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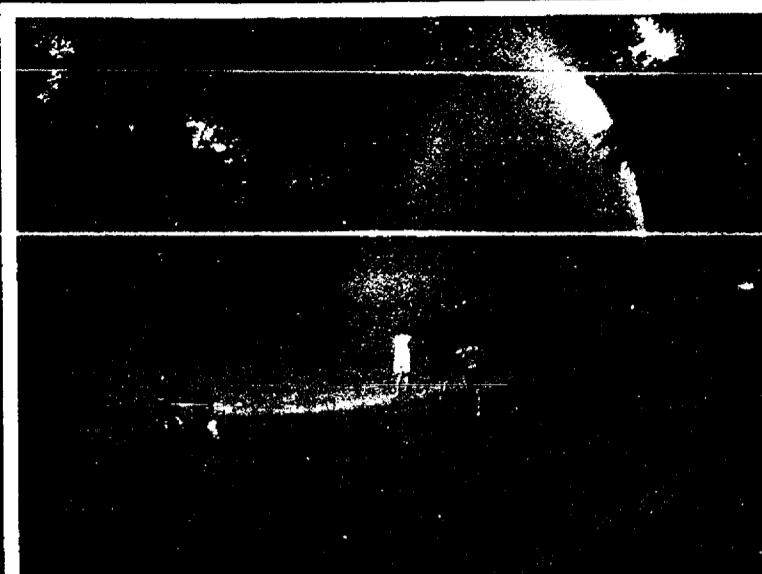
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- Thursday, Aug. 8**
Bon Temps Roulé will let the good times roll as the last act of the Bon Secours Cottage Health System Music on the Plaza Series, co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News, in the Village at St. Clair and Kercheval at 7 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Maire Elementary School gym.
- The Grosse Pointe Theatre will celebrate 20 years in its home on 315 Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe with an open house from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (313) 881-4004.
- Saturday, Aug. 10**
The Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park will host the Farms-City Fishing Rodeo beginning with a free breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a fishing tournament, a free lunch and prizes for all youth participants.
- The rodeo is free and open to all Farms and City of Grosse Pointe residents ages 17 and under and their parents.
- Sunday, Aug. 11**
Pewabic Pottery will sponsor a sale and appraisal from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (313) 822-0954.
- Monday, Aug. 12**
The Grosse Pointe Park City Council will meet at the Park city hall at 7 p.m.
- The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council will hold a meeting at the Farms city hall at 7:30 p.m.
- The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

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Under the rainbow

A Grosse Pointe Shores pumper truck provided a jackpot of relief for a hot, sunny day on Sunday, July 28, at a block party on Willow Tree. The younger partygoers enjoyed the spray — and the rainbow — provided by the pumper truck. The village provided the truck as a public service.

4 of 6 cities report results

Democratic voters in at least four of the Grosse Pointes backed Attorney General Jennifer Granholm's nomination for governor.

By press time Tuesday night, only the cities of Grosse Pointe Shores, Farms, City and Park had completed tallying their votes in what was expected to be an extremely tight turnout. The cities of Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods failed to report their results.

Granholm garnered 153 votes in the Shores, 763 in the Farms, 548 in the City, and 1,109 in the Park for a total of 2,577. Granholm led the next closest challenger — David Bonior with 1,125 votes — by a more than 2-1 margin in the Pointes.

Another winner among the three Pointes reporting was Woods Municipal Judge Lynn Pierce in her bid for Wayne County Circuit Court. She collected 535 votes in the Shores, 1,350 in the Farms, 668 in the City and 1,287 in the Park, for a total among the three Pointes of 3,840. No other candidate came close.

The final election tallies of the races and the official winners will be reported in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

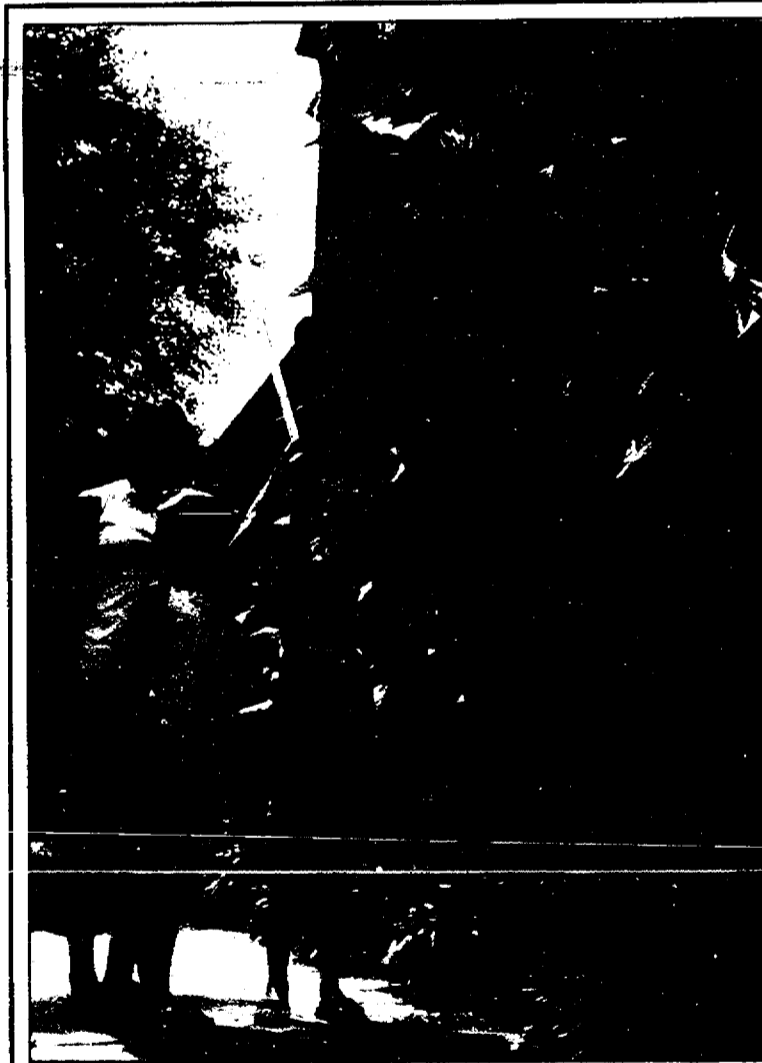


Photo by Christine Budin

Flower power

Standing more than 10 feet tall, the Muller family's sunflowers have been attracting a lot of attention. Jackie Muller said she and her two children, Hannah, 8, and Henry, 7, planted the sunflowers from seed in May on the sunny south side of their home on Fisher Road. With their mom, Hannah and Henry attempt to measure the exact height of the blooms with a yard stick, but find the answer out of their reach. Come fall, they will feed the most of the seeds to the birds, but save the seeds from the tallest flower to plant next year.

Gaffney, Putrycus likely to face off in November vote

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

According to unofficial tallies, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Ed Gaffney and Grosse Pointe Woods attorney David Putrycus are likely to face off for the First District House of Representatives seat in the Nov. 5 general election.

At press time, Republican Gaffney gathered 2,139 votes in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores and the Farms. Totals were not available from Grosse Pointe Woods or Harper Woods.

Gaffney's Republican opponents Wayne County Community College Trustee Mary Ellen Stemple, of the City, and Woods Mayor Pro Tem Eric Steiner trailed with 1,594 and 336 votes respectively in the four

cities.

"(Park Mayor) Palmer Heenan delivered the Park for us," Gaffney said. "That was key."

Gaffney expressed thanks to Farms voters who pulled in 933 votes for the hometown mayor.

Among the four reporting municipalities at press time, Putrycus overtook his Democratic rival, Ronald Diebel of Detroit, by over a 2-to-1 margin — 1,915 to 713 votes.

"I feel very humbled and honored the voters chose to support me," Putrycus said.

Putrycus said he would not let up on his grassroots campaign over the next three months.

"If they were happy I was on their doorsteps the last four months, they haven't seen anything yet," Putrycus said.

Petz will likely test Cavanagh in county

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe's hometown Republican Patrick Petz received almost half of the community's early votes in this week's primary election for Wayne County Commissioner.

As of press time, which came before the more-populous Detroit precincts reported, Petz had earned 2,741 votes in Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Park and Shores.

Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods results were unavailable.

Petz, a member of the City of Grosse Pointe council, ran unopposed in the GOP primary. His easy ride, however, ended with the closing of polls Tuesday evening.

In November, he will face a Democratic opponent in the county's heavily Democratic First District.

Petz will likely battle three-term incumbent Commissioner Christopher Cavanagh, who received the highest number of votes among three Democrats.

Cavanagh, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods and formerly of the Park, received 2,190 votes. Cavanagh's Democratic opponents received 904 votes combined.

Although Petz' overall showing was strong, Cavanagh outscored him in the Park 956 to 743.

Non-locals for state Senate

With only four of the Grosse Pointes reporting, Jeffrey Schroder took an early lead in the suburban vote for Republican state Senate.

Schroder, of Hamtramck, received 1,187 votes from Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Park and Shores. Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and Detroit did not report by press time.

Schroder defeated republican rival Robert L. Ridley in all reported communities.

In November, Schroder will face incumbent Sen. Martha G. Scott, D-Highland Park.

Scott, a former three-term state representative and mayor of Highland Park, beat her closest rival, Michael J. O'Brien, 962 to 725.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Laura Larson

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

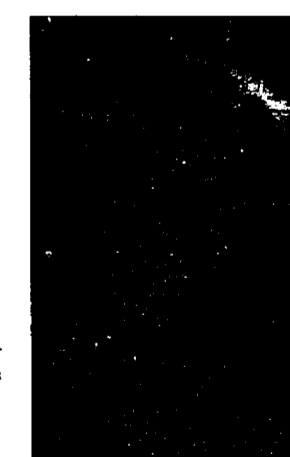
Age: 50

Family: Husband, Jeffrey Santrock, daughter, Catherine, 11; son, Nicholas, 5

Occupation: Flutist

Quote: "When I'm playing, I think, 'Life doesn't get any better than this.'"

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Golf clubs gone

Someone stole a set of Arnold Palmer golf clubs last week from the garage of a 73-year-old resident living in the 1100 block of Paget Court in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The victim suspected thieves entered his property sometime between 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, and 3:30 the following afternoon.

The \$200 clubs were in a blue golf bag, which also included a \$50 Tight Lies club.

A similar theft occurred in the 1100 block of North Oxford on Wednesday, July 31.

A man reported losing a \$2,000 set of Cleveland clubs, plus a \$100 set of Craftsman socket wrenches. He suspected thieves entered his garage through a back door.

Jewelry theft

A woman living in the 1900 block of Hollywood did the right thing on Thursday, Aug. 1, at 1:30 p.m., when she came home and found her side door open.

Fearing a burglar may be inside, she remained outside the house and called Grosse Pointe Woods police. Officers searched the premises and judged it safe.

The resident said thieves took three jewelry boxes, one of which was two feet tall and had double, stained-glass doors.

The homeowner said the break-in took place after 12:15 p.m.

Neighbors told police they hadn't seen anything suspicious.

Cars scratched

At least three cars were vandalized last week in Grosse Pointe Woods. The incidents happened during the night or early morning of Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 2-3.

Cars parked in the 700 block of Blairmoor, 21300 block of Van K. Drive and 1900 block of Van Antwerp were scratched with keys or other sharp objects.

Regarding the Blairmoor case, an officer said, "Other vehicles in the street had the same damage."

Suspicious man

A 41-year-old Detroit man who wouldn't stop hanging around property on Harper and Allard in Grosse Pointe Woods was found to be wanted in his hometown on five outstanding warrants.

On Sunday, Aug. 4, at 1:35 a.m., Woods police detained the man for pickup by Detroit officers. The man was wanted on two drug charges and three cases of entering a vacant building without permission.

Passed out at traffic light

A 38-year-old Roseville man, caught passed out behind the wheel of a car at the intersection of Mack and Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods, received his third drunken driving ticket on Saturday, Aug. 3, at 2:26 a.m. His driver's license had been revoked.

An officer found the man, his car in gear and foot on the brake, sleeping with one hand on the steering wheel and the other holding a nearly empty 40-ounce bottle of beer between his legs. Police discovered a second, empty 40-ounce bottle in his gray, 1987 Plymouth minivan.

The man admitted drinking but refused to take a Breathalyzer test that would have indicated his blood alcohol level. Police obtained a search warrant to have the man's blood drawn and tested at a local hospital.

Woods officers held the man for pickup by Macomb County Sheriff's deputies, who wanted him on an outstanding \$1,000 warrant for child neglect.

Drunken driver is passed out

On Saturday, Aug. 3 at about 5:30 a.m., a man unable to stand up or remain conscious was cited for drunken driving, driving without a license and refusing to take a Breathalyzer test.

The 18-year-old Detroit resident was found speeding southbound on Marter near Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Police said they were unable to conduct field

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sobriety tests "because of (the man's) inability to keep himself standing. (He) lost consciousness several times."

Officers took him to a local hospital for possible alcohol poisoning and testing to determine his blood alcohol level.

The man received citations for drunken driving, refusing to take a preliminary breath test and never having acquired a driver's license.

He was wanted on a \$300 warrant from Lincoln Park for misdemeanor traffic charges. Lincoln Park officers told Woods police to let him go upon posting bond.

Heat gets to Siberian husky

On Wednesday, July 31, at 1:35 p.m., a female, blue-eyed Siberian husky was found lying in the street in the 600 block of Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A police officer took the animal to the Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic for treatment of heat exhaustion.

— Brad Lindberg



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Farms installs first female fire specialist

Grosse Pointe Farms Assistant City Manager Shane Reeside installed Sundee Sepsi as the Department of Public Safety's first full-time female fire specialist on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Sepsi worked in the Farms for Medstar as a paramedic for about five years before joining the public safety department.

"We're excited about her qualifications," said public safety Deputy Director Dan Jensen. "She's already been a very valuable asset to our team."

Bikes stolen, then recovered

Two 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Park girls reported their mountain bikes stolen from the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame in the City of Grosse Pointe on Friday, Aug. 2, at 5:24 p.m.

They left their unlocked bikes outside while they went into a store for about five minutes.

The bikes were recovered on Monday, Aug. 5, in an abandoned house on Chalmers in Detroit.

Weeding

The City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety has added the task of weeding to their list of duties.

A Harper Woods man tipped off the department to a suspected marijuana plant growing in a schoolyard. The offending plant was removed and destroyed on Wednesday, July 31.

B&E; jewelry thefts

A home in the City of Grosse Pointe and a home in Grosse Pointe Farms were each broken into and had jewelry taken from them in similar circumstances.

Caretakers for a house in the 800 block of Rivard discovered a rear door kicked in and a front door left open at 3:23 p.m. on Monday, July 29.

A bedroom had been ransacked and it appeared several pieces of jewelry were missing.

A resident in the 300 block of Beaupre in Grosse Pointe Farms came home to find his front door open and four boxes of jewelry and two cameras had been taken from his home sometime between 8:15 a.m. and 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31.

Investigators believe the unknown suspects entered the house by kicking in a back door. The unknown suspects ransacked the second floor of the house in search of the valuables.

Investigators canvassed the area with negative results.

Both robberies are still under investigation.

Light's out

A 65-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was unhurt, but was arrested for drunken driving after she knocked out a light pole at Kercheval and Lothrop on Saturday, Aug. 3, at about 1:09 a.m.

Officers found the woman in her 2000 blue Jeep Cherokee with the air bags deployed and the pole lying across Kercheval. She performed poorly on a series of sobriety tests and recorded a blood alcohol level of .19 percent.

Hit & run

The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department is looking for a blue or black Chevrolet SUV that damaged a wall shortly before midnight on Saturday, Aug. 3.

A witness saw the vehicle hit the east entrance wall on Provençal at Kercheval, then proceed northbound on Provençal.

Public safety officers were unable to locate the vehicle after inspecting yards, garages and a private club in the area.

DUIs in Shores

A 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested for drunken driving after a Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer saw him cross the center line of Lakeshore between Vernier and Hawthorne on Friday, Aug. 2, at 11:40 p.m.

The man, who admitted, "Yes, I have been drinking," performed poorly on a series of field sobriety tests and recorded a blood alcohol level of .144 percent. He was released at 3:35 a.m. on \$100 bond.

A 27-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman got the attention of a Shores public safety officer when she stopped for a flashing yellow light on Lakeshore near Vernier on Saturday, Aug. 3, at 1:26 a.m.

The officer followed her as she swerved on the road. Her poor performance on a series of field sobriety tests and a blood alcohol reading of .15 percent confirmed the officer's suspicions of her inability to drive legally.

The woman was released at 6:45 a.m. on \$100 bond.

Computers allow for faster, better police work in City

City of Grosse Pointe public safety dispatcher Jan Voccia takes a call with the new computer-aided dispatch system. The system allows her to record calls, shows where a call comes from and keeps track of the history of calls from a particular location.

Photo by Bonnie Caprara

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

New technology is helping the City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety do its work more efficiently than ever.

Recently, the department installed a new computer system that will allow it to put its records, reports and fingerprints into a shared database system.

The fingerprinting sys-

tem, called Live Scan, allows officers to scan fingerprints electronically into a statewide computer database.

"In the past, we had to take the prints with ink, type the name and arrest information on the card and take it to Detroit," Det. Lt. James Fox said. "Now, it automatically sends the fingerprints to the state, the prosecutor's office and the court."

The system also allows officers to identify a suspect who may give a false name or has no identification.

"It compares the prints to all the fingerprints in the system," Fox said. "It takes about 10 minutes."

In the past two weeks Live Scan has been in operation, Fox said, the department has already identified one man who gave the department erroneous identification. It turned out the man was driving on a suspended license.

The City acquired Live Scan through the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) with a \$45,000 Byrne Memorial Grant. The balance, \$10,000, was paid by the City.

CLEMIS also assisted in paying for the infrastructure and the cost of T1 lines for Live Scan and the department's new computer system, which includes a computer-aided dispatch system (CAD).

The CAD system allows a dispatcher to log calls, to see where a call is coming from on a map and the history of calls that come from a particular location. The CAD system also allows dispatchers and employees at other workstations in the department access to the Internet, e-mail, the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), internal reports and to records of linked law enforcement departments.

In the future, the CAD system will be linked to laptop computers in the department's marked squad cars. One car is planned to be equipped with a laptop computer this year. Computers are expected to be installed in two more cars next year.

"This system will keep our officers on the streets," Lt. Ron Wiczorek said. "They'll be able to run more checks, make more arrests and write up more violations."

The City's share of the expense of the new system was \$20,000 for new computers for the department.

Harper Woods has had the CAD and Live Scan systems in place for about two years. The City Department of Public Safety said it would be willing to share its resources with the other Pointe law enforcement agencies.

In the future, Wiczorek hopes to add a mug shot system that is similar to Live Scan.



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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ The baby found abandoned last week in a field near Kercheval and Provencal has won the affection of the entire staff of Cottage Hospital.

The baby is recovering from a skull fracture Grosse Pointe Farms police believe was incurred when the infant was dumped from a vehicle.

Many inquires about adoption have been forwarded to the Children's Aid Society.

■ Three years ago Don Shaw was catching so many passes for the Grosse Pointe High School football team that he qualified as an All-state honorable mention player.

Today, Shaw is in a Japanese hospital after catching shell fragments in his neck during the Korean War.

■ Kids attending summer day camp at the Neighborhood Club got a tremendous kick out of a visit by Don Kolloway, Detroit Tigers first baseman.

25 years ago this week

■ A 63-year-old Birmingham man died when

the car he was driving missed a curve, jumped the curb and went into Lake St. Clair off Grosse Pointe Farms.

Rescue efforts were hampered because the car sank into a 15-to 20-foot deep hole in the lake bottom.

■ Ken Stockwell, 17, a student at Grosse Pointe South High School, was a finalist in the STP Michigan-Ontario Arm Wrestling Classic at Bob-Lo Island.

■ A gourmet bake sale is an added attraction to the horticultural and bonsai exhibit to be presented next month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

10 years ago this week

■ Gregg Berendt, mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms, is asking officials of the other Pointes and Harper Woods to take part in a community-wide futuring study.

If the six cities cooperate, each would contribute \$10,000 to the study's \$60,000 cost.

■ About 360 photos or drawings are needed for members of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society to produce a worthwhile documentary on the community.

The project's mid-1992 deadline has been pushed back to 1993.

■ Veteran sailor Charles Bayer of Grosse Pointe Farms took first place in the PHRF K class in the Port Huron to Mackinac race. It was Bayer's 47th straight Mackinac race. He sails his Old Bear sailboat out of the Bayview Yacht Club.

5 years ago this week

■ Among more than a dozen recommendations made by an outside evaluator of the instrumental music program of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, are more adherence to national standards, changes in teaching assignments to implement a "team teaching" approach, and the addition of a strings specialist at the high school level.

■ The Woods Theater is for sale, but there are no buyers, according to a company spokesman. The neighborhood theater on Mack near Moross is facing hefty economic challenges from superplexes.

■ An \$81,000 playscape will be installed next month on the playground of Ferry Elementary School.

— Brad Lindberg

City, Farms, Park voters say yes to SMART, jails

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

At press time, unofficial tallies were released from voters of the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Shores to the state and county proposals in Tuesday's primary election.

Farms, Park and City voters approved Wayne County Proposal J, while voters in the Shores turned down the proposal, which would renew the jails millage.

Both the Farms and Shores voters rejected Proposal K, while voters in the City and Park approved

the special education millage, which would add an additional 1.5 mills for mandated special education programs.

Proposal S, the Wayne County Transit Authority Millage Proposal, was approved by voters in the Farms, Park and City, yet rejected by Shores voters. The millage would help maintain the SMART bus system.

All four communities overwhelmingly supported State Proposal 02-1, which would amend the provision of the state constitution governing the operation of the State Officers Compensation Commission. Voters sup-

ported creating accountability of legislators by requiring them to go on record with their vote of whether to approve or deny a pay increase for themselves and other top officials.

The last proposal on the ballot, Proposal 02-2, was also approved by voters in all four communities. If passed, it would allow certain permanent and endowment funds to be invested as provided by law; and increase allowed spending for state parks, local parks and outdoor recreation.

Final results and outcomes will be reported in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

— Brad Lindberg

Woods wants car discount

The Grosse Pointe Woods building department hopes to save more than \$5,000 through the purchase of a discounted truck.

Officials are considering buying a 2002 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup truck rather than waiting for next year's model.

The \$23,616 price tag "reflects a substantial savings due to the model year close-out," said Gene Tutag, building inspector. "The 2003 model year vehicle will not be available until early September and will have a price increase."

City officials, concerned about a possible two-part budget crunch brought about by a sewer problem in July and last week's \$784,000 cut in state revenue sharing by Gov. John Engler, wanted to spend only \$18,000.

"We have to look at pinching pennies," said Patti Chylinski, council member. "We are going to be facing huge revenue problems."

"My beef is that we were told (that the building department) needed \$18,000," said Councilman Eric Steiner, who chairs the

finance committee. "Now it's \$23,000."

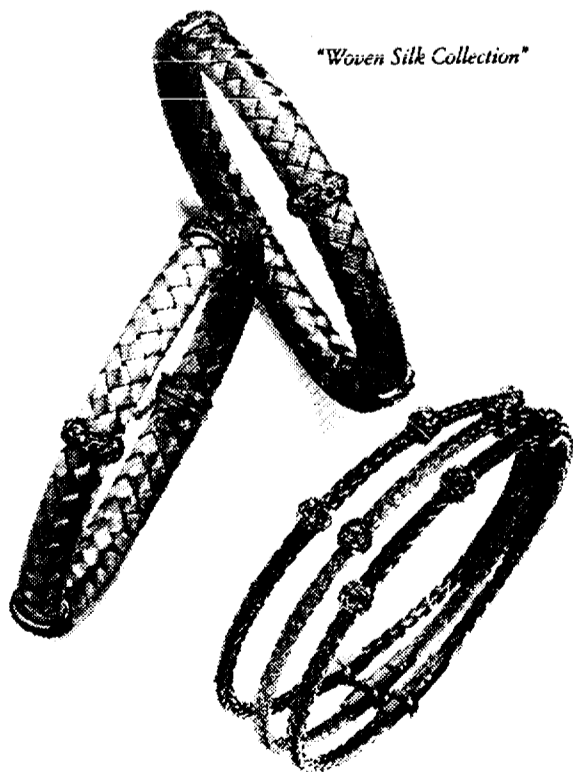
"There are no vehicles out there for \$18,000," said Gene Tutag, building inspector.

The Sierra will replace a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria that building department inspectors use during code enforcement patrols.

— Brad Lindberg

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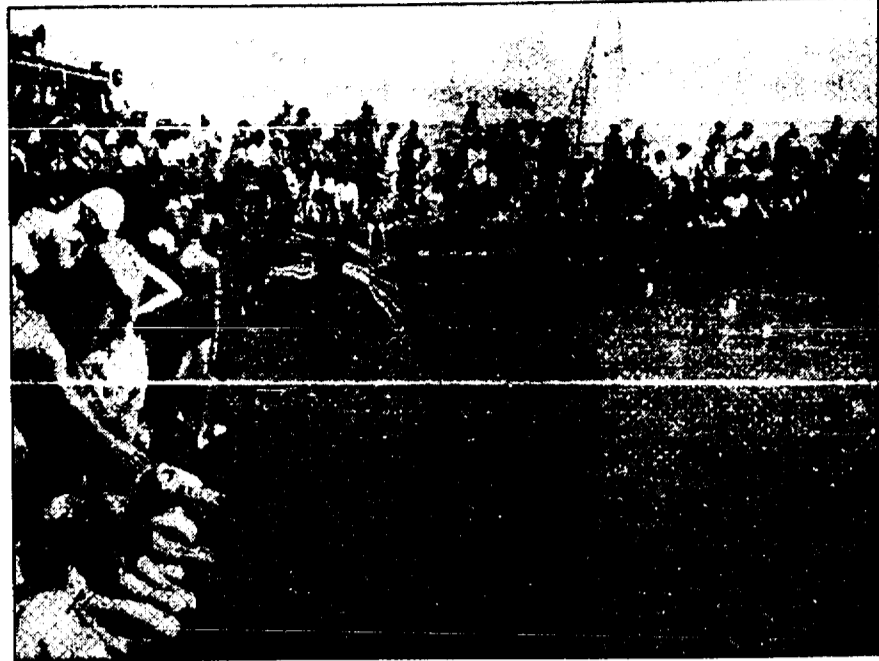


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Big crowd enjoys Farms swim meet

Perfect weather smiled on the third annual swimming meet held at the Grosse Pointe Farms municipal pier last weekend. Shown is a portion of the crowd of more than 1,000 which turned out for the event. The 25-yard breaststroke race in the junior division had just gotten under way when this picture was taken. (From the August 7, 1952 Grosse Pointe News. Photo by Fred Runnells.)

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Ann Compton
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John J. Nance
September 24, 2002

Nance is a former CIA pilot, an aviator, a military aviator, an aerial instructor and pilot, and a decorated aviator. He is the author of 13 major books including two non-fiction. He is a decorated Air Force Pilot and recipient of Vietnam and Operations Overseas/Desert Shield. He is currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the USAF Reserve.

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Pointer follows her passion for music and family

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Laura Larson doesn't mind standing out in a crowd.

As the principle flutist for the Flint Symphony and piccolo player for the Michigan Opera Theater Orchestra, Larson's music can always be heard.

"When I'm playing, I think, life doesn't get any better than this," she said. "I'm a part of this great production — it's the ultimate."

A musician at heart, Larson has been exposed to the art ever since she can

diately infused with the culture of the surrounding communities.

"My parents always took me to concerts," she said. "I remember that a lot ... Meadow Brook, the State Fair ... they thought it was important to educate us kids and provide us with a musical background."

"Staying involved culturally is very high on their priorities. They see it as important to become exposed to as many different things as possible."

Larson began taking piano lessons at the age of four. In the third grade, she took on the challenge of learning to play the flute and signed up for private lessons with Clement Barone, a teacher Larson remembers fondly.

Barone played the piccolo in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"My mom wanted the best teacher she could find," she said.

Larson remained under the instruction of Barone through her high school years.

She attended Cass Technical High School in Detroit, where she studied vocational music. She then moved to Florida, where she studied musical therapy at the University of Miami.

"I knew there was nothing I could do with my life but play music," Larson said. "It

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is all that I can and want to do. When you've got your heart in something, you can overcome all obstacles ... as long as you've got that love."

During her senior year of college, Larson was hired to play the piccolo in the Miami Philharmonic.

Throughout the 14 years she lived in Miami, Larson also performed with the Greater Miami Chamber Orchestra, the South Florida Chamber Ensemble, the Coconut Grove Chamber Ensemble, the Miami Ballet, Ballet Concerton, North Miami Beach Symphony, Miami Opera Orchestra and the Fort Lauderdale Symphony Orchestra.

Larson has continued her parents' tradition of cultural involvement. Merging her love of music with her enjoyment of traveling, Larson has participated in concerts worldwide.

She has performed in Salzburg, Scandinavia, Japan, China, Paris and cities across the United States.

In 1987, Larson attended the Talent Education Institute in Japan, where she learned the Suzuki Method of teaching music.

She brought back this knowledge and applied it to her own teaching experiences. She has instructed

students at the Center for Creative Studies, Rochester Conservatory, Clarkston Conservatory, Miami School of Musical Arts and Miami-Dade Community College.

The Suzuki Method involves an equal relationship by the teacher, the student and the parent, who is involved completely in the training.

The student learns through listening and imitation, similar to learning a language.

"You learn to play beautifully and expressively," she said.

Larson has also taught Kindermusik, a method of teaching small children and babies.

"You try to teach the babies to keep a steady beat," she said. "It really is wonderful. A lot of times, you can tell they are actually trying to sing along."

Larson believes strongly in educating children with music.

"Individuals are more successful if they can keep a steady beat," she said, citing studies done with football players showing that the better players are those who can march to music.

Larson and her husband of 12 years, Jeffrey Santrock, have two children together, Catherine, 11, and Nicholas, 5.

"We feel it is important for our children to study musical instruments," she said.

Her son plays the piano, while her daughter plays the cello with the Dearborn Youth Symphony and will play the flute at Brownell Middle School.

"It is a challenge to get kids to practice; you need to think of creative ways to approach it," she said. "They get so much out of the knowledge, it is a discipline that carries over into every aspect of their lives."

As her children are growing, Larson feels she needs to slow down with her commitments to performing and concentrate on spending time with her family.

"I don't want to have any regrets about not doing enough for them," she said.

A dream Larson created several years ago is now becoming a reality. She has been waiting for her daughter to begin middle school so she can organize a mother-daughter book club.

"I'm trying to stay close with my daughter as she gets older, and this is a good way to keep the mother-daughter bond," she said.

"I've had it in the back of my mind for the past five years. We're both very excited about it."

Along with other mothers and daughters in the neighborhood, Larson and Catherine will meet once a month at a different house to discuss a book with adolescent themes.



Laura Larson

The group will choose books about young girls that have different themes and some amount of depth and character development to foster discussion.

Larson is excited about the book club, her children's musical interests and the balance she feels she has established between her career and her family.

She has spent 12 years performing with the Michigan Opera Theater Orchestra, and 17 with the Flint Symphony.

Although she plans on cutting down on her schedule in Flint, the opera has a full schedule lined up for the next year.

Larson will be performing *Il Trovatore* in October, *Don Pasquale* in November, *Don Giovanni* in April, *Die Fledermaus* in May and *Dead Man Walking* in June.



Larson with her two children, Nicholas, 5, and Catherine, 11.

remember.

Born in rural Minnesota, she moved with her parents to the metro Detroit area at a young age. She was im-

mmediately

Family fun to mark Park Summer Festival

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The focus of family fun this weekend will be on lower Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

Park Summer Festival, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10 and 11, will include dunk tanks, horse-drawn carriage rides, classic cars, and separate craft and rummage sales for adults and kids.

Sunday's activities will offer a kid-sized automobile obstacle course and a pet parade worthy of the family photo album.

"It's always a good laugh," said Cheri Musial, vice president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business and Professional Association.

The association has partnered with the Bon Secours Cottage Internal Medicine

Center to sponsor the festival.

Kathleen Snay, hospital manager, said, "Proceeds from an adult craft and bake sale will go to Charlotte's Place, a senior citizen drop-in day care in Grosse Pointe. Money from the adult rummage sale will go to the Center for Good Health, in Detroit."

She said proceeds from a children's rummage sale, called From Under Your Bed and Out of Your Closet, will be donated to a children's hospice.

Musial, owner of Pointe Pet's Supply, said the bed-closet sale is "strictly for children, but adults can supervise."

About 50 store windows will be available for an all-ages painting contest.

"The theme is summer,"

Musial said. "They can paint their heart's desire, a beach scene or whatever."

Members of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association will judge window paintings.

Representatives of Arts and Scraps on East Warren will teach kids sculpture methods.

There will also be relay races, balloon tosses and a remote-control car race.

On Sunday, Kercheval between Lakepointe to Beaconsfield will be closed off and turned into an obstacle course for kids driving miniature cars.

"The cars go very, very slowly," Musial said.

Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are noon to 5 p.m.

The pet parade is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday.

Christ the King expansion blocked by neighbors

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Neighbors led a successful crusade this week against expansion of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Diane Wyrock, an attorney for Christ the King, held hope for a resurrection.

"We have to regroup," she said.

Grosse Pointe Woods officials have refused to grant design variances for construction of an addition that would have added a 6,000-square-footprint behind the church at Mack and Lochmoor.

The church's recourse is Circuit Court, according to Woods city attorney Donald Berschback.

Mayor Robert Novitke listened as nearly a dozen residents criticized church

plans, then spoke his mind.

"I have a concern with encroachment into the residential neighborhood," he said.

Residents had little to say about the addition itself, which church leaders wanted for preschool classrooms, offices and storage space.

Problems stemmed from a proposed parking area and driveway that would link the Farmer Jack grocery store parking lot with Lochmoor.

Lochmoor homeowners predicted safety problems and declining property values as churchgoers and grocery store customers overwhelmed the upscale boulevard with traffic.

"How attractive is a house next to a parking lot with a bunch of (traffic) signs?"

said Mark Kent of Lochmoor.

"We're not anti-church or supermarket," added resident John Murphy. "We're pro our neighborhood."

Christ the King representatives said the new parking lot, which would be built close to residential boundaries and illuminated by bright security lights at night, would solve a parking shortage.

Critics said the parking crunch was self-imposed.

Last year, according to Berschback, the church leased about one-third of its property to Farmer Jack for customer parking.

Don Fresard, a Lochmoor resident, said, "The church has created its own hardship by conveying away their property on a 50-year lease for financial gain."

Councilman Allen Dickinson supported expansion.

"I don't know of anything more important to our quality of life than churches and schools," Dickinson said. "I hope the community comes together to accommodate a respected institution."

Councilmen Dickinson and Thomas Fahrner supported the church's proposal. They were voted down by Novitke and council members Patti Chylinski, Joseph Dansbury, Vicki Granger and Eric Steiner.

"This appears to be a self-created hardship," Granger said.

Before the council defeated the project, Gaylord Fisher, the church's architect, said, "It will help the community as well as the church and anyone involved."

Auxiliary police are also essential

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Want to ride in a police car? Don't mind being called to duty at any hour of the day or night? Want to give something back to the community?

Then join the Grosse Pointe Woods police auxiliary.

Robert Estabrook, 48, has been on the unarmed, volunteer force for 22 years.

"We get to see the inner workings of a public safety department," said Estabrook, who was promoted to captain this year. "In 22 years, you see your share of goings-on."

"I'm very supportive of the auxiliary," said Mike Makowski, public safety director. "Every community needs additional help, especially during emergencies."

Auxiliary members accompany regular officers on patrol.

"They get to see officers working at an arrest scene," Makowski said. "As an officer, I always welcomed a partner. I was glad to see the auxiliary involved. Sometimes a show of force keeps the situation in check."

Auxiliary officers aren't thrill-seekers. Most of their work is behind the scenes. They aren't allowed on the

scenes of working fires.

"During a fire we do traffic control," Estabrook said. "Once a fire is out and the premises are safe, we help with the cleanup."

Makowski said, "After a fire, hoses need to be cleaned and put back in service. It's important to put the apparatus back in service as fast as possible.

When our regular officers come back from a fire deatired, the auxiliary comes in and helps us out."

Volunteer service includes a lot of grunt work. Once a year, auxiliaries test fire hoses. It takes all day to unload, pressurize, drain and reload up to 1,500 feet of hose carried on each of the Woods' three fire trucks.

"I wanted to give back to the community in which I've enjoyed most of my life," Estabrook said.

Other duties include traffic control during parades and the annual fireworks celebration.

"On storm days when we have wires down, we form a perimeter to close off an area," Estabrook said.

"Unlike other communities where they put up yellow caution tape and hope for the best, we have personnel out there to make sure people don't get themselves into trouble."

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Police cars purchased

Three new cruisers have been purchased for the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department.

City officials this week allocated nearly \$63,000 for a trio of 2003 Ford Crown Victorias.

"The new vehicles will be replacing two 1999 and one 2000 Crown Victoria," said Mike Makowski, public safety director.

A fourth car, a 2002 Pontiac Bonneville, was purchased for \$23,326. The new vehicle will replace another car, which will be shifted to another department.

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They follow letter of law in the Woods

Regulating taste is like sticking your finger in the dike: Leaks pop out all over the place and you can't plug them all. Such is the awkward position Grosse Pointe Woods regulators find themselves in when it comes to micro-managing signage. Not long ago, we wrote about Woods business owner Lisa Rennell's efforts to change the name of her business to Rennell & Co. Creative Gift Design and, hence, put up required new signs. Rennell found herself up against a stubborn planning commission in order to get her signage approved. She finally did get it OK'd and got on with business, but only with the intercession of Mayor Robert Novitke.

Opinion

But even with the mayor's admonition that they reach a compromise, the planners yet seemed recalcitrant. Such is the atmosphere in the Woods, where every aspect of life there is regulated, from what kind of tree you can plant in your front yard to what vehicles you can park in your own driveway to what shingle you can hang in front of your business to how many ice cream shops and beauty salons the market will bear. The most recent near-victims of the Woods' taste arbitrators were Angelo and Toni DiClemente, owners for 30 years of The Dried Flower on Mack. The DiClementes are good friends of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

They've served on the Beautification Commission and the Mack Avenue Business and Professional Association. They are without a doubt outstanding business citizens of the Woods. Imagine their surprise, then, when they sought to replace their damaged awnings with new ones (a desirable property improvement) and were told by the city that they would be violating city code. The problem arose when the DiClementes wanted the "O" in Flower represented by a daisy, a symbol they've always had. "The flower is symbolic of what we do," Angelo DiClemente said.

The city's problem was that a daisy is not an "approved lettering font." DiClemente was dumbstruck. "But it's only a daisy," you could almost see him thinking. "What's the harm? We've had it for years." In fact, the original Dried Flower awning incorporated a large daisy. Now the owners want to make it a little daisy in place of the "o" in the name. If anything, the city regulators should have been pleased with the change. But here's the rub: The city is currently being sued by a business owner who came before the city and wanted to use a palm tree for the "T" in that business' name. He was turned down. Why? You guessed it. A palm tree is not an "approved lettering font." But the DiClementes won't have to sue. Their daisy was "grandfathered in" because it existed on the old awning. Perhaps Woods planners and regulators would do better by adding "C-O-M-M-O-N S-E-N-S-E" to their list of approved lettering.

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Letters

Congratulates concert series

To the Editor:
This is to congratulate those behind the various concert series in Grosse Pointe.

In the Village on July 11, the Sun Messengers had a capacity crowd of all ages moving and smiling to their fun mix of dance music. It was something to see.

It reminded me of how I often hear there's nothing much to do in town, and consequently the old Detroit News's slogan, "if you read the news, you'll know."

Then I remembered what Johnny Carson said, "if you're bored, you must be boring."

Tom Dow
Grosse Pointe Park

All-nighter a success

To the Editor:
The Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 2002 celebrated its graduation with a fabulous all-night party at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the

War Memorial staff for its hard work and patience. We sincerely appreciate and recognize your efforts.

Many thanks to the wonderful parents who volunteered their time, energy and financial support. We couldn't have done it without you.

A very special thanks to the administration, faculty and staff at Grosse Pointe South High School, who through their guidance, wisdom and talent have helped to shape the Class of 2002 into the outstanding group of individuals that they are.

We would also like to thank the following merchants for their loyalty and commitment to Grosse Pointe South: Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers; Allemon's Landscape Center; Bikes, Blades & Boards; Borders Books and Music; Chicken Shack; Dave's Haircutting and Styling Shop; Joseph DuMouchelle Fine and Estate Jewelers; Eastside Tennis and Fitness; Glazy Daze; The Great Frame Up; The Greenhouse Salon; Grosse Pointe News; Harvey's Compleat Traveler; Hungry Howie's on East Warren; Kramer's Bed, Bath

and Window Fashions; Kroger's in the Village; Maier-Werner Beauty Salon; Moosejaw Mountaineering; Mr. C's Car Wash; Olga's Kitchen; Oxford Beverage & Deli; Point After; Posterity; A Gallery; Rainy Day Art Supply; Salon Rielle; Pat Scott Jewelers; Subway Sub Shop, Fisher Road; and U.S. Manufacturing Corp.

Your generous donations helped make the party the great success that it was and we are sincerely grateful.

2002 All-Night Party Committee
Grosse Pointe South Mothers Club

G.P. Boulevard parking

To the Editor:
Imagine that you live in a nice suburban home on Grosse Pointe Boulevard across from South High School and get a notice in the mail from the city that the assistant principal of the high school is proposing that parking restrictions presently in force during school hours be removed from the boulevard between Beverly and Edgemere. A hearing is to take place in



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at HANDSP@kenyon.edu

the city offices on Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Have you ever been on Grosse Pointe Boulevard on a school day at 8 a.m. or 3 p.m.? The squealing of tires, honking of horns and general traffic confusion is far beyond anything you'll ever see in the Farms any time, even at a big annual sale. After all, over 1,000 people and 500 cars enter and exit the same area at the same time every school day. Students park their cars all the way down Fisher Road to Jefferson and on the school side of Grosse Pointe Boulevard from Fisher to Edgemere. The private residents on the other side of the street are protected by "No Parking During School Hours" signs, and when they plan to have guests, they call the police and tell them who and where they are and they expect so many cars for such a period to be visiting them during the specified period so the police won't give the guests a ticket. I remember one school day when I couldn't get into my own driveway because of the snow plowed from the sidewalk and got a ticket for parking in front of my own house! (When the situation was explained, the ticket was rescinded; the police have handled this delicate problem very well.) If the proposed changes had been made in the parking restrictions, I would not have been able to park within three blocks of my own home!

I think it is both unwise and unfair to immerse a five-street area with students' cars for eight hours of every working day. There are many better solutions to getting the students to school every day (ever think of buses?) than to have each of them driving his or her own car and parking it in front of some taxpayer's house for the day. How about letting only cars with two or more passengers into the parking lot?

And safety? Every time a resident has to back out of

his driveway during school hours, he or she will have his vision blocked on both sides by parked cars! This proposal is so unfair to the residents along Grosse Pointe Boulevard that I am ashamed to have to write this letter. The presence of the school and its overflow of students and their cars is already more of a problem to the neighboring residents and merchants than any of us care to admit, and proposals like this one rub salt in an open wound.

Sydney L. Terry
Grosse Pointe Farms

Humane solution

To the Editor:
This is in response to the letters to the editor on stray cats in Grosse Pointe Park. The writers from July 18 are well-intentioned but not fully informed ("Stray Cat Treatment").

The July 25 letter ("Cat Problem") is absolutely correct in stating that it is inhumane and irresponsible to allow cats that are not tested, vaccinated and sterilized to roam freely. However, stating that the best solution is to stop feeding them and they will go away is not responsible either. This only moves the problem into someone else's backyard.

Though "just feeding" stray cats is not a responsible action, it is not the cause of the problem. The cause is irresponsible pet owners. All stray cats originated in one way or another from the actions of irresponsible people.

The mission of most local groups, such as the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS), is to provide the community with an alternative means (other than kill shelters) for placing indoor family companions into permanent homes. Unfortunately, there are no local organizations currently set up to deal with stray and

feral cats. Alley Cat Allies (ACA) is a national organization with the specific purpose of promoting nonlethal population control — trap-neuter-return (TNR) methods for controlling feral cat populations. The statistics from successful TNR programs across the country continue to prove that TNR reduces feral cat populations while costing less than trap-and-kill methods.

The solution is two-fold:
1) Our community, including residents, police, local governments and veterinarians, needs to be educated to the efficacy of nonlethal population control. This means concerned residents need to arm themselves with the facts about TNR and then take action!

2) Pet owners need to be responsible by sterilizing their pets, using ID tags and keeping them indoors. ACA Web site: www.alleycat.org or 1801 Belmont Rd. NW, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 667-3630.

Dorothy Fleming,
Secretary
Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society

Thanks, swimmers

To the Editor:
The Lakefront Swim Association brought its season to a close last Wednesday at the 2002 Swim Finals held at the Grosse Pointe City pool.

The Farms Barracuda Swim team had a highly successful season, and as the coaches, we would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to both the swimmers and their families. We recognize that their unconditional support was the backbone of this team.

Our season saw many changes over previous years including a new practice schedule, the formation of a parent advisory board, weekly awarding of

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The Asset Approach: Giving kids what they need to succeed.

The Search Institute (www.search-institute.org) has identified 40 building blocks (or assets) that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. Each week the Grosse Pointe News will highlight one "asset" and provide several ideas to help parents and young people support that "asset" in their home, school, and community.

Asset No. 25: Reading for pleasure — Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.

Ideas for parent(s):
Model reading for pleasure. Talk with your children about what you are reading; make your enthusiasm for reading obvious to them.

Make reading out loud a family activity. Read to your kids as long as they'll let you. When they are old enough, take turns reading out loud to each other.

Limit television. Pay regular visits to the library. Children who are old enough should have their own library card.

Read the same books as a family and talk about them afterward.

When a movie is based on a book, read the book first as a family, then talk about the differences between the book and movie.

Ideas for young people:

Reading is vital to your current and future success. If you hate to read, or if reading is hard for you, get help. Talk to your parents: They may not be aware of the problem. If they do not give you the support you need, talk to your teachers. Contact the National Literacy Hotline for ideas.

Reading for pleasure because you want to, makes you a better reader. Think of something you want to know more about and get a book about it at the library.

The more you read, the easier it becomes, and the more you enjoy reading. Reading is one of the great joys in life. A book can take you places you've never been and show you things you've never seen. Books broaden the mind and touch your emotions.

Read aloud to your younger brothers and sisters. This will be fun for you and will also encourage them to learn and love to read.

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I'll say

Random thoughts as they came to mind last week:

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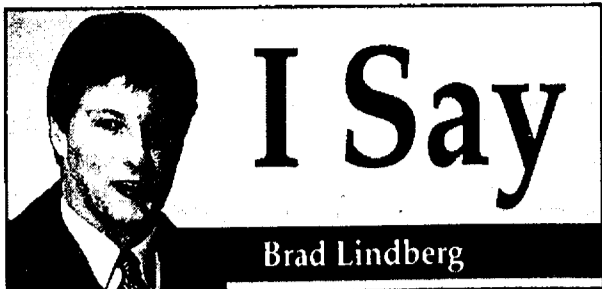
geoning suburbs of western Wayne County. Pass southeast Michigan's best town, Ann Arbor.

Keep driving, but don't go too far. You're not going to Chicago: You're moving to Jackson.

Jackson has two landmarks — a high-security prison on Cooper Street and, looming atop a grassy embankment a few yards north of I-94, the bunker-like headquarters of Jacobson's department store.

Welcome to nowhere.

Why did Jacobson's slide into irrelevance? Why has its senior management been accused of losing touch with evolving consumer ways? Why have up-and-coming Jacobson's employees been known to bail out to compet-



ing firms based in real cities?

Would you take a promotion if it meant being sentenced to Jackson?

Lynn Rivers vs. John Dingell

Why would anyone vote for Lynn Rivers in preference to John Dingell?

The core of Rivers' campaign is she's a candidate of

the people, the product of what can become of a hard-working person who gets help from the government when times are tough. Among examples Rivers has repeated during the primary: She received financial help getting an education.

Who has spent decades in Congress supporting the types of programs from which Rivers benefited? Likewise, there was little hope he'd answer calls about

Political responsibility

Wayne County Commissioner Christopher Cavanagh hasn't returned my telephone calls for so many months I've lost track. It's been more than a year since we've talked.

When he didn't answer interview requests a few weeks ago about a proposed railway system linking Downtown Detroit to Metro politician Airport — a concept he supported back in the days when he took my calls — I wasn't surprised. When he didn't respond to numerous requests for updated campaign information, I was disappointed that he'd ignore suburban constituents, but not surprised.

Likewise, there was little hope he'd answer calls about

his current legal problem.

Democratic candidates

It was a pleasure meeting the Democratic candidates for Wayne County Commissioner and state Senate who answered requests for campaign information. I chose to cover the county and Senate races because they involve overwhelmingly Democratic districts.

Living in a Republican town, I don't know too many Democrats from neighboring communities. I figured the primary was a good way to widen my horizon.

Of the candidates I met, I'm certain whoever wins the November election will return my calls.

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The Op-Ed Page



Visit the Grosse Pointe Dogs website: <http://gpdogs.keenspace.com>

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by Ben Burns

Out to lunch at Jake's

The six elderly women, hair carefully coiffed, dressed in suits, hats and white gloves and carrying purses, marched into Jacobson's in the Village. They were there to have one last lunch at the 134-year-old department store chain before it closes its doors forever.



Ben Burns

were always encouraged to move up if we were interested. We take a sense of pride in our professionalism.

"I made a number of personal friends from the clients I served.

"The rich and the famous, the humble and the poor all came to shop at Jake's."

The sales associates talked about Jacobson's fashion shows, its support of the Thanksgiving Parade and the many fundraisers for community groups, such as Services for Older Citizens, the Grosse Pointe schools and the Junior League.

That sentiment was echoed by Jocelyne Ninneman, 24, a three-year associate from Detroit, who grew up in the Pointes.

"I started shopping here when I was this high," she said, holding her hand about three feet off the floor. "We all remember the Thanksgiving Day Parade and Santa Claus, the silver boxes with the red bows. Everybody had their favorite sales associate. Jake's was the place to go.

"We have some of the original Jacobson's hat boxes a man brought back a couple of years ago. His mother said in her will (that) she wanted them returned to the store and we used them for display purposes in the windows.

"It won't be the same without Jacobson's in Grosse Pointe."

She's right. It won't.

Memories I

As the community mourns the loss of Jacobson's, the Detroit Historical Society is moving to preserve the memories of the major role the retailer played for decades in Michigan.

Bob Bury of the Park, executive director of the society, is working to secure exterior signage, a brass plaque from the store entrance and other memorabilia to be part of a future exhibit. If you have distinctive Jake's memorabilia such as charge cards, sales slips, boxes, etc. — especially from the early years — that you would be willing to donate to the museum for display, you can contact Bury at (313) 833-5767

Memories II

If you have stories about your family's experience with Jake's over the years and want to share them with other Grosse Pointe News readers, you can call me or send them to me at the e-mail address below. I'd love to print them.

Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is director of the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

What do you think about the recently announced possibility of a Central Library on the waterfront?

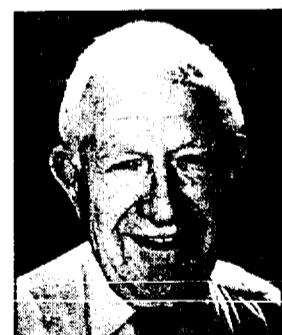


By Suzy Berschback



Cathy Lewis

"I would love it. It would be heaven. What a great idea."
— Cathy Lewis, Grosse Pointe Park.



Hurst Wulf

"It would be nice to have a bigger library and it would be pretty, too."
— Casey Murphy, City of Grosse Pointe.

"I think it is a wonderful idea. What a pleasure it would be just to be by the lakeside."
— Hurst Wulf, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Greg Synder

"I think it would be much less convenient. This one (the current Central branch) is centrally located for the schools."
— Ann Wilkins, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I just think it needs to be bigger. If it had a place to read with a view of the water, that would be nice too."
— Greg Synder, Grosse Pointe Park.

"I think it would be great. We are building one in the Woods right now. I think they need it and it's a good idea."
— Tom Holloway, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Casey Murphy



Ann Wilkins, John and Zack



Tom Holloway

"They asked where the restaurant was and said they always used to have lunch here," said Linda Koenig of the Farms, a 13-year sales associate veteran.

"We told them that the restaurant had closed five years ago, but one said, 'I was in here last week and had coffee.' We always have coffee and cookies in the gift department," we said. "And if they were satisfied with that, we would be glad to serve them." It was just so sweet. It brought tears to my eyes."

It is like no Going Out of Business Sale you ever saw. It is more like an Irish wake than a sale. Sure, they are selling the venerable, 58-year-old heart of the Village down to the bare walls. And some departments are already masked off with yellow tape as if they were a crime scene. But the atmosphere is one of hugs, tears and the celebration of decades of good memories. It is as though there has been a death in the family. And there has.

Some families boast three generations of women who shopped for their bridal trousseaus at Jacobson's. Others bemoan the fact they won't be able to buy a fourth generation's confirmation dresses at the store.

Jacobson's was more than a department store in the Grosse Pointes. It was a community center, the sales associates said. "You knew everyone and everyone knew your name. There was a sense of family," said Maureen McKitrick, a 26-year associate. "The sales folks came young and stayed late. We

Letters

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Personal Bests for individual swimmers, and new activities for team parties.

During the season as each of these changes was proposed, the Farms parents brought an open-mindedness and a willingness to support that surpassed anything we could have hoped for. So, to the Farms par-

ents, thanks for believing in us and our goals as coaches.

As for the Farms Barracuda swimmers, you are awesome. As individuals, your willingness to work hard was evident from the first day of practice to the last. As a team, your accomplishments reflect the hard work and dedication that you have put forth this sea-

son. We recognize that your effort and enthusiasm are the true measures of a successful season.

We wish all our swimmers a great school year and we hope to see them all back next season.

Farms Barracuda coaches Kevin, Lauren, Josh, Melissa, Rachel, and Allison

Suzy Berschback is a freelance photographer in Grosse Pointe Farms and co-author of "Grosse Pointe 1880-1930." She welcomes suggestions for questions to her e-mail address at Berschback@aol.com.

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Francine M. Augier

Grosse Pointe Park resident Francine M. Augier, 65, passed away at home on Friday, July 26, 2002.

Born in France, Mrs. Augier graduated with an degree in English from the Sorbonne in Paris in 1960. She received her master's degree in 1979 from Wayne State University.

Mrs. Augier enjoyed gardening and was a devoted grandmother.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Pierre; her sons, Andre (Kathryn) Augier and Marc (Sophia) Augier; and six grandchildren, Peter, Marcel, Danielle, Christophe, Henri and Marguerite.

A funeral service was held privately.

Arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute - Hospice Program, 24601 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075.

her husband, Wilbur "Bill" Kay; her brothers, Fred Noelke and Fr. Joseph Noelke; and her parents, Maude and Joseph Noelke.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, July 30, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Child Society, 15751 Joy Rd., Detroit, MI 48228.



George M. Kendall

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident, George M. Kendall, 71, passed away on Saturday, June 8, 2002, after a long illness.

Born in Detroit on Aug. 15, 1930, Mr. Kendall was a prominent attorney who practiced law in Eastpointe since 1964.

He was a graduate of Wayne State University, having received his bachelor's degree in 1954. He received his bachelor of law degree in 1964 and his juris doctor degree in 1968 from the Detroit College of Law.

Mr. Kendall was a member of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, Macomb County Bar Association, U.S. District of Michigan, American Bar Association and DCL Theta Phi law fraternity.

He belonged to the Lochmoor Club for many years.

Mr. Kendall loved music, especially jazz. He worked his way through college playing the drums with a band on weekends and summers at lake resorts. He also worked for Stroh Brewery



Ruth G. Kay

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Lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Ruth G. Kay, 88, passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2002 at St. John Senior Community in Detroit.

Having attended St. Bernard High School, Mrs. Kay was a homemaker, past president of St. Paul Altar Society and life member of the Christ Child Society. She was also active in the Foundation for Exceptional Children and the Bon Secours Assistance League.

Mrs. Kay is survived by her son, Robert (Susan) Kay. She was predeceased by

Co. while attending law school.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Mihelich), family and many friends.

A private memorial service was held on July 17.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Spring Memorial Appeal Processing Center, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 15111 13 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48093-9920.

Raymond Clements Kudzia

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Raymond Clements Kudzia, 54, passed away at his home on Wednesday, July 24, 2002.

Born in Brown City to Edward and Arlene Kudzia, Mr. Kudzia received his bachelor of arts degree in music education from Eastern Michigan University.

He was the middle school band director for Romeo Community Schools and was a member of the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association.

Mr. Kudzia enjoyed carpentry, woodworking, furniture building, and was an amateur arborist.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Sylvia; his mother, Arlene; his daughter Julie (Paul) Kudzia-Serilla; his son, Jarrod Kudzia; a sister and two brothers.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, July 29 at St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Arrangements were made by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Raymond C. Kudzia Memorial Fund for Band Students at Romeo Community Schools or to Karmanos Hospice.

Fredrick M. Miller

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Fredrick M. Miller, 46, died as a result of kidney cancer on Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

Mr. Miller attended Lake Shore High School in St. Clair Shores, Wabash College in Indiana, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and



Fredrick M. Miller

received his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

He was employed by Dykema Gossett and was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club and the Port Huron Golf Club.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, Martha; his mother, Rose; and his daughters, Meghan, Betsy and Whitney.

He was predeceased by his father, James.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, Aug. 1 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Interment is at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Port Huron. Memorial Contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, St. Paul Catholic Church, or Bon Secours Cottage Hospice.

Homer Strale

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Homer Strale, 94, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002 at Bon Secours Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.



Homer Strale

Born in Detroit in 1908 as the son of George and Leafea Strale, Mr. Strale was a retired accountant.

He served as assistant treasurer and director of the Michigan Credit Union League; trustee and treasurer of Old Christ Church of Detroit and the Detroit Science Center; director of Motor City Coop Credit Union; and was a lifetime member of Institute of Management Accountants.

Mr. Strale was also a member of the Architect/University Lodge F.A.M.; the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe; the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe; the Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit; and St. Michael Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Haskew; his grandchildren, Richard Strale, David Mac Clean and Carrie Mac Clean; and his great-grandchildren, Robert Strale, James Strale and William Strale. He was predeceased by

his wife, Edna; and his son, Robert.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is at Roseland Park Cemetery in Royal Oak.

George J. Strong Jr.

George J. Strong Jr., 75, of Wilmington, Del., passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2002.

Mr. Strong graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master's degree in business.

He worked for the DuPont Company for 33 years, including eight years in Geneva, Switzerland.

He was a member of the DuPont Country Club and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. Strong is survived by his wife of 53 years, Virginia; a daughter, Marian (Claude) Manuel of Vincentown, N.J.; and four grandchildren, Lara and Charles Strong, and Katia and Michel Manuel.

He was predeceased by his son, George III and daughter-in-law, Mary Strong.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, July 26 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Greenville. Interment is in Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the George and Mary Strong Scholarship Fund, University of Michigan, P.O. Box 966, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-0966.

G.P. Shores floats a new plan for harbor committee

By Bonnie Caprara Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council has decided to take a different route to studying its harbor.

The council decided to disband its ad hoc harbor committee and replace it with a revised committee composed of village president Dr. James Cooper, village Superintendent Michael Kenyon, Trustee Karl Kratz and three appointed residents.

The move was recommended by Kratz, who was named as the council's parks and harbor liaison to the village council. Kratz replaced Dr. Richard Mertz, who was the council liaison before he lost his bid for reelection in May.

A harbor ad hoc committee, led by two residents who were part of the parks ad hoc committee, Frank Tenkel and Daniel Bracciano, was announced in April. Mertz said he had hoped to bring in a consultant "well-versed in harbor design to work with the committee" in a similar manner to the way Albert Kahn

Associates worked with the parks ad hoc committee.

"After reviewing the history and the need for a harbor master plan, I recommend to the council that we set up a committee composed of the village manager, Mike Kenyon, myself and up to three residents who would research and develop a plan that would ultimately be submitted to the council for review," Kratz said.

"We have gone with the citizen ad hoc committee and it worked very well," Cooper said. "But with regards to the harbor, we need to appoint three residents for one year. Karl, Mike and I thought it was important to keep the numbers small. One of the problems I saw with the harbor ad hoc committee was that there were too many people with too many agendas. We have a limited area. We have a footprint that we're working within and experts are going to be directing this harbor, not the personal ideas of citizens."

Cooper said that the village's engineer, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, was gathering information on the condition of the harbor.

Kratz assured, "Citizens will always be able to comment."

"This is not going to be an easy committee," Cooper said. "The harbor has been a lightning rod of controversy for a number of years. It will be imperative that we find three individuals with impeccable reputations that people will feel comfortable with."

The harbor last became a controversy when voters turned down a referendum to expand the harbor, which the village shares with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, in 1999.

Cooper encouraged residents to apply to the committee. Kratz hoped that at least two boaters would be named to the committee.

Tenkel said he would not be applying for a position on the new harbor committee and explained that "I'm really busy with other things right now."

Mertz was not available for comment. Bracciano did not return a request for an interview.

Gaffney appointed to commission

Gov. John Engler has named Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Edward Gaffney to the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission.

The commission serves as the state's major forum for identifying key traffic safety

challenges and developing and implementing action plans to address those issues. In addition, the commission focuses on traffic crash data acquisition, storage and management issues with the state.

The commission is composed of employees of the State Police, the Secretary of State, the departments of transportation and education, the governor's office and the offices of services for the aging and community health. There are also three representatives of local government (Gaffney is one) and the director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Obituary Guidelines
The deadline for submitting obituaries is 3 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Thursday publication.
An obituary, unlike a eulogy, is a brief, factual, biographical account of an individual's life and includes memorial/interment information. The Grosse Pointe News and The Connection provide a form for obituary information and all prewritten submissions will be edited for content and newspaper style preferences.
Please limit written obituaries to 300 words.
The fees are \$100 for placement in the Grosse Pointe News or \$50 for placement in The Connection. Only funeral homes will be billed. Family or individual submissions must be paid prior to publication. They can be paid by check, Master Card, Visa or cash. Receipts are available upon request.
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South loses an irreplaceable science teacher

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

After 33 years of teaching in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Karl Geisler has announced his retirement.

With a passion for the biological sciences, Geisler has enriched the minds of more than 5,000 students throughout his years at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"I am fascinated with the subject (of biology)," said Geisler. "So much has

changed, it keeps one interested."

He also taught several chemistry classes through the years and coached freshman basketball for six years in the late 1970s.

Many students and faculty members see Geisler as an inspirational teacher, one who is not easily forgotten or replaced.

"He is the best teacher South has ever had," said James Adams, who was a student of Geisler's 18 years ago and has taught science at South for the past eight years.

"Many students say that his class changed them. He is a one-of-a-kind guy and put everything he had into the job. South will have a huge hole without him — he will be very hard to replace."

Many factors contributed to Geisler's decision to retire after the 2001-02 school year.

"Everything added up," he said. "It was getting close to burn-out."

Geisler says he will miss what he calls, "the South family," which is composed of his colleagues, students

and parents.

Adams will remember Geisler for his intelligence and humor.

"He is hilarious," Adams said. "On a daily basis, Karl has the best dry humor. It shows how intelligent he is. He cracked us up so much and is so much fun to be around."

Geisler is currently planning his future and what his next move will be.

With plans to remain a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, Geisler and his wife, Joan, are considering buying property for the construction of a family cottage.

He is also awaiting the marriage of his oldest daughter, Lisa, in October.

His youngest daughter, Janet, sings with the Michigan Opera Theater Chorus.

Retirement will provide Geisler with more time to enjoy listening to classical music, which students will remember him incorporating into his classroom; and reading about current biology such as genetics and natural history.

"He knows biology better than anyone," Adams said.

Geisler is an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, where he serves as treasurer, member of the choir and board director of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

Reflections from former students

Jamie Lowden — Class of 1997

"Mr. Geisler made the class interesting for us. He taught us ways to look at things from a different perspective."

Amanda Hammel — Class of 2002

"I'll never forget his rat pointer named Prince. He is the wittiest person I know. His jokes aren't slapstick — they are intelligent and witty and force you to pay attention so you can catch them."

Ramsey Shurafa — Class of 1995

"Mr. Geisler blended his extensive background in biology with a fresh sense of humor to create a teaching style that was both unique and effective. I still remember his sayings today when a topic from his classes comes to mind."

Diana Scott — Class of 2002

"I thought he was really intelligent and knew a lot about his subject. He's very passionate about teaching biology and has a very enthusiastic attitude. He kept the attention of his class in not-so-normal ways."

Sandra Hammel — Class of 1997

"I'll never forget Mr. Geisler's wacky sense of humor. He was the best teacher I've ever known. He always kept you interested and wanting to pay attention and participate in class."

Bobby Pogue — Class of 2002

"Somehow he always managed to integrate humor into everything he did no matter how technical it was. He's definitely one of my favorite teachers — he's very animated."

Brian McCloskey — Class of 1995

"He kept his students' brains working with outrageous humor so dry that he could know exactly which students were listening and how closely. He would write on the chalkboard with such fervor that the school-issued chalk would crumble.

"After hurling the remains into oblivion, he would open a fresh box of 'street chalk,' making it clear that the day's lesson was far more heavy-duty than the curriculum could have ever foreseen.

"His enthusiasm for his subject was contagious, and he sent many students, myself included, off to college with enough interest in biology to know that it would be their major.

"Grosse Pointe South is losing a tremendous educator, but I know that there are many doctors and scientists out there who can't read 'mitosis' without thinking, 'yes, so do mine' any more than they can think 'fungi' without remembering that their high school biology teacher certainly was one himself."



Karl Geisler taught science in the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 33 years and retired after the 2001-02 school year. "He is the best teacher South has ever had," said colleague James Adams.

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School celebrates 75 years

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Seventy five years after opening its doors to the Grosse Pointe community, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School is embracing the quality of education it provides.

When the school welcomed its first class in 1927, enrollment was at a peak of 500 students. The school today has maintained an average of approximately 350 students.

Thirty individuals make up the faculty and staff, a group of people that Principal Hank Burakowski is thankful for.

"We have been blessed," he said. "The stability among staff members is a dream come true for me. Each and every one has a commitment to building the success of the school. Our goal is to maintain enrollment and continue serving the community as best we can."

Throughout the years, St. Clare has seen many changes and improvements.

"The whole spectrum of Catholic education has changed," Burakowski said.

In 1992, the school lost the Dominican Order as a supporter.

"The changes that were brought about gave us the opportunity to bring in fresh ideas," he said.

As the first man and first

lay person to serve as principal, Burakowski has been with the school for a total of 12 years, with a three year break in the mid-1990s.

During his two tenures, Burakowski has helped strengthen the education provided by the school.

In 1994, St. Clare was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education.

"We are one of only two elementary schools in the Archdiocese to be recognized nationally with a Blue Ribbon award," Burakowski said. "Only 10 percent of the 11,500 elementary schools in the nation have received the recognition."

"That kind of recognition speaks for the quality of education that we've been able to develop and maintain," he said. "It proves that we can provide a quality education for your child."

St. Clare proudly houses a new technology lab that is used by Wayne County Community College for off-campus programs.

"We have a comprehensive, state-of-the-art technology program," Burakowski said.

In addition to the regular educational programs offered by elementary schools, St. Clare has a gifted program as well as a remediation program similar to Title One, which is rare in a Catholic school,

according to Burakowski.

"We also have the luxury of a grant from Bon Secours to have a school nurse in the building three days a week," he said. "There is also a school counselor that we hired to serve the needs of the vast majority of our students."

In its 75th year, the school plans to celebrate throughout the entire year, including a special gathering in January to recognize alumni during the Catholic Schools Week.

Each year, the school has recognized a "distinguished graduate." This time around, Burakowski hopes to possibly recognize one from every decade the school has been operating.

"We've had some great alumni go through the school and we'd like to center on that in this 75th year and share it with the community," he said.

In the future, Burakowski hopes to continue with the success the school has seen.

"We want to make certain that St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School celebrates a 100th anniversary someday," he said.

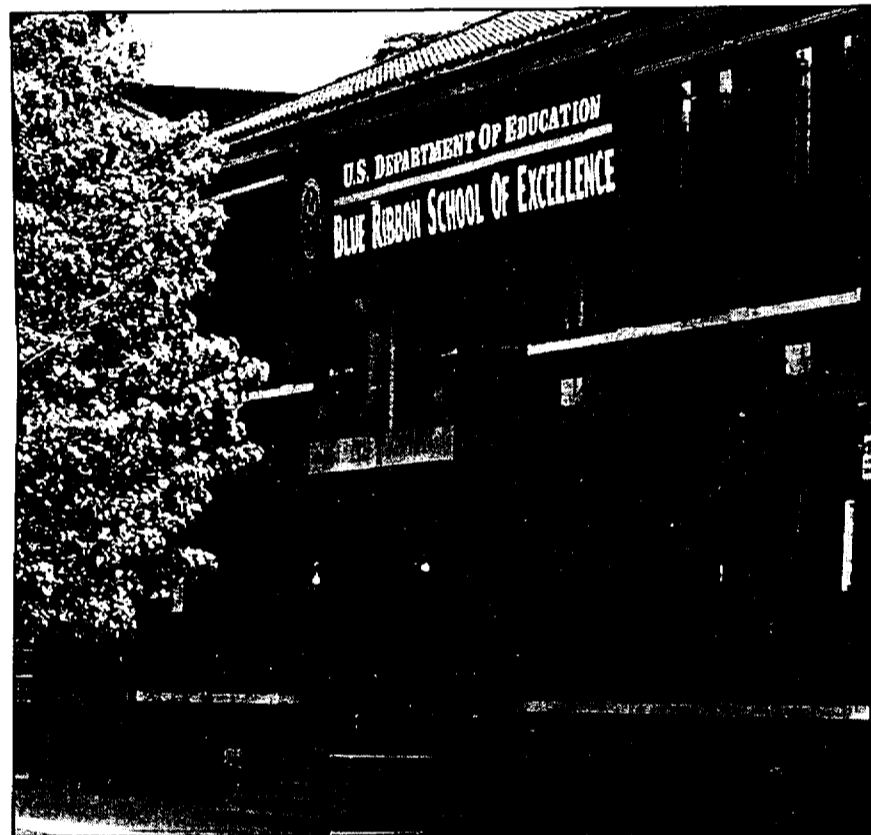


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St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School

SCHOOL NOTES

Southeastern High School

Southeastern High School will hold its annual "Multi-Class Reunion Luncheon" on Thursday, September 26, 2002.

The reunion luncheon is open to all Southeastern Alumni who graduated over 50 years ago and will be held at the Assumption Cultural Center. For reservations and information, call (313) 884-0527.

St. Clare collects books

The St. Clare of Montefalco School PTO is continuing to collect books for its 18th annual PTO used book sale to be held at the St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park from Sept. 11 to 15.

Hardcover and paperback donations are gladly accepted, as well as videos.

The PTO asks that certain things not be donated, such as textbooks older than three years, Reader's Digest Condensed books, magazines and books in bad condition.

Books may be deposited in the carport entrance door of the church, located on Mack at the corner of E. Outer Drive. They can be donated any day before 2 p.m. until Labor Day. Contact Pat Elsey at (313) 885-2084 if books need to be picked up and transported.

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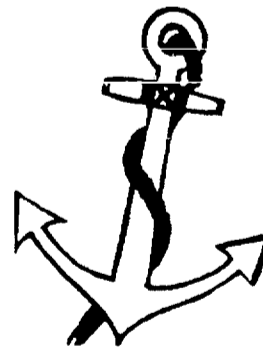
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1,000-point Dow rally falls in another downdraft

What a difference a day makes. Actually two days, last Thursday and Friday. Prior thereto, how sweet it was.

Starting back on Wednesday, July 24, the Dow staged a bona fide rally — an advance of over 1,000 points in only six trading days!

Many portfolio managers, analysts and even floor traders switched parties, from Bears to Bulls, almost overnight. Some had celebrated the final expiration of the Bear market, with appropriate champagne, rare wines and

20-year-old scotch. But in two days, the rejoicing turned to despondency.

The economic news turned black and blue, as some feared the recovery was running out of gas.

Remember, in the fall of 2000 all the talk about the recession focused on what the eventual recovery would be like and how soon?

Some predicted a "V"-shaped recession, with a sharp downturn, quick bottom, and an equally sharp upside recovery, like after the October 1987 crash and recovery.

Other economists weren't quite that optimistic; they were looking for a "U"-shaped recession, with a sharp downturn, then a longer, dead-flat bottom and

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eventually a relatively rapid recovery.

Not many forecasters saw a "W"-shaped recession, with a moderate recession, followed by a somewhat strong recovery — which then collapsed into a second recession, eventually followed by the final recovery.

Robert J. Schiller, professor of economics at Yale University, is the author of "Irrational Exuberance," published in March 2000, in which he predicted the end of the "bubble" in tech stocks.

Last fall, Schiller said in an interview, "Stocks are

currently so expensive, they are likely to stay near current levels for years to come."

Later he said it was entirely plausible that, after inflation is taken into account, the Dow would be worth less in 2011 than it was at that time. (At the end of August 2001, the Dow was around 10,000, but after 9/11, it broke to bottom around 8,235.)

Other than professor Schiller, few economists forecast that this recession will be "L"-shaped, in which the Bear market will eventually bottom, but fail to

recover any substantial amounts for a period of time. Remember that in 1972-74, the Dow slid from 1,000 to 560 over almost two years but did not recover to the 1,000 level until 1982, eight years later.

Round trip for price of one-way is no bargain

Almost two weeks ago, many investors bought a one-way ticket to various destinations up north, but were very surprised last week when their transport failed to stop at their destination, then turned around and headed back south, picking up steam.

Many nervous Nellies almost panicked when they could not disembark up north, and they don't know what to do in this uncharted territory, about one-third of the way back to their departure site.

Next week, we'll have an update on the adventures of these investors as they bounce around the volatile markets, heading for "who knows where."

Congratulations, Detroit Free Press

Have you noticed the stock quotes in your daily Freep? In the past, the stock quotes in the local papers weren't much help to the serious investor.

LTS just discovered the new format but can't remember when it was redesigned.

The Freep sources the data to the Associated Press. The biggest improvement is the consolidation of all stocks from the New York, NASDAQ and American exchanges.

Now all the quotes are alphabetical. No more bouncing around from NYSE stocks on Pages 7-9, to NASDAQ stocks on pages 10-13.

Except for their exchange traded funds, the American Stock Exchange has been useless for years.

The stock quote columns are very limited in column width, listing the stock by name, daily volume, closing price (in pennies) and daily price change.

The content of the two columns left of the stock name varies each day, rotating five subjects on a weekly basis.

On Tuesdays, the ticker symbol for each stock is listed.

On Wednesdays, the listing is the 52-week high and low price range.

On Thursdays, the present dividend rate (annual payments based on last quarterly payment) and yield (dividend return based on closing price) is present-

Stock Market at a Glance

| Friday Close, 8/2/02 | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Dow Jones Ind. | 8,313 |
| NASDAQ Comp. | 1,247 |
| S&P 500 Index | 864 |
| \$ in EUROS | 0.9875 |
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| Gold (Oz.) | 307.00 |
| 3-Mo. T-Bills | 1.62% |
| 20 Yr. T-Bonds | 5.20% |

ed. Fridays present the price earnings (P/E) ratio (based on last 4 quarterly earnings) and the projected P/E (based on institutional brokers' estimates for the next 12 months).

Saturdays present the price change in percentages for 1) the past week and 2) for the year-to-date (from Jan. 2).

You'll find your Michigan-based stocks easier to find, because they jump out at you in boldface type.

Congratulations, Freep!

When to buy?

Why not now?

Are you scared to dive into the market now? Why not at least get your big toe wet?

There's seldom a perfect time to jump in: You'll probably be a little early, or a little late.

Many investors who got gunshy in mid-2000 didn't bail out.

Instead, they just stopped adding to their stock portfolios or 401(k) equity portions.

Since then, their stocks declined, as the market came down. But they hadn't added any more high-cost shares. And their money market adds monthly interest at about 1 1/2 percent per annum.

Some pros actually like bear markets best, because when else can you buy shares cheap?

If you can't decide which stocks or mutual funds to buy, why not consider dollar averaging purchases of the S&P 500 Index Exchange-Traded Fund, symbol on American, "SPY"?

The "Spiders," its nickname, will track, almost exactly, the index, which is the accepted guidepost of what the market does.

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. "Let's Talk Stocks" is sponsored by the following Grosse Pointe investment-related firms: John M. Rickel, CPA, P.C.; Rickel & Baun P.C.; Investment Counsel Inc. and A. G. Edwards & Sons Inc.

Flower power wins Woods daisy debate

The Dried Flower is allowed awning design

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A Mack Avenue store keeper's effort to beautify the outside of his gift shop has survived a technicality in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Designs submitted to Woods officials by Angelo DiClemente, owner of The Dried Flower for more than 30 years, risked being turned down.

Debate regarded installation of four green awnings, two with the company name printed on the valance in white letters less than 10 inches tall.

Problems arose when DiClemente substituted the "O" in "Flower" with a yellow and black daisy-like design.

"The flower is symbolic of what we do," said DiClemente, somewhat bewildered that anyone would oppose a daisy.

"The effect is distinctive, attractive and gives our shop name a little pizzazz," he said. "But it keeps within the intent of the code."

Gene Tutag, who is in his second year as the city building inspector charged with shoring up code

enforcement, said, "The flower-style font of the letter 'O' is not one of the approved lettering fonts."

Having pointed out the technicality, Tutag sided with DiClemente and recommended the flower be allowed.

Members of the city council hesitated.

They worried approval could be used against them in a separate legal matter.

"We have a court case going on right now about the exact same thing," said Councilman Eric Steiner.

Woods officials are bat-

ting a proprietor who was denied a request to substitute a palm tree for the letter "T" in his company name.

DiClemente won the day because his daisy was a carryover from a previous awning that was damaged last year in a winter storm.

"I'm only asking for what I had," he pleaded.

"It's just the replacement of an awning that was destroyed.

"That could be a huge distinction between this case and that case," said Don Berschback, city attorney.

Old Internet friends, new Web acquaintances

It's been a few months, so I thought it was about time to take another virtual tour of Grosse Pointe life on the Internet.

So, I warmed up my Google (Internet search engine) and here is some of what I found.

Google turned up more than 42,000 Web sites with "Grosse Pointe" in the name. Fortunately, the first 20 or so sites pertained to our Grosse Pointes, or this column would have been published next Christmas.

The first Web site that popped up was for the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors (gpbr@gpbr.com.) Yes, you read the Internet address right; it is not a typo. I liked the site, mainly for its professional look and simplicity.

I never cared much for Web sites where the creators find it necessary to put every Internal link on the home page for fear you might miss something.

Clever folks that they are, the first available link is for Open Houses in all the Pointes, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe, Chesterfield Township and Clinton Township.

Based on the very limited number of listings in the last three, I believe these represent some business picked up along the way and not the Realtors' main focus.

Pointers on Technology
By Mike Maurer

Logically, the next link was an agent directory. There was one problem with the directory. You can't look up a Realtor by name. Instead of an all-inclusive list of names followed by the agency that person represents, it's just the opposite. The 30-some agencies are listed and you have to open the agency link to find out who represents them.

Why might that be a problem? If a friend recommends an agent but can't remember the agency, you would have to open each agency's link until you came across the person you were looking for.

I'd keep the agency link, but add a search engine for looking up individual agents. One additional note — allow for misspellings by visitors when they search. If they type in "Mr. Smith," make sure "Mr. Smits" pops up as well.

More proof of intelligent life on the board comes with the next link on the home

page. It's for "Schools." That was a major issue for my wife and em when we checked into the Grosse Pointes some 23 years ago, and we all know it is a major issue for every parent here.

Other links of the home page led to Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors' events, a gallery of its directors and the usual disclaimer saying, "We think we have all the information correct, but don't blame us for any screw-ups." (It really doesn't say that, but it's what all disclaimers mean. Right?)

Another note: There were 30 Realtors' links out of the first 40 brought up by my Google search. It reminded me of the old joke about every other person in the Grosse Pointes having a Realtor license. That's not true. Only every other third person has a license. (Don't e-mail me. That was also a joke.)

Changing subjects in mid-column, having starred as Naughty Nancy Twinkle in The Players' presentation of "Little Mary Sunshine" some 30 years ago, my heart has always been bound to the theater.

The Players is a gentleman's club on Jefferson in Detroit for those of you who have never heard of it. As for my "Nancy" role, please don't ask, because I'm not telling. I was young and gullible.

I mention theater because the Grosse Pointe Theatre has a very good Web site (gpt.org) that is completely up to date. Its productions are staged at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's 450-seat Fries Auditorium, located at 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial offers a dinner buffet in the Crystal Ballroom prior to performances.

While you can't order tickets online, you can make reservations with the War Memorial directly at (313) 881-7511. The Web site notes reservations must be made at least 48 hours prior to a performance.

Naturally, you will find an events calendar and a list of acting workshops, along with a bunch of other good information about the group.

I got all the preceding information off its Web site. As with the Realtors' Web site, the Grosse Pointe Theatre site is simple to use with easy links to follow.

I found a good number of other Grosse Pointe-oriented Web sites, including businesses schools and entertainment.

Some were new, some were business and some had to do with the communities or schools. Some were well-thought-out and some were just slightly above drawings found on cave walls.

I'll talk more about these Web sites next week. If you want to call a particular site to my attention, my e-mail address is coming up in the last paragraph.

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is mmaurer@bizserve.com.

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Robusto's snuffs out sidewalk seating

The panoramic vista of a Mack Avenue parking lot, alley and traffic won't become part of the summer ambiance at Robusto's.

A representative of the Grosse Pointe Woods smok-

ing lounge recently withdrew a request for outdoor seating. Plans included an outdoor summer cafe along the side of the building facing the AAA Michigan alley and parking lot.

Painter hired

Carpenters and painters have been chosen for work on the inside of Grosse Pointe Woods' Community Center on Mack.

Tom Palmer of the Woods has received a \$11,745 contract to replace moldings and related items.

"Work by Tom this past year on two fireplaces in the Center speaks highly of his ability to deliver a quality product at a reasonable price," said Terry Smith, the center's supervisor.

The center interior will be painted by Tom Newland Painting for \$8,400.

Work is expected to begin within 60 days.

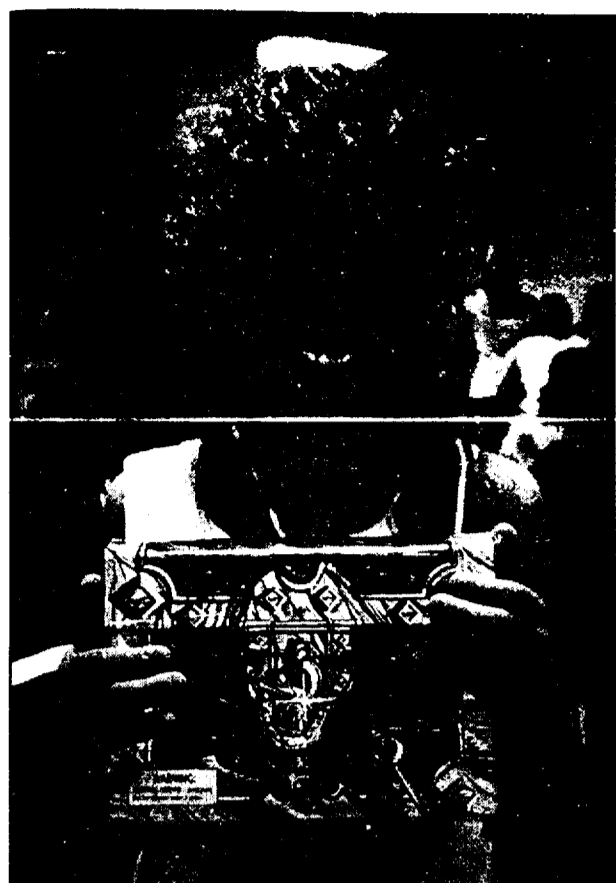
If city officials had waived restrictions on the proposal, outdoor seating would have offered up to 32 patrons

"decorative high-end patio-type furniture seats and tables" behind a "decorative and removal stanchion-type system or flower bowl barricade," according to Zaklina Djordjevski, treasurer of parent company Lazco, Inc.

Had approval been extended through next summer, patrons might have been able to watch construction crews replace a water main under the nearby six-lane Mack median.

Woods officials and other parties opposed the restaurant's previous request for outdoor seating along the Mack sidewalk.

HW kids have gone 'batty for books'



The summer's top reader was Kate Manning, 9, who read 96 books. She said that she really enjoyed the time spent reading, and she was surprised to get this treasure chest of goodies, donated to the library by the Grosse Pointe News.

By Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

Finishing strong was the goal of the Harper Woods summer reading program.

A crowd of more than 100 children and their parents on hand to receive their certificates and see some of the wild creatures brought from Cranbrook's Organization for Bat Conservation more than fit the bill.

"It's been growing every year," said Children's Librarian Nancy Maxson of the program. "This year we're handing out around 150 certificates, and each child has probably read at least 5."

Maxson said that the children usually read in increments of five books because every five titles gave them a chance in the weekly prize drawing.

The crowd of children up to age 12 who had been in for sign language story time, craft day and, of course, to borrow the books they wanted to read, were a good audience for Dale Smart's presentation. Smart had sound-makers and props to help explain the ecosystems of rain forests, coniferous forests and deciduous forests as well as a few furry and feathered friends.

The scents of pine and mango, the sounds of birds and other creatures and the

feel of snake skin and other hard to find things were passed around the crowd before the animals made their appearances.

The crowd was excited to see the straw-colored fruit bat, Congo, whose homeland is somewhere in South America. Thanks to bats like him, there are bananas and several other fruits, as they pollinate the trees in the jungle much like bees pollinate flowers in Michigan.

The flying squirrel and screech owl, two species that are native to Michigan, were also big with the children, even though petting wasn't allowed.

Library Director Dale Parus was also impressed with the turnout for the close of the program.

"It's great that we had so many kids from the community involved in what we've started here," he said, hoping that the children will continue to read because it is its own incentive and reward.

Top reader honors went to Kate Manning, 9, who promised she had read all 96 of the books herself, and that she had a really good time doing it.

Luckily for her and the rest of the crowd, although the structured program is over, the books are in the library year-round.



Both big hits with the young crowd and both known to be pest eliminators, owls and bats are very misunderstood creatures, according to Dale Smart from the Organization for Bat Conservation.

Above, Congo the Grain-colored fruit bat hangs out for a while, showing how he can use his wings like hands to grasp at things. Below, Smart lets his screech owl get a good look at all the accomplished readers.



Wildlife Facts

During his presentation, Dale Smart gave the children a lot of information, including these startling facts:

- There are nine different species of bats in Michigan. The Big Brown Bat, which only grows to about three inches from nose to tail, can eat around 1,000 mosquito-sized bugs in one hour.
- Bats are a good way to alleviate wolf spider problems.
- A bat house like those sold by the Organization for Bat Conservation can hold up to 60 bats, and can be mounted on your garage or a post in your backyard.
- Vampire bats do not kill their prey. Smart said they

usually feed from things more than 100 times their size, such as cattle, sheep or deer. He said that the feeding isn't painful to the creature, and is comparable to a bad mosquito bite.

- The largest bats, found in India and South America, are the size of Canada geese.
- Although seldom seen, the flying squirrel is the most prevalent species of squirrel in Michigan.

For more information about bats, instructions to buy or build a bat house, or on other Michigan wildlife, contact the Organization for Bat Conservation at 1-800-276-7074, or on the web at www.batconservation.org.

HW schools looking for last piece of the puzzle

By Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

Putting together an effective education team is like piecing together a puzzle.

While almost every piece is in place for the 2002-'03 school year in Harper Woods, one important position still needs to be filled.

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, one internal and three external candidates interviewed for the position of Harper Woods Secondary School principal.

Joan Deaton, Director of Administrative Services in the Harper Woods Schools, said that the second inter-

views would be a way to select the candidate with the best "fit" to the mission of Harper Woods schools.

"All the candidates have already interviewed with (School Superintendent) Dan Danosky," she said.

"The board made up of teachers and administrators for the second interview will be looking to find the best of the four."

Although the resignation of James Hesse, the former principal of the schools, was an unexpected turn of events, Deaton said that there has been more than

enough time to give the process the time it needed.

"We knew about Jim Hesse's retirement early in July, and posted the position on the Metro Bureau and in other "places," Deaton explained.

The results of the second interviews will be reported to Danosky this week, and a final decision will be made by the superintendent before the Tuesday, August 20, school board meeting.

"We want to have the new principal in place before the start of the school year," Deaton said. "Because there

is always a learning curve when change occurs. We'd like to keep it as smooth a transition as possible."

Danosky said that he has confidence in the candidates and in the board's ability to find the best among them.

Hesse, who had spent eight years with the district as an administrator, is moving to Colorado, where his wife received an administrative position with a middle school. Hesse said he is unsure of whether he will stay retired, seek a position in the schools, or take up skiing as a full time pursuit.

2002-'03 School Board

The board named three incumbents to continue their roles and a new appointment to fill the treasurer's chair, vacated by the retired Bob Smitka.

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- Vice president: Daniel Lusch
- Secretary: Claudia Mahon
- Treasurer: Rick Sherrill

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Police & Fire briefs

Clean getaway

A man who lives in the 20400 block of Huntington told police that when he returned to his driveway from eating dinner at around 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, to finish cleaning his car, he found a generator missing from his garage.

He told police he had given no one permission to take the \$350 piece of equipment, and that he hadn't heard anyone coming or going from his garage while inside for 20 minutes.

Down and out

Would-be thieves were left feeling depressed when they were unable to gain access to the storage cages in the basement of an apartment building in the 19200 block of Rockcastle in the early morning hours of Thursday, Aug. 1.

Police responded to one of the building's residents' call and noted damage to the door to the basement and obvious tampering with two of the locks for the individual storage units, although no entry to the cages was gained.

Flattened

When a woman called the Harper Woods Police to stop

a Detroit man and woman from making off with the spare tire from her 2001 GMC Jimmy, she helped police nab the busy thieves.

When the pair was stopped at Vernier and Harper at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, the police found the woman's tire, along with three more tires, apparently lifted from other sports utility vehicles in the area. The duo was arrested and charged with four counts of larceny, driving with expired registration and a false license plate.

Smashing

A large pane of glass was smashed out of the front of a store in the 19300 block of Kelly in the early morning hours of Friday, Aug. 2. While nothing appeared to be missing from the cellular phone store, the owner told police the value of the window was more than \$500.

Number please

A Harper Woods resident living in the 19000 block of Woodcrest reported to Police Friday, Aug. 2 that the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) had been stolen from her vehicle.

The plate which bears the car's distinct identification had been removed from her

2000 Chevy, though police found no signs of damage to the dashboard or to the door locks.

The woman said that she recently had the vehicle in for service and noticed it gone when the car was returned to her.

Cold comfort

When a man returned to his 1994 Jeep to get coats for himself and his wife to fend off the chill of a movie theater, he left the keys behind.

When the couple emerged from their show at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, the Jeep was gone. Police advised the couple to have their house locks rekeyed, the frequency of their garage door opener changed and be on the lookout for a possible prowler.

Toasted oats

Harper Woods responded to a kitchen fire inside a home in the 19300 block of Kelly Friday, Aug. 2, at 3:45 p.m.

The resident had mistakenly turned on the oven instead of a burner on the stove top, causing the boxes of cereal stored inside to ignite and fill the house with smoke. The fire was contained to the kitchen, but smoke damage spread throughout the house.

Five-finger failures

Harper Woods Police report that no fewer than eight would-be shoplifters were caught and put behind bars over the past week.

In several cases, the criminals were left to sit in the cell by parents. Each of the thieves will face misdemeanor larceny charges.

Sergeant Ralph Selvaggi of the Harper Woods Police department is happy to answer questions about law enforcement in Harper Woods. Send your questions, along with a preferred method of reply to: selvaggi@harperwoods.police.org.

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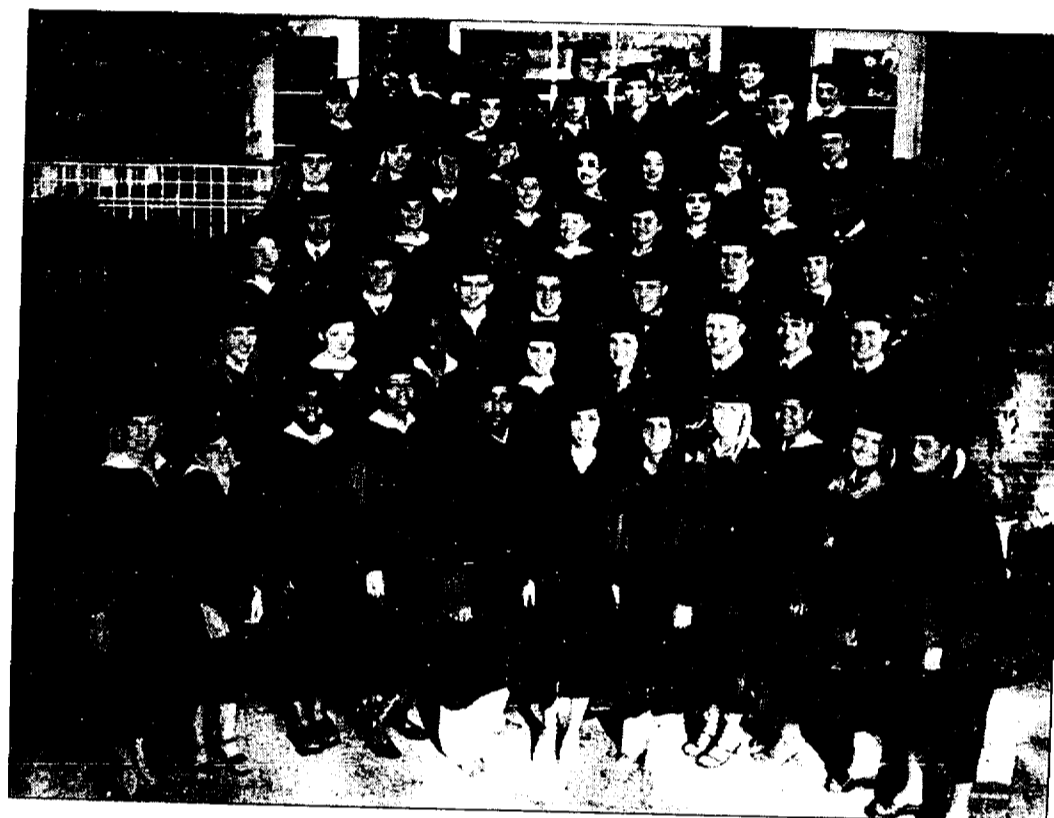
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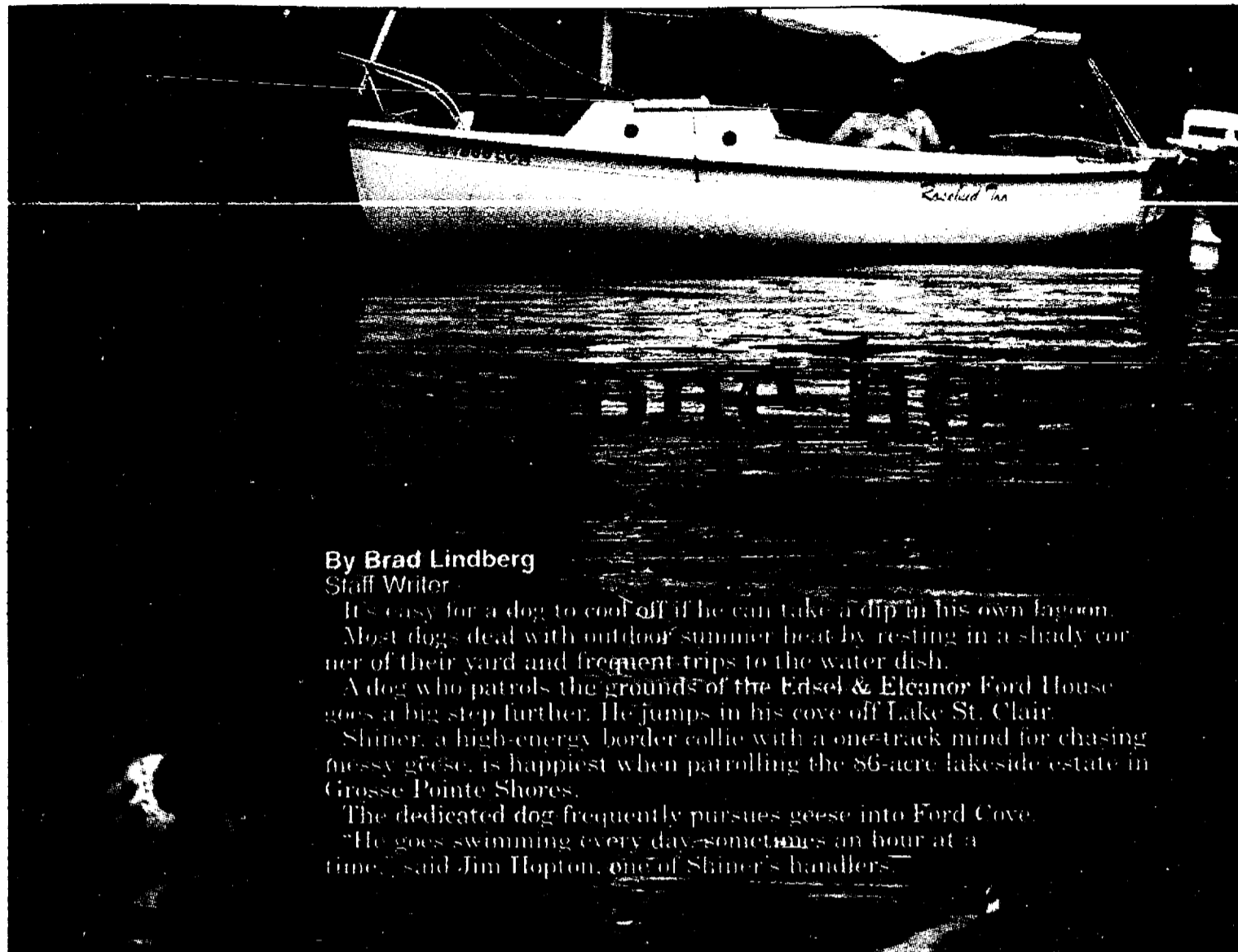
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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's easy for a dog to cool off if he can take a dip in his own backyard. Most dogs deal with outdoor summer heat by resting in a shady corner of their yard and frequent trips to the water dish. A dog who patrols the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House goes a big step further. He jumps in his cove off Lake St. Clair. Shiner, a high-energy border collie with a one-track mind for chasing messy geese, is happiest when patrolling the 86-acre lakeside estate in Grosse Pointe Shores. The dedicated dog frequently pursues geese into Ford Cove. He goes swimming every day, sometimes an hour at a time, said Jim Hopton, one of Shiner's handlers.

Bred, born, trained and bought to earn his keep as a floppy-eared air raid warden, the stealthy, 4 1/2-year-old black and white dog won't let a heat wave keep him from his appointed rounds.

Settled in the shade among the estate's hundreds of trees, Shiner dissipates body heat by nestling in the thick, cool grass.

"Shiner darts out of nowhere," said Ann Fitzpatrick, an estate representative. She's watched the bird problem take flight during Shiner's three years on the job.

Dogs who aren't employed by grand estates rely on their own wiles and owners' wisdom to escape summer's punishing heat.

Cassie, a five-year-old golden retriever owned by the Bassett family of Grosse Pointe Farms, takes extra-slow walks on hot mornings.

Every summer, her owners add a little bounce to her step by cutting her hair.

"We shave her like a puppy," said Chris Bassett. "She's more comfortable with short hair. It's easier to groom, too."

The cost of animal heat exhaustion can be high.

Dr. Lawrence Herzog, owner of the Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic, said, "I've seen horrible things with very sad endings."

Shiner, a border collie credited with clearing messy geese from the 86-acre Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores, cools off in Ford Cove while a sailor gets a sun tan. Cassie Bassett, inset, a 5-year-old golden retriever from the Farms, keeps cool by eating an ice cube. Her owners say Cassie feels better after a summer haircut.

On hot days, animals left inside cars with windows closed soon face 150-degree temperatures.

"You're cooking them," Herzog said.

"The important thing is that people use common sense, which sometimes seems to be in short supply."

Dogs don't sweat. Their natural cooling mechanisms are based on respiration.

They pant. Dogs also dilate blood vessels on the surface of their body.

"They bring warm blood to the surface to cool it off,"

Herzog said.

Evolution has taught dogs to take it easy and



hello to neighbors.

She has a high IQ for handling hot weather. "Nature has harsh penalties for being stupid," Herzog said.

It's a lesson many people haven't learned. "People have done silly things with dogs," Herzog said.

Examples range from selective breeding to create novelty dogs, to including dogs in daily jogs.

"A lot of breeds with pushed-in noses have abnormal breathing," Herzog said. "Because of that, they are susceptible to heat."

As for jogging, he added, "It's not good for people and dogs to be out in high heat and humidity."

Last week, Grosse Pointe Woods police discovered an overheated female Siberian husky lying in the street.

Officers took her to

conserve energy on hot days.

Witness Cassie: Her summertime walks through a neighborhood behind the Hill shopping district are noted for their slow pace and long duration.

Cassie stops to smell flowers, scratch her back by rolling in grass and say

Herzog said. Evolution has taught dogs to take it easy and

DSO set for summer season finale at Meadow Brook

The grand finale of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's summer season at Meadow Brook Music Festival will be punctuated by the dramatic blast of cannon, spectacular fireworks and the majestic 1812 Overture.

Presenting three concerts in its final weekend, the DSO will perform a "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" on Friday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 10. Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. and feature an all-Tchaikovsky program, including the 1812 Overture, accompanied by cannon fire and followed by fireworks.

These concerts are led by Jerusalem-born conductor Uriel Segal and feature young Russian-born violinist Philip Quint.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m., the DSO is joined by Sandi Patty, who lends her remarkable voice to a program of classic songs, nostalgic big band standards and heart-stirring patriotic tunes.

The 1812 Overture premiered for the consecration of the Cathedral of the Redeemer inside the Kremlin. Tchaikovsky scored the work for a very large orchestra, a brass band, cannon and church bells, as the work was to be performed outdoors. The work makes use of three well-known patriotic tunes, Russian hymns and folk songs: "God Preserve Thy People," "God Save the Tsar," and the French national anthem, "La Marseillaise." Following

"God save the Czar," the Russian national anthem of the time, the work is punctuated with cannon shots and crowned by a last wild peal of bells.

Violin soloist Philip Quint began his training at Moscow's Special Music School for the Gifted. In 1991, he emigrated to the United States, graduating from Juilliard in 1998. He has since amassed many awards including, most recently, the Waldo Mayo Talent Award presented at Carnegie Hall to the most gifted young performer in New York. With the DSO, Quint will perform Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto No. 1 (the first movement only on Friday, and the work in its entirety on Saturday).

Ironically, the 1812 Overture was not well received upon its premiere in 1812. But in subsequent centuries, it has taken its rightful place as one of the great glories of the Romantic concerto repertoire. Throughout this work, tension and excitement continue to build, ending in a brilliant climax. It has also become one of the most frequently recorded of any violin concerto, having been performed and recorded by Heifetz, Perlman, Stern and others, providing a dazzling display of virtuoso pyrotechnics.

Friday night's concert program includes a selection of Tchaikovsky bonbons. The first is "Polonaise" from the opera Eugene Onegin.

Based on Alexander Pushkin's great novel of the same name, the opera deals with the inherent conflict between the decadent high society of 19th century St. Petersburg and a simple, wholesome rural family. This high-spirited Polonaise occurs in the opening scene of the third act, where an elegant ball is under way in a splendid St. Petersburg mansion.

Leading the "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" program is Uriel Segal. Accorded rave reviews for his debut season as music director of the Louisville Orchestra, Segal is also music director of the Chautauqua Festival and conductor laureate of the Century Orchestra in Osaka, Japan. Advance sale tickets for

Herzog for treatment of heat exhaustion. She recovered, but not all patients are as lucky.

Herzog said dogs suffering heat stroke are listless, pant excessively and risk seizures.

"They can die quickly," he said. Shiner tones down his pace on hot days.

"In the morning he runs full-speed," said his handler, Hopton. "In the middle of the afternoon, he'll just kind of jog."

Herzog said, "A lot of dogs do the right thing naturally. They do things people should, like take a siesta."

Shiner's handlers let him rest in an air-conditioned room, give him regular baths and summer haircuts.

"Grooming keeps dogs comfortable so air can get through their coat," said Lee Meyer, owner of This 'n That for Pets in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In summer, her grooming business booms.

"A lot of golden retrievers have their hair cut short during summer," she said.

Between cuts, Meyer advised frequent brushing to prevent matted hair. She recommended wire brushes for dogs with long hair, and a stiff brush or comb for short-haired breeds.

Cheri Musial, owner of Pointe Pet's Supply in Grosse Pointe Park, said warm-weather pet-care accessories include dog-sized waterbeds.

Often intended for older animals who need soft support for aching bones, waterbeds can be chilled for refreshing respite.

Pet shops sell water dishes with reservoirs attached for a constant source of fresh water.

Other products include small water bottles and dishes for walk-time refreshments.

"We used one this morning when we took our dog for a walk," Musial said. "It's a bottle with a dish on it. It clips to your belt while walking."

She said dog owners wishing to buy their pets a portable baby pool should choose a heavy-duty model.

"If you get a soft-sided pool, your dog's nails will go right through," she said.

As for giving dogs frozen treats, Herzog outlawed ice cream.

"Most dogs are lactose-intolerant," he said. "It will cause a lot of gas and diarrhea."

He recommended ice cubes and cool water.

"Ice cubes can be a play toy," he said.

For people who can't resist spoiling their pets, Herzog prescribed an occasional Popsicle.

A whole new ball as 'Hardball!' comes to Pointes

By Madeleine Socia
Special Writer

If only the TV talking heads who love to declare "America's pastime" dead and the Hollywood hot shots who portray our nation's youth as foul-mouthed cynics could have found a seat on the bleachers at Grosse Pointe's Elworthy Field on July 19.

They would have been treated to a rare opportunity to rediscover the innocence of childhood. They might realize the power of sports to unite kids who live miles and worlds apart. And they would have witnessed the true beauty of baseball, as it should be played — not for million dollar contracts or gilded trophies, but for the pure love of the game.

"Hey! Maybe they'll be like those guys in the movie 'Hardball!'"

That was the general reaction among the Grosse Pointe Farms/City 11-year-old All Stars when they heard about the scrimmage against a select team of 11- and 12-year-old players from Chicago's Near West Little League.

The pairing was arranged by Grosse Pointe resident Tony Cimarrusti, a former Near West coach whose son Michael was an 11-year-old Farms/City All Star and Near West Little League President Bob Muzikowski of Chicago.

The two first encountered each other on the gridiron when Cimarrusti played for Harvard and Muzikowski played for Columbia. They later became close friends through shared volunteer commitments.

Cimarrusti recalled, "We met in 1987, when we were both working on Wall Street and doing some ministry with kids in welfare hotels in New York City. We continued our friendship after he moved to Chicago in 1989 and I moved to Chicago in 1990." The near west team bunked at the Cimarrusti family's home the night before the scrimmage.

For most of the Farms/City players, the game would be a nice way to end the All Star season. It would be one last chance to slide into home before heading off for vacation with the family, leaving for camp or just whiling away the rest of

the summer at the park, club or cottage.

To the Near West Little Leaguers, who have had to learn to dodge bullets as well as wild pitches, the Grosse Pointe game was more than just an opportunity to practice en route to the Cooper's Town Dreams Park Tournament in upstate New York. The entire experience offered a brief reprieve from the often-terrifying realities of gangs, drugs and violence at home in Chicago's Rockwell Gardens public housing projects.

Amazingly enough, the Farms/City player's assumption about the mystery team from the Windy City was almost on the money.

The movie "Hardball," which became a classic of the preteen jock genre following its 2001 release, was loosely based on an unauthorized, 1993 book titled, "Hardball: A Season in the Projects" by freelance writer Daniel Coyle.

The book told the story of the Near North Little League, which Muzikowski and a group of Christian volunteers started in Chicago's infamous Cabrini-Green public housing projects prior to founding the Near West League.

Though Muzikowski acknowledges that "it was a pretty good book," he was not happy to learn that Coyle, "sold my story to Hollywood with out my knowing it." And he was even more outraged when he discovered just how much artistic license was taken on the way from the ball fields of Cabrini-Green to the big screen.

He had good reason to take things personally. Muzikowski was reportedly the inspiration for the film's lead character, Conor O'Neil, played by Keanu Reeves. In what reviewers referred to as a "Bad News Bear in the projects," plot, O'Neil is a self-centered, down-and-out alcoholic forced to take on inner-city Little League team in order to repay a gambling debt. Before the credits roll, he overcomes almost insurmountable odds, along with a lot of vivid violence and lewd language, and turns them into champions.

In reality, Muzikowski was an athletic, street-smart, Catholic kid from working-class Bayonne, New Jersey who found his way into the Ivy League via a football scholarship to Columbia University. His promising career in business was almost derailed by a dual addiction to cocaine and alcohol. However, unlike his cinematic alter ego, he had turned his life around through Alcoholics Anonymous and an active commitment to Christianity before he became involved

with Little League Baseball.

Muzikowski is now a husband, father of six and owner of a successful, small insurance brokerage firm. Along with several fellow volunteer Little League organizers, he chose to move his family into the neighborhoods he serves.

Over the past 12 years, their commitment to the area has generated scholarships and other community service programs. Yet, despite the fact that they had nothing to do with the film, the group took a lot of heat from neighbors and local gangs over the negative, stereotypical depiction of the coaches and players.

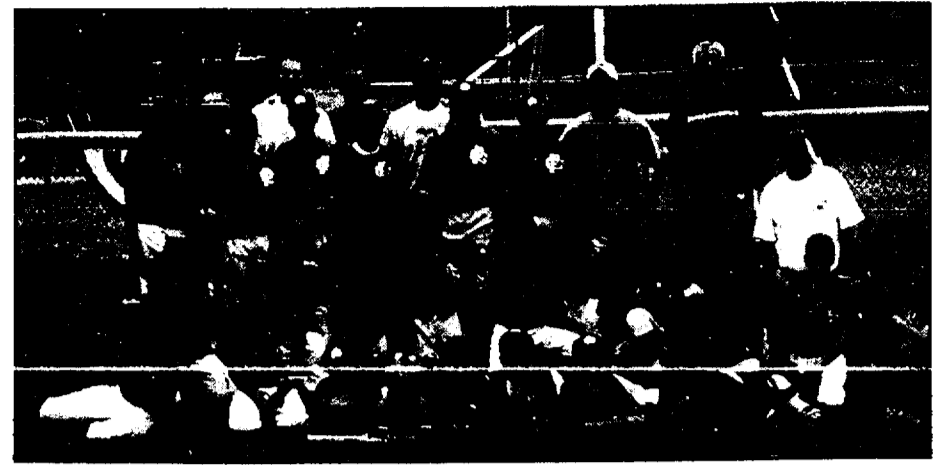
To quote from "Safe at Home," a recently published autobiography that he co-wrote with sports author Gregg Lewis to set the record straight, Muzikowski said, "The dialogue I saw was definitely R-rated. And the worst of it came from the mouths of the young players. In the 10 years I'd laughed, cried, lived and died with Chicago Little Leaguers, I'd never been addressed, or heard any other coach addressed, with such profanity from any African-American Chicago Little Leaguer."

The Near West Little League eventually sued Paramount, pressuring them to tone down the script from an R to a PG rating.

Today, Muzikowski proudly describes his Near West organization as "an unapologetically, politically incorrect Christian Little League." Despite the fact that 90 percent of their players hail from fatherless homes, it has grown to be the largest inner city Little League in the nation, boasting 900 players and 65 teams.

The league encourages privately funded trips to regional and national tournaments for both the recreational benefits and the fact that they give players a new perspective on life.

Illustrating just how isolated their existence can be, Muzikowski told about the team's special pre-tournament practice session



The power of baseball to unite kids who live not just miles, but worlds apart, was celebrated on July 19 at Elworthy Field, when the Grosse Pointe Farms/City 11-year-old All Star team took on a select team of 11 and 12-year-old players from Chicago's Near West Little League. The seven-inning game, followed by a "lefties" against "righties" rematch, were arranged by Grosse Pointe resident Tony Cimarrusti, a former Near West coach whose son Michael played for the Farms/City All Stars, and Near West Little League co-founder and President Bob Muzikowski of Chicago. A fictionalized version of the inner-city Near North Little League team, also co-founded by Muzikowski, was featured in the 2001 film "Hardball."

Northwestern University on Chicago's prestigious Lake Shore Drive.

"When we hit Lake Michigan, collectively, the group said, 'Wow! Look at that! We've seen that on TV! We were only two miles from where they lived for the past 11 years, but they had never seen Lake Michigan.'"

While he believes that the away-games have a positive impact on all the players involved, Muzikowski is conscious that the Near West teams' Hollywood connection both intrigues and intimidates potential opponents.

"Everywhere we go, people are looking for us to rob their stuff ... but when we leave their mouths are open because our kids were the same as theirs, or more polite than theirs. It gives kids a bigger picture and I think it breaks down racial tensions."

And so it was on that hot, hazy Friday morning in Grosse Pointe.

From the moment the players stepped onto the field, the competitive curiosity was as thick as the red clay dust and the atmosphere was almost unnaturally courteous and quiet.

The teams were obviously anxious to put their talents to the test. And that is just what they did through seven seriously hard-fought innings, that ended in a 6-5 victory for the Near West players.

It was a good game, but something was missing. So the coaches decided to make things a little more interesting by focusing on the one chance trait that really matters in baseball. They combine the players to create two new sides, then pitted the "lefties" against the "righties."

And suddenly, these kids who began the day as strangers, who should have been dog-tired after more than two hours of hitting, pitching and catching their hearts out in sweltering heat, fell in together and started whole new ball game.

Only this time, with each passing inning, their goofy grins got wider, their strides got looser and their laughter grew long and loud. The polite silence that prevailed on both benches was drowned out with echoes of "great catch," "what a hit!" and the congenial buzz of juvenile jive talk that can't really be understood or properly appreciated by anyone over the age of 12.

Together, they celebrated an important aspect of baseball that often seems to elude even the highest paid players — they had fun!

"I think lefties against righties was really cool, hitting against your own team" said John Hackett of Grosse Pointe Farms, a Brownell Middle School sixth-grader whose father, John Hackett, was one of the coaches of the 11-year-old All Star Team. "It was hard to play because there were a lot of really good players. Everyone was really happy because it was really fun. You got to know them a little more."

"This game ain't going no where," said the Near West team's manager Desmond Cury, shooting the breeze about the rumored Major League strike as he got ready to hit the road again. "I mean, I wish the pros would look at it the way these kids do."

Everyone agreed with Muzikowski when he said, "We had a blast! Maybe we can make this an annual event."

But no matter what happens to the Grosse Pointe and Near West kids next year, or in the future, one thing is certain. On that diamond, on that day, everyone walked away a winner.

Yes, Virginia, Alaska is a state

Northern Exposure, Too

By Janet Boyer

I have an announcement. Alaska is part of the United States. Does this come as a surprise to you? Well, apparently it comes as a surprise to some people.

It all started when I was still living in Grosse Pointe Park. I knew the Internet was going to play an important role in my Alaska Adventure and I was researching Internet service providers. I called one satellite company that had solicited my business through the mail.

"Do you service Alaska?" I asked the sales representative.

"Oh, no," she answered. "We only service the United States."

"The last time I checked," I responded, "Alaska was part of the United States."

"Hmmm," she said. "Well we don't service it."

OK, so maybe I can forgive one error in geographic judgment, but what about two? Recently my husband returned from a business trip to Alabama, only to tell me that he had to convince one woman that, no, you don't need a passport to visit Alaska.

And then there was a third incident. My husband's colleague was denied a rental car on this same trip because he produced his Alaska driver's license and was told he would need to show some identification from the United States.

Alaska became the 49th state on Jan. 3, 1959. After 43 years of statehood, you would think people would know it is part of the U.S. Evidently not, so I am now on a mission to educate people about the state.

Since living here, I've had to respond to many questions about Alaska and thought you might find the following information interesting and educational.

- Alaska is the largest state and is twice the size of Texas, the second largest state.

- It was purchased from Russia in 1864 for \$7.2 million or two cents an acre.

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Alaska's 2001 population was estimated to be 634,892. To put it in perspective, this is slightly smaller than the population of Columbus, Ohio.

- Within its borders, Alaska contains the northernmost, westernmost and, yes, the easternmost parts of the United States. Just look it up at www.akblizzard.com.

- Alaska's motto is "North to the future."

- The state flower is the forget-me-not.

- The state bird is the Willow Ptarmigan and apparently is good to eat

(they say it tastes like chicken), although I haven't had the pleasure.

- Alaska's fossil is the Woolly Mammoth.

- The state mineral is gold and the gem is jade. Lucky me — that means new jewelry.

- The Alaska gold rush began in 1849 and was the catalyst for building many towns, increasing the population and establishing a better communication system in the state.

- The state sport is dog mushing, with the most renowned race being the 1100-mile Iditarod, which begins in Anchorage and ends in Nome.

- You do not have to dial any special code to telephone Alaska; simply dial one and then the telephone number.

- Warren G. Harding was the first president to visit Alaska, spending several days here in the summer of 1923.

- Alaska is the only state with a capital, Juneau, that is inaccessible by road.

- The growing season in Juneau, Alaska, is only a week shorter than Lansing's, with 133 days vs. 140 days, respectively.

So there: You have some interesting facts about Alaska that you can use to wow people at your next

dinner party. And yes, it is a state.

But just yesterday I again encountered a geographical dilemma. I received my IKEA catalog and noted that the Scandinavian furniture store delivers anywhere in the U.S. except Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

When I read the words, "anywhere in the U.S.," I think of the 50 states. Maybe I'm wrong. After all, Puerto Rico is not a state. It is a U.S. territory. I called the sales representative.

"Do you deliver to Guam, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands?" I asked.

"No," she said. "We only deliver to the continental U.S."

"Why do you have Puerto Rico listed?" I said.

"We get a lot of calls from Puerto Rico, so we specifically list it," she answered.

"Well, the way it's listed it could make people think IKEA considers it a state," I replied.

"Oh no," she answered. "Alaska and Hawaii are states. Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory."

Maybe there is hope.

Janet Boyer served as the Director of Human Resources for the Children's Home of Detroit for four years. This spring she embarked on her Alaska adventure and will periodically provide updates of her life in the wilderness.

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Detroit Historical Society gives first Heritage Award

The Detroit Historical Museums & Society recently announced the Heritage Award, an annual recognition program established to commemorate the city's founding by honoring an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to preserve the history of Detroit and southeastern Michigan.

Congressman **John D. Dingell** was honored as the first recipient of the award for his exceptional commitment to preserving the area's history over five decades. In particular, Dingell was instrumental in achieving congressional designation of the southeast and central Michigan region as the Motor Cities — Automotive National Heritage Area (ANHA), one of 23 National Heritage Areas affiliated with the National Park Service.

The Detroit Historical Museum is the hub gateway of the Lower Woodward Hub District of the Motor Cities — ANHA. Dingell also championed the effort that resulted in the Detroit River's designation as one of just 12 American Heritage Rivers in 1998. The restoration, redevelopment and reopening to the public of Historic Fort Wayne, the city of Detroit's largest historical site, is one of this initiative's highest priorities.

The 2002 Heritage Award was presented to Dingell at the Ypsilanti Auto Heritage Collection, hub gateway for the Ypsilanti Hub District of the Motor Cities — ANHA. The award featured a limited edition Detroit Historical Museums logo tile, specially created for this event by Detroit's own Pewabic Pottery.

"The Heritage Award will be part of the Museum's celebration of the city's founding each July," said Grosse Pointe **Bob Bury**, executive director and CEO of the Detroit Historical Society.

"Congressman Dingell has done much to advance the mission of the Museums, and to preserve the story of our region and its people for future generations. We are honored to recognize him with our inaugural award."

Nominations for next year's honoree will be accepted beginning in January. Contact the Detroit Historical Society at (313) 833-7934 or visit our website at www.detroithistorical.org for more information on how to apply.

Relay ambassador: The American Cancer Society, the nation's leading

voluntary health agency, recently named **Joyce Peralta** of Grosse Pointe Park a Relay Community Ambassador. As a Relay Community Ambassador, Peralta will act as a key grassroots volunteer and spokesperson for the society's advocacy efforts, representing the interests of those touched by cancer before Congress during a national event in Washington, D.C., this fall with Relay Community Ambassadors from across the country.

"We want Congress to know cancer is a major concern to their constituents," said Megan White, regional executive director, American Cancer Society. "This year, an estimated 1.3 million Americans are going to be diagnosed with cancer and 550,000 will die. In our state alone, we will see 45,800 new cases and 19,800 deaths. Joyce knows first hand what this means and we are proud to have her carry our message to Congress to make cancer a national priority."

More than 3,000 ambassadors, cancer survivors, and volunteers from each of the country's 435 congressional districts will take part on Sept. 18-19 in the event, known as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Celebration on the Hill.

During this event, the ambassadors will meet with their members of Congress to let them know that fighting cancer is a priority to their constituents back home. Joined by thousands more survivors and volunteers from across the country, these Relay Community Ambassadors will also converge upon the Capitol Reflecting Pool.

The event will celebrate cancer survivorship and empower society volunteers to become a political force in the fight against cancer, both in Washington, D.C., and in communities across the country. Congress plays a critical role in the battle against cancer. Changes in laws can impact millions of people, exponentially expanding and enhancing the American Cancer Society's mission to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. Celebration on the Hill is designed to send a message to our elected leaders that we need to stay committed to enacting policies and providing resources that will help alleviate our nation's cancer burden.

Peralta is dedicated to the American Cancer Society due to the cancer incidence in her family. She has spent many hours speaking with lawmakers to educate them on cancer issues. Peralta does not plan to stop there, she is dedicated to making her voice heard to her legislators that cancer is a national priority.

The event is being organized under the auspices of the society's signature activity, Relay For Life. Relay is a unique overnight activity that offers everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life participants organize teams to walk, run or otherwise move around a track to demonstrate their resolve to eliminate cancer as a major public health problem.

Relay For Life was held in 19 communities throughout the metro-Detroit area in 2002 (including St. Clair Shores, in which the Grosse Pointe News participated), raising over \$1.4 million to go toward the society's on-going programs of cancer research, education, advocacy and service. With over 40,000 participants and over 1,200 cancer survivors, these communities took up the fight against cancer.

Caring women: The Women's Caring Program (WCP), a network of Michigan women dedicated to helping children from lower-income families, raised a record \$150,000 to provide child care assistance for lower-income families.

The funds were raised during the 23rd annual "Twilight Gathering" garden party fundraiser held July 11 in Milford. The event attracted more than 450 women guests and support from nearly 100 Michigan companies. Women from southeast Michigan, Lansing, Ann Arbor and as far as Grand Rapids enjoyed a wonderful evening under blue skies and tents, enjoying each other and gourmet food and a very competitive silent auction.

Event proceeds, including the funds raised from the silent auction, will go to Child Care Commitment, the first statewide private initiative of its kind, subsidizing child care assistance for lower-income families for one year in a licensed day-care facility.



Detroit Historical Society executive director & CEO Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park holds aloft the inaugural Heritage Award plaque before awarding it to Congressman John Dingell in Ypsilanti.



Photos by Wally Lubzik courtesy of the Detroit Historical Society

Posing with the 2002 Heritage Award from left are John L. Booth II of Grosse Pointe Shores, chairman of the Detroit Historical Commission; Congressman John D. Dingell; Donna M. Burke, vice president, external affairs, SBC Ameritech (sponsors of the award for 2002); and Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park, executive director & CEO of the Detroit Historical Society.

Prior to this year's event, the Women's Caring Program has helped more than 200 families through Child Care Commitment.

"Assuring working parents that their children are safe in licensed child care not only helps them financially but relieves them of worrying at work about their children's well-being. We felt strongly about offering this support to families, especially working moms, and want to thank the hundreds of women and businesses who have made it possible to reach even more families and children this year," said Carol Walters, WCP founder.

On average, a lower-income Michigan family spends about 28 percent of its gross income on child

care for one youngster. Five years ago WCP created and launched Child Care Commitment with the assistance of the Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care Association. Child Care Commitment subsidies reduce the amount that participating lower-income families spend on child care.

The Women's Caring Program, an idea conceived by Carol Walters and a group of friends, began in 1979 as a casual gathering, a chance for women to socialize and network in a relaxed summer setting.

For the first time, two fundraisers will be held in the same year. A second Women's Caring Program benefit will be held on August 26 in Grand Rapids. "Many women have no

choice about working to support themselves and their children. I have deep feelings for women who find themselves in the work force without the necessary support systems," said Marge Byington, who is organizing the west Michigan event. "I am so glad that my Grand Rapids friends have agreed to have a Women's Caring Program event here. Together we can do anything."

Minimum donations to the Twilight Gathering in Grand Rapids are \$75. For ticket information, contact Nancy Douglas at (616) 942-9868.

To find out how you or your company can become involved in the Women's Caring Program, contact Melissa Cragg at (313) 871-8000 or visit www.women-scaringprogram.org.



Women's Caring Program board members (left to right) Melissa Cragg of Grosse Pointe Park, Aleksandra Miziolek of Grosse Pointe Park and Linda Forte of Detroit join 450 other women during the non-profit group's "Twilight Gathering," which raises funds to help lower-income families receive child care assistance.

Walking makes strides against breast cancer

Join the American Cancer Society for its fifth anniversary of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

This walk celebrates breast cancer survivorship while raising funds that support breast cancer research and local community support and educational

programs. This 5-mile, non-competitive walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, at Belle Isle Park in Detroit. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call (248) 557-5353, or visit www.cancer.org.

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Headache Foundation's guidelines for children

By the time they reach high school, most young people have experienced some type of headache. Fortunately, less than five percent of headaches are the result of serious disease or organic problems, such as a tumor, abscess or head trauma.

The more parents and teachers know about children and headaches — their triggers, symptoms, prevention, and treatments — the easier it will be to identify them and help kids live with them for a fun and rewarding life. Here are some tips and advice for dealing with your child's headache.

Legitimate Biological Disease

While a child suffering from migraines has most likely inherited a predisposition to them, these headaches can result from stress, food or environmental triggers.

A child's or adolescent's tension-type headaches are real responses (not excuses) to personal, family or school-related stress or challenges. Whether it's a pop math quiz, an anticipated grammar test, or the school play, each child responds differently.

It is important for parents

to recognize their child's headaches as a legitimate biological disease which is treatable, and to seek diagnosis and a treatment plan to make your child's head pain and associated symptoms better.

Finding headache care

Some children, once diagnosed, will find immediate relief from prescribed treatment. With others, doctors might have to try a few approaches before achieving success. And there are a few young people who will find some relief but not a totally successful treatment.

Generally, however, if the symptoms persist despite the best efforts of your family physician or pediatrician, then it's time to ask your doctor for a referral to a pediatric neurologist or headache specialist.

Stress

Tension-type headaches are almost always caused by emotional stress, and migraines can be aggravated by stress. It is critical to understand what causes your child's stress, as well as your own, and how you both can manage it.

Counseling can be very helpful in identifying stress and in teaching a child how

to more effectively deal with headaches in daily life.

If counseling is possible, you may wish to try it. If your healthcare plan or HMO does not cover it, a note from your child's pediatrician may overcome this obstacle. Your kids cannot avoid stress, because it's everywhere. However, if parents help their children deal with both good and bad stress, they will be helping them learn necessary life-management skills.

It is important to help a child identify the sources of school stress such as problems learning math, science or another language, or an upcoming test. Recognition of this stress by a parent or teacher, coupled with understanding and encouragement, can help a young person better deal with his headaches.

Headache at home

When your child develops a headache or feels one coming on, suggest a dimly lit room, offer medication, and an ice pack if it helps. Be responsive and sensitive to the headache without pampering, and treat this child the same as you treat your other children.

School and communication

It is important for parents of younger children and for adolescents themselves, to discuss the headaches with school health professionals and teachers.

Your child's doctor can write a letter explaining the importance of treatment when the headache starts. Give the school nurse the medications and instructions for use. Explain to each teacher, every semester, that the moment a child feels the warning signs of a headache, he should be allowed to leave class, go to the nurse's office for medication, and rest there until the symptoms have decreased.

Headache at school

Young children experiencing or recovering from a migraine might not want to play with other kids and may find the activity of school recess periods difficult.

Offer an alternative, such as lying down in the nurse's room, or, if the child feels like it, reading a book.

If a migraine diminishes a young person's appetite, then instead of lunchtime in the cafeteria, ask if he would prefer to rest and relax in place of eating.

It is important to acknowledge and appropriately respond to the challenges that a child may experience during his headache, but it is also important for the child not to be separated or feel isolated from other students.

Allow immediate treatment

Children with migraines eventually learn the warning signs.

These sometimes include dizziness, nausea and sensitivity to light and sound. The actual headache may be accompanied by vomiting.

If a child feels that he has to take his medication, then encourage his teacher to allow a visit to the nurse's office to do this because taking medication as soon as the first signs of a headache appear is important. Waiting until class is over could put a young person in a more vulnerable situation, and force him to miss more of school than necessary.

Missing school days

There will be times when a headache will cause a child to be late to school, to leave school early, or to miss a day of school, but your child should not miss more than five days per semester as a result of headaches. If a child misses more than five days, then further evaluation may be necessary. Discourage "school refusal," and home schooling should not be considered a solution for headaches.

Healthy, moderate lifestyle

Successful control and management of headaches includes balanced, nutritious meals (especially breakfast), regular sleep patterns and a full night's sleep, physical exercise, activities, and avoiding food triggers or environmental triggers.

During the course of a headache, however, children should minimize physical activity because it may aggravate the headache.

Activities

While a child with headaches should remain active, refrain from over-commitment or too many activities.

If a particular activity triggers a headache, do not allow it, if possible, and, if it cannot be avoided, discuss how it might become more manageable. Your pediatrician, psychologist, teachers or other children might have suggestions for alternate activities.

Resources

The National Headache Foundation Web site at www.headaches.org provides a large body of information about all types of headaches and treatments.

The Web site also offers an educational resource section specifically addressing children's headaches, from the perspective of a parent or teacher and of a child, titled "Children's Headaches: An informative guide for young sufferers, their parents and school health professionals."

The site also offers a bookstore with many resources for you and your child.

To join the National Headache Foundation, visit the Web site at www.headaches.org or call (888) NHF-5552.

St. John Health offers unique program to recruit nurses

In order to help combat the nursing shortage, St. John Health is offering a unique program to recruit nurses into the health system.

Nurses who have not practiced professionally recently but have a desire to return to work are being offered a free nurse refresher course.

The third session begins Sept. 30 and has been recently expanded to 120 hours of classroom lecture and demonstration because

of the overwhelming requests for more information. Classes are held at the St. John Oakland Hospital Education Center, 27321 Dequindre, adjacent to St. John Oakland Hospital.

Foreign nurses who are able to prove eligibility to take the CGFNS Exam and have INS Employment Authorization may also be considered to participate in this program.

"Response to the program has been incredible with

approximately 500 inquiries since the program's inception. Most of the interest is from Registered Nurses in the Metro Detroit area but we have received calls from nurses, nursing administrators and recruiters in Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, Arizona and even Australia," says Mary Anne Rizza, corporate recruitment for St. John Health.

For further information or to receive an application, call MaryAnne Rizza at (586) 753-0373.

Web site expansion provides health information, tools

St. John Health has expanded its Web site to offer a number of beneficial services.

The St. John Health web site offers useful tools and information in both English and Spanish on 3,000 topics such as; prescription and non-prescription drug guides, symptoms and diseases, diagnostic procedures and links to other relevant health sites.

The web site also includes daily health news, webzines

with information on parenting, women, mental health and alternative health.

Information about St. John Health is also available such as a directory of physicians, class listings, service descriptions, and the latest news and career opportunities within St. John Health, which includes nine hospitals and 125 medical centers spanning six counties. Another tool on the web site offers help for newly diagnosed patients.

This link provides patient education reports giving in-depth knowledge on more than 100 conditions.

The web address to the St. John Health web site is www.stjohn.org and once at this page you may choose any of the green boxes listed below the column titled Your Health for answers to your questions.

For further information about St. John Health web site call St. John HealthLine at (888) 757-5463.

Patients in need of bingo callers

Calling all bingo callers and those who just like to help people.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Volunteer Services department has opportunities for community members to help with the popular patient TV bingo games each Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m.

Volunteers pass out bingo cards, verify numbers on cards in patient rooms, deliver prizes to patients or

call numbers and answer patient phone calls during bingo telecasts throughout the hospital.

No previous bingo experience is necessary.

In addition to the satisfaction that comes with helping others, volunteers receive free parking, a complimentary lunch on the days they work, and a generous discount in the hospital gift shop.

If you or someone you

would be interested in volunteering for patient bingo or in any of the many other areas that volunteers are needed, call the hospital's Volunteer Services department at (313) 343-3680 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is at 22110 Moross at Mack Ave., east of I-94.

New procedure for heart failure is available

Approximately five million people in this country have congestive heart failure (CHF), a condition occurring when the heart does not pump enough blood through the body. It is also one of the most common reasons people over the age of 65 are admitted to the hospital.

Traditionally, treatments have involved drugs, cardiac assist devices and transplantation.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is offering a new treatment alternative

for congestive heart failure called Surgical Ventricular Restoration (SVR). The operation involves an innovative medical device used to correct an enlarged poor functioning left ventricle associated with CHF.

"We are excited to offer patients with CHF, this new CorRestore System, which allows us to treat the disease, not just the symptoms," said Dr. Ali Kafi, chief of Cardiovascular Surgery at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The

new procedure uses the CorRestore Patch, a unique implant made of bovine pericardium. The design of the implant guards against leaking and helps restore the left ventricle function. Kafi said the new procedure can offer important benefits for appropriate candidates.

"We believe the SVR operation will be beneficial to patients with CHF, resulting in fewer admissions to the hospital and better management of the disease," Kafi

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Hear and Now

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Husband's a 'dry drunk'

Dear Jeff and Debra:
My husband, "Sam," is a dry alcoholic. He stopped drinking about 16 years ago, but never went to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or changed the bad behaviors he developed around his drinking. We have been married almost 20 years, and I am at my limit. I love him, but his denial about how his problems affect our life has finally beaten me down.

Are there any resources for me? For Sam? How do I approach him in a way that he'll respond to? He denies financial and relationship responsibility. He is always sorry for what he's done after he's caught, but then goes back and does it again. He says, "I just don't know why I do it."

Our pastor helped with the intervention for his drinking many years ago, and encouraged my husband to go to AA. Sam stopped drinking after the intervention and said, "See, I must not be an alcoholic because I have stopped drinking on my own."

Our pastor told him that wasn't true and that he needed help with the rest of the issues that went along with his addiction. But still my husband wouldn't go to AA.

I do not want to divorce him, but I am ready to — unless he gets help. Can you help me to help him?

— At My Wits End

Dear Wits End:

There's an old saying in Alcoholics Anonymous: "Sober up a horse thief, and you've still got a horse thief." Alcoholics who work a program of recovery in AA, however, make changes that lead to honesty, trustworthiness and contentment in sobriety.

There are also 12-step programs for families of alcoholics. Start going to Al-Anon or Families Anonymous meetings three times a week — or more. You'll get the support you need for yourself. But they won't tell you how to improve your husband.

So how can you motivate your husband to begin taking responsibility for his part in making your marriage work? Well, he's going to have to learn the skills necessary for the job. But first he must be willing to learn the skills. And that's the problem. He isn't willing. He sees no reason to change. The present arrangement is working just fine for him.

Talk to your pastor about doing another intervention on your husband. Clearly spell out what he needs to do if he wants the marriage to last. And spell out what is going to happen if he isn't willing to make changes. We'd recommend that your husband attend three or more AA meetings a week, work the 12 steps with an AA sponsor, begin individual counseling with a therapist and, when his therapist thinks he's ready, start relationship counseling.

In the meantime, get counseling for yourself. Choose counselors or therapists who specialize in relationship problems related to alcoholism. Call a local treatment center for recommendations.

If your husband refuses, he is telling you he is not a trustworthy marriage partner. He is not willing to do what it takes. Talk with your pastor about what you need to do to take care of yourself if your husband doesn't do his part. You may have to walk away from this guy.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of, "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." Debra Jay is the coauthor of "Aging and Addiction." Both books are published by Hazelden and available at Borders. See Jeff and Debra's Web site on intervention at www.lovefirst.net. Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or jeff.jay@lovefirst.net.

Early pregnancy class for couples

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers an Early Pregnancy Class for couples to attend prior to regular childbirth preparation classes.

The session is led by a Bon Secours BirthCare nurse educator. Learning what to expect early in the pregnancy will help couples reduce or eliminate some of the complications and discomforts associated with having a baby.

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers a free class for expectant parents in the early stages of pregnancy. The class is held from 7 to 10 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12, in the Bon Secours Hospital Private Dining Room, lower level. The hospital is located at 468 Cadieux in Grosse Pointe.

For more information or to register, call Bon Secours Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Henry Ford V.P. heads SOC auction

Greg Solecki, vice president at Henry Ford Home Health Care, has accepted the chairmanship of Services for Older Citizens' (SOC) 2002 auction committee.

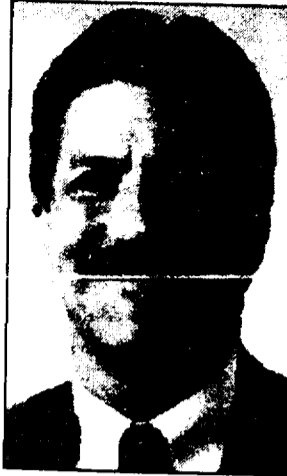
Solecki has been with Henry Ford Health System for 26 years and directed the development and implementation of Henry Ford's Medicare-certified home health agency, a private duty and supplemental staffing agency and an in-home emergency response system. He has been a member of the American Hospital Association and has been active with the Michigan Home Health Association.

In addition to his position on the SOC's board, Solecki currently serves as the consulting editor on the

Editorial Advisory Board for Hospital Home Health.

"As a member of the SOC Board of Trustees, I have proudly watched its outreach and offerings to seniors grow," said Solecki. "This growth has been funded, in large part, by our September Evening by the Lake event. The goal for 2002 is to raise \$100,000 to underwrite the costs of the numerous and diverse programs SOC offers to seniors in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. It's a very exciting time for me to serve as this year's auction chairman."

The auction, "A September Evening by the Lake", is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The evening includes a pre-



Greg Solecki

view auction, silent auction, an extravagant sit-down feast and live auction. Dinner entertainment will be provided by the Barnards

with vocalist Denise Stevens.

"SOC's sixth annual auction is not only our major fundraiser, it is one of Grosse Pointe's and Harper Woods' best parties," said Solecki. "From the early and enthusiastic response to our invitations, as well as our requests for acquisitions, this year's auction will be our most fun and financially rewarding fundraiser ever."

Tickets are \$100 and can be obtained by calling the SOC office at 313-882-9600.

To make a donation to the auction (may be an item, service or monetary contribution), contact Acquisition's Chair Cathy Champion at (313) 549-0036. Auction proceeds will be used to support the programs of SOC.

Diabetics can learn to manage their disease

The Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Diabetes Center offers individuals

with diabetes educational literature, videotapes, and outpatient counseling to help them "live well" with diabetes. Located at 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores, the center is a key component of the successful Adult Outpatient Diabetes Program that emphasizes education as the primary

factor in successfully managing diabetes.

According to Outpatient Diabetes Program coordinator Vivian Brzezicki, diabetics can be a difficult disease to live with because everything individuals eat affects their blood sugar levels.

But with the proper education, diabetes can be effec-

tively managed.

At the center, individual counseling is offered to patients on topics which include diet, exercise, foot care, administering insulin injections and more. Visitors also can view educational videos at the facility or check them out to watch at home with family members.

Persons need not be enrolled in the Bon Secours

Cottage Outpatient Diabetes Program to use the Resource Center for counseling or to get free or low-cost educational materials to help them manage their disease.

However, a physician referral is required and appointments are necessary. For more information about the program, call (586) 779-7661.



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'The Poet and the Murderer' — good book, hate the title

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

In the tradition of Simon Winchester's riveting story of the OED, "The Professor and the Madman," and Miles Harvey's fascinating study of the map thief, "The Island of Lost Maps," Simon Worrall tracks master forger and confessed murderer Mark Hofmann.

"The Poet and the Murderer: A True Story of Literary Crime and the Art of Forgery" is Worrall's first book, derived from articles he wrote for Harper's Magazine, The New Yorker, The Paris Review and The Guardian.

I love the book but hate that title. First off, it's more about the murderer than the poet, so shouldn't the order be reversed? Then it seems to be cashing in on the title of Simon Winchester's runaway bestseller, "The Professor and the Madman." It even runs to the same initials: TPATM. Is this some sort of superstition, like a lucky shirt?

On the plus side, at least he didn't say "poetess."

I hate the title because it's sensational and clearly designed to snare readers. And, of course, I hate it most because this play worked on me.

Don't get me wrong: The book is fascinating. I enjoyed it almost as much as I enjoyed Winchester's "Professor" and Harvey's "Island." Worrall owes much to both.

Like Harvey, Worrall follows his subject, forger Mark Hofmann, through his world, setting the scene as he goes. We meet the rare

book dealers at Sotheby's, the heads of the Mormon Church who were hoodwinked, the librarian who bought the fake poem and led the investigation into the fraud, the dealers at Sotheby's and in Las Vegas, Hofmann's family, the murder victims, the police and many others who were scammed.

Despite all the side trips and digressions, Worrall keeps the story moving. Winchester and Harvey are both better, more fluent writers, but Worrall's writing is certainly good enough. For him, as for the reader, the excitement of the story is all.

But who is the poet? Some will remember in 1997 the New York Times announced the discovery of an unpublished poem by Emily Dickinson to be auctioned off at Sotheby's. Hofmann couldn't have chosen better. Of all the major American poets, no one's life is more shrouded in mystery.

But here's the amazing thing: He not only forged her writing and passed the experts' examinations and time tests, he wrote the poem. And the experts accepted and sold it for \$21,000.

And his forgery was not limited to Dickinson. He had forged Mormon documents as well as those supposedly from Daniel Boone, George Washington, Mark Twain, Jack London, John Quincy Adams and others. His forgeries run into the hundreds. He even counterfeited coins.

Not everyone's going to love this book. Some Dickinson fans are complaining that Worrall bases

his coverage of her on rumor and conjecture.

And it's really going to offend Mormons. The forger, Hofmann, born and raised among the Latter-day Saints, bore deep resentment for the church and what he perceived as its hypocrisy.

Worrall doesn't leave it at that. In great detail, he trashes the church's founders, teachings and current leaders. He compares the church's beginnings with that ragtag lot at Waco. He describes Joseph Smith as a drinking, womanizing, snake-oil con man. Brigham Young, he says, was prone to shady money dealings.

He stresses that while teaching self-control, the church encouraged polygamy and treated women as vassals. He accuses the church's current leaders, including president Gordon Hinckley, of buying documents that might expose weaknesses in the church and burying them.

Sotheby's won't be pleased. Forensics document examiner George Throckmorton, who testified against Hofmann, said of Sotheby's, "Every single document they sent me was a forgery. And I would tell them these things were forged, but they would still go ahead and sell them, without informing the purchasers. One time they even modified my report, leaving out the part where I said it was a forgery."

If you need a local connection, Worrall covers the Taubman scandal at Sotheby's. But you have to read the book to find it.



The Book Return

There is no index.

His descriptions of photographs are vivid, but I'd rather see the photographs. I wish publishers wouldn't save money this way.

He says so much that is controversial and delves into what everyone is thinking and feeling to such a degree that I'd like some footnotes. It's ironic that after all these years of fighting scholarly writing as mind numbing, I would be so hungry for footnotes.

But after reading Sylvia Nasar's "A Beautiful Mind," which is thoroughly noted, and in light of so much questionable reporting of late—hoaxes, half-truths and plagiarism, I find I'm less accepting of standard, non-substantiated journalism. Were these quotes from interviews? If so, whose?

Nitpicking aside, this is a good story, well told and sharply observed. eBay and greed rated a special attack: "Large amounts of expendable income, a hype-driven auction market, and a gullible public, with more money than sense, have made our own era a golden age of literary forgery."

Hofmann had exceptional talent and worked very hard on fakery. So why did he do it? I suppose it's some variation on the answer master safecracker Willie Sutton was supposed to have made when asked why he robbed banks.

"Because that's where the money is."

You can find Helen Gregory online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us or look for her at Grosse Pointe Central Library.

Beat the summer blues

À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



Fresh blueberries at a decent price will soon be out of reach.

Taking advantage of a recent sale on the summer-time blues I found myself with more berries than I knew what to do with. To the cookbooks I headed and ended up with a tasty recipe for blueberry cobbler. I found this simple take on cobbler in Cook's Illustrated magazine.

Blueberry Cobbler

1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon corn starch
pinch of salt
pinch of cinnamon
6 cups fresh blueberries, rinsed
1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon rind, plus
1 tablespoon fresh-squeezed lemon juice

1 cup flour
2 tablespoons corn meal
1/4 cup sugar plus 2 teaspoons, divided
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted
1/3 cup buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a large bowl combine the sugar, cornstarch, pinch of salt and pinch of cinnamon. Add the berries and gently toss (using a rubber spatula) to coat evenly. Toss in the lemon zest and lemon juice. Transfer berries to a deep round glass pie dish.

Place the pie dish on a baking sheet and bake at 375 until the filling is hot and bubbling around the edges, about 25 minutes. While the berries are baking, prepare the topping.

In a large bowl whisk together the flour, cornmeal, 1/4 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.

In a small bowl combine melted butter, buttermilk, and vanilla. Set aside.

In another small bowl mix together the remaining 2 teaspoons of sugar with 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon and set aside.

Just before you are ready to remove the berries from the oven, add the buttermilk mixture to the flour mixture and stir just until the ingredients are wet and crumbly. Remove the berries from the oven and increase the oven temperature to 425 degrees.

Using your fingers (carefully) spread the topping evenly over the hot berries. Next, sprinkle the cinnamon-sugar mix over the topping. Return the cobbler to the oven and bake at 425 for an additional 15 to 20 minutes, until the topping is golden brown.

Remove the cobbler from the oven and allow to cool for about 20 minutes. Serve blueberry cobbler warm with vanilla ice cream or fresh whipped cream.

Ideally, the topping for this cobbler is supposed to be dropped over the berries like biscuits. My topping, however, turned out more of a crumble. The end result was delicious just the same. The lemon gives the blueberries a perfect hint of tart while the cinnamon-sugar rounds out a sweet finish.

DSO set for summer season finale at Meadow Brook

The grand finale of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's summer season at Meadow Brook Music Festival will be punctuated by the dramatic blast of cannon, spectacular fireworks and the majestic 1812 Overture.

Presenting three concerts in its final weekend, the DSO will perform a "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" on Friday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 10. Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. and feature an all-Tchaikovsky program, including the 1812 Overture, accompanied by cannon fire and followed by fireworks.

These concerts are led by Jerusalem-born conductor Uriel Segal and feature young Russian-born violinist Philip Quint.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m., the DSO is joined by Sandi Patty, who lends her remarkable voice to a program of classic songs, nostalgic big band standards and heart-stirring patriotic tunes.

The 1812 Overture premiered for the consecration of the Cathedral of the Redeemer inside the Kremlin. Tchaikovsky scored the work for a very large orchestra, a brass band, cannon and church bells, as the work was to be performed outdoors. The work makes use of three well-known patriotic tunes, Russian hymns and folk songs: "God Preserve Thy People," "God Save the Tsar," and the French

national anthem, "La Marseillaise." Following "God save the Tsar," the Russian national anthem of the time, the work is punctuated with cannon shots and crowned by a last wild peal of bells.

Violin soloist Philip Quint began his training at Moscow's Special Music School for the Gifted. In 1991, he emigrated to the United States, graduating from Juilliard in 1998. He has since amassed many awards including, most recently, the Waldo Mayo Talent Award presented at Carnegie Hall to the most gifted young performer in New York. With the DSO, Quint will perform Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto No. 1 (the first movement only on Friday, and the work in its entirety on Saturday).

Ironically, the 1812 Overture was not well received upon its premiere in 1881. But in subsequent centuries, it has taken its rightful place as one of the great glories of the Romantic concerto repertoire. Throughout this work, tension and excitement continue to build, ending in a brilliant climax. It has also become one of the most frequently recorded of any violin concerto, having been performed and recorded by Heifetz, Perlman, Stern and others, providing a dazzling display of virtuoso pyrotechnics.

Leading the "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" programs is

Uriel Segal. Accorded rave reviews for his debut season as music director of the Louisville Orchestra, Segal is also music director of the Chautauqua Festival and conductor laureate of the Century Orchestra in Osaka, Japan. He has made numerous recordings for Decca and EMI, including releases with the London Philharmonic, the English Chamber Orchestra, l'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, the Bournemouth Symphony and the New Zealand Symphony. Segal is a first prize-winner in the Dimitri Mitropoulos International Conducting Competition.

Advance sale tickets for the DSO at Meadow Brook Music Festival range in price from \$14 to \$56 and can be purchased at the Orchestra Hall box office, (313-576-5111); the Palace box office, (248-377-0100); and any Ticket Master outlet (248-645-6666). Tickets can also be purchased online at www.detroitssymphony.com. Tickets purchased at the door range from \$16 to \$59.

The Meadow Brook box office is open Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and on concert days, from noon through the end of the performance. Special discounts are available for groups of 20 or more by calling (313) 576-5130. Meadow Brook grounds open 90 minutes prior to concerts for picnicking on the lawn or at picnic tables.

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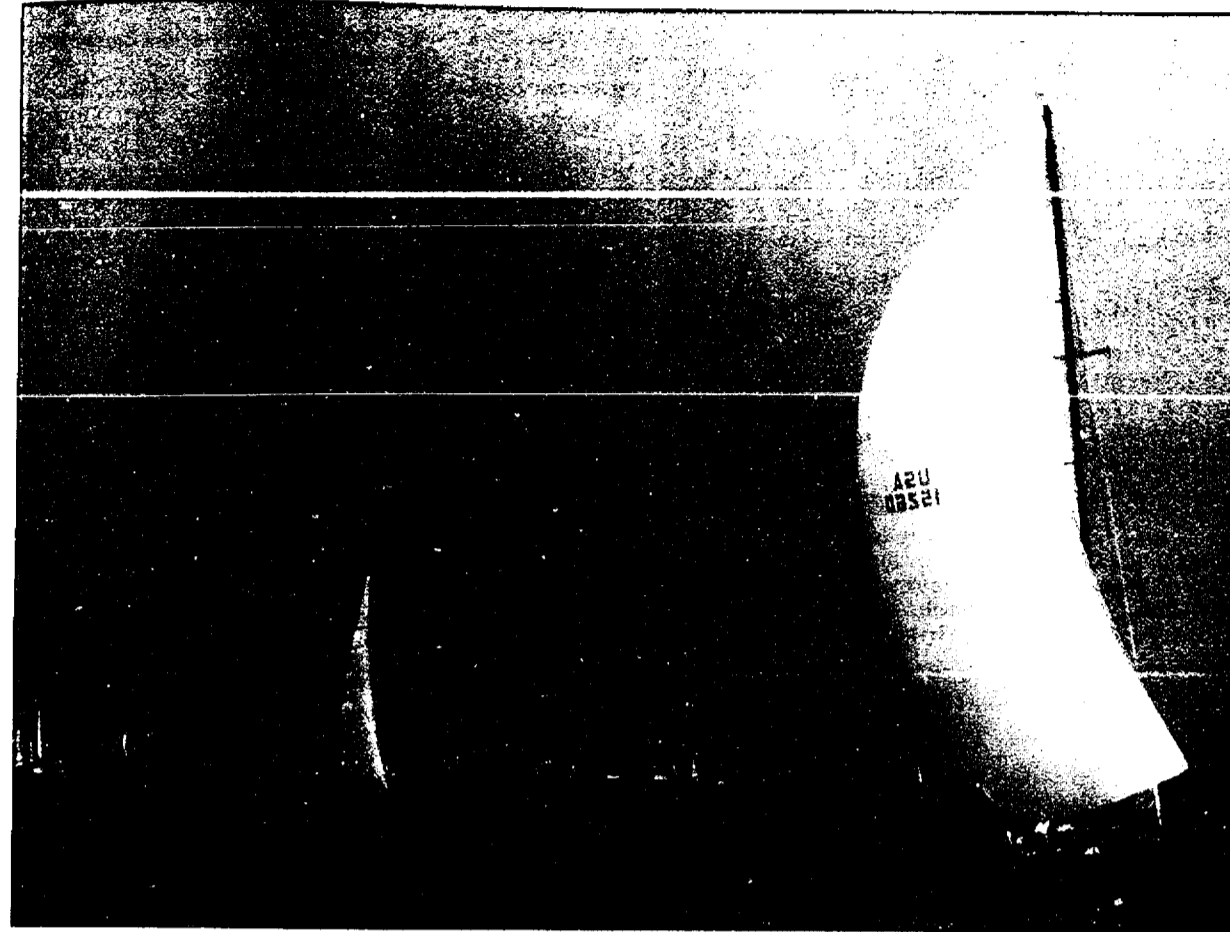


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Great Whisper, a Tartan-42 owned by Todd Jones lead the Tuesday Night Sundown Series race from the City of Grosse Pointe, finishes light winds to start to finish.

Sailors use wits to manage light air

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Sundown sailboat series lived up to its name last week.

Low wind on Lake St. Clair made for a slow race that languished past dusk.

The Great Whisper, a tall-masted Tartan-42 owned by Todd Jones of the City, led a fleet of about 60 boats from start to finish.

"The key to light air is getting clear air," said Jones, who also skippered Great Whisper to second overall in the Bacardi Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac Race last month. "When the (starting) gun went off, our air cleared and away we went."

Other boats had less luck in the Tuesday evening race sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. Shortly after the first heat at 7 p.m., a paltry two- to four-knot wind died.

"Wherever we looked, there was wind except where we were," said Rob Boggs, skipper of a Cal 25 named Five Guys Named MOE. "We didn't have such a good day."

Thomas Fraser, Jr., owner of the green-hulled C.F. Pickle, a small sloop with a full keel, began the race in low-wind mode. "We do a dip-start," he said. He kept Pickle up-current of the starting line until moments before his heat took off.

"Just before the start, we dipped down below the (starting) line and headed back upstream to get more air," Fraser said. "It's a tactic he's learned during 40 years of sailing."

Under normal conditions, race organizers set up four overlapping courses, ranging from 3.2 to 7.1 miles long. Boats, segregated into 11 classes, based on length and sail area, race among themselves as part of an overall fleet.

Last week, seeing the wind was almost nil, club officers shortened the course. Boats headed upstream to round a mark anchored off Neff Park, then headed back.

Jones steered the Great Whisper straight to the outbound mark. A few heats later, Boggs and MOE did the same.

"Some people go in-shore where there is less current," Boggs said. "Some go out into the lake where there's more wind. We went up the middle."

Fraser took Pickle inshore, but knew he'd have to change course as the day lengthened.

"You get consistent thermals coming off the land," he said. "As the sun sets, wind will die in-shore."

About half way up the first leg, boats on the middle tack got an unwelcome surprise.

"The wind died," Boggs said. "Boats inland blew by us. Boats out in the lake blew by us. Everyone blew by us on either side."

Pickle languished with about eight other boats. A few minutes later, a light breeze picked up.

"We managed to make up a few boats," Boggs said. "We kept things in perspective."

"If you can't have fun," he said, "don't show up."

Park squad wins Grand Rapids tourney

The Grosse Pointe Park All Stars won the recent Thorn Apple Valley Classic baseball tournament in Grand Rapids with a 10-3 victory over the host team in the championship game.

"This was a totally dominating performance against excellent competition," said Park coach Jim Saros. "Our kids were on top of their game in all areas."

The Park proved that by outscoring their opponents 53-6.

"That's just a staggering statistic when you consider how good the other teams are," Saros said. "These are all all-star teams from different cities around the state."

Grand Rapids Thorn Apple Valley — the Park's championship game opponent — is a strong federation team and it jumped ahead when the leadoff batter hit the first pitch over the center field fence.

Thorn Apple Valley was leading 2-0 in the third inning when the Park loaded the bases with two out. Lance Lucas hit a triple to clear the bases and Brad Cory followed with a single to score Lucas.

Ryan Krupka capped the scoring with a grand slam in the fifth inning.

Jimmy Saros, Krupka and Max Pearson each had two hits for the Park.

The Park opened the tournament with a 16-0 rout of Brighton. Every Park player had at least one hit and one RBI.

The Park collected 15 hits and played its fifth straight errorless game in a 13-3 win over DeWitt. Andrew Walker

pitched an outstanding game.

Krupka, Max Pearson and Evan Pearson combined on a no-hitter in an 11-0 victory over Forest Hills. Cory went 3-for-3 and hit a grand slam.

The three victories put the Park All Stars into the semifinals where it beat Howell 3-0.

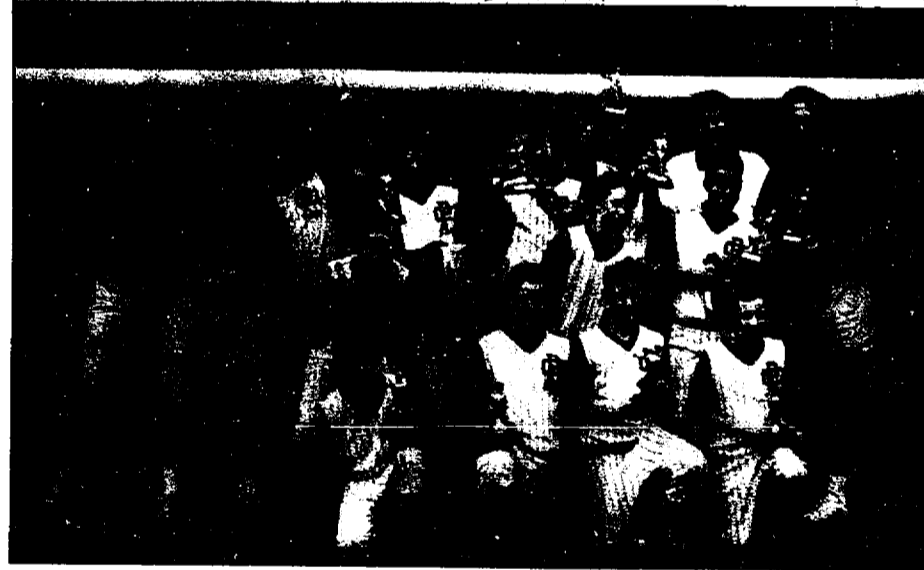
Pat Lewandowski, Mark

Riashi and Evan Pearson combined on the shutout and Lewandowski helped himself with a home run and a double.

Lewandowski, Evan Pearson and Riashi were dominant on the mound throughout the tournament.

Riashi pitched three score-

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The Grosse Pointe Park All Stars took first place in the Thorn Apple Valley Classic baseball tournament. In front, from left, are Max Pearson, Jay Williams, Ryan Krupka and Andrew Buchholz. In the middle row, from left, are assistant coach Jim Williams, Lance Lucas, Brad Cory, Mike Herzog and Mark Riashi. In back, from left, are Rob Buchholz, Andrew Walker, Jimmy Saros, Pat Lewandowski, Evan Pearson, head coach Jim Saros and assistant coach Mark Riashi.

Farms-City Americans are first in local Little League tourney

There isn't much time to develop chemistry when putting together an all-star team of Little League baseball players.

But the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Americans seemed to find a perfect blend of team chemistry in the days leading up to the District 6 local all-star tournament at Art Getz Field in Grosse Pointe Park.

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Americans won all four of their games to take the championship, beating the Farms-City Nationals 9-0 in the final game of the double-elimination tournament.

"I'm extremely proud of the boys," said Americans manager Brett Kurly. "In a very short time they came together as a team, understanding the very adult concept of role playing. They were very successful at it."

In the final game, the Americans broke a scoreless tie in the third inning.

Bryan Cenko singled to left field, moved to second on a sacrifice and took third on a passed ball. He scored on Michael Cytacki's single to center.

The Americans broke the close game open in the fourth. Steve Butterly hit a two-run single and he came home on P.T. Shirar's single.

Dieter Tech, Nick Steff, Marc Smale and Tupper Horn also scored in the Americans' five-run outburst.

Shirar, Steve Reaume and Horn capped the scoring with runs in the sixth inning.

The defensive standout for the Americans was second baseman Joey Kurly, who made four putouts, including two on hard line

drives.

Matt Smith had the Nationals' only hit off winning pitcher Smale.

The Farms-City Americans opened the tournament with their closest game — a 3-0 victory over Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores National.

One of the highlights of the game was Woods-Shores catcher Drew Tech cutting down his cousin, Dieter, on an attempted steal of second in the third inning.

Later in that same inning, Shirar hit a three-run homer to drive in Michael Hemovich and Smale.

Both sides received strong pitching. Hemovich went the distance for the Americans and allowed two hits, while striking out 10.

Greg Blunden also pitched a complete game for Woods-Shores. He gave up five hits

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Pointers help MABF champs

Several Grosse Pointers were members of the Coughlin Cubs Federation

Farms-City splits first two at regional

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 12-year-old All Star team split its first two games at the Great Lakes Regional in Indianapolis.

Farms-City, which won the Michigan state title, began regional play with a 9-7 loss to the Ohio state champion but the Grosse Pointe squad bounced back on Monday with a 6-0 victory over the Indiana state champion.

Baseball Club that took first place in the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation Kousfax Division.

The team of 13-year-olds posted a 17-1 record in a 14-and-under division.

The Cubs also took first place in the Mariners' Fourth of July tournament in St. Clair Shores and finished second at the USSSA State Baseball Championships in Canton.

In the Mariners' tournament, the Cubs beat the Clarkston Riverdaws 6-4 in the championship game after defeating the North Shore Bandits 13-3 in the semifinals.

The runner-up finish in the state tournament

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State champs

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 14-year-old Babe Ruth All Star baseball team won the state championship for its division. On the way to the title, the Woods-Shores squad beat Grosse Pointe South, L'Anse Creuse North and Clinton Valley. They advanced to the Ohio Valley regional in Owensboro, Ky. In front, from left, are Jeff Hawkins, Dan Bogosian, Mike Raymond, Jaime Sheppard and Paul McAlpine. In back, from left, are manager Gary Lombardi, Chris McAlpine, Jared Detrick, Matt Lombardi, Larry Briski, Nick Durham, Eddie Perry, Alex Symonds, Brad Herman, Bill Matouk, coaches Larry Detrick and Bill Matouk and Tom Ziemiecki.

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and struck out five.

The Americans' defense was solid up the middle with Kurily at second and Sterr at shortstop making some fine plays.

The Farms-City American bats woke up in their next game as they collected 10 hits in an 8-2 win over Woods-Shores American.

Farms-City struck early as leadoff batter Dieter Tech beat out a bunt for a single, moved up on an error and a stolen base and was driven in by Shirar.

Shirar, Butterly and Reaume combined for seven of the Farms-City's hits. David Cassleman, who was used primarily as a pinch runner, got a chance to bat and singled to right field.

Kenko doubled and scored on a bases-loaded walk.

Mike Yanis and John Butts scored the Woods-Shores runs.

Smale allowed two hits and picked up the win. Horn got a save.

Farms-City wasted no time in taking command of its next game with the host Grosse Pointe Park squad.

Farms-City scored six runs and collected seven of its 14 hits in the first inning as it rolled to a 15-4 victory.

Hemovich allowed three hits in posting the win. He and Smale led the scoring parade with three runs apiece.

Cale Mannesto hit a double and scored one of the Park's runs. Nick Pavle scored twice for the Park and Andy Wybo had the other Park run.



The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Americans took first place in the District 6 Little League Local All-Star tournament in Grosse Pointe Park. In front, from left, are Nick Sterr, Dieter Tech, Steve Butterly, Steve Reaume, David Cassleman, Topher Horn, Joey Kurily and Marc Smale. In back, from left, are Mike Hemovich, Art Getz, P.T. Shirar, Michael Cytacki, Dean Dauphinais, Bryan Kenko, Mitch Shirar, Mike Sheehy and Brett Kurily.



The St. Clare junior varsity girls basketball team won the St. Jude Postseason Invitational tournament to finish the year with a 19-1 record. In front, from left, are Hannah Guaranta, Morgan Bedan, Gina Valgol, Maria Butler, Hannah Szebernak, Lindsay McMillan, Kelly DeFauw and Clare Conway. In back, from left, are Jeana Brown, Meghan Hopkins, Brianna Costello, Caitlin Butler, coaches Jodi Girodat, Rick Zaraneck and John Pulbratek, Candace Hurt, Kate Brennan and Dayna Cole.

St. Clare JV team wins tourney

The St. Clare junior varsity girls basketball team completed a championship season by winning the St. Jude Postseason Invitational with a 38-11 victory over the host team. The championship game was a fine exhibition of

defensive teamwork, precision passing and balanced scoring. Kate Brennan and Candace Hurt led the scoring with eight points apiece. Hannah Szebernak, Kelly DeFauw and Caitlin Butler

added four points each. Lindsey McMillan, Morgan Bedan, Clare Conway, Brianna Costello and Dayna Cole also scored baskets. The tournament title brought the Junior Falcons' record to 19-1 for the second consecutive season.



Several Grosse Pointers were members of the Coughlin Cubs, who took first place in the Koufax Division of the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation with a 17-1 record. In front, from left, are Herman Petzold, Kyle Scott, Ryan Abraham, Taylor Flaska and Alan Avila. In back, from left, are coach Ken Stallons, Corey Kuppe, coach Brian Scott, James Stallons, James Bertakis, manager Dave Kuppe, Trevor John, John Chapel, Robert Knight, Fred Andary and coach George Chapel.

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earned the Cubs a berth in the USSSA World Series in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Grosse Pointe residents on the team are Ryan Abraham, Fred Andary, James Bertakis, John Chapel, Taylor Flaska and Trevor John.

George Chapel of Grosse Pointe Woods is one of the assistant coaches on manager Dave Kuppe's staff. Kuppe, who now coaches girls basketball at Fraser High School, is a former coach and athletic director at Lutheran East.

Local golfer takes second

Joey Parke of Grosse Pointe Farms shot a 79 to take second place in the boys 11-15 age group at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour event at Boulder Pointe golf course in Oxford.

Baseball tryouts

A new 12-and-under boys federation baseball team is holding tryouts for all positions on Saturday, Aug. 17 at Kyte Monroe Field in St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (586) 772-0308.

Lochmoor to host pro tennis tourney

The sixth annual Men's Professional Singles Tennis Tournament will be held from Sept. 27 through 29 at the Lochmoor Club.

Defending champion James Sekulov of Perth, Australia, is expected to compete again.

Sekulov defeated world-ranked players Thomas Enquist, Michael Chang and Martin Damm to reach the semifinals of the Mercedes Super Series tournament in Los Angeles.

He lost to eventual champion Pete Sampras in the

semifinal round. Also expected to return is touring pro Steve Campbell, who won the first Lochmoor tournament and has been ranked as high as 78th in the world.

The event is open to the public and tickets are free.

The tournament is indoors with box seats and bleacher seating available.

The tournament director is Joe Shaheen, head tennis professional at Lochmoor.

For more information, call (313) 886-0777.

Junior tennis champs crowned

Several members of the Wimbledon Racquet Club's junior development program reached the finals in their age groups at the recent Summer Classic tournament that was hosted by the club.

In the girls 10 division, Wimbledon's Sarah VanWalleghem was second to Kelsey Dieters.

In the boys 10 division, Wimbledon's Doug Zade was runner-up to Mihai Mihailescu and Matt Wojtkowski of Wimbledon won the consolation championship.

Robbie Sessions of Wimbledon was runner-up to Barnet Gold in the boys 14 division.

The Summer Classic, one of two junior tournaments hosted by Wimbledon each year, had 72 entrants in the

six divisions. Following are the results in each age group:

Girls 10: Kelsey Dieters def. Sarah VanWalleghem; Natasha Dabrowski won the consolation final.

Girls 12: Darylann Trout def. Annessa Campian; Erica Rapley, consolation.

Girls 14: Sarah Campian def. Whitney Tillman; Gina Dallacqua, consolation.

Boys 10: Mihai Mihailescu def. Doug Zade; Matt Wojtkowski, consolation.

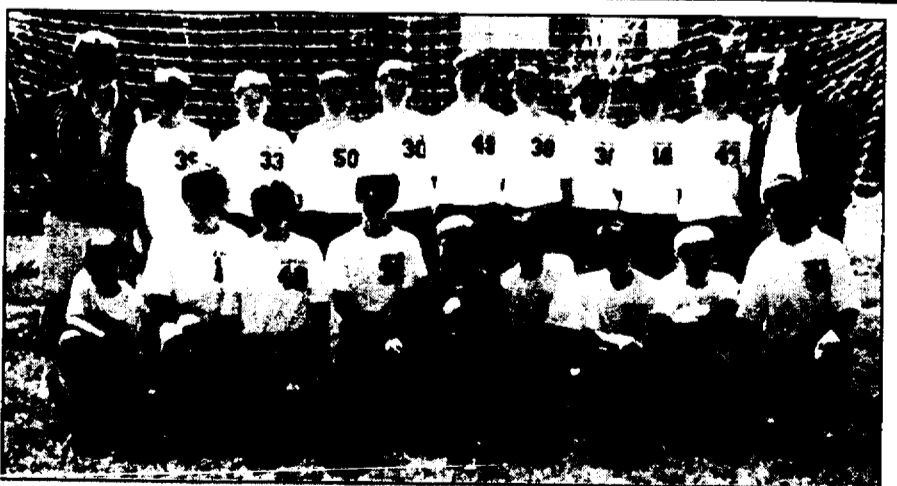
Boys 12: William Brown def. Michael Diakonov; Gaurur Venkataraman, consolation.

Boys 14: Barnet Gold def. Robbie Sessions; Brad Krasnik, consolation.



Playoff champs

The Giants beat the Mets 15-13 in the championship game of the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Babe Ruth Baseball Sosa Division playoffs. Members of the team are Matt Hamman, Jeff Holme, Gary David, Drew Hanlon, Mike Kedzierski, Charlie Cooper, Brian Vens, Joe David, Mike Daille, Alex Amicucci, Anthony Fazi, Nick Ridella and Brent Brown. Jim Amicucci, Ted Kedzierski and John Vens are the coaches. Greg Ridella is the manager.



Soccer champs

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association's Hurricanes '89 completed an undefeated season and finished first in their under-13 division of the select Michigan Youth Soccer League. The Hurricanes began their season with a tie but won the next 11 games to finish 15 points ahead of their nearest rival. They scored 40 goals to the opposition's 16 and every player on the Hurricanes squad had a goal or an assist. In front, from left, are Kyle Steiner, John Jacobi, Ian Talbot, Timmy Greening, Phil Czatowski, Jon Chow, Nick Mazuras, Matt Dziuba and Joey Vega. In back, from left, are coach Will Beierwaltes, Stephan Pfachler, Alex Keller, Charlie Fisher, Andrew Dickson, Ben Cavanaugh, Tommy Quinn, Anthony Provenzano, Conner Schmidt, Joe Pieroni and coach Gary Provenzano. Not pictured are coach Lee Greening and team manager Michelle Fisher.

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Regina's Babich takes aim at St. Bonaventure diving team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Jackie Babich made a memorable splash during her four-year diving career at Regina High School. The 17-year-old Babich smashed the school diving record set by mentor Kristen Lorenz (1996-2000), earning 267.55 points in six dives and 1,230 in 11 dives. "I had a lot of fun diving at Regina," Babich said. "We competed against some of the best teams in the state and I was able to rise to the occasion and win."

Babich out-dived some of the best divers from powerhouses Farmington Hills Mercy, Birmingham Maran and Livonia Ladywood. She won the one-meter diving competition at the Catholic League A-B Championship meet with 410.40 points. Allison Bentley of Ladywood was a distant second with 341.40 points.

"Winning the Catholic League title was great," Babich said. "To finish ahead of some of the top divers in the state was a great feeling."

Two weeks later, Babich earned a seventh-place medal in the Class A state

championship meet, finishing with 355.45 points. Jamie Lea Stratin of Hudsonville won the gold medal with 427.15 points.

"Placing seventh in the state finals and winning the Catholic League title was a great way to start my senior year," Babich said. "The competition was so tough, but my coaches (Frank Bruneel is the head swimming coach) helped me gain the confidence and skill I needed to win the medals."

Oakland University recruited Babich, but so did St. Bonaventure University (located in the quaint little town of Olean, N.Y.).

"I didn't want to go to a Catholic university, but I felt right at home when I went on my official visit," Babich said. "It's a great campus and I will get a great education and compete against some of the best divers in the country."

Babich begins her first semester of college on Aug. 26, while her collegiate diving career starts on Sept. 3. Her first meet is on Oct. 12.

"It's going to be interesting to be on my own and to be so far from home," she said. "Will I make it? No

problem." St. Bonaventure offered Babich an athletic scholarship and the Presidential scholarship. "This is an opportunity of a lifetime," Babich said. "This is what I have worked for since I began swimming at Oak Diving at Warren

Woods-Tower as an eighth-grader." Between her half-pikes, twists and turns in the pool during practice and meets, Babich will be following a curriculum in political science. She finished her high school career with a 3.97

grade point average and that included competing in swimming in the fall and track in the spring.

In addition, she was on the Honor Roll for four years, a member of the National Honor Society for three years and is a certified Eucharistic minister at Regina.

Babich is also a lector at St. Isaac Juges parish in St. Clair Shores, and is involved in youth ministry at St. Isaac Juges and St. Joan of Arc parishes.

"I had a busy school year, but was pleased with everything I did, except in track," Babich said. "I didn't run as well as I would have liked, but overall I had a great senior year."

Babich competed in the 100-meter high hurdles, the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and was a member of the 1,600-meter relay.

She made the state finals during her freshman and sophomore seasons, but fell short her final two years. "I enjoyed track and field, but just couldn't get it done the final couple of years," Babich said. "The competition was awesome and I wasn't up to their talent level."

Babich continued in the footsteps of her father (Dennis) and brother, who graduated from Notre Dame High School.

"My parents (mother, Judy) really believe that a Catholic school education prepared me for college," Babich said. "I had a great time during my years at St. Isaac Juges and Regina and now I'm looking forward to getting a college education at a Catholic university."

"I like the morals of the institution and the direction it will lead me."

Babich took a month off from diving, but recently got back into the pool during the Penn State Diving Camp.

"It taught me some more difficult dives I will need to perform during my college career," she said. "High school diving was competitive, but the competition at the college level will be out of this world."

"I have to be at my best to win." The Babich family will be leaving for Olean at the end of August and five years from now Jackie will be back with a bachelor's degree and hopefully several collegiate diving medals. "I can't wait to get going," she said.



Regina grad Jackie Babich plans to continue her diving career at St. Bonaventure University.

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less innings in the championship game and Pearson closed out all five victories with an overpowering fastball and a fine array of off-speed pitches. He allowed only one run in the tournament.

Waller, Cory, Michael Herzog, Jay Williams and Andrew Buchholz each contributed several timely hits to the Park's tournament success.

The infield of Williams, Riashi, Saros, Herzog and Evan Pearson turned in an outstanding effort, while the speed of Max Pearson, Lucas, Buchholz and Saros created havoc on the baselines for the opposition.



Ace

Daniel Law, 12, of Grosse Pointe Woods shot a hole-in-one last week at Scotland's Yard Golf Course near Charlevoix. He used a five-iron to ace the 80-yard eighth hole. Law's shot landed a few feet short of the pin and rolled into the hole.

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