indeed worthwhile. I swear to you that if I can't beat this myself, I will get professional help.

I have saved your letter to remind me of that each day. I'm not a religious man, but I hope that God will grant you and your son peace, as you have reached out to me and probably saved my life. — John in Florida

Dear John: Your letter touched us deeply, and it wasn't the only one from readers affected by "Mourning Mother." We send our thoughts and prayers to every person struggling with this insidious disease.

To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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POLITICS: McDowell defends vote on schools

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Northern Michigan schools that for the first time began closing the per-student funding gap between our schools and those of the affluent suburbs around Detroit — some get as much as \$5,000 more per student than our kids get. This is wrong — our kids deserve as much money as the kids from those districts," he said.

"We also received declining enrollment dollars for districts that are losing students, which is a big help in my district," he added.

He said there are five isolated rural schools in Northern Michigan with small enrollments that have the same overhead as other schools.

"They get \$13,000 to \$15,000 a student. Three of those five are in my district: De Tour Schools, Whitefish Township schools in Paradise and Mackinac Island schools," he said, adding that Beaver Island and Grand Marais are the other two schools that receive special money.

"All in all, school districts in my district received several million dollars more than last year.

"This was the best budget our schools have had in many years, but I believe we can do better and I will continue to work to make sure that our kids receive the funds necessary to receive the best education possible," McDowell said.

House Democratic Leader Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, slammed partisan attacks by the House Republican Campaign Committee that accused McDowell and other Democrats of "wasting" money by voting to send it to Detroit public schools.

"Not only is this a blatantly partisan and divisive attack, it's hypocritical," Byrum said. "Republicans overwhelmingly supported the same budget resolution they are now criticizing. This is just another example of the kind of doublespeak and spin that are hallmarks of GOP campaigns."

Byrum says the budget items were supported almost unanimously by Republican representatives, including House Speaker Craig DeRoche.

"This is divide-and-conquer politics," Byrum said. "It pits people against one another instead of bringing us together to move Michigan forward. These attacks are not going to create one job. They are not going to stop outsourcing. This is just Lansing politics as usual, and that's why people are so hungry for real change."

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GAS: Is drop at the pump linked to Republican campaign?

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Election Day are registered Democrats, according to Gallup.

To gauge sentiment on the issue here in Northern Michigan, the News-Review asked three members of its reader panel about their thoughts on the gas price conspiracy theory.

Opinions among the panelists appear to be as split as those who participated in the poll.

Kent Warner, 40, of Petoskey is a small business owner who said gas prices have a big impact on his business, but he doesn't buy into the notion that the president or any other politicians are tinkering with the prices at the pump.

"I don't think there is any conspiracy to cash in on hard times," Warner said. "It's simple supply and demand. We are at war and we are dealing with some very big and powerful (oil) companies who are controlling the prices."

He said he thinks some people are just looking for an excuse to criticize the government.

"I think people are smarter than that," Warner said. "People need to just slow down and think it through a little bit"

Petoskey psychologist Ronald Marshall, 62, also does not believe there are any underhanded forces behind the recent price drop.

"When summer ends, the demand drops off, that explains part of it," Marshall said. "I can't explain all of it, but it's

really determined by the market."

Both men said they thought it was unlikely that even someone as powerful as the president of the United States could have that much influence over a global oil market.

But Gene Reck, 69, a potter from Cross Village said he believes this type of manipulation goes on all the time in just about every administration.

"All administrations manipulate everything," Reck said. "They want to have good news when they want it. I think much of what happens, particularly in the stock market, is manipulated by people with enormous holdings."

As an example, Reck pointed to the Iraq war.

"They wanted some good news so they changed how they were counting things. It always happens. It's part and parcel of politics."

White House spokesman Tony Snow addressed the issue Monday, telling reporters that "the one thing I have been amused by is the attempt by some people to say that the president has been rigging gas prices, which would give him the kind of magisterial clout unknown to any other human being."

"It also raises the question, if we're dropping gas prices now, why on earth did we raise them to \$3.50 before?" Snow said.

The excitement — and suspicion — among U.S. motorists follows a post-summer decline in gasoline prices that even veteran analysts and gas station owners concede has been steeper than usual.

The retail price of gasoline has plunged by 50 cents, or 17 percent, over the past month to



Warner



Reck



Marshall

average \$2.38 a gallon nationwide, according to Energy Department statistics. That is 42.5 cents lower than a year ago, when the energy industry was still reeling from the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged petroleum platforms, pipelines and refineries across the Gulf Coast.

Industry officials said the competition among gas station owners to sell the cheapest fuel on the block is fierce.

At the start of summer, oil analysts were worried about rising demand, the threat of hurricanes and the nuclear standoff between the West and Iran, OPEC's second-largest producer. As a result, crude-oil futures soared to more than \$78 a barrel in mid-July.

But by summer's end, these fears had largely dissipated. On Monday, November crude futures settled at \$61.45 a barrel.

"We have lots of gasoline

'All administrations manipulate everything. They want to have good news when they want it.'

Gene Reck

supply," said Joanne Shore, an Energy Department analyst. Data maintained by her agency show U.S. inventories of gasoline at 207.6 million barrels, 6 percent more than last year and slightly above the five-year average for this time of year.

Asked if it was possible that oil companies would reduce their prices in order to help Republicans, Shore responded: "What company in their right mind would step forward to kill their profit?"

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Release of analysis on terror threat rekindles political fight over Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House release of a previously secret intelligence assessment depicting a growing terrorist threat gives both political parties new ammunition in the election-season fight over the Iraq war.

For Republicans, the document — excerpts of which were declassified under orders from President Bush on Tuesday — provides more evidence that Iraq is central to the war on terrorism and can't be abandoned without giving jihadists a crucial victory.

For Democrats, the report furthers their argument that the 2003 Iraq invasion has inflamed anti-U.S. sentiments in the Muslim world and left the U.S. less safe. Democrats continued their push Wednesday for release of the rest of the report.

"The American people deserve the full story, not those parts of it that the Bush administration selects," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

But Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, warned that releasing more of the intelligence assessment could aid terrorists. "We are very cautious and very restrained about the kind of information we want to give al-Qaida," Hoekstra said in a C-SPAN interview Wednesday.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, in Tirana, Albania for a meeting of defense ministers, said Bush had declassified the report's key judgments, after parts of it were leaked to the news media, so that "the American people and the world will be able to see the truth and

precisely what that document says."

In the bleak National Intelligence Estimate, the government's top analysts concluded Iraq has become a "cause celebre" for jihadists, who are growing in number and geographic reach. If the trend continues, the analysts found, the risks to the U.S. interests at home and abroad will grow.

"We also assess that the global jihadist movement — which includes al-Qaida, affiliated and independent terrorist groups, and emerging networks and cells — is spreading and adapting to counterterrorism efforts," concluded the estimate, compiled by leading analysts across 16 U.S. spy agencies.

A separate high-level assessment focused solely on Iraq may be coming soon. At least two House Democrats — Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California and Rep. Jane Harman of California — have questioned whether that report has been stamped "draft" and shelved until after the Nov. 7 elections.

An intelligence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the process, said National Intelligence Director John Negroponte told lawmakers in writing only one month ago that he ordered a new Iraq estimate to be assembled. The estimate on terrorism released Tuesday took about a year to produce.

The broad assessment on global terror trends, completed in April, escalated an election-year battle over which party is the best steward of national security.

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Briefs

Police: T.O. attempted suicide

DALLAS — Flamboyant Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens tried to kill himself by overdosing on pain medication, even putting two more pills into his mouth after a friend intervened, according to a police report obtained Wednesday. The report said Owens was asked by rescue workers “if he was attempting to harm himself, at which time (he) stated, ‘Yes.’” The Dallas police report said the 32-year-old Owens told his friend “that he was depressed.” Details of the police report were first reported by WFAA-TV. Police scheduled a news conference for later Wednesday morning. The friend, who is not identified in the report, “noticed that (his) prescription pain medication was empty and observed (Owens) putting two pills in his mouth,” the police report said. The friend attempted to pry them out with her fingers, then was told by Owens that before this incident he’d taken only five of the 40 pain pills in the bottle he’d emptied. According to the police report, Dallas Fire and Rescue was called regarding someone “attempting suicide by prescription pain medication.” Officers arrived to find Owens being stabilized by ambulance workers, who then took him to Baylor University Medical Center. Owens was hospitalized late Tuesday because of what his publicist said was an allergic reaction to pain medicine he was taking for a broken hand. Doctors reportedly tried to induce vomiting.

‘Lord Byron’ dead at 94

IRVING, Texas — Byron Nelson, golf’s courtly “Lord Byron” whose 11 straight tournament victories in 1945 stand as one of sports’ most enduring records, has died. He was 94. His wife, Peggy Nelson, told family friend Angela Enright that her husband appeared fine as she left for Bible study in the morning. As she left their Roanoke home, he told her, “I’m so proud of you,” something he often said about her church involvement. When she returned, she found him on the back porch facing his woodworking shop. See page B3.

Chargers safety arrested

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers strong safety Terrence Kiel was arrested for investigation of drug-related offenses, ESPN.com reported. Kiel was booked and released after posting \$150,000 bond, the Web site reported, citing sources it did not name. He was arrested for investigation of possession, possession for sale and transportation of a controlled substance, ESPN.com said.

Former Tiger Dmitri Young sentenced to probation

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Former Detroit Tigers player Dmitri Young was sentenced Tuesday to a year of probation for assaulting his former girlfriend. Young pleaded no contest in June to a domestic violence charge but he changed his plea to guilty Tuesday under a deferred status so that the case can be dismissed in a year. He was accused of assaulting 21-year-old Michelle Schumaker of Toledo, Ohio, at a Birmingham hotel April 14. Young had faced up to three months in jail and a \$500 fine. Judge Diane D’Agostini denied Young’s request to complete his probation in his home state of California or to travel to Florida to visit family.



Young

Rice will play game despite death of player

HOUSTON — Rice will play its scheduled game against Army on Saturday, despite the death of defensive back Dale Lloyd. Lloyd, 19, collapsed on the field about 5 p.m. Sunday during a light workout but was conscious when taken to a hospital by ambulance. He died about 9 a.m. Monday, school officials said. An autopsy was pending.

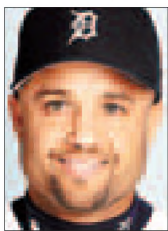
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Polanco returns, Tigers win

BY LARRY LAGE
AP SPORTS WRITER

One-game lead

DETROIT — Placido Polanco gave the Detroit Tigers another reason to be thrilled that he’s healthy enough to play with the postseason just a week away. Polanco drove in three runs, Jeremy Bonderman pitched six solid innings and Detroit held off the Toronto Blue Jays for a 4-3 victory Tuesday night, keeping its lead in the AL Central. The solid second baseman, who is a contact hitter on a free-swinging team, was out for more than a month with a separated left shoulder.



Polanco

TUESDAY: The Tigers defeated Toronto, 4-3, to maintain their one-game lead over Minnesota in the American League Central Division. The Twins defeated Kansas City, 3-2.
TODAY: The Tigers play host to Toronto at 7:05 p.m., while the Twins again host the Royals at 8:10 p.m.
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ATIE: If the Tigers and Twins tie for the Central crown, the Tigers win the title because they won the season series from the Twins.

“It feels really good to be back and to help the team win,” Polanco said. “These are important games because we’re trying to win the division and get the home-field advantage.”

Detroit (95-62) maintained its one-game lead over the Minnesota Twins, who beat Kansas City 3-2. The Tigers in essence have a two-game lead because they won the season series against Minnesota and would win the tiebreaker if they finish with the same record Sunday. “We’re going to have to win more games because (the Twins) are winning, too, so we have to keep it going,” said Todd Jones, who pitched the ninth for his 37th save. The Tigers, who have won eight of 11 after a prolonged slump, remained tied with the Yankees, who beat Baltimore 5-4, for the AL’s best record (95-62). Detroit clinched a spot in the playoffs — for the first time in 19 years — on Sunday. Polanco hit a two-run, two-out

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Todd Jones pumps his fist after earning the save in the Tigers’ 4-3 win over Toronto on Tuesday.



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Petoskey’s Kelsey Rosinski (right) goes up for a shot as Grayling’s Jessie Baker defends Tuesday. Rosinski had a game-high 22 points, sparking Petoskey to a 64-36 non-league victory.

Rayders’ day at league tourney

ATWOOD — Potential is one thing. Carrying it out, that’s another. J.D. Speigl shot 79 Tuesday to lead Charlevoix to first place in the Lake Michigan Conference boys’ golf tournament at Antrim Dells. The Rayders finished the 18-hole event with a 328 team score, one shot better than runner-up Traverse City St. Francis.

Prep golf

St. Francis, which is ranked No. 1 in the Division IV state coaches poll, won the overall league championship, while Charlevoix was second, Harbor Springs third, and Elk Rapids, fourth. The overall league standings are based on Tuesday’s results, and results from season-long tournaments. “I’m tickled,” Charlevoix coach Jim Glynn said. “The kids played super.” Elk Rapids, playing on its home course, shot 330 to place third in the tournament, followed by Harbor Springs, 336; Kalkaska, 355; Grayling, 368; Boyne City, 392; and East Jordan, 399. Speigl’s 79 was his best 18-hole round of the season, while teammate Kris Bartling shot 80, Tyler Munroe shot 84, Woody Nitchman shot 85, Chase Beatty shot 91, and Kyle Smith shot 93. “J.D. Speigl ... played outstanding,” Glynn said. “Kris Bartling had an outstanding match. Tyler Munroe, who’s been my sixth man, came in and kind of won it for us with that 84. “I’m really proud of the team. Really good effort moving on to districts and regionals. We end on a positive note, upbeat and with a lot of confidence.” Tony Casciano of St. Francis shot 73 to capture medalist honors on Tuesday, while Taylor Umstead of



Speigl

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Northmen get defensive, snap two-game loss streak

BY STEVE FOLEY
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS WRITER

The girls needed a win like this and they’ve stuck it out and played well.’

Nelson Greenier
Petoskey coach

Solid defense often leads to a good offense. That formula seemed to bode well for the Petoskey girls’ basketball team Tuesday as their full-court pressure defense stymied Grayling, creating numerous Viking turnovers en route to a 64-36 non-conference win at the Petoskey High School gym. With the win, the Northmen snap a two-game skid and improve to 3-6. Petoskey plays host to Alpena in a Big North Conference contest on

Thursday and they’re a good squad. They’ve beaten (Traverse City) West and they’ve beaten Central. “For our shots to start falling down like they did gives us some confidence. Hopefully, that’ll roll over into some more good things for us.” Things didn’t start off as well as planned for the Northmen as they took a 13-10 lead after the opening quarter before Grayling opened the second strong behind three straight 3-pointers to take a 19-15 advantage.

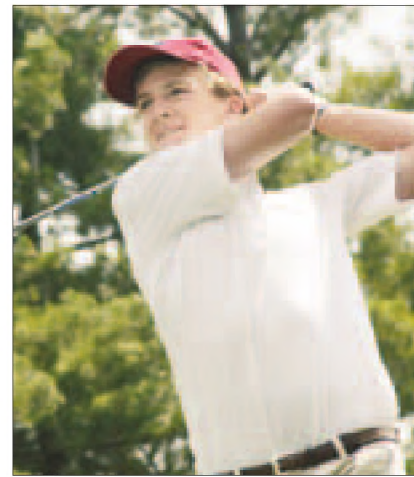
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Backhand return

Aggie Russell of Petoskey returns a serve against Traverse City Central during the No. 1 doubles match Tuesday at Petoskey High School. Russell and her partner, Taylor Swabash, fell to the Trojans, 6-0, 6-1. Traverse City Central won all eight matches in topping the Northmen. Page B2.



NEWS-REVIEW FILE PHOTO

Harbor Springs senior Teddy Griffin shot 80 in the Lake Michigan Conference golf tournament Tuesday. Griffin earned a spot on the all-league squad.



Flowers are laid at the base of a statue of Byron Nelson, who died Tuesday at 94.

'Lord Byron' had the swing, laurels, and of course, the streak

BY JAIME ARON
AP SPORTS WRITER

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Byron Nelson's mechanics were so perfect that the U.S. Golf Association nicknamed its robotic swing device the "Iron Byron." He was such a Masters icon that Augusta National named a bridge after him in 1958, then a few years ago added a statue of him, too.

And the man known as "Lord Byron" was so beloved in golf he became the first player after whom a PGA Tour stop was named.

Yet what will forever define the story of the courtly Texan with the elegant stroke and personality to match always comes back to 1945, when Nelson completed the greatest year in the history of the game: 18 wins, and a mesmerizing 11 of those in a row.

"The Streak" is a record that no golfer has ever approached. Many believe no one ever will.

Nelson died Tuesday at 94, the end of a life spanning eras from hickory shafts and meager prize money to titanium heads and multimillionaires.

His wife, Peggy Nelson, told family friend Angela Enright that her husband appeared fine as she left their Roanoke home for Bible study Tuesday morning.

"I'm so proud of you," he told her, something he often said about her church involvement, Enright said. When she returned, Peggy Nelson found her husband on the back porch, which faces the woodworking shop where he spent much of his free time.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said he died of natural causes.

Arnold Palmer called Nelson "one of the greatest players who ever lived."

"I don't think that anyone will ever exceed the things that Byron did by winning 11 tournaments in a row in one year," Palmer said in a statement.

The closest any player has come to Nelson's streak is six, first by Ben Hogan in 1948. When Tiger Woods reached that number in 1999-2000, Nelson was typically gracious when putting his own mark into perspective.

"Anytime you make a record stand for 55 years, why, you've done pretty good," he told The Associated Press.

Nelson won 18 tournaments in 1945, also a record for a calendar year. He captured 31 of 54 tournaments in 1944-45, and won a total of 52 events, including five majors: the Masters in 1937 and '42, the U.S. Open in 1939 and the PGA Championship in 1940 and '45.

Then, at the age 34, he retired after the 1946 season to spend more time on his Texas ranch.

"When I was playing regularly, I had a goal," Nelson recalled years later. "I could see

the prize money going into the ranch, buying a tractor, or a cow. It gave me incentive."

Nelson's long, fluid swing is considered the model of the modern way to strike a golf ball. In 1968, he was the first player to have a PGA Tour event named for him, an honor that remained his alone until the former Bay Hill Invitational, scheduled for March, was renamed the Arnold Palmer Invitational.



Nelson

"We have lost a giant in the game ... someone who elevated the game in every way: as a player, an ambassador and a gentleman," said Ben Crenshaw, a two-time Masters champion and winner of Nelson's tournament in 1983. "Whoever came up with 'Lord Byron,' they got it exactly right."

Nelson's connections helped make his event the No. 1 fundraiser for charity on the PGA Tour — more than \$94 million since the tournament's inception, including \$6.3 million this year. The U.S. House recently voted to award Nelson a Congressional Gold Medal for philanthropy; the legislation, Congress' highest award, is pending in the Senate.

"Our players, young and old, looked to Byron as the consummate role model of our sport," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. "His legacy spans across his historic performances, the gentle and dignified way he carried himself and his tremendous contributions to golf and society."

Nelson held the PGA Tour records for most consecutive made cuts (113) and for single-season scoring average (68.33) until both were broken by Woods, who called him "the greatest ambassador golf has ever known."

"He retired early," Woods said early Wednesday from the American Express Championship outside London. "All he wanted to do was make enough money to buy his ranch. If he had kept playing like guys do now, more than likely he would have won more tournaments than anyone."

Nelson's mark on the Masters was honored in 1958 when the path that takes golfers over Rae's Creek to the 13th tee was named Nelson Bridge, commemorating his final-day charge over the 12th and 13th holes that sent him to victory in 1937. He later was the annual honorary starter, along with Gene Sarazen and Sam Snead. Nelson made his final ceremonial shot in 2001.

"Today we have lost a truly wonderful gentleman," said Billy Payne, chairman of Augusta National Golf Club and the Masters.

With Ryder Cup over, it's back to normal

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP GOLF WRITER

HERTFORDSHIRE, England — Now that the Ryder Cup is over, golf returns to normal.

Of the 19 flags that rippled in a cool breeze Tuesday morning at The Grove, none was a blue banner with 13 gold stars. They were from Northern Ireland and South Africa, Canada and Australia, the United States and England.

Chad Campbell, Brett Wetterich and Jim Furyk walked down the first fairway as friends, but not teammates. Phil Mickelson has gone back on vacation, if he ever left. No one will pick up a ball from anywhere but the bottom of the cup.

Everyone is responsible for his own golf. Only one player gets the trophy.

The winner gets \$1.3 million.

The only winning streak anyone is talking about involves Tiger Woods, the best in the world when he's playing for himself. While his streak ended two weeks ago at the World Match Play Championship about 30 miles down the M25 at Wentworth, a victory in the American Express Championship would be his sixth in a row at PGA Tour events.

Ah, this is more like it.

Sure, Woods successfully defending his title at this World Golf Championship would only emphasize that Americans care more about their own achievements than winning a 17-inch golf trophy named after an English seed merchant.

But that's how it should be.

Golf is an individual game. Legacies are built on personal success, not team play that happens one week out of the year. Think of the players who are linked with their performance in team events, and you'll find guys who have never won a major, some who have never won many tournaments at all.

Colin Montgomerie. Sergio Garcia. Chris DiMarco.

No one has won more points for Europe than Nick Faldo, but that's only a postscript on the resume of a six-time major champion who won back-to-back at the Masters and once made 18 pars in his final round to win the British Open.

The Europeans are not just winning the Ryder Cup — three



Luke Donald (right) and Sergio Garcia (center) and Jim Furyk in the Ryder Cup in Ireland last weekend.

in a row, five of the last six — but dominating. Just don't get the idea that Europe is dominating the world of golf.

How else to explain why their players have been shut out in the last 29 majors?

"We've got a lot more top 10s in the majors, we've got more wins in the majors, we've got more tournament wins," Stewart Cink said. "In every category, we outpace them."

The exception, of course, is the Ryder Cup.

But does that matter?

We give the Ryder Cup too much credit for its place in the game. It is a wonderful exhibition, and because it is so different from the 72 holes of stroke play seen the majority of the year, it is by far the most exciting tournament in golf to watch.

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, consider what has followed: the Presidents Cup, the Seve Trophy, the Royal Trophy, the UBS Warburg Cup (now extinct, thankfully), the Lexus Cup and something called the Handa Trophy, which pits senior U.S. women against senior women from the rest of the world.

All of them were or still are promoted as being styled after the Ryder Cup.

But these matches only de-

side which team gets the trophy. It doesn't make the Americans a bunch of chumps, nor does it make the Europeans a world power.

Perhaps the most telling match of the Ryder Cup was when Garcia and Luke Donald defeated Woods and Furyk in a foursomes match Friday afternoon. Garcia played in the final round against Woods at the British Open and got smoked. Donald was tied for the lead with Woods in the final round at the PGA Championship and fell apart.

As partners, Garcia and Donald are 4-0 in foursomes play at the Ryder Cup.

"It's match play over 18 holes, and anything can happen in an 18-hole sprint," Woods said. "You play a stroke-play event, all you're looking for is one shot over 72 holes. It's more of a marathon. It's about being consistent. It about never making big numbers. You could be three down after the first nine holes ... you've got 63 holes to go."

"In match play, it can turn pretty quickly."

The Ryder Cup was never that big of a deal before World War II, when the United States won four matches and Britain won twice. After the war, when

World golf championships

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Britain took far longer to recover, the Americans won the Ryder Cup 18 out of 19 times before the other side caught up. Britain first got help from Ireland in 1973, then all of continental Europe in 1979.

Just like the America's Cup, it became a big deal when the Americans started losing.

Now, the PGA of America wants it to be a big event because the Ryder Cup has become its biggest moneymaker. Europe needs it to become a big event — and needs to win — to help increase sponsorship for its tour.

No doubt, the top 12 Europeans as a whole are equal to the top 12 Americans, and Ian Woosnam probably was right when he said Europe is strong enough now to field two teams.

Championship scoring system could be tweaked

BY JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR's championship-deciding system isn't the only thing about

to be changed. The annual All-Star race is also being examined by series officials for tweaks to its format, The Associated Press has learned.

Lowe's Motor Speedway president Humpy Wheeler confirmed Tuesday that talks are under way to make changes to the Nextel All-Star Challenge. The race has been run at the suburban Charlotte track 20 of its 21 years.

"We're getting together in the next few weeks with NASCAR and Nextel to discuss some ways to tweak this thing," Wheeler said. "The bottom line is we are trying to find a way to put together 2 1/2 hours of absolutely great racing."

The All-Star race currently is a 90-lap invitational, non-points race for Nextel Cup drivers. The winner gets a \$1 million payout.

The field is currently determined by drivers who have won races in the current and preceding year, past All-Star race winners and Cup champions from the last 10 years. The winner of the Nextel Open — the race held before the main event for all drivers not otherwise eligible — advances, and a fan vote was recently added to get another driver in.

Now NASCAR is considering tying in the race with its Pit Crew Challenge, but is undecided on what to award. One idea being discussed is giving the pole position to the winner of the Pit Crew competition.

Wheeler would like to see the field widened. He'd like more than one driver to advance out of the Open, and said he might push to get the top drivers from the Busch Series and Truck Series into the event.

"I'd like to get more cars in the field, and it's the All-Star race, so I don't see why the all-stars from the other series can't

compete," he said. "At the same time, we are walking a fine line because it is the All-Star race and where do we draw the line of who should be in and who shouldn't?"

The format is also being examined and will likely change from its current three-segment form. The race currently starts with a 40-lap segment, followed by a 10-minute break in which teams are allowed to work on their cars.

That's followed by a 30-lap run, a yellow-flag pit stop, and a

final 20-lap dash for the cash.

"We might end up shortening the segments some," Wheeler said. "We like that final 20-lap dash, the racing has always been very good over that final 20. But we're looking at a way to get rid of all the lulls in the action."

The Red Hot Chili Peppers played a short set during this year's 10-minute break, and track and Nextel officials have worked tirelessly to create an atmosphere similar to other sports' All-Star events.

LMS is always rumored to be in danger of losing the race, as NASCAR seeks to rotate it between venues. Teams and drivers are adamantly against that, because most are based in the area and treat the event as a "home race" that gives them a break from the 36-race schedule.

With NASCAR's Hall of Fame now coming to Charlotte, the event is likely safe at LMS and will eventually be tied into induction ceremonies and other Hall events.

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The Cardinals' Albert Pujols pauses to regroup after narrowly missing a ball hit to right field Tuesday at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. The Cardinals fell to San Diego, 7-5.

Cardinals lose seventh straight

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The St. Louis Cardinals' magic number to clinch the NL Central for a third straight season dropped to five last Wednesday.

Six days — and seven straight losses — later, it's still five.

The San Diego Padres beat the Cardinals 7-5 Tuesday night, cutting St. Louis' lead in the division to 1 1/2 games over the Houston Astros, who won their seventh straight, 7-4 over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

What was supposed a week of getting ready for the playoffs has become a week of trying to survive for the Cardinals.

"We're not OK because we can't make enough happen to win a game," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "But we're still alive, so we understand that also."

The Astros, meanwhile, have suddenly found themselves in a pennant race as they try to repeat as NL champions.

"This is unbelievable right now," Houston starter Andy Pettitte said. "I mean, really, you don't know what to say.... Maybe we ought to keep saying we got no shot, you know?"

Cincinnati beat Florida 5-3 to stay one game behind Houston in the NL Central.

San Diego reduced its magic number to win the NL West to four with the win over the Cardinals.

The Los Angeles Dodgers beat Colorado 11-4 Tuesday and took a one-game lead in the wild-card race over Philadelphia, which lost 4-3 to the Washington Nationals.

At St. Louis, Mike Cameron's two-run double capped San Diego's four-run seventh inning against Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter.

"It's amazing that we were able to come back on him the way we were," starter Woody Williams said of the Padres' sixth straight win. "It doesn't happen very often, but I guess things were on our side tonight."

Williams (11-5) won his fourth straight game with six solid innings. Trevor Hoffman got the last three outs for his major league-leading 44th save.

"Last year I don't think we were very good, I really don't," Williams said. "They rebuilt this team and we put a pretty good product out there now."

Carpenter (15-8), the NL Cy Young winner last year, struggled in losing his second straight start. He labored through 120 pitches in seven innings, allowing six runs and 12 hits.

"This is a time when we need to start winning ball games," Carpenter said. "Unfortunately, I couldn't come up with a big pitch when I had to."

Astros 7, Pirates 4
Craig Biggio drove in three runs and Pettitte won his third straight decision as the Astros improved to 79-78, the first time they've been over .500 since June 22.

Luke Scott had two hits, two runs and an RBI for the Astros. Pettitte (14-13) scattered 10 hits and a walk while striking out two in 6 2-3 innings. He improved to 7-1 lifetime against

Oakland clinches AL West title

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The American League playoff teams are set. All that remains to be determined are the first-round matchups.

After three days of waiting, the Oakland Athletics clinched the AL West title Tuesday night when they beat the Mariners 12-3, setting off a wild celebration in Seattle that lived up to the A's frat house reputation.

Nick Swisher and Milton Bradley each homered in a four-run second to back Rich Harden's five shut-out innings. The win, combined with the Los Angeles Angels' 5-2 loss against Texas, sent the small-budget A's back to the post-season after a two-year absence.

"This is a team. We've had injuries all year long and people in baseball were wondering how this team was going to win," slugger Frank Thomas said. "We have a group of guys that care about each other and we stuck together all year long and found a way."

Oakland earned its first AL West crown since 2003 and the 14th in franchise history thanks to a sensational second half — a hallmark for this club in recent years.

The New York Yankees, Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins already wrapped up playoff berths as well, but the division series matchups won't be certain until the AL Central race is decided.

The Tigers lead the Twins by

one game with five to play. Detroit also won the season series against Minnesota and would win the tiebreaker if they finish with the same record.

The star-studded Yankees, with a \$200 million payroll, are no surprise. But the Tigers (\$82 million) began the season with the 14th-highest payroll in the major leagues, while the Twins (\$64 million) ranked 19th and Oakland (\$62 million) was 21st.

So much for small-market teams not having a chance. Oakland could have wrapped up the division title at home last weekend, but it dropped two straight games to the Angels. Los Angeles then beat Texas on Monday night, while the A's blew a 9-3 lead and lost to Seattle, keeping their magic number at two for the third day in a row.

But Oakland broke out to a big lead Tuesday and celebrated after the final out, bouncing together in the middle of the infield. Then the A's went back to the clubhouse for a raucous party.

No one was immune from the champagne and beer flying from every direction — coaches, clubhouse assistants and even the players' wives who ventured in to join the fray.

"I'm happy for all of the players. I'm happy for all the coaches," manager Ken Macha said as he sipped a beer. "It's a special thing."

Rangers 5, Angels 2

At Anaheim, Calif., Robinson Tejeda (5-4) pitched 6 2-3 strong innings and Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer for Texas. Kel-



The Oakland Athletics celebrate after clinching the AL West division title Tuesday in Seattle. The Athletics beat Seattle, 12-3.

vim Escobar (11-14) allowed five runs and seven hits in 1 2-3 innings — his shortest outing this season. Wes Littleton pitched two perfect innings for his first career save.

Twins 3, Royals 2

At Minneapolis, Johan Santana (19-6) pitched eight strong innings in his final start before Game 1 of the playoffs. The AL Cy Young Award favorite improved to 16-0 over his last 23 starts at the Metrodome. The Twins haven't lost one of his home starts since Aug. 6, 2005.

Yankees 5, Orioles 4

At New York, Cory Lidle (4-3) pitched neatly into the seventh inning in a playoff audition, Bobby Abreu and Robinson Cano homered and the Yankees

held off Baltimore. Scott Proctor pitched the ninth for his first major league save.

Red Sox 5, Devil Rays 1

At Boston, David Ortiz hit his AL-leading 54th homer to help Curt Schilling (15-7) earn his first victory since Aug. 4. The Red Sox snapped a three-game skid.

Indians 6, White Sox 0

At Cleveland, C.C. Sabathia (12-11) tied a career high with 11 strikeouts and Ryan Garko homered and drove in a career-best five runs.

Sabathia improved to 4-0 this season and 12-3 in his career against the White Sox, allowing four hits over eight innings without a walk. He retired his last 10 batters.

TIGERS: Hold off Blue Jays

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gle in the second inning and his squeeze bunt in the sixth gave the Tigers a 4-1 lead. He is hitting .394 with runners in scoring position.

"He's a versatile player," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "He got a big hit and got the squeeze down."

Leyland acknowledged he does not like squeeze bunts, but the savvy manager wanted to give scouts something unexpected to jot down in their notebooks.

"This time of year, we're being watched by Oakland, the Yankees, Minnesota and the National League," he said. "So, anything you can throw out there that they have to put down to be aware of is to your advantage."

The Blue Jays pulled within 4-3 in the seventh on Frank Catalanotto's single and Alex Rios' run on a passed ball.

"There are not going to be any easy games, but it's nice to know you're in (the playoffs) for sure," Leyland said.

Bonderman (14-8) gave up an unearned run, three hits and three walks while striking out four, becoming the first Detroit pitcher since Jack Morris in 1987 to reach 200 strikeouts.

He won his third straight start after going 0-4 in his previous nine.

"Hopefully, that gives him some confidence because we're going to need him in the playoffs," Jones said.

Leyland said he might rest Bonderman on Sunday in the regular-season finale to get him ready for the postseason.



Toronto's Adam Lind (below) is forced out at second base as Detroit's Placido Polanco throws to first in Detroit Tuesday. The Tigers defeated the Blue Jays, 4-3.

Rookies Andrew Miller and Joel Zumaya combined to pitch the seventh with Miller giving up a run on a walk and Zumaya giving up an unearned run on the passed ball. Fernando Rodney pitched the eighth, giving up a walk and single.

Notes: The Tigers don't know where they will be playing next week.

They've got next September figured out, though.

The Tigers released their 2007 schedule Tuesday. They start the season at home against the Toronto Blue Jays on April 2 and finish Sept. 30 in Chicago.

The New York Yankees visit Comerica Park for a four-game series from Aug. 24-27, while the Boston Red Sox make their only visit for three games in early July.

The highlights of inter-league play will be visits from the New York Mets (June 8-10) and the St. Louis Cardinals (May 18-20), as well as a June trip to Washington, Detroit's first since 1971.

Verlander will get some rest

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers plan to skip Justin Verlander's start later this week to give the rookie right-hander a break before the playoffs.

"He's tired, so it gives him a little extra time," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said Tuesday. "I think Verlander is fine. It's a mental thing, more than anything. Everybody has been telling him that this is the most innings he's pitched."

Verlander has thrown 186 innings this season after throwing 130 last year — in the minors and two starts with the Tigers — and averaging about 112 in three seasons at Old Dominion.

The second overall pick from the June 2004 draft is among the AL leaders with

a 17-9 record and a 3.63 ERA. Verlander allowed two runs and six hits in six innings Sunday in an 11-4 win over the Kansas City Royals that helped the Tigers clinch their first playoff berth since 1987.

His next start would have been Saturday against Kansas City. The Tigers also skipped one of his starts in early August because of arm fatigue.

Right-hander Jeremy Bonderman, Tuesday night's starter against Toronto, might have his scheduled start Sunday skipped to get him ready for the postseason.

Leyland said he has "everything mapped out" for how he wants his rotation set up for next week's division series, but didn't want to reveal his plans in part because it depends on the opponent.

Can New Orleans sustain its blessed beginning?

BY BRETT MARTEL
AP SPORTS WRITER

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints have gotten off to fast starts before. They're hoping their latest one is followed by a strong middle and stellar end to the season.

So far, everything — even the stuff players and coaches can't control — is going right for a team that often seemed to be under some kind of voodoo curse during four decades of mostly dismal seasons.

There's been no stormy weather. A monumental stadium renovation got done on time. Injuries have been few. Opposing receivers are dropping key

passes and referees are picking up flags on dubious pass interference calls.

Whatever it is, the normally hard-luck Saints are 3-0 and alone in first place in the NFC South.

"Whether you call it luck or momentum or the blessings of God, a lot's gone our way," offensive lineman Jonathan Stinchcomb said. "We just got to keep going in that direction and hope the cards keep turning up in our favor."

The most impressive of the Saints' victories went perfectly to script in a Super Bowl-like Monday night matchup with the Falcons.

Returning home undefeated before a jubilant sellout crowd in a rebuilt Louisiana Superdome,

the Saints made thrilling plays on offense, defense and special teams in a 23-3 victory over Atlanta — a divisional rival that also was undefeated coming in.

"We were good and we were something special," said Steve Gleason, whose blocked punt led to the first touchdown against the Falcons.

Gleason, now in his seventh season with the Saints, has seen promising starts go sour before. Last season, the Saints won an emotional regular-season opener after being displaced by Hurricane Katrina, only to finish 3-13. In 2002, New Orleans started 7-2, then missed the playoffs.

The Saints had a lot of uncertainty heading into this year.

Star running back Deuce McAllister spent the offseason

rehabilitating from reconstructive knee surgery. New quarterback Drew Brees worked his way back from surgery on his throwing shoulder. Stinchcomb, penciled in early as the starting right guard, was coming back from knee surgery.

More than half of last year's squad has been purged from the current roster by new coach Sean Payton.

So in addition to staying healthy, the Saints had to quickly find winning chemistry and adapt to the style and schemes of a new coaching staff.

"We shocked a lot of people that thought we'd get beaten by the Falcons, receiver Joe Horn said. "Oh yeah. A lot of people's jaws were on the bottom of their chest in the third quarter."

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This Week: Tangrams

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Try a Tangram

Can you make each of these tangram animals? Cut out the tans on this page and give it a try! (The tans are too large to fit into these pictures. Try to copy the shape, not the size.)

Dog **Goose**

Turtle **Hawk**

Rabbit

Fox

What kinds of objects can you create on your own with the tans? Can you design a tangram spaceship or a tangram sailboat? Can you make letters and numbers? Be creative!

Standards Link: Math/Geometry: Identify common geometric figures.

A Tangram Legend

While no one knows for sure how tangrams were invented, many legends have been told about their beginnings. Here is one:

Long ago, in ancient China, the emperor asked his servant to bring him a piece of jade. While carrying the piece of jade to the emperor, the servant tripped, and the jade broke into seven pieces.

"Doomed! Oh, I am doomed!" wailed the servant. He tried and tried to put the pieces of jade back together between his cries of "What a lovely piece of jade!" and "How heavy the jade is!" He decided to make different pieces out of the jade. Soon the emperor and everyone else was playing with the new pieces.

Standards Links: Vocabulary: Use context to find the meaning of words.

Early Tangram Evidence

The earliest known Chinese book with a puzzle in it is dated 1813, but the puzzle was old by then. One reason for this could be that the tangram puzzle was only for women and children. This would have made it of "serious" study and unlikely to be written down.

In the 19th century, when Europe and China started trading, sailors brought the puzzle to America. "The Chinese Puzzle" was found in a book and picture card sets.

Standards Link: Math/Geometry: Identify common geometric figures.

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Geometry in the News

Look through the newspaper for examples of the following geometric shapes: sphere, triangle, cone, square, pentagon, hexagon, octagon.

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Snails For Sale

Study the advertisements in today's newspaper. Rewrite one to sell snails. Include three opinions and three facts. Use this page to gather snail facts.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand fact and opinion; Writing Applications: Revise writing; Write brief descriptions.

TANGRAMS

Ancient Puzzle

A tangram begins as a square. Each piece is called a tan. Tangrams are used to make pictures. All seven pieces must be used. They must touch, but not overlap.

Standards Link: Math/Geometry: Identify common geometric figures.

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the seven errors in the article below. Then, rewrite it correctly.

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The Beautiful Snail

The Shell Snails hatch from eggs as teeny, tiny snails. As they grow, the shell grows, too.

One Fine Foot Snails slide along the flat part of their body, called the "foot." Snails make a trail of silvery slime. This helps them to slide up walls and even crawl upside down.

Tentacle Eyes and Nose A snail's eyes are at the end of its long tentacles. The short tentacles are for smelling.

Breathing Hole Snails breathe through a hole near their shell.

Snails don't live just in gardens. They can also be found in ponds and even in the ocean. They are related to oysters, clams and even octopuses. They are part of the group of animals with soft bodies known as mollusks.

Snails Many parents dread them. Kids are often encouraged to smash them and get them out of the garden.

Sid, the snail scholar, wants kids to hear the snail's side of the story. He's agreed to share some special snail information with us today.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth and survival.

Make a ...

Snail Motel

You can make a comfy motel and invite some snails for a visit. Look for snail visitors under rocks and leaves.

- Partially fill a large jar with moist soil.
- Add a piece of chalk, some leaves, grass, and chunks of bark.
- Give the snails lettuce and cabbage leaves to eat.
- Keep the jar covered with a piece of nylon stocking or window screen.
- Keep the Snail Motel in a shady place.
- Twice a week replace the old soil and food.

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Have a Snail Race

Draw a circle on a large piece of paper. Draw a small circle inside the large circle. Put two snails or more in the small circle and watch to see which one slides out to the large circle first.

Do the math to see which snail will win the race. Highest number wins!

17 + 6 + 9 42 - 11 + 5

28 - 6 + 12 9 + 9 + 9

Standards Link: Math: Compute sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

SNAILS
TENTACLE
OCEAN
WINDOW
SLIME
CHALK
WEATHER
SMASH
SHELL
LETTUCE
MOIST
TRAIL
MOTEL
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T I L E T O M D K E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Gets the Dirt on Snails

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How many snails can you find on this page?

Help this snail find its way to the Snail Motel.

End

Snail Trail Circle one snail on this page each time you read 2 column inches of the newspaper. Can you circle all of the snails before the week is out?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read for a variety of purposes.

What a Character!

Thrifty is ...

...using and reusing resources wisely.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: MUCUS

The word **mucus** means a slimy substance found in the mouth and nose. The snail left a mucus-like trail across the cabbage leaf.

Use the word **mucus** in a sentence today when talking with your friends, parents or teachers.

Write On!

I built my house of ...

Finish this sentence and then write five details about your home.

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the seven errors in the article below. Then, rewrite it correctly.

While snails are considered destructive pests to almost everyone with a garden, in their natural environment they perform an important function. Snails feed on decaying plants, recycling them and creating nutritious new soil for a new generation of plant life.

Most snails that destroy our prized petunias come to our gardens as silent, slimy stowaways. Hiding under a leaf of a plant sold in garden centers, shipped from other parts of the world, snails arrive and thrive in home gardens just about everywhere.

It's as slow as a snail, but you can never catch it. What is it?

ANSWER: Your shadow.

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PETOSKEY News-Review



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Birth

A son, Christian James Silveus, was born to Angela and Adam Silveus of Alanson at 12:50 p.m. at Northern Michigan Hospital. Christian weighed 8 pounds, 1.5 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. His sibling is Alyssa, 7. Grandparents are Charles and Linda Murray of Alanson, and Terry and Patricia Silveus of Auburn, Ill.

Meetings

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28
The Rotary Club of Charlevoix meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Family Restaurant, 102 W. Carpenter, Charlevoix. For more information, call 547-0360.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 29
Charlevoix Emmet County Human Services Collaborative Body 12th annual information summit will be held 8 a.m.-noon Friday, Sept. 29, at the Harbor Springs Presbyterian Church. For more information and brochure, visit www.char-em-hscb.org.

Miscellaneous

WIC appointments are now available at the Bellaire, Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey, and Gaylord offices of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (Health Dept.). WIC provides free food for eligible pregnant and post-partum women, infants and children. Call 547-0295 or (800) 432-4121 for an appointment.
The Barnard Grange auction sale has been postponed until spring as it still needs donated items. Call 547-9544 or 547-5211 to donate usable items.
The East Jordan Rotary Club is sponsoring a regional variety show, "Northwest Michigan's Got Talent" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in the community auditorium at East Jordan High School. Auditions for the show will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4. All types of entertainment are welcome. Call Barb at 536-2902 for an audition time. The proceeds of the show will benefit local non-profit organizations.
Food pantry is open 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

by appointment only Tuesday through Friday at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, 05291 M-66 North, Charlevoix. Call the church office for appointments at 547-6430.
Pickup basketball for women now forming at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Location varies. Call April, 439-5141.
Free and anonymous HIV counseling and testing Orasure/oral test, no needles. For information, call 1(800) 432-4121.
Stepping Stones to School, a network designed to help families walk their child toward school readiness. All families who register will receive invitations to community playgroups, family discovery days at local schools, newsletters, annual birthday packets, and information on services and program. The multi-agency collaboration includes the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., and many other community partners. Families with children from birth to school age are eligible. Call 547-6217 or (877) 866-3714 to register or contact the Family School Liaison at your local community school.
Gaylord St. Mary School is holding a benefit spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 28, in the school cafeteria for the Gibson family. St. Mary's is located at 321 North, Otsego Ave., one block north of Main Street. Call 989-732-5801 with any questions.
Rainbow Shoppe of Charlevoix is moving. It will be closed through Monday, Oct. 9, and will be reopening at the new location, 06480 Old U.S.31 South. (former Brumm's Studio). Please hold donations until Tuesday, Oct. 10. 547-2815.
Crafters needed for the Leaf Pecker Craft Show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the East Jordan High School. Applications are available at the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce. Phone 536-7351. A 10 foot by 10 foot booth space is \$50
Pond Hill Farm, five miles north of Harbor Springs on M-119, will

hold a fall harvest festival 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Free hayrides, pumpkin patch, arts and crafts booths, free hot dogs. Phone 526-FARM.
Having surgery can be frightening for a child. Northern Michigan Hospital is easing those fears by offering tours of the ambulatory surgery area for children facing surgery and their family members. Tours are conducted from 4-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Enter the main lobby of the hospital and ask for directions to the surgical waiting room. Families interested in touring the facility are asked to call 487-4103 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to schedule an appointment.
Community kitchen is held from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Monday at First Christian Church, 308 Monroe St., Petoskey, in the fellowship hall of the church. Anyone in need of a meal is welcome.
Bethel Baptist Church's food pantry is open 3-5 p.m. on Sundays. The church is located at Ontario Street in East Jordan. Phone the church, 536-7155.
Zion Lutheran Church Dial A Prayer is available by calling 347-0222.
The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers the Displaced Homemaker Program. The Displaced Homemaker Program provides career counseling and job placement services for homemakers who have not been employed outside of the home and have depended on the income of a family member and is no longer supported by that income, and are experiencing difficulty finding employment. Through this program, homemakers receive free career counseling, aptitude/interest assessment, resume preparation assistance and employability skills training. Call 348-6699 for further information.
Dental Clinics North, a partnership of local health departments, provides dental care for children and adults with Medicaid, Healthy Kids, HK Delta Dental and MChild and private pay for non-covered services. Appointments are available in Petoskey, East Jordan and Cheboygan. Call 547-0295 or toll-free (877) 321-7070.
A grief and loss support group is being offered by the Safe Crossings program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. A Petoskey group will be held at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church (1020 E. Mitchell St.) beginning Oct. 3. The group will meet for six weeks on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed. Safe Crossings services are free of charge to residents of Charlevoix and Emmet counties. To register or for more information call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 487-4825 or register online at www.hospiceltb.org.



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Auctioneer Ian Morris holds a painting titled "The Church of Preux-au-Bois," which sold for \$19,975, during an auction of watercolors and sketches attributed to Adolf Hitler, in Lostwithiel, England, Tuesday. The 21

watercolors and two sketches, most of them landscapes, sold for a total of \$220,000 at an auction Tuesday that was briefly interrupted by a pair of self-styled "comedy terrorists."

British auction house sells landscapes attributed to Hitler

BY THOMAS WAGNER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOSTWITHIEL, England — Watercolors and sketches attributed to Adolf Hitler sold for twice their estimated price at an auction Tuesday — but the sale in a tranquil English town was interrupted by a noisy protest by two self-styled "comedy terrorists."
 The works, reputed to have been created by Hitler as he served in the German military during World War I, sold for \$220,000 after security staff removed the gatecrashers — one of whom dressed as the Nazi leader and shouted "Third Reich" after making a mock bid.
 A second protester, Aaron Barschak, previously gained notoriety by dressing up as Osama bin Laden and crashing Prince William's 21st birthday party in 2003.
 The protest exposed sensitivities over the sale of Hitler's artwork in Lostwithiel, a sleepy tourist town in Cornwall, a county in southwestern England.
 Chris Walton, a spokesman for Jefferys Auctioneers, said the 21 watercolors and two sketches, sold individually for prices from \$6,100 to \$19,975. The highest price was for a painting titled "The Church of Preux-au-Bois."

Auctioneer Ian Morris said most of the successful bidders did not want to reveal their identities or speak to journalists.
 "There may be a stigma attached to buying Hitler art," he said.
 One bidder — who refused to give his name but said he was an Estonian acting on behalf of an Eastern European businessman — said he had successfully purchased an artwork.
 "I think they are probably being bought for business — the paintings are not very good and it's not nice to have a 'Hitler' on your living room wall," he said.
 Barschak's wife, Tamara, said her husband and Peter Cunningham, who dressed as Hitler, had considered the sale offensive.
 "It's not a surprise that when they did decide to hold it they chose a quiet village in Cornwall," she told reporters outside the sale.
 "If it was in London, there would have been protests. Adolf Hitler was a mass murderer and to make money from that is wrong."
 A gaggle of around 50 military buffs and curious neighbors gathered in the small Cornish town to bid for the works, depicting scenes of cottages, churches and pastoral hill-sides.
 Historians claim Hitler, then a struggling artist, painted during breaks from the front while stationed in Belgium during World War I. The works were later found in a farmhouse in Flanders.
 Though the anonymous owners had the paper tested to determine its age, confirmed the signature and matched landmarks in the paintings to sites where Hitler had served, it cannot be proven if the works are

genuine, Walton said.
 He said experts who authenticated them in the 1980s are now dead.
 "Some people would consider the sale somewhat controversial, but the pieces were executed so long ago — nearly 100 years ago — that they now just represent something of the past," Walton said.
 "I don't have any trouble with the auction at all," said Terry Betts, a 52-year-old Lostwithiel resident. "It's part of history, not good history maybe. But we live with dictators like that now — don't we? — the Saddam Husseins of the world."
 Hitler is thought to have painted hundreds of pieces before becoming Nazi leader. In the past, his paintings have sold for \$5,000 to \$50,000.
 In many European countries, including Germany, it is illegal to buy, own or sell Nazi memorabilia. A German auction house in 2001 withdrew a Hitler painting following public protests. The Center of Military History in Washington has hundreds of Nazi-related pieces — including four Hitler paintings — but they are locked in vaults and not on display.
 "It's in very bad taste," said Rhonda Barad with the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Jewish advocacy group. "Most auction houses have steered clear of such sales because it offends a lot of people still alive today."
 Buyers of Hitler items are usually collectors of military memorabilia or World War II enthusiasts, art dealers and auction houses say.

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Boyne Area Senior Center activities Friday, Sept. 29: lunch with Maple Sugar group: egg casserole with sausage links.
Charlevoix Senior Center activities Friday, Sept. 29: sit and be fit 10:30 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m.: baked fish.
East Jordan Senior Center activities Friday, Sept. 29: walking 9 a.m.-1 p.m., cards 10 a.m.-noon, lunch at noon: egg casserole with sausage links, bingo 12:45 p.m.

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On the Net: del.icio.us allows Web surfers to share

BY JAKE COYLE
 AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

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 And del.icio.us moves at a pace befitting the Web. Its home page, which lists hot sites and popular subjects, promises "something new every 1,800 sec-

onds" — or every half-hour.
 YouTuber OF THE WEEK: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGLZgOmd2I
 The talented actor Donal Logue will begin starring in the new ABC comedy "Knights of Prosperity" in October, which is good enough reason to recall where many of us first saw Logue: in early '90s MTV commercials as Jimmy the Cab Driver. Logue has since moved into movies (most notably in the 2000 indie film "The Tao of Steve"), but his performance as the greasy, bespectacled Boston cabbie, spouting off on MTV and music to mute fares in the backseat — will forever be hysterical. In this clip, Jimmy discusses "the conspiracy of the letter M" and how much fun he'd have at the MTV beach house.

Join us for these great events on campus.

Coming Attractions

Friday, September 29

Luncheon Lecture — Big Rock Point nuclear plant site restoration.

CMS Energy Public Affairs Director Tim Petrosky explains how the site of an operating nuclear plant is restored to a green field.

Noon • Library conference room. Cost is \$9.

Call 231-348-6602 or e-mail cmaci@ncmich.edu to reserve your place at the table.

Sunday, October 1

Open House — Student and Community Resource Center

Experience all that the Center has to offer — for free! Use the gym for basketball, volleyball, ping-pong and badminton, tour the fitness rooms, check out Pilates, meet with fitness specialists and walk the track.

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Friday, October 13

Luncheon Lecture — Clinical research and informed consent.

Russell LaBeau, Jr., M.D., chairman of the Institutional Review Board for Northern Michigan Hospital, explains what it means to be part of a clinical trial and how to be a knowledgeable participant.

CEU offered to registered nurses and other health care professionals.

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When Mother Nature calls, one should answer

Duck season has lots of promise

BY GEORGE ROWE
NEWS-REVIEW OUTDOOR WRITER

The long and promising season for ducks opens this Saturday, Sept. 30, and it will run through Nov. 26 with a couple of additional days being Dec. 2-3.

Once again, the daily bag limit will be six birds, but no more than four mallards of which only one can be a hen. Since mallards are by far the most common puddle ducks in this part of the country, a bag of four ducks would indicate rare success in duck hunting.

Mallards are also the duck most likely to feed in a field. The divers rarely, if ever, venture into crop fields. You might see an occasional black duck or a wood duck or possibly a teal or two, but mallards will be the most popular bird in the corn fields.

The mallards share the crop fields with geese and this is important because hunters will often use the geese to locate ducks. While geese are relatively easy to spot both in the air and on the ground, ducks are much more difficult to see especially in the fields. Generally, if you can find a field that the geese are using the ducks will be there as well.

There is yet another reason that geese are important to field duck hunting in that the ducks seem to have a very difficult time making up their minds on which field to land in — they will fly around and around if

they don't see any other waterfowl, looking at one field after another.

If, however, they spy a flock of geese feeding in a corn field, they will generally zoom right in to that field and land. If they spot a small flock of ducks feeding near the geese, that seems to seal the deal right away. Knowing this tendency, field duck hunters often use goose decoys to lure the ducks even when they don't expect to shoot any geese and even when geese are not in season. Adding a few mallard decoys seems to complete the decoy spread.

The best possible situation comes along when both ducks and geese may be harvested and that will prevail for many days this fall, with a very long goose season scheduled for opening on Sept. 30 and running through Oct. 29 with an additional open season from Nov. 23 through the Dec. 12. Field hunters will be able to take both ducks and geese for almost the whole month of October.

The corn harvest is critical for field hunting. While there are some other crop fields that will attract ducks and geese, nothing is better than a freshly cut cornfield. Some corn will be chopped when the season opens on Saturday, but a chopped field doesn't provide much in the way of spilled corn and a chopped field provides little in the way of cover for hunters.

When the farmers get their combines out, however, and cut the corn that way the fields

become duck magnets. There is quite a bit of spilled corn that remains in the field and all those stalks provide perfect cover for the hunters. If you have the right camouflage clothing, you can just about lie down in a row, pull a few stalks over you and disappear.

Another good situation is when part of the field is combined, allowing hunters to sit in standing corn and shoot over birds attracted to cut corn. This may be the best deal you can get in a corn field.

Scouting is vital to success in field hunting. You really have to get out there in the early morning and find a field that the ducks and geese are using every day and maybe locate two, just in case someone else beats you to your best bet on a subsequent hunting day. Note carefully the area in the field in which the birds are feeding because they are very likely to land in the same spot on the day you are lying in wait for them. If they don't land in range then you have to shoot them off (just by standing up) and rearrange your decoys for subsequent arrivals.

The ducks will arrive first and they may beat the geese by 30 minutes to an hour. It pays to be ready before the morning light is complete and legal shooting time has passed.

On a cloudy day, the ducks can be in the decoys before you can see well. If the day is cloudy or rainy or even snowy the ducks will keep coming



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A mixed bag of ducks and geese is a fine prize for an October corn field hunter.

and there might still be some flying two hours after sunrise. The ducks will give you better shooting than the geese simply because they don't arrive all at once like the geese, giving you a lot of targets, but all at once meaning limited shooting.

The local ducks especially will arrive in small flocks and twos and threes. Migrant ducks might arrive in big flocks, but there will be many of those big flocks if the migrants are in the area in any numbers. The geese will typically arrive in several big flocks, forty minutes or so after first light.

It is sort of traditional for field hunters to tote along two non-lead shot sizes, one for

ducks and a heavier load for geese, making sure to have the wrong load in the gun at all times. It is a good plan to put the lighter loads in first, relying on the ducks to come in early, but that doesn't always work. Most hunters eventually discover that the lighter loads will handle the geese, if you just shoot well.

There is nothing quite like lying in a corn field on a frosty October morning, looking for the sight of distant birds and listening for the sounds that mean approaching ducks or geese.

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The boss is gone this week. In many companies that would be cause for celebration. In some places this is a chance to kick back and relax, knowing the slave-driver is not hovering over you trying to squeeze every ounce of work out of you.



Jeremy McBain

Nature Notebook

Not here though. When the boss is gone that means someone must fill in for him. Since I have experience as an editor — I did six years as an editor of a weekly paper in Charlevoix — this means his duties fall onto my already overflowing desk. Getting a moment to breathe is a luxury I enjoy during these times.

This week is no exception to this rule. I am BUSY. So busy that I am having trouble trying to find time to fulfill the basic human need of going to the bathroom.

Take Tuesday for example. Each time I would get up from my desk to visit the loo, someone would have an urgent question that needed an urgent answer, regardless of my urgent need to relieve urgent pains in my bladder. I began to think I was going to wet my pants before ever getting a chance to "take a break."

So even though I tried not to think about it, I found myself thinking about the call of nature. This led to thinking about the ways animals use urine in the wild.

Besides using urination as a way to remove liquid waste from their bodies, many animals use urination as a way of marking territory or even luring a mate.

Take wolves for example. Wolves lack those wonderful evolutionary advantages called hands and are not very good with tools, therefore they would have a hard time putting up a wooden fence around their hunting territory.

However, they still have a way of telling other wolves to "keep out" of their territory without the benefits of electrified fencing or razor wire: They urinate. Specifically, wolves will urinate along routes and border areas with other packs. The scent in their urine tells the other wolves that they are trespassing.

The common whitetail deer also uses urine as a way of communication to other deer. In this case the urine is used for marking territory and for attracting mates. In female deer, urine tells the males if she is in heat. Males will also urinate as a way of attracting does that are in heat.

So, in a sense, urine is like a really fine cologne for deer.

Animal urine is also used by humans both as a way of attracting animals and keeping animals away, said Ann Wilson, acting press secretary for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Wilson added the DNR can not say for certain if any of these human uses of animal urine actually work, however many hunters, trappers and land owners swear by them.

She said trappers have used animal urine for many years as a way of attracting certain furbearing animals to their traps. Also, many deer hunters like to use urine as a way of attracting bucks to their hunting area, or other animal urine to cover up the smell of human.

Land owners sometimes also use animal urine as a way of keeping some animals away. There are some who say using coyote urine in gardens and other areas that would make good salads keeps deer away.

However, a quick Web search showed just as many people debunk that belief as believe it.

Sometimes animal urine can be a problem for humans, particularly if that animal urine is from their pets.

As a cat owner — well, my wife owns the cats, I just tolerate them — I can tell you there is nothing worse than coming home to the smell of old cat urine on your favorite shirt that was laying in the laundry

Plenty of folks expected to be in the woods

The twang of course refers to the bow and arrow season which begins Sunday, Oct. 1.

The small game season started on Sept. 15 with the woodcock season starting later, Sept. 23. The youth deer hunting season, a firearm hunt, was on Sept. 23-24 and from all indications the young people took quite a few deer.

The regular season for both ducks and geese starts on Saturday, Sept. 30, and they will both be long seasons this year including most of the fall. The fall turkey season in our Area J opens on Monday, Oct. 2 and runs through Nov. 14. There were some leftover turkey licenses available over-the-counter last week, but they didn't last long.

Starting this weekend, many of the outdoor folks will be in the woods pursuing the many different types of hunting available. Fishing will still be good, however, and some fishing will be as good as it gets all year.

Dave at Young's in Alanson reports the Bear River in Petoskey is attracting all kinds of salmon with action at the river mouth and off the docks and breakwall. Smallmouth bass action has picked up as well with fish being caught on area lakes and on the Crooked River. Burt Lake anglers are getting some walleyes now and while they should also be catching perch, we have no reports on that.

Dave at the Boyne River Bait Company in Boyne City says the Boyne River is full of salmon with anglers catching them in the river and around the mouth. One of those anglers caught a couple of nice walleyes on a salmon spoon, including one of more than nine pounds. Perch fishing has been good at a number of locations on Lake Charlevoix including out in front of Irish Marine, although the fish are not really schooled up yet. Bass fishing remains good on Lake Charlevoix.

On the smaller inland lakes,

after a weekend away.

However, the Humane Society of the United States is here to help in this matter. Here are some tips for keeping Fluffy and Spot from enraging your loved ones with their habit of using everything as a bathroom.

— Spay or neuter your pet.
— Restrict your pet's access to doors and window where



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bass fishing has been off and on and generally poor. The fish seem to turn off whenever there is a rain and they won't bite again until we get a few days of stable weather. When they are hitting, top-water plugs have been productive, as have spinner baits.

Kevin at the Pickerel Lake Party Shoppe reports the weekend attracted few anglers because of the cold and rainy weather, but those who did get out caught a few walleyes and a few bluegills on Pickerel Lake.

Perch fishing has been good on both Pickerel and Crooked Lake. While the fish are generally scattered, there are small groups here and there and the fish are unusually large this year with at least a couple of year classes up around 8-10 inches with some even larger fish. Drifting with a perch rig or a slip-bobber rig baited with minnows is a good way to locate

they can see other animals. Or keep animals away from the outside of your home.

— Keep your cat indoors. It will help eliminate the desire to mark territory.

— Clean the area the animal urinated without using strong-smelling cleaners. These may cause the animals to "over-mark" the spot.

— Keep guest items or cloth-

ing away from the animal. The new item in the home may prompt your pet to mark it.

For more information visit the Humane Society Web site at: www.hsus.org.

I hate to cut this off now, but I really must "take care of some business."

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ABOVE LEFT: This deer, a full-body mount at the Johnson Center in Cadillac, will inspire a lot of bow hunters to go forth and capture a similar specimen this October. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Ron Raddle Jr. of Levering displays this 470 pound black bear he shot during his first hunting trip in Northern Ontario. **RIGHT:** Ron Raddle Sr. of Levering bagged this 550 pound bear as well in Northern Ontario. **LEFT:** Ron Burmeister of Alanson caught this 1 pound, 10 ounce rock bass from Pickerel Lake. The fish measured 12 inches long and made for a nice birthday present for Burmeister on a Saturday morning.

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

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This Week: Galls

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Observation Game

With your learning buddy, look through the newspaper and find a picture to study. On the lines below list every detail you can observe about the picture. Next to each detail, write the letter F if it is a FACT and the letter O if it is an OPINION.

Score Yourself ...

- 0-5 details: Wide-eyed Wonder
- 6-10 details: Super Sleuth
- 11-15 details: Detail Dynamo
- 16+ details: Awesome Observer!

1. _____
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20. _____

Name: _____

Name of Learning Buddy: _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between fact and opinion in expository text.

What a Character!

Happiness is ...



... stomping on crunchy fall leaves.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **GALL**

The noun **gall** means a lump or swelling on a tree or plant caused by insects or injury.

Tony found a **gall** on the blackberry bush.

Try to use the word **gall** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On!

Alliterate!

Write three sentences in which most or all of the words start with the same letter.

Example: *Seven seeds stuck to my smelly socks last Saturday.*

Don't Bug Me!

Wasps, flies, beetles and moths are among the insects that form galls.

How many beetles can you find on this page?



Lots of people hunt for eggs in the spring around Easter time. But have you ever hunted for them in the fall? Look around and you will find that insects have hidden nests of eggs in the trees and bushes around your house, yard and local parks.

Look for hard little round lumps that hang from the branches of some trees. These are called **galls**. They form when certain kinds of insect lays its eggs on a tree. When the larvae hatches out of the egg, it bores into the

tree. The tree grows around the young insects, forming galls. The insects live in the galls through the winter. In the spring, they eat their way out.

Insect galls can be found on many trees and bushes. They can be seen at the tips of willow branches, on hickory trees, on goldenrod stems and in blackberry bushes. There are more than 1,500 different kinds of gall-forming insects in North America.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know the sequential stages of life cycles for different animals.

Fall Leaves to Color and Graph

The leaves of the trees around town are turning bright, beautiful colors. Look for the birch, maple, hickory, oak and ash leaves scattered on today's page. Color them and count them. Then fill in the graph.

10					
9					
8					
7					
6					
5					
4					
3					
2					
1					
	Hickory	Ash	Maple	Birch	Oak

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Record numerical data in systematic ways.



Fall Cleanup
Find the differences between the two pictures.



Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Fall in My Town

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that show you it is fall in your town. Cut these out and make a **Fall in My Town** poster.

Challenge: Put the words you find in ABC order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Falling Digits

Match each numbered leaf to the phrase that describes it.

22

I have a 5 in my ones place.

15

I am the highest number here.

18

I am divisible by 1, 3, 6, and 9.

27

You can write my digits backwards and I still equal the same number.

13

I equal a dozen plus 1.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Understand place value; divisibility patterns.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

E	H	R	E	T	N	I	W	G	G
H	U	C	N	S	W	O	R	G	S
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A	H	L	E	C	B	E	R	L	O
Y	R	R	E	B	K	C	A	L	B
F	A	S	L	A	E	L	P	A	M
L	N	I	S	F	F	U	H	G	N
I	S	E	L	T	E	E	B	N	Y

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Newspaper Graph

Cut out the different sections of the classified ads and glue them onto paper to make a bar graph. Which section has the largest number of ads? Do you think this would be true in other parts of North America?

Standards Link: Research: Understand the organization and layout of reference materials. Math/Data Analysis: Organize and interpret numerical data.

What kind of insects live in clocks?

ANSWER: TICKS

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- **Visit your child's classroom.** Are the students busy learning, exploring and asking questions?
- **Go to Parent-Teacher Conferences.** Ask how your child is doing and review his or her work.
- **Join the PTA or other parent group.** Go to school events. As a group, see how you can help the school reach its goals.
- **Stay up-to-date on school policies, schedules and rules.** Ask about opportunities to participate in the development of school policies.
- **Contact your teacher or counselor** if you have any concerns about what's going on with your child at school.