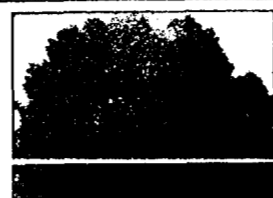


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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Oct. 14

Planned Parenthood kicks off its 2004 Holiday Mart with a preview party at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Holiday Mart is open to the public Friday, Oct. 15, through Sunday, Oct. 17.

Tickets for the preview party are \$80 in advance or \$70 at the door. For more information, call (313) 884-7624.

Rabbi Sherwin Wine speaks on the Middle East and Israel in the second of a three-part lecture at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10. Reservations are not necessary.

Saturday, Oct. 16

The Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Department and the Grosse Pointe Park Business Owners Association host their Fall Fest on Kercheval between Nottingham and Wayburn from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Christ Church Grosse Pointe Choir of Boys and Girls and the Ford Motor Company Chorus perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in The Lord of the Rings Symphony: A Symphony in Six Movements at the Fox Theatre at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 to \$75 and are available by calling (248) 433-1515.

Monday, Oct. 18

The City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Woods city councils meet at their respective city halls at 7:30 p.m.

State Rep. Ed Gaffney will be available for constituents from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Park city offices, first floor conference room, 15115 E. Jefferson Ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

The Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council meets at the Shores municipal building at 7 p.m.

Candidates for Michigan Supreme Court, sheriff, Congress, state representative and county commissioner participate in a candidates forum at the Eastside Republican Club at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

The Harper Woods Lions Club holds a pasta dinner at the Harper Woods Community Center from 4 to 8 p.m. Suggested donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.



Photo by Ray Marchese

Norsemen superheroes

Grosse Pointe North High School celebrated Homecoming last weekend with a win against L'Anse-au-Loup. The Senior Class of 2005 took home the award for Best Float, which featured Super Mario, following the school theme of superheroes. Ashante Calhoun was named Homecoming queen. See story, Page 14A.

Sales tax on services eyed by governor, lame ducks

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

The buzz in Lansing is Gov. Jennifer Granholm wants to change tax policy during the lame duck session. Maybe even start a sales tax on services.

"I received a letter from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce saying they didn't think it was right to change tax policy in the final minutes of a session," said state Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

The letter wants lame duck topics limited to "issues that must be acted upon before Dec. 31, 2004; issues that have already been heavily debated in the House or Senate; and unforeseen emergencies."

Lame ducks are lawmakers who lost re-election or, due to Michigan's mandatory terms limits, are waiting out their final days in office.

"Thirty-eight people won't be here

after the first of the year," Gaffney said of his legislative colleagues. "They're accountable to no one."

Granholm hasn't been specific. "The governor said we should look at restructuring taxes," Gaffney said. "There's talk of taxing services — lawyers, doctors, barbers. I can't see that passing."

Gaffney expects Granholm to stay mum through Nov. 2.

"She doesn't want to roll it out before the elections, because she doesn't want to be a detriment to anybody," Gaffney said.

State treasury officials have been re-examining the Single Business Tax. The tax was rolled back in 1999. Savings to businesses have reportedly approached \$2 billion.

"It should see the full light of day," Gaffney said. "Business has to have its buy into it."

Wollenweber set to start job in Woods on Nov. 29

By Bonnie Caprara
 Staff Writer

In what has been characterized as a "bargain," Grosse Pointe Woods will be getting its money's worth when Mark Wollenweber joins its staff as city administrator on Monday, Nov. 29.

Wollenweber signed an employment agreement on Tuesday, Oct. 12, which offers him an annual salary of \$93,000 — \$11,100 less than he currently makes as city manager in St. Clair Shores.

Other benefits outlined in the agreement include a \$550 a month car allowance, fueling privileges of 800 gallons a year at the city gas pump, four weeks of vacation, 10 sick days and 10 personal days.

In Wollenweber's request for an employment package, he elected to forego health benefits and pension contributions. Instead, he will con-

tribute 16.47 percent of his salary into a pension plan and will receive health and pension benefits from his current employer, which he has been with since 1990.

Although technically an at-will employee as directed by the terms of employment for appointed officials in the city charter, Wollenweber accepted a 31-month employment agreement with annual reviews to be held in June with annual one-year extensions at the council's option.

However, Wollenweber's severance package was a sticking point for two council members, Lisa Pinkos Howle and Dona DeSantis Reynolds, who rejected the employment agreement. In the event of termination, he will be paid a severance for the balance of his con-

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Mark Wollenweber

Flu shot clinics closed; see your family doctor

By Beth Quinn
 Special Writer

Michigan's health officials are asking healthy adults to forgo getting flu shots and to take measures to prevent the spread of this year's influenza virus.

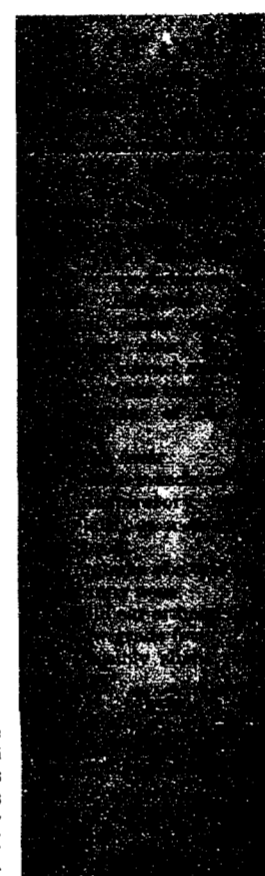
On Oct. 5, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that the British government has suspended the Chiron Corp.'s license to manufacture its influenza vaccine for three months, preventing the release of its vaccine for the 2004-05 flu season. The British cited concern over sterility at the plant that produces the vaccine as the reason for the closure.

This action has cut by approximately one half the flu shot supplies currently available in the United States.

Grosse Pointe health organizations have responded to the news by closing flu shot clinics that are usually opened to the public. The War Memorial has canceled its two vaccination clinics scheduled for later this month. Farmer Jack grocery stores have also suspended plans to administer flu shots. The local hospitals are following the CDC guidelines by first vaccinating nurses, physicians and other direct patient care staff.

The CDC has stated that children younger than 2 years, adults over the age of 65, pregnant women, health care workers and people with chronic medical conditions should have priority in receiving flu vaccinations. Members of these groups are being advised to contact their family doctor to discuss receiving flu shots.

There are alternatives for people who are not included in the at-risk category. "Healthy people ages 5 to 49 should discuss with their



physicians ways to stay healthy and possibly the use of inhaled flu vaccines," said Dr. James Mitchiner, Medicare medical director at Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization. "There is also plenty of pneumonia vaccine available. Individuals at high risk, especially the elderly, should be immunized against pneumonia, often the end result complication from the flu."

As with high risk patients, those seeking inhaled flu vaccines should contact their family doctor.

Since flu germs are spread

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Quote: "Filmmaking just seemed like the obvious choice for me so I can do all the things I love. It's amazing to be able to put all of your passions into one project."

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Another week, two rallies, then two sinking spells

Last week was a week best to forget. Up, down, up, down, more down! The Dow stocks cashed in 137 points last week, off 1.4 percent, closing at 10,055, teasing the mythical 10,000 level. The worst disaster was Merck (MRK), about 10.34, off 2.97 points, or 8.9 percent, which pulled its prescription drug, Voxx, a \$2.5 billion seller, off the market after reports of heart attacks and possible multiple lawsuits.

Other Dow losers were Boeing (BA, about 50.10, off 2.36, or 4.5 percent) and United Technologies (UTX, about 92.43, off 2.40, or 2.5 percent).

Good news from generous General Electric — earnings met expectations, the company modestly boosted fourth quarter estimates, plus it hopes for a 10 to 15 percent gain in 2005.

Floor traders were glad to get the third quarter behind them with the three big worries hanging over like a big, bad, black cloud: 1) oil prices, 2) terrorism and 3) the election.

The presidential debates are like watching the same movie for the third time. Both Bush and Kerry gave answers that were identical to the answers each gave to the same questions last week. No wonder the polls are a toss up!

Barron's (Oct. 11) went out on a limb with a feature article, "Red States Rule." This cover story predicts that "the GOP should strengthen its grip on the House and Senate."

Barron's flat out states the Republicans will pick up three seats in the Senate and increase their House percentage of seats to 53.8 percent, from 52.5 percent.

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



SEC chairman is on "hot seat"

The New York Times (Oct. 8) reported that over 50 senators have joined the fight against the proposed expensing of stock options, set to go in effect in January. The Financial Accounting Standards Board approved expensing earlier.

Chairman Donaldson, in the past, has warned Congress against interfering with the FASB trying to develop more accurate financial statements. Thirty-one senators co-sponsored a Senate bill

requiring the expensing of only the five highest paid employees of a company.

Another birthday
LTS celebrated another birthday recently — No. 39 again! Human maintenance, eyes and teeth seem to just about equal home maintenance.

This shouldn't be surprising, since the house and body are about the same age. LTS has owned five homes in the Grosse Pointes since 1950. He never built a new home, but has quite a list of fixer-uppers over the years.

Has anyone ever sent you

one of those birthday booklets, "Remember When (year you were born)?" This year, LTS received one each for two side-by-side years. Apparently, one well-wisher had LTS one year too young!

Combining the two booklets, do you "Remember When":
1) A new home cost \$7,200?
2) Tuition for one year at Harvard was \$250?
3) Gasoline was 12 cents a gallon?
4) A new car cost \$265?
5) Gold was \$20.67 and ounce?
6) The Dow Jones was 100?

LTS' philosophy has never changed: "Don't look back!"

Subscription time?

For some unknown reason, two-thirds of LTS' 15 magazine and newspaper subscriptions expire in the first quarter of each year. The New York Times, daily and Sunday, is billed quarterly (\$598 per year if billed at one time) and Barron's is picked up weekly for \$4 cash (subscription by mail is received on Monday after our press deadline).

The Financial Analysts (national) Society sends its monthly journal gratis, as part of its \$130 annual dues. LTS' annual expense for these 15 subscriptions is \$1,460, or about \$120 per month, of which 83 percent is business and finance related.

But here's the bone LTS has to pick with the publishers: It's still early October, and LTS has already received 10 renewal subscription bills this month.

And to make the junk mail even heavier, some publishers hire subscription agents to mail their renewals at midyear, under the guise, "Avoid rates

Stock Market at a Glance

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| Friday Close, 10/8/04 | |
| Dow Jones Ind. | 10,055 |
| Nasdaq Comp. | 1,920 |
| S&P 500 Index | 1,122 |
| Euro | 1,2407 |
| Crude Oil (Bbl.) | 53.31 |
| Gold (Oz.) | 421.10 |
| 3-Mo. T-Bills | 1.68% |
| 30-Yr. T-Bonds | 4.90% |

increases, send money now!" or "Go for two years and get 10 percent discount!"

When LTS' dad died at age 89, we found out that publishers do not offer cash refunds of the unused subscription. They continue mailing to the deceased until the contract period has also expired. LTS now renews only for one-year periods.

But this one takes first prize in aggressive marketing. Last week LTS received a renewal billing from the publisher of Architectural Digest, a very prestigious "slick" monthly.

Only problem, LTS has never ever been a subscriber of AD!

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. and Rickel & Baun P.C.

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Adware, spyware and PC wear and tear

If you just had dinner and maybe a glass of wine after a hard day's work, don't read this column. Wait until tomorrow. This one will require your full attention, as you will see.

We're going to talk about adware, that not-so-cute purveyor of pop-up advertising that can eventually drive you nuts. We're also going to talk about the latest and greatest in virus detectors and the insidious spyware you have on your computer. (Oh yes, it's there.)

Software is first. If you use fairly recent versions of Explorer, Netscape or Firefox as your browser, some help is just a couple of clicks away (Firefox is a streamlined browser sequel to Mozilla.)

Let's get started. The first thing you should know is that the more popular the e-mail software you use, the bigger target you are for hackers (bad guys). Ergo, Microsoft users, particularly Outlook users, have more to fear than someone who uses Eudora for their e-mail. I used Eudora for years, then switched to Outlook when I got a new computer. It was there free, and I was lazy. I probably should switch back.

Start with opening your browser. You'll find "Options" or "Internet Options" under either "Edit" or "Tools." Now you have to play with it, since there are too many options to list here, but this is where protection begins.

There should be a cookies "history" button or "privacy" button as well. Cookies are tiny programs sent to you from a Web site you visit. It helps the Web site know when you revisit its site and where you usually go once you are in it. If you want to know more about cookies on your computer, you'll usually find a "Privacy Report" under the headline "View."

If you run into any geek words you don't understand, don't be afraid of using the "Help" function, or go to www.webopedia.com. I like Webopedia for tech terms, because it has a search



engine, limiting the amount of probing and swearing I have to do.

Now what are spyware and adware? Spyware is any software that covertly gathers user information through the user's Internet connection without the user's knowledge, usually for advertising purposes.

These software applications are typically bundled as a hidden component of freeware or shareware programs that can be downloaded from the Internet. As a caveat, the majority of shareware and freeware applications do not come with spyware.

But after installing itself, the spyware monitors your activity on the Internet and transmits that information in the background to someone else. Spyware can also gather information about e-mail addresses and even passwords and credit card numbers. Spyware is a Trojan horse that can record and send your every keystroke to a third party.

Adware is just a form of spyware that collects information about the user in order to display advertisements in its Web browser based on the information it collects from the user's browsing patterns.

My favorite program for getting the bad guys before they get me is called Spybot-Search and Destroy. It is probably the best free safeguard against adware and spyware. It will quarantine and remove them. Don't expect a lot of free updates though; they're sporadic at best. (I'll bet you \$100 that the person who came up with that software name plays a lot of video games.)

If you don't scan your computer for viruses once a

week, skip the next part because you are doomed. If you don't want to be doomed, please read on.

I use bits and pieces of several software programs to keep me safe.

I use McAfee as my anti-virus checker of choice. Norton Utilities and Symantec are others you can use. Your choice, but I like McAfee. (Side note: IBM originally owned Symantec.) Remember, if you don't use them, don't buy them. So what if you're doomed? Every virus and other insidious nasty dedicated to destroying your computer can usually find a flaw in most programs.

Whichever software you choose, I'd suggest a check of its Web site once a week for updates.

Full virus scans of your hard drive are another must do. You can use the "Task Scheduler" under "My Computers" on PCs so the scan is done in the wee hours of the morning. Why the wee hours? Most scanning affects your computer's performance. Let it slow down while you're snoring and hugging the stuffed rabbit. (Not that I have a

stuffed rabbit.)

But you never thought of this one: Set up your anti-virus program to scan your outgoing mail.

Most viruses come into your PC, scramble some programs, delete data, read your e-mail address book and forward themselves to everyone in your e-mailbox. Think of how happy your family, friends and coworkers will be knowing you sent them a virus.

Lastly, the question I am often asked is, "But if a virus is sent out after I update my virus checker, won't I still get burned?"

The answer used to be, "Yes!" The answer now is a 99 percent, "No!" The anti-virus software available today is forward looking. It detects patterns and other data that suggest a nasty bug is trying to get into your computer and quarantines the message. You can check the e-mails and browser at your convenience.

By the way, viruses would further be eradicated if we all deleted e-mails with attachments from folks we don't know.

Remember the "Secret Admirer" virus? I know some well-placed geeks who just had to know who admired them, and the result was...\$%&@#HAL.

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 mtmaur@comcast.net.

Business people



Richard Strowger of the City of Grosse Pointe was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Colleges Foundation.

A retired partner with PriceWaterhouse and former executive director of the Detroit Historical Society, Strowger serves on the boards of the American Red Cross Blood Services Region, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, Grosse Pointe Historical Society, the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, the Henry M. Seldon Charitable Trust and Adrian College, one of MCF's 14 member colleges.

After leaving Michigan 16 years ago, Alan Marschke has returned to the Grosse Pointe area to relocate his successful Oriental Rug Gallery from Alexandria, Va. His new store is located at 20649 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Opinion

Letters

From page 8A

John Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld have acknowledged that there is no known tie between Al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein. This is not a black and white situation.

Americans, including the man running for president, have every right and even responsibility to express feelings about this war which has such incredibly high stakes.

I feel the Grosse Pointe News should give equal editorial page space to a writer who takes the opposing view in the interest of fair reporting. The lawn signs displayed throughout our community reveal that the two-

party system is alive and well even in Grosse Pointe.

Anne W. Roberts
Grosse Pointe Farms

Critical war

To the Editor:

The article "Reporting for Duty" by Michael Goodell (Oct. 7, Grosse Pointe News), was not the respectful, civil expression of opinion I expect in our community newspaper.

Mr. Goodell alleged that it is treasonous to question the war in Iraq. He wrote that, "It is hard to imagine a political campaign as inimical to our nation's interests as this one." And he envisions John Kerry announcing: "Jihadist John Kerry reporting for duty." Mr. Goodell wrote this of a man who enlisted and served in Vietnam and

whose millions of constituents have elected him senator four times.

After Sept. 11, the natural rage we felt was twisted into a war against people unrelated to the attacks on the World Trade Center. Nearly 3,000 of our (mostly young) people died on 9/11 and we responded by sending 1,000 more to their deaths in Iraq where additional tens of thousands have been injured or traumatized. The invasion has also caused the deaths of thousands of innocent Iraqi men, women and children.

Mr. Goodell claimed that Sen. Kerry demoralizes our military by questioning the war. Mr. Goodell asked whether our soldiers wonder, "How can you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?" When Sen. Kerry posed that rhetorical question during the Vietnam War, it was addressed to the politicians — not the soldiers. Then as now, he recognized the soldiers as heroes because he knew the necessity of soldiers going to any war when so commanded.

If soldiers pick and choose their wars, our country loses its ability to defend itself. Even if a war is misguided, our soldiers are still heroes because they have a duty to

follow orders without questioning them.

But to honor and protect our soldiers the rest of us have a solemn duty to question any decision to go to war and to carefully elect leaders who use our military wisely.

Thoughtful critics of a war are not traitors or "jihadists" but part of a great American process designed to ensure that, through respectful discussion, the best decisions are made for our country. History has not looked kindly upon nations whose people marched lock step behind misguided officials into catastrophic wars. An early step down that road is the chilling of civil discourse by labeling war critics as traitors, even in a small-town newspaper.

We must constantly strive to respect differing opinions.

Laura Kellett
City of Grosse Pointe

Misleading

To the Editor:

The letter "GP library staff says thanks," published in the Oct. 7 Grosse Pointe News, while cleverly crafted for its deceptive purpose, is just one more piece of political distortion by the union of the same type which prolonged the agony

of the negotiations for so long.

By "thanking the public," the Michigan Education Association (MEA) wants to portray itself as the one that saved the librarians from the "big bad" library board, and the public as the beneficiaries of its efforts.

Actually, just the opposite is true. There is only one logical reason for all the howls from the union: the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board was actually trying to watch carefully the public dollars which have been entrusted to it. It took all this time, including a year and a half to produce a fact-finder's report, just to get the union to acknowledge, at least implicitly, the fact that the pre-1994 librarians and staff were well-paid all along.

In this situation the library board had the fiduciary duty to the public not to just hand out dollars to appease the senior people who by seniority were in control of the union bargaining position. And, of course, while all that useless wrangling went on, the people who did need raises could not get them.

The public should understand that all the noise would never have happened if the library board has simply turned the purse, includ-

ing the money allocated for improving our obsolete library system, over to the union.

I give the people who "wrote" the letter credit for signing it honestly as representatives of the union. This makes it clear what it is: just the start of the next round of negotiations, rather than some sort of spontaneous outpouring of gratitude.

William C. Rands III
City of Grosse Pointe

Thanks

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society would like to thank all of you who participated in our first Spay Neuter Awareness Walk at The Children's Home of Detroit on Oct. 3.

We also send a very special thanks to those who made contributions in order to help make this fun event a success:

The Children's Home of Detroit, Antonio's Restaurant, Caribou Coffee, Maxine's, Merchant's Fine Wine, Moehring Woods Flowers, Panera Bread and Village Food Market.

Corinne Martin
President,
Grosse Pointe Animal
Adoption Society

FYI

From page 9A

John joined the police department and rose to the rank of sergeant before dying in 1960 at age 59. The couple had four daughters, Kathryn, Isabel, Marion (known as Pat) and Joann. Helen's brother Melvin was the Grosse Pointe City building inspector for many years.

In addition to her four married daughters, Helen has 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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No vacancy? New tenants on way to Village

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Retailers are being lined up for three vacant storefronts in the Village.

The first is due to open before the holiday shopping season. The second is likely in January with the third to follow in tow.

All properties are on Kercheval and owned by the Frohlich trust represented by Jim Bellanca.

"They are the building formerly operated by Bon-Loot, the (building at the) corner of St. Clair and Kercheval which was formerly occupied by Hallmark, and the property formerly operated by Harvey's (Complete Traveler)," said Bellanca, an attorney with Bellanca, Beattie & Delisle in Harper Woods. "I have at least eight potential tenants ready to occupy those parcels."

Alison Haus, owner of Madi Lu & Ethan Too! children's clothing store in the Village, will set up a separate store in the old Bon-Loot carrying up to 15 lines of women's apparel, shoes, gifts and cosmetics.

"We have a target of opening at the end of November," Haus said. "The store will be called Urban Daisy. It's going to be urban-chic, but a very comfortable young women's store. By young women I mean ages 18 to 40. Similar to the Ann Taylor target market. I call it young contemporary."

Bellanca expects the old Harvey's will be occupied no later than January.

"I'm unable to talk about the corner (Hallmark building) yet because I've given somebody an option on that," he said. "If they exercise their option, I believe they will be in operation by February."

If they back out, Bellanca expects them to occupy the Dennison's property, which he doesn't represent.

"I'm very interested in having them in the Village," Bellanca said. "Whether they're a tenant of the trust or tenant of the owner of Dennison property matters not to me. What's most important is that they're in the Village."

Bellanca has multiple

prospects for Harvey's.

"I've whittled it down to a couple of candidates," he said. "Frankly, I just want to make sure it's the right mix."

"We're lucky to have landlords who have the best interest of the community at heart," said Beverly Leinweber, member of the Grosse Pointe Village Association. "They really care about who they rent their spaces to; so its best for the whole area. They really want a good mix that will be advantageous to the whole area. All in all we are all very excited about the future of the Village."

In related actions, CVS has decided to remain in its Village location, also a Frohlich property.

"We've executed a long-term lease for them to stay exactly where they are," Bellanca said.

Staying put fits with unconfirmed reports by City Mayor Dale Scrace that CVS recently sold the vacant former Jacobson's building to a metro-Detroit developer. There had been talk the

pharmacy would relocate to the former Jacobson's site.

Bellanca said CVS plans to expand to adjacent property, subject to city approval.

"There are several alternatives they are going to explore depending on availability," he said.

The Frohlich trust owns 16 properties comprising 40 percent of the Village.

"I'm very optimistic about the future of the Village," Bellanca said.

He said prospective tenants have been lining up for his three available properties.

"There are primarily two reasons I haven't leased them," he said. "First and foremost, I wanted to know what CVS was going to do. If they didn't come to closure on renewing their lease, I needed flexibility for other plans I had. I have rejected literally a dozen prospective tenants because I did not believe it was in the best interest of the Village to have these uses incorporated into the current scheme."

Bellanca supports the

retail-only ordinance for first-floor property in the district.

"I don't believe we should try to bend the rules to try to get somebody in who isn't a strict retail user on the first level of Kercheval," he said.

Sale of the block-long, dormant Jacobson's building is welcome.

"Delay in development of the Jacobson's building has been difficult to accept but understandable considering the size of the project," Bellanca said. "I believe the current investor — if the City can meet all their requirements — has terrific potential. They are capable. Their real estate ventures have never failed to produce in a timely fashion."

"I also know," he added, "there are others equally capable who continue to have interest. So, if for some reason plans as proposed by the current developer can't be met by the City, I think there are others interested."

Bellanca has lived in the City since 1974 and supports the Village.

"It's a shame there are so many naysayers out there who think we're not making progress," he said. "We are making progress."

He said losing Jacobson's had a negative effect.

"The longer that store is vacant, the less traffic there will be in the community, the more difficult it will be to be successful," he said. "That doesn't mean there needs to be a rush to judgment on the future."

"Everybody is excited about the sale of Jacobson's and this potential development," Leinweber said. "The news is very positive."

Haus's new store, Urban Daisy, will be in full bloom come spring.

"We're going to open very lightly because I wasn't anticipating opening until spring," she said.

Haus wants people to lobby for product lines they'd like at the new store.

"Anybody can e-mail me or drop off notes," she said.

"We work with our local customer base. We're very excited."

House candidates focus on education and economy

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

All three candidates for District 1 state representative support an elected library board.

Incumbent Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, said the current way library leaders achieve office — through appointment by the school board — lacks accountability.

"They have a \$3 million budget and answer to no one," Gaffney said of the library board. He introduced a bill in January requiring library board elections.

Likewise, Democrat challenger C.J. Harrison of the Park said library employees need better wages.

Green Party candidate Andrea Lavigne, also of the Park, went further. She called for libraries to operate 24 hours per day.

"That way you can employ more people as librarians," she said.

There often was general agreement among candidates during last week's question-and-answer forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. All candidates wanted a strong state economy, education and clean environment.

Gaffney said Michigan's economic growth depends largely on a favorable business climate and excellent public education. But he said public education could be strengthened by diverting state money from private universities to community colleges.

Harrison, a licensed professional counselor, criticized career politicians for putting "special interests ahead of people." She said higher taxes on income and alcohol could strengthen state services.

Lavigne, a sexual assault and domestic violence counselor, said the only tax she supports is "when you tax big business and eliminate taxes to those people who make a wage." But she opposed a luxury tax on such things as expensive cars, furs and jewelry.

League organizers allowed each candidate opening and closing remarks. In between, each candidate — speaking in rotating sequence so the same person didn't always have to go first — answered written questions put by members of an audience in the auditorium of Trombly Elementary School.

Opening statements

• Gaffney: "The cornerstone of any great community of excellence is public education," he said. "That's what we have in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. The environment is extremely important. The

legacy we leave our children and grandchildren is unquestionably extremely important. In particular, our lakes must remain pristine, for swimming, fishing, boating, but most importantly, for drinking.

"Michigan must do all it can to keep business in the state and attract new business. Companies should be given tax credits to create jobs. The state must finance retraining of workers who have been thrown out of work because of outsourcing or moving to another country."

• Harrison: She listed her priorities as "Our people, freedom and the environment."

"I'm going to fight for affordable healthcare, lower prescription drug prices and better conditions for patients and healthcare workers. My opponent is part of an all-out assault on a woman's right to choose, even if she is a victim of rape or incest. But I, as a majority of thinking, feeling, intelligent Americans want to live in a society where personal reproductive choices are always made by a woman and her doctor, and where abortion is safe and legal."

"A recent study ranked Detroit air quality the third worst of any major city in the U.S. Yet, the Republican legislature thinks our air quality standards are way too high and too expensive to comply with."

• Lavigne: She's running on an "anti-war and anti-Patriot Act" platform.

"More than one-half of metro Detroiters are uninsured," she said. "We need a universal healthcare plan. We need preventive healthcare."

"I'm for gender equality. I would work to abolish institutionalized sexual and domestic exploitation of women and children."

"I'm for reproductive rights, including pro-choice and eight months paid maternity leave."

Questions

Q. Given the economic situation, what programs can be cut from the state budget?

• Gaffney: "I can tell you what should not be cut. Money for public education has to remain sacrosanct. You have to provide funds for good schools. Last month when the governor tried to cut \$640,000 of Grosse Pointe school aid funds, I along with (Grosse Pointe school) Superintendent (Suzanne) Klein and parents insisted the money be put back in. The governor put the money back. Services I can see cut

would be grants to private universities. I don't see any cuts coming in Medicaid or education. There could be cuts to revenue sharing to local communities."

• Harrison: "It's one thing not to cut any funds for education; it's another to give it away because of tax exemptions (for) businesses (that) don't have to prove they're creating new jobs or income."

"In the construction business, if you're building a house, while it's being built and until it's sold, you don't have to pay any school taxes. We can't give that away."

• Lavigne: "Cut money from the gluttonous defense budget (and) corporate welfare."

Q. How can the state economy be improved?

• Harrison: "The Democratic caucus has a five-point plan. It includes giving tax credits to businesses that not only increase jobs each year, but pay higher than standard wages. Do not give contracts to companies in the state that outsource to other countries as a tax shelter. Raise the minimum wage 50 cents. Make employers who are going to leave the state pay into a retraining fund. Not be so socially retched that we scare away people

from coming here — with laws that get into people's private lives."

She referred to a proposed ban on gay marriage.

"It might also affect heterosexual partners from getting benefits from companies."

• Lavigne: "Take money from corporations and redistribute it to the working class. Increase the minimum wage to at least \$10 per hour. Full employment for all."

• Gaffney: "Companies should be given tax credits if they create jobs. The state should finance retraining of workers displaced by companies moving outside the country. Companies should not receive tax incentives for outsourcing. American companies, and especially Michigan companies, should be given preference by the state of Michigan."

"Unnecessary and burdensome regulations on business should be removed. Create a business-friendly environment to retain high paying jobs we currently have and attract new and diverse industries to the state. Support the arts. Life is not all work. Employers look at that when choosing a location."

Q. Should Proposal A be tweaked to help our local community?

• Lavigne: "It's not working. We need to focus on a more egalitarian education for everyone, no matter what class you are part of, with a liberating paradigm versus a hierarchical paradigm, one that focuses not on intellectual development, but emotional intelligence for all."

• Gaffney: "Yes. There's more spending on education, but not enough money goes into teaching."

"Proposal A created a terrible situation where upon transfer of property you pay a pop-up tax from what the original owner was paying. That has to be changed. That has stifled real estate sales in this area tremendously."

"You should not pay a pop-up when you buy a new

house. You should pay the same taxes the first person was paying."

• Harrison: "Absolutely. Proposal A has created some glaring inequities."

"I'm looking at something (that) can help victims of Proposal A. It might be better if we raise the state income tax .1 percent. That's about \$170 million. We could then give rebates to property owners who are victims of Proposal A. If you take (state income tax) up to 4.1 percent (for a total increase of .2 percent) we could put \$74 per pupil for every pupil in the state."

Q. Do you support a Michigan luxury tax on such things as jewelry, autos, golfing and others?

Gaffney: "No. We already have a luxury tax. It's called

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South graduate's film invokes Oscar fantasies

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

When Roberto Benigni heard his name called during the 1999 Academy Awards, his joy was undeniable.

He stood on the tops of chairs and climbed toward the stage to accept his award, stepping over the likes of Jack Nicholson and Steven Spielberg to get there. Benigni was being honored for his film, "Life is Beautiful," which he scripted, directed, and held the leading role.

Few others have demonstrated the talent and courage to succeed in doing what Benigni did: undertaking every aspect of filmmaking. But Grosse Pointe native Thomas O'Rourke is one of them. He dreams of feeling that same sense of pride Benigni did when he claimed his golden statuette. And he's well on his way.

The recent graduate of Grand Valley State University completed a degree in film production

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with minors in photography and acting. O'Rourke's passion goes back to his time at Grosse Pointe South High School, where he was a member of the Second Suburb theatre troupe and a television production student.

Today, O'Rourke is celebrating the release of his film, "Panini di Melanzanna con la Nonna," which will be shown locally on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. at Macomb Community College's south campus. He penned the screenplay, played the leading role and produced, directed and helped edit the film. Now he's undertaking marketing and distribution.

"This project is the culmination of everything I've learned and experienced inside of class and outside," O'Rourke said. "I've learned to appreciate all the steps involved in making a movie. I've fallen in love with each

part of the process, and I really think it really turned out great."

The film served as O'Rourke's senior project at Grand Valley. But it wasn't typical of his peers and fellow film students. O'Rourke stayed on an extra year in college just to dedicate more time and effort to this project as well as a photography portfolio.

At 20 minutes long, the movie was shot on Super 16mm film, making O'Rourke the only student in Grand Valley's history to undertake such a large senior project.

The film is personal to O'Rourke, not just because of the sweat and energy he put into it, but because it is semi-autobiographical.

"Writing has always been a way of dealing with things for me," he said. "This film is somewhat about things I've experienced. The story is



Thomas O'Rourke, 24, a native of Grosse Pointe Farms, takes his turn behind the camera as he directs and produces his 20-minute film, "Panini di Melanzanna con la Nonna," which will be shown locally on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. at Macomb Community College's south campus. O'Rourke also penned the script and holds the leading role.

near and dear to my heart." The title is Italian for "Eggplant Sandwiches with Grandma." With an Irish-Italian heritage, O'Rourke drew from his past to set the scene: a conversation with his Sicilian grandmother about life, love and loss.

"It captures that moment you feel a connection with another person," he said of the message behind the story. "It is about appreciation of family."

The insights the main character draws from this conversation change the way he deals with the world around him as he transitions into the next phase of his life after graduating from college.

O'Rourke enlisted the late Norma Brink to play the role of his grandmother.

"She was just phenomenal," O'Rourke said of the renowned thespian who passed away just before

filming had been completed. Jackson Byam portrays the younger version of O'Rourke's character and is seen through flashbacks. He also welcomed his parents, his brother and his cousins to help with the filmmaking process.

"It was a huge undertaking," he said.

But the challenges that lie ahead don't discourage O'Rourke. They are instead thrilling and exciting to the man so passionate about the field.

"I can combine all the elements of my favorite interests into one field: acting, writing, directing, music, photography," he said. "Filmmaking just seemed like the obvious choice for me so I can do all the things I love. It's amazing to be able to put all of your passions into one project."

O'Rourke will see those passions come to life as he

shares his first real foray into film with a live audience. He is putting his project into festivals throughout the state of Michigan and plans to branch out to larger venues.

His next goal is to move out to Los Angeles, where he already has numerous connections from his tenure at Grand Valley, to see what the future holds.

"I know I'll be waiting tables out there," he laughed, acknowledging that most seeking a career in Hollywood start out struggling for work. But he's confident it will take him somewhere.

And who knows? Maybe 10 or 20 years from now, it will be O'Rourke you catch on television, walking across the tops of chairs on his way to the stage to accept his first of many Academy Awards.



O'Rourke, far right, is grateful to the crew who helped complete his film, which included his parents, his brother and his cousins. "It was a huge undertaking," he said.

Giggly senators kill teen safety bill

Rep. Gaffney says battle isn't over

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When a state lawmaker from Fowlerville jumped on board Ed Gaffney's legislation to protect novice teenage drivers, he didn't do it for kicks.

He'd come fresh from a deadly single-car crash in his district.

On a road next to his parents' rural property, three of eight teens lay dead in and around a mangled van killed when the 16-year-old driver, dead, hit a tree. A fourth died later.

"I can still remember," said Rep. Joe Huhn, a Republican. "One of the mothers was there. She was screaming. I swore to my community that we would do all we could to prevent this from happening again. Gaffney's piece of legislation was the best avenue to do that."

Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, introduced HB 4600

to limit passengers of Level 2, novice drivers during their first six to nine months behind the wheel.

"My idea was teenagers would learn to drive during the six to nine months of their provisional license without a group of teens doing what teens do — having fun," Gaffney said. "Add distractions of CD players and cellular telephones — it's a deadly combination of immaturity, a proneness to be influenced by peer pressure and a lack of driving skills."

State Police supported the bill. So did the Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Traffic Safety Association of Michigan, the Driving School Association of the Americas and AAA of Michigan.

Opponents said enactment would outlaw kids car

pooling, heading out together for a snack and, by forcing kids to drive separately, put additional young drivers on the road with correspondingly higher odds of more crashes.

The bill passed the House with bipartisan support. Then Senators made a joke of voting it down 21-17.

According to floor debate, Sen. Mickey Switalski, D-Roseville, opposed the measure on sentimental grounds.

"I'll never forget a steamy August night in the back of a car with Patty Otto on a double date," Switalski said. "This bill would make the double date against the law. I refuse to believe the Senate could be that callous and cruel."

"People made fun of it as too much government," Gaffney said. "The fact remains that Michigan teen

deaths from auto accidents are 10 percent above the national average. There's no doubt in my mind this would save lives."

According to Michigan Traffic Crash Facts, compiled by State Police and others, the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds are motor vehicle crashes.

"It's a shame there was any joking or sarcasm about this bill because of the horrible crash that happened right in front of my parents' farm," Huhn said.

"I'm not giving up on it," said Gaffney, who worked years before his legislative service to make wearing seatbelts mandatory.

"People don't want government in their car telling them what to do," Gaffney said. "The difference here is we're protecting children, people under 18. We're not telling adults what to do. Teenagers are learning a very important skill which is life threatening every time they get in a car. I've seen enough motor vehicle crashes to scare the heck out of me. I'm not saying this bill would prevent every crash, but it would save lives."

"Ed and I vowed to resurrect this and keep moving forward," Huhn said.

Shores dog park?

A Grosse Pointe Shores resident wants village officials to unleash a municipal dog park.

"It would be an area behind the department of public works garage," said Mike Kenyon, village manager. "It would be fenced off so people can walk their dogs."

Kenyon will look into the request by examining how other communities have handled the issue.

"I've been in other communities where this exists," he said. "There's been considerable literature on it."

— Brad Lindberg

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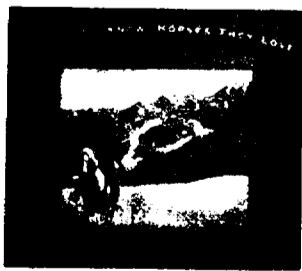
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Vote or die?

Hip hop mogul P. Diddy has made "Vote or Die" his inspirational catchphrase through his "Citizen Change" campaign for this year's Presidential election. He's traveling the country in an effort to motivate the youth of America to cast a ballot come Nov. 2.

P. Diddy's motive is the discovery that only 36 percent of the 42 million young registered voters participated in the last Presidential election. He says America's youth is disenfranchised. He thinks 18- to 25-year-olds will decide this year's election, if they just turn up at the polls.

I believe that as Americans, voting is one of the most powerful liberties we have been granted. Therefore, I'm all for celebri-

ties endorsing the values of voting and expressing one's political voice, if it's what encourages more people to become involved. And I'm all for coming up with catchy slogans to splutter over T-shirts and bumper stickers to help spread the message.

But "Vote or Die?" I'm uncomfortable with the slogan because I'm not quite sure I understand what P. Diddy is trying to say — is he threatening us? Are we to fear for our lives if we opt not to cast our ballots? If so, is this a positive way to encourage the youth of America to get involved? Out of fear?

True, we should fear for what this country could become if we don't take a stand and let our voices be heard. Without casting our ballot, we have no say in what direction the nation is led.

But "Vote or Die" is just a little harsh for me. It gets



your attention and is memorable, but it's not very encouraging. It doesn't get the message across that voting is a right our country's founders gave us, and we should embrace its value.

Inappropriate slogan aside, I agree with P. Diddy's intent and am curious to see how effective it is come election day. I don't think the vast majority of today's youth care enough about issues relevant in a political election. I know too many people who aren't registered to vote and some who even roll their eyes when conver-

sation turns political. This embarrasses me as an American.

All over the world, people are fighting for democracy and the right to vote, just as our forefathers did. It would be a slap in their faces to take for granted this ability to choose our own government.

I've heard some people use the excuse of "How is one vote going to make a difference?" I think a lot of young people feel that way, which is why P. Diddy's campaign and others like it are so important. Look at the last

Presidential election. It came down to 537 votes. Just think if a thousand more Floridians had turned out to the polls that day. P. Diddy is reminding citizens that we can make a difference if we just choose to speak up.

But it takes more of an effort than just pushing a button in a voting booth. I'm all for record-breaking participation, but I hope P. Diddy is encouraging kids to do it for the right reasons, not just to say you did it (or to avoid death as his motto says).

The right way to do it is to consider the issues pertinent in today's modern world and then decide where you stand. Are you passionate about the economy? Terrorism? Health care? Education? The war in Iraq? Take a look at the candidates; try to decipher where they stand, and figure out which one falls in line with

your point of view. You'll almost never find a candidate you agree with 100 percent, and the decision might just fall in line with whichever candidate you dislike the least, but it's still a choice to make.

This will be my first Presidential vote, and I cannot wait to cast my ballot. I've followed the campaigns with interest, and watching the debates has been a highlight of the process. I even surprised myself with how much I care when I went to campaign headquarters and asked for a bumper sticker to put on my car. It's thrilling to know that I have the power to make a choice between two potential leaders of our country and use a vote as a way of voicing my beliefs.

I hope others cherish this power as well. It takes but 10 minutes out of your day, and yet it can have a lasting impact on your life.

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

The Detroit Lions are 3-1. Are they for real?



Paul McCarty

"Darned if I know. Some of us hope (Sen. John) Kerry can do the same thing."
Paul McCarty
St. Clair Shores



Maureen Beversdorf

"I hope so."
Maureen Beversdorf
Clinton Township



Jeff Trombley

"They're building something good. Their ownership is determined to build a top-quality team."
Jeff Trombley
St. Clair Shores



Susan Parr

"I hope they win. I hope they finally make it. I've always liked the Lions."
Susan Parr
Lincoln Park



Mike Mancuso

"Absolutely. I'm a die-hard Lions fan. We have a good coach who has the guys playing as a team."
Mike Mancuso
Harper Woods



Peter Raymant

"I know nothing about the Lions or football. I'm originally from Vancouver, Canada. I like hockey."
Peter Raymant
City of Grosse Pointe

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by Ben Burns



35-year Marathon

For 35 years, Phil Zoufal watched the world go by from atop a stool at the corner of Cadieux and Kercheval in the Village.

He watched as cars grew larger and larger until George Romney, later Michigan governor, labeled them "gas guzzling dinosaurs."

Some of those gas drinking behemoths only got 8 or 9 miles to the gallon. And Phil and his crew pumped thousands of gallons a month at Zoufal's Marathon. Then he watched as federal fuel economy standards made the cars smaller, lighter and more fuel efficient, and he and his men sold less gas.

The great, near-great, would-be-great and average citizens streamed through the station buying gas, getting their cars serviced and sometimes just standing around and talking about autos.

Last week with a little help from his friends, wife Karen, and son Jason, Phil Zoufal finished the business of marking the end to a service station career by selling off the internal fixtures — the hoist, the heater, various pumps and the like. There was a negotiable price on everything

that could be removed before the wrecking ball hits and the construction company starts building another Flagstar Bank branch.

Phil will take a nice looking sign with him that Interstate Battery sent him some time back that announces: "Zoufal's Marathon Station." He will pack up and head west to Oregon to do some hunting and fishing in retirement. "That sign will hang in my barn," he said.

And where is that barn? "I'm not going to tell you that," Phil said, laughing. "Do you realize how many people I know? What would happen if they all decided to visit at once?" (The station had 650 to 750 customers who got their cars serviced on a regular basis. All folks who view Phil as a friend.)

Good point. Phil and Karen and Jason and the rest of the crew will be missed. "We always had a lot of return business," Karen said. "We had a reputation for integrity and fair charges, and lots of people kept coming back."

Phil also has a reputation for not telling tales. When asked to recount some of the stories of his more interesting customers, he couldn't think of a thing. He

remembered names like Steve Yzerman and others, but no anecdotes. But then Jason prodded his memory by saying, "How about the lady with the tube top that kept falling down?"

Phil laughed again and said, yes, he recalled that. The tube top would fall down and the woman would just pull it back up and say, "These darn things just won't stay up."
"I was more embarrassed than she was," he confessed.

Century mark

The folks at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores all call Helen Rabaut, "Grandma." The centenarian, who crossed the 100 mark on Sept. 23, has been a resident of the facility for more than 14 years.

She and 20 friends and relatives celebrated the milestone in a party on Sept. 19, and proclamations from the City of Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores were read along with a letter from President George W. Bush.

She met her husband, John, at Eastern High School, and they were married in 1924 and moved to Grosse Pointe City in 1927.

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Points about the Pointes

W. Eugene Smith and Minamata, our millage renewal & our students..how are they similar?



A few weeks ago, one of my dearest friends, Lillian Altman, passed away. Lil and her husband Ralph owned Altman Camera in Chicago, which at the time of their retirement in 1975 was the largest camera store in the world.

When special people in our lives leave us, we naturally reflect on the memorable moments we spent with them. One of those special "Ralph and Lil" moments will always be a dinner party I attended with them during a visit to Chicago,

given in honor of one of their long-time customers, W. Eugene Smith.

Mr. Smith, who died in 1978, was without question one of the top five photojournalists of our time. Beyond the work he did for Life Magazine, he published a stark, revealing photo documentary entitled *Minamata* which showed the long term devastation that Chisso Chemical did by dumping mercury in the water of the town of Minamata.

While it is no way on the scale of the human suffering of Minamata, taxpayers will in effect be in the position of Chisso Chemical in February when they cast their votes on the renewal of the millage that funds 22% of our entire school system. The devastation to our schools if the renewal millage is not passed will have a lasting, long term effect on our schools, our students, and our property values that can't possibly be quantified.

While many (including me) have not always agreed with every decision of the School Board, our votes on this millage renewal must not be used to express that dissatisfaction. Instead, we must learn from Chisso's mistake in Minamata. Short term gain can't win over long term tragedy.

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Jean I. Allardyce

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jean I. Allardyce, 86, of Birmingham, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at Wm. Beaumont Hospital.

Born in Willock, Pa., Mrs. Allardyce is survived by her daughter, Sharyn Taylor of Harbor Springs; her son, Douglas A. Allardyce of Troy; and two grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alexander.

Interment is in Cadillac Memorial Cemetery in Clinton Twp. Arrangements were made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Funeral Home in Birmingham.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075.

William James Book

William James Book died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, in Shreveport, La.

Born Jan. 4, 1924, to Frank Palms Book and Gertrude Coyne Book, he attended Grosse Pointe University School, Cranbrook University, and later Georgia Military Academy. He served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II.

Mr. Book's father, along with his two brothers, developed the Book Cadillac Hotel and the Book Building in downtown Detroit.

Mr. Book enjoyed horseback riding at the family ranch in Montana. Other interests included boating, photography and music.

He is survived by his three sons, Frank Palms Book III of Shreveport, La., William J. Book Jr. and Randall Ian Book. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Mary Jane and Peggy.

Final arrangements have yet to be made.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



Frank Huster

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Frank Huster, 93, died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004.

Born July 10, 1911, to Sue and Frank Huster in Philadelphia, Pa., he graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1934. He entered the U.S. Army as a private in 1942, and he served stateside and in South America until he was discharged as a captain in 1946.

Mr. Huster was employed by the Budd Co. for 35 years. After retiring, he sold real estate for Higbie Maxon in Grosse Pointe.

He was president of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and the Indian Village Tennis Club and was active in Grosse Pointe Newcomers, Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Elks Club and the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe. Tennis was his passion.

Mr. Huster is survived by his loving spouse Doris; his children, Tom, John and Debbie; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, at noon at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse

Pointe Farms. Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Home of Detroit.



Betty Jane Kerst

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Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Betty Jane Kerst, 80, of Macomb County, died peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Georgian East Rehabilitation Center after fighting a courageous battle with pulmonary disease.

Born in 1924 in Detroit, Mrs. Kerst was the daughter of Herman and Elsie (Hohfeldt) Call. She graduated from Eastern High School. In September of 1942, she met her husband-to-be, Richard A. Kerst, at the Vanity Ballroom in Detroit. They were married on Dec. 6, 1943, in Georgia, where he was stationed while serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Mrs. Kerst spent many years working in retail sales for the Wicker World in Grosse Pointe Woods, where she also taught classes in decoupage and appeared on local television demonstrating her specialized craft. She continued working in sales at Young Clothes on the Hill, where she loved to buy special outfits for her grandchildren. Mrs. Kerst's interests

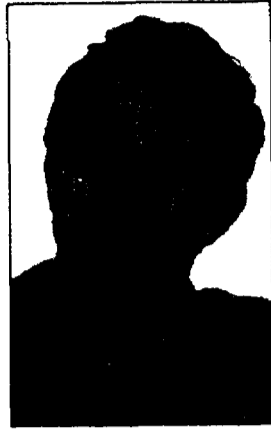
included golfing with her husband and traveling around the country. But mostly, she loved to spend time with her family and visiting with friends.

Mrs. Kerst is survived by her husband, Richard; two daughters, Raeleen (Dennis) Yerke and Darcie (James) Livingston; two grandchildren, Christopher (Cyndi) Yerke and Kelly (John) Huizdos; and three great-grandchildren, Katherine and Austin Yerke and Ryan Huizdos. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Arrangements were made by the Kaul Funeral home in St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (NOAH), P.O. Box 959, East Hampstead, NH 03826-0959.

Walter B. Solak Jr.



Walter B. Solak Jr.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Walter B. Solak Jr. died peacefully on Monday, Oct. 11, 2004.

Born in Lubeck, Germany, of Polish parents fleeing to freedom in America, Mr. Solak is remembered most for his generosity and warm sense of humor.

He retired from Daimler-Chrysler, where he rose to executive director in the design staff. He was an active member of both the Grosse Pointe Sail Club and Bayview Yacht Club.

Mr. Solak is survived by his devoted wife of 34 years, Andrea Solak; his brothers, Robert (Margaret) and Gregory (Jill); and his nieces and nephews, Aja, Lauren, Shane, Rachel and Alexander.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m., at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and International Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Drive, Suite 206, North Hollywood, CA 91607.

Making strides against breast cancer

Thousands of women and men across Detroit will unite in their fight against breast cancer during the American Cancer Society's 7th annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 9 a.m., at Belle Isle Park.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is the American Cancer Society's premier event to raise money and awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Last year the Detroit event raised more than \$660,000. More than 400,000 people in 90 cities will participate in the event this year, raising more than \$20 million.

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is an empowering event for our survivors and their families. It gives them hope that one day there will be a cure," said Megan Roether, regional executive director. Donations will be collected at the walk or may be

made online by visiting the Web site, acevents.org/strides/midetroit. All proceeds benefit breast cancer research and local breast cancer programs, including Reach to Recovery, a local program where trained breast cancer survivors offer individual support to newly-diagnosed breast cancer patients.

Since 1972, the American Cancer Society has devoted more than \$216 million to breast cancer research, helping to fund the scientist who developed Herceptin, a drug that fights advanced breast cancer, and fund the researchers who established the role of tamoxifen in treating and reducing breast cancer risk.

Registration for the five-mile noncompetitive walk begins at 8 a.m.

The American Cancer Society is joined by General Motors, the naitco group, Kroger, Mervyn's,

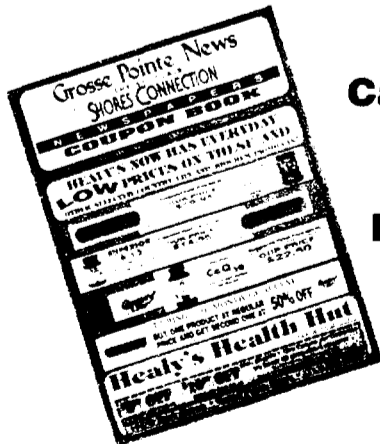
Comerica, Contours, WJBK Fox 2, and Magic 105.1 in taking a leadership position in the community's fight against breast cancer. Karmanos Cancer Institute, St. John Health, William Beaumont Hospital, Oakwood Health Centers, and WINGS Inc. will serve as community champions, bringing a united effort in celebrating survivorship to the event.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 14 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. For more information, call toll free (800) ACS-2345 or visit the Web site, cancer.org.

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Kerby Field building to open in time for baseball

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A house-sized municipal building containing a concession stand and bathrooms will open at Kerby Field in time for next year's baseball season.

The following winter, the structure's main room and fireplace can be used as a warming shelter for skaters using Kerby's ice rink.

The \$677,900 building will be paid for by one of two methods: money from the city's general fund or tacked onto a larger bond issue.

Either way, the ultimate cost is to be borne by Nextel

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Farms officials are almost ready to sign off on a lease with the cellular company to locate wireless communications transmitting equipment in the field house attic. Nextel's rent will pay for the building.

"We are very close to executing that document," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "It's a unique opportunity for the city to enhance what

we have at Kerby Field. The project is scheduled for substantial completion by the end of May 2005."

The utilitarian building was approved in June after public hearings. Architect Dale Ehresman provided a design having a residential flavor. Erhesman also was among four finalists for the community building under construction at Farms Pier Park. He designed Grosse

Pointe Park's Lavins Recreation Center at Windmill Pointe Park.

Kerby Field House, as the one-story structure is being called although it is nothing like an athletic field house in size or function, has been designed with a brick facade, pane windows and dormers.

"We've added additional windows," Reeside said.

Construction was awarded this week to low-bidder R.L. Corriveau.

Construction. Corriveau's price undercut its nearest rival by \$38,600. The most expensive bidder wanted more than \$737,000.

In what members of the Farms city council acknowledged was a nifty move, Reeside tapped Nextel to provide and maintain a

backup generator for the municipal sewage station located next to Kerby Field.

"It's a win-win," Reeside said. "It's available for our needs in an emergency."

Farms officials had been planning to buy a backup generator to protect the pumping station against power failures, such as the multi-state blackout during the summer of 2003.

Flu shots

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by coughing, sneezing and unclean hands, health officials are urging the public to enact some basic hygiene to lessen the spread of the flu.

Cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. Immediately dispose of the tissue; don't reuse it. Wash your hands after you dispose of the tissue.

Regular hand-washing should also occur before eating and after touching door knobs and phone. Wash hands with soap and water or clean with an alcohol-based cleaner. Use a disinfectant on door knobs and phones.

If you do have the flu, stay home from work and school to avoid spreading germs to others. Avoid contact with individuals who may have suppressed immune systems.

"We have a situation where we need to prepare the public with steps that it can take to lessen the spread of the flu," said Kay Renny, manager of community programs for the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan. "For a good majority of the population who won't receive vaccines this year, there will have to be due diligence with regard to prevention."

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tract unless convicted of a crime arising out of the course of his employment or having been found in violation of his professional code of ethics.

"This contract will contradict the city charter provision that says the appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the council for an indefinite period of time," Howle told the Grosse Pointe News. "In the unlikely event that something does go wrong, the city will not be able to do anything without being penalized as much as \$279,000. This creates a new precedent with respect to the other four appointees."

Frank Gerstenecker, a search consultant hired by the council, had advised council members that large severance packages have become an increasingly popular form of job security for many high-profile public servants.

"I appreciate the council's confidence in me and look forward to working with them and meeting the staff," Wollenweber said after accepting the offer.

Wollenweber said he would spend the next month and a half meeting with council members, staff and key people after hours and learning about the issues the Woods is dealing with. During the day, he said he would continue to discharge the duties his constituents in St. Clair Shores have charged him with.

"We have a great staff and there are so many nice people I have met here in St. Clair Shores," Wollenweber said. "I will miss them."



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Gaffney completing first term

Former Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Ed Gaffney is completing his first two-year term as 1st District State House representative for the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and a portion of Detroit.

In his first election as an incumbent, Mr. Gaffney faces a challenge from Democrat C.J. Harrison of Grosse Pointe Park.

Ms. Harrison is a licensed professional counselor with an office in the Eight Mile and Kelly area. During her career as a counselor, she has developed programs for substance abusers, male batterers and for young victims of sexual abuse.

She also was director of an inpatient adolescent drug rehabilitation center in Detroit and then a victims' advocate in criminal court cases ranging from homicide to criminal sexual assaults on both adults and children.

She is married to longtime Park resident Bill Harrison. They have a son attending Grosse Pointe South High School. She is a member of the Grosse Pointe Democratic executive board.

Ms. Harrison said "advocate" is the

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best word that describes her. She said that when people present her with a problem, she is at her best.

She said she is a strong supporter of education. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Akron and has a master's degree in counseling from Oakland University.

Because of her role as a counselor, Ms. Harrison keeps familiar with health care issues and legislation. She likes what Michigan and the Midwest states are trying to do to offer lower-cost pharmaceutical drugs. But, she says, "I think we're going to need federal help on health care costs."

She further would like to see something done for mental health, which was eviscerated under Gov. John Engler. "There's no place to keep them for evaluation," she said.

She calls for eliminating "archaic" tax exemptions, such as those for landlords and builders, and using tax exemptions for socially desirable goals and to create jobs.

Ms. Harrison said she is running because she looks around and gets scared. She said we are becoming like

Pottersville in "It's a Good Life."

She said the liquor tax, unlike cigarette taxes, has not been increased since 1966. She would like to see it increased, because alcohol does have costs to society.

Ms. Harrison favors a good public transportation system to get those who cannot afford a car to jobs in the suburbs. But she does not favor a "giant tax increase." "There has got to be money there," she said.

Mr. Gaffney has a master's degree in history from Michigan State University. He earned a law degree from Cooley Law School while working for the Legislature as a young man.

After 11 years on the Farms City Council, two years as mayor, Mr. Gaffney put his experience in drafting bills to good use in his first term in the House.

His main concern is preserving funding for Grosse Pointe public schools. "I think Grosse Pointe education is the best," he said. "We have excellent K-12 education. We are among the top 20 among 750 school districts in the state."

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Life is more than a write-off

I recently celebrated my 68th birthday and had a conversation with a friend about obituaries. I guess it comes with the territory that the older we get, the more often we turn to that page. I used to joke that I read it each morning to be sure my name wasn't there in order that I might proceed with the day.

My friend and I were discussing the varying types of obits. Some display photographs, often way out of date; others list information about the deceased in a succinct manner, while others go on ad infinitum, listing the names of various club memberships, every living relative and the favorite foods of the deceased.

And so it was that we pondered what our own eulogies might divulge about our lives.

I maintain that our individual obituary can be as simple, preponderant, full of braggadocio or informative as we wish. Most of us contribute to our libraries, museums, etc., which makes us members of many of these organizations. If we desire a lengthy treatise on our "achievements," we can list club involvements, school affiliations and philanthropic endeavors enough to fill several columns. However, those who knew and loved us, know of our accomplishments and those that held special meaning for us. Suggestions for places to send memorial contributions reveal our dedications to favorite causes.

There are often stories of interest to

be shared with friends that might have historical significance. I am all for these types of articles. However, it is my opinion that most of our charitable acts are of a private nature.

I don't want to be judged in my after-life according to the number of memberships and board positions I held. Nor do I wish the number of checks written to various charitable causes to be a factor in the way I am remembered. I prefer success be tabulated, if it must, by my relationships with people, animals, places, nature and my spiritual life.

Did our children have the love, education and exposure to the things that matter in life? Did we do all that we could to prepare our grandchildren for the wondrous surprises that await them? Were we the best possible friends and relatives to those we held dear? I prefer to see the value in the gifts of time or money or charitable work that I could not write off on a tax return.

An informative concise obituary is our final legacy to our family and friends. In this age of technology, we can rant on for hours with a personal video for relatives and those who want a more detailed accounting of our time here. Perhaps we should all write our own obituaries and then let our children edit them with sensibility, sensitivity and brevity.

— Offering from the loft

Letters

Hard truths

To the Editor:

I must differ with the editorial, "Reporting for Duty" (Oct. 7, Grosse Pointe News). Mr. Goodell is a freelance writer and so am I. I don't know if you paid him for this article, but I give you this assessment at no charge.

While I agree that this political campaign is rancorous beyond most others, I cannot imagine an America without this degree of varying opinion and eyes-wide-open diversity.

What I believe politically is not the point. The point is that a politician has begged to differ with the commander in chief, and Mr. Goodell claims that, because of this opposition, that candidate is sleeping with the enemy.

Sometimes in a war, hard truths must be assessed. Mr. Goodell would have us keep

silent, even if we think this conflict unnecessary or inimical (his word) to our national interests. How can we research or deal with these truths if we cannot state our opinions in public?

There are many times when I differ with the decisions of our president, but until he is turned out of office, if he is, I would never disrespect him or impugn his patriotism or his belief that he is doing the right thing.

Likewise, Sen. Kerry is a patriot who believes he is doing the right thing. To call him a Jihadist is typical of the extremist nastiness born out of fear which has marked some of the elements in this campaign.

Mr. Goodell claims that our pending election is the genesis of the wave of horrible attacks and repugnant activity currently in the headlines. Would he cancel

the election and let the present administration ride out the storm without question? I fervently hope we can think beyond the spleen displayed in this piece of "journalism."

Gwen Samuel Harper Woods

Grossly unfair

To the Editor:

Is the case for re-electing President George W. Bush so weak that his supporters have to resort to character assassination? Apparently so, based on Michael Goodell's editorial "Reporting for duty" (Oct. 7, Grosse Pointe News).

His column is grossly unfair and a dangerous mischaracterization of John Kerry's beliefs and opinions on the critical issues facing our country.

In the column, Goodell asked, "What must a Marine



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stationed outside Fallujah think when he hears Kerry say that this is the wrong war at the wrong time? Goodell doesn't realize how close to the truth he is — wrong war at the wrong time is exactly how some Marines feel after having been stationed in Iraq for more than a year and see no hope of coming home soon. Especially since those Marines know their commander in chief sent them there under false pretenses.

Clearly Goodell wishes to quash all debate on the war in Iraq by invoking "support our troops" rhetoric. I fail to see how my valid criticism of President Bush's policy in an election year undermines the morale of our troops serving bravely in Iraq. Go back in history and look at the criticism that President Abraham Lincoln faced on his handling of the Civil War or President Harry Truman faced over Korea. Criticism of those presidents, right or wrong, didn't seem to have any effect on how well our troops performed. And in an election year, Americans need to have a full and thorough debate over the critical issues.

It's clear that Mr. Goodell can't make a positive case for Bush's re-election so he needs to use terms like "Jihadist Kerry." I bet Mr. Goodell feels that George W. Bush has been an unequalled success as a president. Well, I have one last question for Mr. Goodell: Where's Osama?

Bill Rapai
City of Grosse Pointe

War on Terror

To the Editor:

In the Oct. 7 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, Michael Goodell criticizes John Kerry's opposition to the way President Bush has waged war in Iraq, "Reporting for Duty." Goodell asks: "Is it possible to imagine a more shameful act by a public figure?"

Yes it's possible — only the public figure is George W. Bush who engaged in the shameful act of waging war on Iraq for reasons we, and the rest of the world, all know had no basis in fact.

There was no imminent threat, no weapons of mass destruction — not even an ability to create such international sanctions. And there was no Osama bin Laden either — the guy who orchestrated the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The cost of this mess? Billions of dollars, a skyrocketing federal deficit, and thousands of dead and maimed American soldiers and Iraqi people.

Additionally, Bush's war has ignited a massive wave of anti-American hatred throughout the Middle East. Since Iraq's borders are now unenforceable, and chaos reigns across that country, terrorists are using Iraq for recruiting and training new terrorists.

Sen. Kerry has accurately stated that Bush rushed to war with no plan to win the peace. Soldiers serving over there know it; they don't need smoke blown up their

Humvees by the president telling them all is well and on track when they experience daily the hell that is today's Iraq.

Our soldiers are not endangered by the truth — and they deserve no less. So when Goodell poses the question, "Is it possible to imagine an act which would render a man less qualified to lead a nation?" we answer with a question of our own: "How can a president who uses deception, bad intelligence, and false claims to rush this nation into a ghastly war be worthy of four more years?"

Kate DeSmet Harper Woods

Attack on Kerry

To the Editor:

Mr. Goodell's editorial, "Reporting for Duty" (Oct. 7, Grosse Pointe News), is an impassioned attack on John Kerry.

There are many of us who fervently support our troops but continue to think the war on Iraq was both poorly timed and poorly thought out, when it came to an exit strategy.

Part of democracy is having the right to criticize policy. Mr. Goodell has every right to disagree with John Kerry, but to call his actions shameful is simply an emotional overstatement.

There is more and more evidence coming to light every day about the lack of weapons of mass destruction. Both Secretary of State

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Forum

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a sales tax. It's 6 percent. That's high enough. In Grosse Pointe, we're being taxed out of our community. Taxes are too high. I've talked to couples who pay \$10,000 per year in (property) taxes for a fairly modest house. You're getting to the point where people are looking at other communities rather than ours."

• Harrison: "I have a better idea. The beer and wine tax has not been raised since 1962 or adjusted since 1966. If you increase it 3 cents per drink, it would bring a lot of money. It wouldn't hurt anybody at all."

• Lavigne: "Working class people who are wage-earners should not have to pay taxes. Only owners of big business."

Q. I'm a single working mom with three children. How will life be better for me and my family if I vote for you?

• Harrison: "I'll think about you. I've been a counselor for a long time."

She'd address transportation and job needs.

"I know what a struggle is."

• Lavigne: "I would work to create domestic violence and rape crisis centers in each city; low-income mass transportation. After six months of being pregnant you get maternity leave at full pay for eight months and after eight months, 80 percent of your pay (for two years) if you want to take off from work. Free education."

• Gaffney: "Taxes will be lower. Good K-12 education at a modest cost. Funds provided to Grosse Pointe schools will be protected."

"Your children will be protected, much the same when I sponsored a bill that protects children against use of pesticides. It warns parents when schools are about to apply pesticides and herbicides. The governor signed that bill."

Q. Would you vote to reinstate the death penalty in Michigan?

• Harrison: No. She said it costs three times more for the state to put someone to

death than put criminals in jail for life.

"It doesn't give you closure. There's no such thing. It's expensive. It's not ever going to be flawless."

• Gaffney: "I'm an Old Testament guy. I believe in an eye for an eye, particularly when it comes to people who have killed police officers. Police who protect us deserve our protection."

• Lavigne: "I'm not for the death penalty. What we should do for people who commit crimes — reorient them to society."

Q. What would you do to stem the flow of trash and garbage from Canada to Michigan?

• Lavigne: "I'm not familiar with how to answer that question."

• Gaffney: "Unfortunately, there's very little we can do because (of) interstate commerce and NAFTA. The Legislature has urged Congress to take action on this."

"We have promulgated rules and enacted laws to require inspection of waste that comes from Toronto. Nobody in the Legislature likes this. It's terrible to have the reputation of Michigan being the dumping area for Canada."

• Harrison: "I'm not as astute on this as I'd like to be."

Q. When can we have legislation creating an elected local library board that is accountable to the taxpayers?

• Gaffney: "The library board should definitely be elected. I have a bill that would require that."

• Harrison: "Definitely." She said employees need better wages.

• Lavigne: "As soon as possible."

Q. Do you support or oppose general health and dental insurance for all uninsured residents?

• Harrison: "No. That's a little vague." She said the matter requires federal support.

• Lavigne: "We need to make health care accessible and free to all."

• Gaffney: "How do you

pay for it? We at the state level do not have the resources for this. There are 700,000 uninsured residents in the metro Detroit area. It will have to be addressed, but only by racecourse of the federal government."

Q. Do you support a ban on gay marriage?

• Lavigne: "Anybody should be able to get married, whether its a gay (or) heterosexual marriage."

"Monogamy is a patriarchal institution. Heterosexism in society needs to be questioned in regards to relationships."

• Gaffney: "Marriage is between one man and one woman. Period. However, I don't think anybody who has benefits through employers should lose those rights."

• Harrison: "I don't think we need it. It's an issue to divide us and keep us from focusing on more important issues. It will affect companies that already give unmarried partners rights."

Closing statements

• Lavigne: "I'm for free education pre-K through Ph.D, full employment, 25 hours work for 40 hours pay, retirement at age 55 (and) legalization of marijuana. Nursing homes should be designed like country clubs. Mass transportation should reflect more of a futuristic, environmental-friendly system (accessible to everybody)."

• Harrison: "When elected, I will serve all the people in this district. I plan to have an office here so I can hear your concerns and serve your needs every day."

• Gaffney: "If reelected I pledge to continue my work to represent you, the values and lifestyle you hold dear."

"It starts with excellence in K-12 education. That's a fundamental building block. It goes on to the environment and protecting our economy."

"I have an important bill before the legislature to keep property taxes the same for new buyers as they were for the seller. This part of Proposal A is crippling real estate sales in this community."



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Candidates for District 1 state representative answer questions at a League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe forum at Trombly Elementary School in the Park. Seated from left are incumbent Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Park, Democrat candidate C.J. Harrison of the Park and Green Party candidate Andrea Lavigne of the Park.

Eastside Republican Club to host candidates at the War Memorial

Candidates for Michigan Supreme Court, sheriff, Congress, state representative and county commissioner will participate in a candidates forum at the Eastside Republican Club on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"We invite all who are interested in our statewide and local races to attend and hear from our candidates," said Ed Joseph, chairman of the Eastside Republican club. "Adequate time will be reserved for questions from those in attendance."

Scheduled to speak are Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Brian Zahra, who is seeking a seat on the Michigan Supreme Court. Along with Zahra, state Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, who is seeking a second term for the first district seat, will address the group. Bill Lucas, Republican nominee for Wayne County Sheriff; Cynthia Cassell, running for Congress in the 13th Congressional District; and

Cheryl Costantino, candidate for the Wayne County Commission will also speak.

The Eastside Republican Club forum is held on the third Thursday of each month from September through June at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Admission to the forum is

Gaffney office hours

State Rep. Ed Gaffney today announced his district office hour schedule through Nov. 1. He will meet with residents at each location from 9 to 10 a.m.

Gaffney's schedule is as follows:

• Oct. 11, Harper Woods city offices, city manager's conference room, 19617 Harper Ave.;

• Oct. 18, Grosse Pointe Park city offices, first floor conference room, 15115 E. Jefferson Ave.;

• Oct. 25, Grosse Pointe Woods city offices, Lake Room, 20025 Mack Plaza; and

• Nov. 1, Grosse Pointe Farms city offices, main

floor conference room, 90 Kerby Road.

The First District lawmaker will provide residents with a legislative update and take their questions and comments.

"I enjoy meeting with my constituents, updating them on legislative news and answering their questions," said Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms. "These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for me to learn more about the issues of importance to the people of the First District."

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Kids discover empathy for disabled students

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

A 9-year-old boy stared in frustration at the worksheet in front of him. The words were jumbled, making it difficult for him to decipher its message.

"I can't do it," he said with both hands covering his face in disappointment.

Mary Anne Cafagna gave a satisfied smile when she saw his reaction.

"That's the point," she said.

Cafagna and Jill Leone are the masterminds behind a disabilities workshop currently being administered in elementary schools throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The workshop is designed to bring awareness to students about the difficulties some children must go through when dealing with disabilities on a daily basis.

"We felt our kids could really benefit from this," Leone said of the program she adapted from an Oakland County school district. "I don't think they really understand what a disability is — they see these children in the schools, but I don't think they realize how difficult it is for them."

During the summer, Leone and Cafagna voraciously set out to create a workshop of their own. They organized nine stations which consist of tools to demonstrate practically every physical and mental impairment known to man.

They met with Sue Banner, program supervisor at Barnes, who helped bring the idea to administrators.



Photos by Jennie Miller

Fourth-grade students at Richard Elementary School participated in a disabilities workshop on Thursday, Oct. 7, organized by parent volunteers Jill Leone and Mary Anne Cafagna.

The students were able to understand what it would be like to live with a physical or mental disability through a series of stations including wheelchairs, crutches and walkers, above. Students were also bound below the knees and at the elbows and practiced standing up and walking up a step to understand those with mobile difficulty.

The fourth-graders also wore blindfolds, used reaching sticks, spoke using an electric larynx, learned to write their names using Braille, and learned about hearing impairments at a listening station.

At a principals meeting, everyone agreed the program would benefit their school. It was decided that fourth-graders would be the best target audience — an age where empathetic emotions have been developed, and the message will be best received.

They then assembled a team of 25 parent volunteers from all over the district to help administer the workshop. Parents went through

training seminars to learn how to use the tools to better educate students.

During the month of October, this group of volunteers, or as Cafagna calls them, "parents with big hearts," will travel from elementary school to elementary school, sharing the workshop with students. Kerby, Mason, Poupard, Richard and Maire have already experienced the program, while Ferry, Defer and Monteith are scheduled for the remainder of the month.

"It's a real eye-opening experience for the students," Leone said.

Walking into the gymnasium, some students looked excited when spotting the four wheelchairs that lined the walls. They hopped on, grabbed the wheels, and began spinning themselves around. But, as Leone pointed out, they realized soon enough that being bound to a wheelchair was not all fun and games.

"They realized how difficult it was to get through doors and to maneuver around," Leone said.

"It's hard to move around in a wheelchair," said fourth-grader Jordan Corden, adding that the experience changed the way he will behave when he sees someone in a wheelchair. "I'll help them out and open the door for them."

he said.

The workshop was divided by physical and mental disabilities. Stations included mobility devices such as the wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and pieces of fabric the volunteers used to tie arms and legs together to show students what it's like to have problems with bones and muscles.

The fourth-graders also practiced using a shoe horn, a button hook and a zipper pull to assist when getting dressed.

They toyed with adaptive silverware, a jar opener, a playing card holder, a page turner and adaptive scissors.

They tried to write with squiggle pens to show how difficult it is for someone with tremors to jot down their name. They wore a hat with a pointer attached and tried to converse by pointing to letters on an alphabet sheet. They put gloves over their hands and tried to pick items up off the table.

"These students can learn about this stuff in class, but when they are actually faced with doing it themselves, they can really understand and be empathetic toward those with disabilities," Cafagna said, watching students learn how to write their names in Braille and speak using an electric larynx and other communication devices.



Joan McCarty pressed her tongue against the back of her lower teeth and began speaking to a group of students.

"Would you laugh at someone who talked like this?" she asked.

Sadly, some snickered and admitted they would.

McCarty explained to the students how some people don't have properly-working muscles in their mouths and struggle to speak clearly.

"They wish they could speak like you and I, but they can't," McCarty said.

She also showed students a homemade book she and her son created to help him communicate. The book included small squares with pictures and words that could be Velcroed to form sentences.

"I want bathroom," McCarty spelled.

She told the students how her son used to carry the book everywhere he went, but that it's difficult in certain situations.

"If he were playing on the playscape, he wouldn't want to bring the book with him," she said.

Students from the first

five schools have returned evaluation forms to Cafagna and Leone, based on their experiences during the workshop.

"Reading the evaluation forms made me cry," Cafagna said. "The kids said they now understand how frustrating it can be for some people. They really got it — they got the point of this workshop."

Leone added that the workshop also served as a way to inform students that if something were to happen to them or someone they cared about, there are tools out there to help people get along.

"It's not the end of the world," she said. "There are ways to adapt. There are so many options out there to help."

So much positive response has been garnered so far from the workshop, that Cafagna and Leone are considering coming back again for not only the fifth-graders in the district, but also for a teacher in-service.

"The response has been tremendous," Cafagna said.



North's homecoming embraces school spirit

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Super Mario stole the show as he was paraded through the streets of Grosse Pointe Woods on Friday, Oct. 8, as part of Grosse Pointe North High School's Homecoming parade.

The larger-than-life-sized float featuring the video game star helped North's senior class dominate the annual competitions. Following a "superhero" theme, each class worked together to construct floats to travel in the parade. The freshman class chose Spiderman, the sophomores selected Superman, and the juniors honored Batman.

Classes were each given a day during the school's spirit week to decorate the halls using their theme. Juniors stole a sweep from the seniors with their hall decorations, blowing away the teachers who served as judges.

"All the halls were outstanding, but the juniors stood out," said Pat Gast, North's student activities coordinator.

Thursday served as the seniors' annual Toga Day, during which the school was decorated like a Greek festival and students were draped in sheets.

The week climaxed with the annual pep assembly on Friday, when the school's celebrated marching band, dance team and cheerleading squad roused the gymnasium in anticipation of that evening's Homecoming football game against L'Anse Creuse.

Grand marshals Betty Loehner and George Olman were welcomed by the school, both of whom retired



Senior class officers and senators pose in the "Greek ruins" on Thursday's Toga Day. In back, from left, are John Joseph, Jimmy Solomon, Nicole Vitale, Maggie Horne, Dayna Hohlfeldt and Betsy Schrage. In the front are Anthony Kanakri and Danny Burleson.



Homecoming queen Ashante Calhoun and her father, Charles Calhoun.

last year from the math department.

The Norseman Spirit Award was presented to Gary Bennett, a math teacher and boys and girls basketball coach. The award recognizes an individual who possesses outstanding leadership and character and for exemplary contributions to the school.

The pep assembly was also filled with fun and games. Senior Spencer Channell won the pie-eating contest, beating his freshman brother, Wesley Channell, sophomore Andrew Apress, and junior Marsia Thomas.

The Varsity football team performed its annual dance routine to much delight.

And the teachers once again took home the title of Tug-of-War champions, having defeated the team of freshman and seniors (who

had themselves beaten the team of sophomores and juniors. The faculty's record now stands at 10-1.

That evening, following the parade, the Norsemen beat the Lancers as the Senior class was awarded the spirit jug, and Ashante Calhoun was named Homecoming queen.

Calhoun was joined by her Homecoming court: seniors Katelyn Aitken, Liz Frost, Gina Ventimiglia and Olivia Vervaeke, freshmen Emily Vandenberg and Emily Theis, sophomores Lindsay VanBiervliet and Christine Rabout and juniors Alix Driscoll and Laura Mann.

Saturday night's Homecoming dance was the largest attended in North's history. With somewhere between 1,200 and 1,300 students, the evening was filled with dancing, card games and refreshments.



Grosse Pointe North High School's Homecoming court, from left, consisted of Alix Driscoll, Gina Ventimiglia, Katelyn Aitken, Lindsay VanBiervliet, Queen Ashante Calhoun, Liz Frost, Christine Rabout, Laura Mann, Emily Vandenberg, Olivia Vervaeke and Emily Theis.

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Celebrating vocabulary in style

Grosse Pointe Academy students in grades one through eight paraded their knowledge and understanding of a vast number of words on Friday, Oct. 2, during the school's annual vocabulary parade.

Each student dressed as a word of his or her choice. The first-graders all chose nouns while their eighth grade buddies chose adjectives that describe those nouns.

The parade is the kick-off of a year-long focus on vocabulary study for all Academy students.

Event organizers were fourth-grade teacher Wendy Demartini and June Baetens, the school's curriculum coordinator.

Pictured are "copy cats" Stephanie Skau with her first grade buddy Samantha Morley, and "striped cats" Roberta Liggett with first grade buddy Leonie Leslie.

Striped cats

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MEA says proposal will jeopardize schools

The Michigan Education Association opposes Proposal 1 on Michigan's Nov. 2 ballot because it would jeopardize public school funding.

Proposal 1 would amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after Jan. 1. It also would require voter approval of certain state lottery games and would exempt Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos in Detroit.

Since 1972, the Michigan Lottery has contributed \$11.62 billion to public education. Proposal 1 will hurt the Lottery's ability to increase its annual contribution to the state school aid fund.

"Proposal 1 threatens funding to our children's education," said Al Short, MEA director of governmental affairs.

As is the case with other statewide ballot issues and/or candidates, the MEA's statewide screening

and recommendation committee considered the merits of the ballot initiative.

The member-driven committee objected to the likely negative impact on K-12 funding of Proposal 1, Short said.

MEA represents more than 160,000 members statewide, including K-12 teachers and support staff, faculty and staff at institutions of higher education, public school retirees and college students pursuing careers in education.

South citrus fruit sale

On Oct. 15, Grosse Pointe South High School Band and Orchestra will kick off its annual citrus fruit sale. Boxes of navel oranges and grapefruit will be sold to raise money to support the concerts, competitions, instrument-specific education sessions, and other activities of the approximately 190 students involved in these music programs.

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Saint Mary's honors North graduate

Saint Mary's College has awarded a scholarship to Rachel Anne Boury, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and the daughter of Keith and Mary Boury of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Scholarship recipients are first-year students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance in high school, involvement in extra curricular activities and dedication to community service.

State grant helps Farms recoup ash tree injection cost

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms officials went out on a limb when they spent nearly \$25,000 for unproven injections of ash trees.

"The foresight paid off," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

In more ways than one. "We have close to 600 ash trees on city property," said Terry Brennan, public service director. "That's 10 percent of our tree population. We have not lost one."

This week the Farms accepted a \$25,000 state grant at Monday's council meeting for continued efforts against the emerald ash borer.

"It's my pleasure to present a check to the city in

recognition of the outstanding work the city administration and staff have done on ash on public property," said Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms and former Farms mayor. "The program should be emulated throughout the state."

Preventive injections to guard ash trees against emerald ash borer was a risky proposition in the late summer of 2002.

Only a few weeks before, the burrowing insect from Southeast Asia had been discovered in the Pointes. Although borers had killed ash trees by the thousands in western Wayne County, there was no scientific proof that available insecticides could do the job.

"We weren't gambling in the sense that we were

throwing \$25,000 out the window," said Councilman Joseph Leonard, who at the time was head of public service. "If we did nothing, it would have cost that much money to take down 10 trees."

"By the time you cut them down, dispose of them and replace them, you're at \$25,000," Brennan said. "It's an expensive proposition to remove trees."

"The \$25,000 (grant) is for public education and mapping trees so the Farms can continue the excellent program it started," Gaffney said.

Reeside said global information system equipment will be used to locate, map and establish a database of all ash growing on municipal property.

"We hope to show the (Michigan) department of agriculture that our treatment program has been effective," Reeside said. "We'd like to expand and deal with other species of trees."

Along with an inventory, maintenance records will be updated showing when trees have been trimmed, fertilized and injected.

Leonard credited the city's tree care contractor, Sue Shock of Shock Brothers Care, for convincing administrators to invest in injections.

"Sue was the primary researcher for us," Leonard said. "She told Rich Solak (former city manager) and me there was an opportunity."



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, left, presents a \$25,000 check he lobbied state officials to grant Grosse Pointe Farms for the city's anti-emerald ash borer efforts. Terry Brennan, middle, director of public service, says injections of city-owned ash trees has yielded a 100 percent success rate. Mayor James Farquhar and the city council authorized injections two years ago, shortly after the bug was discovered in the Pointes.

G.P. Woods may let some store their boats and RVs outdoors

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods may have to fold a bit on an attempt to completely ban the storage of boats and recreational vehicles on private property.

A group of about a half-dozen residents led by Nicholas and Anna Kondak addressed the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council at its Monday, Oct. 4, meeting, arguing that an ordinance that imposes the ban that went into effect in August 2003 violates a state court ruling on land use.

The Kondaks were one of about two dozen residents who were previously granted permits to store a 26-foot travel trailer on their property. Such permits expired a year after the ordinance went into effect, a fact that the Kondaks and two other residents at the meeting were not aware of until they were notified by a code enforcement officer.

City administrators told the Kondaks they could request a variance appeal at a cost of \$75. The Kondaks asked the council if they and the previous permit holders could be exempted from the ordinance through a grand-

father clause.

"The city has a right to change its ordinances," Anna Kondak told the council. "However, it cannot time limit or take away a nonconforming use."

The Kondaks also referred to a 1947 state attorney general opinion that stated that the lawful use of land or a structure exactly as it existed at the time of enactment of the ordinance may be continued unless the land has been abandoned or not used in the manner permitted for a year.

However, city building official Gene Tutag and city attorney Don Berschback saw no reasons to bend on the ordinance.

"Of the 138 permits that were issued ... only six or seven people are in noncompliance, and there's one other case in which the family has appealed to the circuit court," Tutag said. "Have we had compliance? Yes. That's part of the reason we have this ordinance."

"My job as city attorney is to prepare and defend ordinances, and this one is Constitutional and can be defended," Berschback said. "They all have a right to apply to this council for a

variance."

Berschback added that the issue of "grandfathering," or allowing residents to continue to store RVs, boats and trailers in their back yards, would be an issue that would have to first be addressed by the planning commission, not by the council.

A majority of the members of council did agree residents did have a right to appeal for a variance but felt the \$75 variance application fee should be waived.

"I didn't think it was fair the way it was handled last year," said Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski, who did not vote in favor of the ordinance's passage last year. "I see this as a reduction of people's rights granted by the law."

However, council members Allen Dickinson and Vicki Granger, who voted in favor of the ordinance's passage last year, cast dissent on the variance vote. They both cited complaints they've heard from residents about outdoor storage.

"The decision of the council is interesting," Anna Kondak said. "If you grant a variance, you undercut the ordinance."



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Woods lifeguards score for McCarty

Detroit Red Wings right wing Darren McCarty, center, attended a Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 3, to accept a \$1,742 gift to the McCarty Cancer Foundation. The money was raised through the Lifeguard-a-Thon held by the Woods lifeguards in August. Presenting the gift on behalf of the lifeguards were Melissa Warnack, parks and recreation supervisor, left, and Mayor Robert Novitke, right.

G.P. Park eases parking on Bishop

Normally "no parking" signs go up.

This time, they're coming down.

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council discontinued restricted two-hour parking on Bishop between Mack and Charlevoix.

"It was a citizen-initiated request," Public Safety Chief


David Hiller told the council at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 11. "Ever since we eliminated parking on the east side of the street two years ago, parking's been restricted."

Hiller said the two-hour parking restriction was put in place "years ago" to discourage overflow parking

from Mack businesses. A petition was signed by six residents agreeing to lift the two-hour parking restriction.

"They don't see a need for it," Hiller said.

Hiller told the council he expects similar requests from residents on other streets in that area.



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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ In its 25th year of service to the community, The Grosse Pointe Public Library breaks all its previous years' records, according to director Robert Orr in a Silver Anniversary report.

■ During the past year, book circulation reaches 267,996, an increase of 42,946 over the previous year's record.

■ At the same time, the library's registered users rise to 126,698, an increase of 2,356 over the year before.

■ Growing use of the Central Branch, which just completed its first year of operation, substantially contributes to Silver Anniversary performance.

■ A team of Grosse Pointe Farms officers wins the annual Metropolitan Club Pistol Shoot for the third year in a row and, along with it, the Grosse Pointe News trophy.

■ All Pointe departments enter the competition.

■ Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host its first program of the season this Sunday at the Central Branch.

A notable new collection of art books will be reviewed. The collection was purchased through a gift by Mrs. William J. Young in memory of her husband.

■ Robert Orr, library director, says the collection is the finest group of books on any single subject so far acquired by the library.

25 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe public school teachers threaten to walk out of their classrooms Monday, Oct. 15, if a tentative agreement with the school board isn't reached this week.

■ If a strike is called, it will be the first since a 1 1/2-day walkout in 1969.

■ Representatives of both teachers and administration agree there are three basic issues of contention: money, lay-offs and length of the school year.

■ About twice as many runners as last year are expected in this Sunday's second annual Free Press International Marathon that runs through the Pointes.

Nearly 4,000 runners will enter Grosse Pointe Park on Jefferson, head up Lakeshore to Kerby in the Farms, turn left to Kercheval and head back through the Hill and Village to the finish line in downtown Detroit.

■ Temporary barricades blocking four streets in Grosse Pointe Woods come down pending results of a traffic study of the community's northwest area.

■ The study is due within 30 days. Problems stem from traffic congestion caused by drivers exiting I-94 at Eight Mile and heading into the Woods.

10 years ago this week

■ Gov. John Engler addresses the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club at the War Memorial.

■ In addition to political talk, Engler tells audience members his wife is expecting triplets in November.

■ Attorney's representing 200 residents on Sunningdale and Hidden Lane near Grosse Pointe North High School ask district officials to pull the plug on the Norsemen's one-time-only night football game this Friday. School officials plan to let the game begin. Superintendent Ed Shine cites verbal opinions of Woods officials that no ordinance forbids using temporary field lights.

■ The Grosse Pointe North High School junior class of 1996 takes top honors in the Homecoming float competition with "Boil 'em Alive," representing the opposing L'Anse Cruise North football team as a big lobster. Norsemen grid men follow through by cooking their foes 21-6.

5 years ago this week

■ "This is progress," says George Young, who along with his wife, Nancy, watch-

25 years ago this week



Wardwell House is project for camp

You have probably passed this house on Jefferson at Three Mile in Grosse Pointe Park. It is said to be the oldest house in the Pointes. Campfire Girls are hoping to raise enough money to erect a State Historical Marker for the Wardwell House next year. The house was owned by a French farmer in the 1860s. In a remodeling, a French franc coin dated 1789 was found in a dining room wall. The house is by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. (Photo by David Kramer. From the Oct. 11, 1979, Grosse Pointe News.)

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARPER WOODS

EXHIBIT "A" NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR ELECTION DATE

Please take notice that pursuant to the provision of the Consolidated Election Law enacted in December of 2003, the Board of Education, School District of the City of Harper Woods will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to law.

The dates authorized by law for the regular school elections are:

- The odd year May regular election date.
- The general election date in both even and odd years.
- The May regular election date in both even and odd years.

The Board has tentatively established the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May as the regular election date on an annual basis.

The hearing will be held in the Secondary School Media Center in the district at seven o'clock in the evening on the 19th day of October, 2004.

If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date or any other date authorized by law, the regular election will be held at the odd year elections held in November commencing with the election to be held November 2, 2005.

The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution setting the regular elections date immediately subsequent to the public hearing.

GPN: October 7, 2004
October 14, 2004

Joel Killenberg,
Secretary, Board of Education

Safety

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man pulled out two driver's licenses with two different identities.

Once it was established who the man was, it was discovered his driver's license had been suspended four times. Upon being told he was under arrest, he actively resisted being handcuffed. He finally relented under the threat of being struck with less than lethal weapon that delivers a jolt of 50,000 volts of electricity.

In addition to a speeding ticket, the man was cited for a seat belt violation and arrested for driving with a suspended license and resisting arrest. A court date is set for Dec. 10.

Couple outscammed

A 39-year-old Warren woman and a 32-year-old Warren man were foiled of their suspected gypsy scam of a Grosse Pointe Woods resident in the 1200 block of Anita on Sunday, Oct. 10.

At about 4 p.m., the couple talked their way into getting inside of the house: the woman by saying she was a friend of the resident's ill wife and the man saying he needed to wash his hands. When the resident found it suspicious that the man commanded he stay downstairs, the resident ran out of the house and asked a neighbor to call the Woods public safety department.

Officers arrived by the time the couple got to their truck. They disputed accusations of any wrongdoings to the officers and consented to a search of their vehicle. Officers found several pieces of jewelry and sets of keys in the woman's purse.

The couple was taken into custody on a charge of an attempted gypsy scam. Three young children in their vehicle, ages 9, 7 and 6, were released to another adult.

Home invasion in Woods

A house sitter checking a residence in the 1100 block of Aline in Grosse Pointe Woods discovered an open back door and unlocked side and front doors at 8:50 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10.

A gold and platinum choker valued at \$500 was stolen. It was not known what else was missing from the house at press time.

The residence was last checked at 11 p.m. the night before. Neither next door neighbor saw or heard anything out of the ordinary during the time the break-in occurred.

— Bonnie Caprara

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 in Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Accuracy Test will be held at:
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'Intense' hockey coach reinstated to position

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

The controversy spawned this summer surrounding the Grosse Pointe South High School girls' hockey coach is now over, school district administrators hope.

Bill Fox, the longtime coach of the 2003 state championship team, has been reinstated to his position after the district initially sought going in a new coaching direction for the 2004-05 school year.

The brouhaha began in the late spring when several parents of players raised concern over Fox's coaching style.

"It is on the intense side," said the district's human resources director Lawrence

Lobert. "Bill has a very direct style (of coaching) which has at times not worked well with some kids and parents. Some were alarmed and concerned about that."

Athletic coaches in the district are on a year-by-year contract, which means the schools can opt to seek a new coaching staff before

any new season.

"We decided to look for a different coach because of the concerns and divisions that had come up," Lobert said.

But the controversy this sparked was beyond what the district anticipated.

"We had an absolute outpouring from folks who really felt his particular (coaching) style had worked well for them," Lobert said, calling it a "thunderous voice from the community who spoke up for Bill in a passionate way."

During a meeting of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education on June 14, 35 individuals turned up to speak in support for Fox, who was also in attendance. Thirty-one spoke before the board, including parents of team members, current and former players, Fox's son and daughter, both players who went on to play in college, and even a member of Cranbrook's hockey team.

The speeches went on for close to two hours. Then-school board president Joan Dindoffer directed Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Klein to reevaluate the situation.

After conducting extensive interviews with parents and players, Lobert, Klein, athletic director Matt Outlaw and South principal Allan Diver agreed to reinstate Fox, pending his agreement to certain conditions.

"The final resolution was to return Bill to the coaching staff as co-coach (with Dr. Ed O'Malley)," Lobert explained. "We shared all of the concerns that those parents had brought forth and asked that he be mindful of that as we go forward into the new season."

"It is our great hope that we have found a solution here. He has expressed a willingness to be attentive to the concerns of the entire team."

Fox signed the contract (see sidebar) which reinstates him as coach for the 2004-05 hockey season and outlines expectations of the athletic department relevant to coaching style, communication and sportsmanship.

According to a letter sent to Fox by Outlaw, "We have discussed several concerns including poor sportsman-

ship, poor communication, and coaching techniques that are not acceptable for a high school coach.

"These concerns were raised and validated by many people including student athletes both past and present, parents both past and present, and you are hereby reprimanded for this behavior."

"As we move forward to the 04/05 season, the district trusts and expects that the necessary changes will be made."

In a personal interview with the Grosse Pointe News, Fox denied any wrongdoing, but has agreed to participate in the conditions laid out in his contract.

Dr. Jeanne Lewandowski will remain on the coaching staff, and the athletic department is seeking the addition of a second female assistant coach.

In addition, according to the letter sent to Fox by Outlaw, "it is my intention to bring in an outside observer for the program that can give us a truly independent evaluation of what is taking place in the program."

Bill Fox coaching contract

This confirms that Mr. Fox is reinstated as co-head coach of the South Girls Hockey program, subject to the following terms and conditions. Agreement and signature of this contract is required within 48 hours of receipt.

Mr. Fox acknowledges that there are concerns in the areas of communication and acknowledges and agrees that this is his last chance, and that he will be immediately terminated from his position as co-head coach in the absence of immediate, substantial, and sustained improvement in these areas.

Coaching Style:

1) Endorsement of the following departmental statement:

"South coaches are teachers that focus not on wins and losses, but more importantly the impact that they have on the lives of student athletes. By focusing positively on team and personal development, each student athlete is given the opportunity to learn life lessons and develop characteristic traits that will help lead to success in the student athlete's future. Education is our goal and what is best for our student athletes is our motivation."

2) Act in accordance with the following:

** "Fear and intimidation are not acceptable coaching techniques and have no place in high school athletics".

3) Use appropriate motivational techniques and work to maintain the player's self-esteem as constructive criticism is offered.

Communication:

1) One parent meeting a month will be offered to parents. The meeting will be conducted by a parent representative and both head coaches will be present.

Minutes of the meeting will be recorded and submitted to the athletic director within one week of the

meeting. In these meetings parents will have the opportunity to:

a. Ask questions about the team

b. Offer suggestions

c. Express concerns

2) One player meeting

a month will be held. The meeting will be conducted by team captains and will take place at South High School or another off-site location. Minutes will be taken of the meeting and will be submitted to the athletic director within one week of the meeting. At the discretion of the team captains, information will be relayed to the coaches by either the team captains or the athletic director. In these meetings players will have the opportunity to:

a. Ask questions about the team

b. Offer suggestions

c. Express concerns

3) 24-hour rule: Using the South athletic department's 24-hour rule, parents may express grievances or raise concerns 24 hours after the conclusion of an athletic contest. After that time, the coaches will respond appropriately to the parent.

4) Open-door policy: It will be expressed in the first team meeting that the girls' hockey coaches will have an open-door policy that will allow student athletes the opportunity to discuss legitimate concerns without retribution to the student athlete.

The concerns should be raised in a time and location that will not be a disruption to team practices or games.

Sportsmanship:

1) You will exhibit appropriate behavior consistent with that expected of all Grosse Pointe employees.

2) The sport of hockey and its rules will be respected.

3) Opposing coaches and teams will not be personally disparaged to players, spectators or officials.

Other Items:

1) Coaches, chaperones and adults will not drink alcohol in the presence of student athletes on team trips or any other team functions.

2) A team meeting will be held for all returning and prospective players at least two weeks prior to the first day of try-outs.

a. ALL returning players and parents are to be invited by personal invitation (the athletic office will help to facilitate this communication at the request of the coaches).

b. In the meeting the following topics will be discussed:

i. It will be expressed that retribution towards players or parents involved in the program will not be tolerated.

ii. It will be communicated that retribution by coaches will not be tolerated against players or parents who raised concerns about the program during or following the 2003-04 season.

iii. Parents will be provided an open invitation to attend any team practice during the season (in addition to the assigned parent).

iv. The 24-hour rule and open-door policy will be discussed.

v. The parent and player meetings that will take place each month will be explained.

vi. Any other items that the coaching staff would like to discuss at that time.

This contract will serve to confirm that the coaches appointment to, and retention in, the position of co-head coach may be terminated by either the coach or the School District at any time, with or without notice, and with or without cause, and that no elected official or employee of the School District (other than the School District's Board of Education) has any authority to enter into any agreement or arrangement to the contrary.



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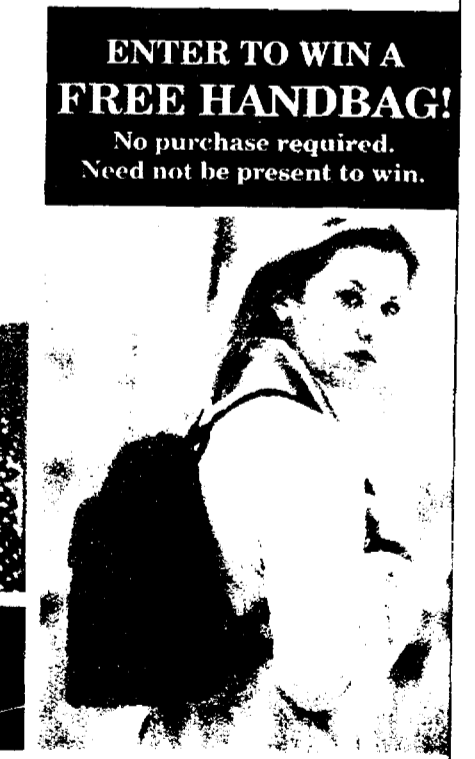
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Tries ID theft

A City of Grosse Pointe woman received an e-mail message purporting to be from SunTrust Internet warning that a third party had accessed her account.

"Protecting the security of your account and the SunTrust network is our primary concern," the message read.

She called police because the sender requested her Social Security number to verify the attempted fraud. The woman didn't fall for the scam.

Bike found

A 20-inch boys BMX bicycle painted silver with red accents was found abandoned at Maire Elementary School on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

City of Grosse Pointe police took the bike to headquarters.

Lost frontier

A 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms boy said a bicycle he'd parked in front of a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the City was stolen between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4.

He said the bike was a girl's Schwinn Frontier mountain bike, purple with white lettering worth \$375.

Bike stolen

A Harper Woods girl said her bicycle was stolen while attending a sleep-over the night of Friday, Oct. 8, in the 800 block of St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

She said the bike was taken from the back yard

between midnight and 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9. She said the mountain bike of unknown make was worth \$300.

Reckless

A 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male was pulled over in the City for reckless driving on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 3:37 p.m.

A caller told police the teenager had been driving a gold-colored 1985 Honda Accord in the area of Fisher and Kercheval. Officers caught him at Lincoln and Goethe.

He didn't possess a driver license. His father picked him up at headquarters.

Tire slashed

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, between 1 and 5:30 p.m., someone cut a 3-inch gash in the right front tire of a red 1991 Volvo station wagon parked behind a restaurant in the 16800 block of Kercheval.

The 23-year-old male owner from Grosse Pointe Park told City police damage totaled \$60.

Dumped

A 62-year-old Warren man who activated a home security alarm in the 200 block of Lakeshore admitted he "may have stopped to use the bushes since there was no bathroom in the area."

Grosse Pointe Farms police found the man standing in a residential driveway on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1:16 a.m.

The man said he was walking home to Warren after being "put out" of a car

driven by a friend from Detroit.

Wipeout

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, at about 4:45 p.m., an 18-year-old Warren man injured himself while skateboarding on Richard Elementary School property.

He was descending stairs at the McKinley entrance when he fell and hurt his ankle.

"(I) observed (him) sitting on the bike racks in a lot of pain," said an officer. "(His) foot was turned out from (the) leg."

Skateboarding isn't allowed on public school property.

Burglar found

On Monday, Oct. 3, at 11:53 p.m., a 34-year-old man with a record of burglary was reported knocking on the door of a church on lower Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He reportedly was seeking somewhere to sleep.

Farms police said he was wanted in 3rd Circuit Court for burglary.

Two teens, two bags of drugs

On Sunday, Oct. 3, at 10:17 p.m., a 15-year-old Detroit male who didn't have a driver license was caught behind the wheel of a 1990 Honda Accord heading eastbound on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Officers found two small bags of marijuana in the vehicle.

Police said the boy had been reported missing. His sister picked him up at headquarters. A 16-year-old male passenger was released to his aunt.

Wrong way

Grosse Pointe Shores police arrested a 48-year-old Detroit man on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 2:44 a.m., for driving drunk the wrong way on southbound Lakeshore.

Officers stopped his green 1994 Honda near

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**Shorecrest.**

"The driver was swaying when he exited the vehicle," police said.

He failed two field sobriety tests.

"The third test was not needed," police said. The man recorded a .156 percent blood alcohol content.

Knife act

The Grosse Pointe Shores recreation director requested police assistance Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 8:25 p.m., regarding a barbecue at Osius Park by members of the Grosse Pointe North High School football team.

"(A) park ranger reported seeing a member of the football team throwing (a knife) around in a playful manner and was concerned someone may get hurt," police said.

A 17-year-old player from the Shores reportedly was throwing a six-inch buck knife at a tree. Police confiscated the knife and drove the resident home.

"Officers asked all parties of the varsity football team to clean up their picnic area and leave the park," police said.

Road hog

A 42-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man said he and 30 other bicyclists were riding on northbound Lakeshore when they had to evade a passing 2005 Chrysler Pacifica.

Police traced the vehicle to Lake Orion.

Barking dog

At 4:58 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6, Grosse Pointe Shores police interviewed a resident of the 400 block of Ballantyne in the Woods who apologized for his barking dog.

"He had forgotten to bring the dog in," police said.

Neighbors complained the animal had been barking for an hour.

Asks for it

When Grosse Pointe Shores police stopped a 43-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man for speeding his red 1999 Dodge pickup 51 mph in the 900 block of northbound Lakeshore, they learned his blood alcohol level measured .1 percent.

Police made the arrest on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 a.m.

Nap time

A 45-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman registered a .311 percent blood alcohol level when pulled over for driving erratically Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2:07 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A patrolman saw the woman steer her white 1989 Cadillac over the center lane of southbound Lakeshore, hitting the right curb. She obeyed orders to stop near Provençal.

The Cadillac was registered to a man living in Eastpointe.

Wrong way

A drunken, 39-year-old Detroit man was caught driving the wrong way on

southbound Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 5:43 a.m.

Police stopped the man's 1985 Lincoln four-door near Fairlake.

His blood contained .22 percent alcohol. He was wanted on nine warrants, eight for traffic offenses and one for drunken driving.

—Brad Lindberg

Bike, edger stolen

A Huffy mountain bike and a Black and Decker edger were taken from a rear yard in the 1400 block of Berkshire in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Friday, Oct. 1, and Monday, Oct. 4.

Unsuccessful car theft attempts

At least two car thieves didn't get very far with vehicles in Grosse Pointe Park over the past week.

Public safety officers believe an unknown person tried to take off with a 2003 Jeep Liberty parked in the 700 block of Barrington sometime between 7:30 and 9 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3. An unknown person gained entry into the SUV by breaking a window vent and was unsuccessful in punching the vehicle's ignition.

Another Jeep Liberty was stolen from the area of St. Paul and Maryland during the night of Thursday, Oct. 7. Detroit police later found the vehicle and arrested a theft suspect.

Suspicious man

Parents were advised of a suspicious man hanging around a school in the 1000 block of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods the morning of Monday, Oct. 4.

A 12-year-old girl was approached while walking in front of the school at 8 a.m. by a man asking where the girl went to school. The girl replied, continued walking, and the man kept following her asking her more questions.

The man walked quickly in the opposite direction when the girl was joined by another student.

Parents and the public are advised to be on the lookout for a 60- to 70-year-old white man about 6 feet, 2 inches tall with a medium build, gray hair and glasses. He was wearing khaki pants, a cream shirt, a green jacket and brown shoes on the day of the incident.

Cell phone taken

A Samsung X7000 cell phone was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the street in the 1300 block of Three Mile in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 5 and 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4.

Plants plucked

A resident in the 1200 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park reported four

potted plants taken from her front porch sometime between 7:45 and 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Witnesses saw a woman taking the plants away in a wagon type cart.

Political sign prank

Stolen political signs may not be a matter of dirty politics, but a high school prank.

A number of signs were found on the grounds of a school in the 700 block of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods the morning of Thursday, Oct. 7.

Park home invasion

Three coats, a computer and miscellaneous jewelry were taken from a two-family flat in the 1300 block of Somerset in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 7:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7.

Garbage fire

Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to a garbage container fire in the 1300 block of Devonshire at 6:08 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7. They put the fire out with a dry chemical extinguisher.

2 handheld TVs stolen

Two handheld color televisions were reportedly stolen from a store in the 19300 block of Mack at about 3:20 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8.

Two men seen in the store at the time were suspected. They were last seen in a green 1998 Buick headed southbound on Mack.

Road rage revenge

A Grosse Pointe Woods man was "maimed" in the face in a road rage altercation in the Mack alley near Huntington in Grosse Pointe Woods on Friday, Oct. 8.

The Woods man and the driver of an out-of-state vehicle exchanged cuss words over the Woods man driving the wrong way down the one-way alley at about 6:30 p.m. During the exchange, the Woods man got out of his car to deal with the other driver face-to-face. The driver of the other vehicle preempted any further altercation by spraying a chemical into the man's face, and took off northbound in the alley.

Peeping Tom

A member of a construction company doing work in the 1400 block of Torrey in Grosse Pointe Woods is suspected of Peeping Tom activities during the morning and afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 9.

The suspect is described as a white 20- to 30-year-old man with short dark blond hair who was wearing a gray T-shirt, black shorts and a navy knit hat.

Damaged door

During the night of Saturday, Oct. 9, somebody damaged a door lock of a restaurant/apartment building in the area of Maryland and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

Harassed?

A 57-year-old Eastpointe man was almost "Tased" during a traffic stop on westbound Vernier at the Grosse Pointe Woods city limits on Sunday, Oct. 10.

The man was stopped after being clocked driving at 49 mph.

At first he refused to show his driver's license and told the officer that it was none of his business and that he was tired of being pulled over and harassed whenever he drove through the community.

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'04 Element EXS pleases the crowd

By Greg Zyla
This week, we test drive the head-turning 2004 Honda Element EXS 4WD — base price: \$20,550, price as tested: \$21,040. This low-cost, SUV-style multipurpose vehicle capitalizes on the "square box" military design, proving that modern styling doesn't necessarily make a showroom winner.

Outwardly, you'll receive lots of looks when you drive an Element. Adding to the distinctive design are lots of plastic panels that help eradicate scuffing problems from gravel, tree limbs and the like. Available in either front- or all-wheel drive, Element has already proven to be a crowd pleaser from coast to coast.

Element's cabin is very roomy, and all four doors open "suicide style" ala the 1949 Mercury. The rear doors open from within and swing out, with no center pillar to hamper rear passenger entry. The back seats flip down in a 50-50 setup, allowing for more cargo room, or they can be removed completely for those trips to the home-improvement store.

The rear hatchback is built with a 70-30 split, with

the large section moving upward while the lower section folds down. All seats recline to form a large bed for sleeping, and if you have two mountain bikes to store, there's enough room between the rear seats and the front seats to stand them side by side. Even the floor resembles a military vehicle, finished in a urethane utility coat.

Our tester was the 4WD EXS model that comes standard with Real Time four-wheel drive, a removable skylight with tilt feature, manual five-speed transmission and front side air bags — all for just \$20,550. Those on a tighter budget can order a \$16,100 2WD DX model.

Other standard features include air conditioning; a 160-horsepower, 2.4-liter engine with 9.7-to-1 compression ratio; height-adjustable driver seat; 16-inch tires with alloy wheels; green-tinted glass with power front windows; seven-speaker, 270-watt stereo system with subwoofer; and lots more. All the expected safety items, like dual and side air bags, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes and side-impact door beams are part of the

Element EX. Additionally, numerous well-placed cup holders, electrical outlets, storage bins and special, washable interior seating make owning an Element even more appealing. The dashboard is simple yet functional.

Under the hood, the 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine is capable of breaking the front tires loose on dry pavement in low gear. Our five-speed manual was geared on the low side, similar to an automatic Element we tested last year, and ready to move quickly from stop signs. The EPA numbers are good but not great at 21 miles per gallon city and 24 mpg highway using regular unleaded.

Underneath, a front MacPherson strut and rear double-wishbone configuration help plant Element to the road. Stabilizer bars fore and aft contribute to a firmer ride, but it is far from head-jarring or too uncomfortable. Honda builds the Element on the CR-V platform, so the ride is still more like a car than an SUV on the open highway.

Important numbers include a 101.4-inch wheelbase, 3,527-pound curb weight, a turning circle of

34.9 feet, 1,500-pound towing capacity and a generous 25.1 to 74.6 cubic-feet of cargo space, depending on seat configuration.

Similar to last year when we drove the two-wheel-drive Element, we're still not sure whether we tested an SUV, station wagon, truck or car! We rate this five-speed manual Element an 8.5 on a scale of one to 10, a full point better than the 7.5 we gave the automatic.

Likes: Price, build quality, adaptability to needs.

Dislikes: Could use 15 more horsepower; interior road noise; roof pillars hinder visibility.

— King Features Syndicate



2004 Honda Element EXS

Reducing crashes with smart systems

(NAPSI) — On average, one person is killed every minute in car crashes around the world — that's more than half a million deaths annually. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in the year 2003, there were 42,643 auto-related deaths and nearly 3 million auto-related injuries in the United States alone. That's one fatality in the United States every 12 minutes.

"Today, vehicles have active safety equipment, which can help prevent crashes from happening in the first place, and help save lives," said Bill Kozyra, president and CEO, Continental Teves North America. "Active safety systems help drivers keep their vehicles in control and on the road. These systems are not 'gadgets' or 'accessories' that complicate the driving experience, but rather enrich it by making 'smarter' and safer vehicles."

A few baseline active safety systems you should look for in your next new vehicle include:

Anti-lock brake systems (ABS) regulate brakes to help prevent wheel lock-up during stops. It helps prevent skidding, so the driver can steer and maneuver around obstacles.

Traction Control Systems (TCS) apply brakes at the drive wheels and reduce engine power to help reduce wheel spin during acceleration. It works across a full range of speeds, whether you're accelerating after a stop or passing on the highway.

Electronic Stability Control (ESC) builds on ABS and TCS and is a stability enhancement system designed to electronically detect and automatically

assist drivers in critical driving situations. ESC compares the driver's intended course with the vehicle's actual course and compensates for any differences. As one auto expert says, "It's the greatest feature in your car you'll never know saved your life."

Active Rollover Protection (ARP) can help prevent rollover crashes from occurring. The next step in ESC systems, ARP monitors when a driver enters a potential rollover situation, detects the danger, and works to keep the vehicle on all four wheels. The system rapidly applies the brakes with a high burst of pressure to the appropriate wheels to interrupt the rollover before it occurs, potentially reducing the chance of a crash, and in turn, saving lives.

How to give your brakes a longer life

(NAPSI) — The first stop on the road to safety is taking care of your brakes. Doing so will not only extend the life of your brakes, it will help to increase your vehicle's fuel economy.

The following tips are offered by Toyota:

- Observe the speed limit for safety's sake. Just as it takes less gas to stay within the speed limit than it does to exceed the limit, it takes less braking effort to slow your vehicle compared to the work it takes to slow you down from higher speeds.

- Do not carry unneeded weight in your car.

- Avoid continuous speeding up and slowing down.

- Avoid heavy traffic whenever possible by planning your trips to avoid rush hour traffic.

- If you are caught in rush hour traffic, leave additional room between your car and the car in front. You won't have to brake as hard should the vehicle in front slow suddenly.

- Do not rest your foot on the brake pedal.

- Use a lower gear on long downhill inclines rather than using the brakes only to control your downhill speed.

Finally, keep your brakes in proper adjustment and have them checked regularly. It helps to keep your rear brakes in proper adjustment as they wear, so that the rear brakes remain able to carry their share of the braking load. If the rear brakes wear and are not

adjusted, the front brakes have to carry more of the braking load, which makes them work harder and become hotter than necessary.

Some vehicles have features that help adjust the

rear brakes. For example, Toyota owners should always use the parking brake (except in freezing weather), because the Toyota parking brake mechanism helps adjust the rear brakes.

pricing is very nice.

In any event, the Murano impresses for its ability to mask sports sedan performance with the utilitarian features of an SUV. It proves that SUVs don't have to be macho — and probably shouldn't be.

Why buy it? It combines the feel of a high-class sports sedan with the practicality of an SUV. With unique looks, a luxurious cabin and a refined drivetrain, and it's among the most car-like SUVs ever made.

— AutoWire

Murano

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Honda CRV — both of which are, like the Murano, popular car-based SUVs with smooth rides — it looks about \$8,000 too expensive. Ouch.

But a more accurate picture comes from comparing the Murano to slightly larger and more luxurious SUVs like the Acura MDX or Lexus RX-330. While the base Murano comes with a long list of high-end features at no cost, like a 10-way power adjustable driver's seat and dual-zone climate control, it's at least \$8,000 cheaper than the SUVs with the fancy badges. Then its

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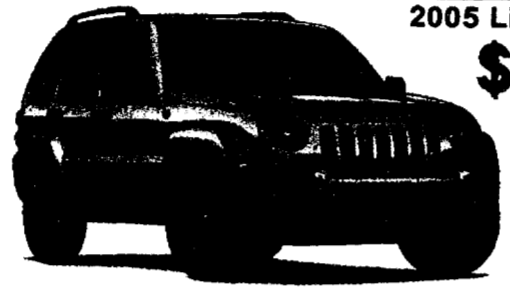
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Nissan SUV doesn't pretend to be a mountain climber

By Derek Price

The Nissan Murano's bulbous shape gives it the practicality of an SUV with the feel of a sports sedan. It's a luxurious and refined SUV that doesn't even hint at having off-road ambitions.

Inside the Murano has comfortable front and back seats with high-quality materials. Standard features like a 10-way power adjustable driver's seat and dual-zone climate control give it a surprisingly luxurious atmosphere.

Thanks to America's anti-minivan backlash, even the tiniest, wimpiest SUVs are advertised as rugged and adventuresome today. They're shown on TV covered in mud, perched on rocky trails, and packed with camping equipment.

Well, at least one mid-size SUV doesn't pretend to be a mountain climber. At a time when the harshest conditions most SUVs face are potholes and thunderstorms in the city, it's refreshing to see Nissan call the Murano an "urban SUV."

Indeed, the Murano is designed simply for driving around town in comfort and style, not looking like a gussied-up piece of surplus military equipment that could move Mount Rushmore.

On the contrary, it's a sleek and sophisticated vehicle with a quiet cabin, smooth ride, refined engine, and cornering capability almost as good as that in a sports sedan. It's as if Nissan started with a world-class sedan, stretched the body, and lifted it a couple of inches off the ground. Really.

With a powerful 3.5-liter V6 engine — the same one used in Nissan's terrific



The 2004 Nissan Murano SL AWD

350Z sports car and Infiniti's impressive G35 — the Murano is a very capable performer. It routes 245 horsepower through a continuously variable transmission (CVT) that never shifts like a traditional automatic transmission. Instead, it constantly adjusts to provide the perfect combination of power delivery and fuel economy — up to 25 miles per gallon on the highway and 20 mpg in town.

Despite its stellar engine and transmission combo, the Murano's best asset is its suspension. It provides one of the smoothest, quietest rides in any SUV, yet it feels surprisingly controllable and light in corners. Unlike the solid-axle designs some SUVs use to travel on rugged trails, Nissan picked a fully independent suspension that favors passenger comfort over Jeep-like climbing ability. It was a good move.

Of course, the Murano doesn't just have to perform like an "urban SUV." It also has to look like one both inside and out. To start with, its overall shape and curvy styling is like nothing else on the road. It has a sloping front end that's almost reminiscent of European sports cars, along with an aggressive roof profile and a back

Photo courtesy of Nissan Internet Media

end that's just plain funky. It's a very innovative and eye-catching look.

Inside, it has loads of storage space and roomy seating — the kind that made SUVs so appealing for families in the first place. There are cup holders and cubbyholes sprinkled throughout the cabin, including a lockable center storage bin that's big enough to hold a laptop computer.

Nissan designed the Murano's cabin to provide "first-class seating" for two couples, but a total of five people can fit — if three of them don't mind being squished into the back seat. In this respect, it's more like a sedan than an SUV, which isn't a good thing for back-seat space.

Interior quality is second to none, with tight-fitting trim pieces and fancy-looking materials. It provides a sense of refinement that feels exactly like a mid-size luxury car, something hard to find in its price range.

Speaking of price, the Murano is either awfully expensive or remarkably cheap — depending on how you look at it. If you compare the Murano's \$29,150 base price to a Ford Escape or

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Michael Egan Jr.

Orwig-Egan

Teresa Kay Orwig, daughter of Ted and Joyce Orwig of Mount Pleasant, married Dennis Michael Egan Jr., son of Diane Egan of Grosse Pointe Farms and Dennis Egan Sr. of Naples, Fla., on

Aug. 7, 2004, at Clare Christ Fellowship.

The Rev. Gary Mann officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Clare Christ Fellowship Hall.

The bride wore an A-line gown that featured an off-the-shoulder neckline and a long train decorated with beading and lace.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Evie Orwig of Mount Pleasant.

The flower girls were Rowan Thom and Lauren Thom of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Attendants wore long lavender dresses decorated with embroidery. They carried daisies and carnations.

The best man was Greg Ehlert of Rochester.

Groomsmen were Jesse Warner and Aaron Warner, both of Clare.

The mother of the bride wore a pink silk floral print tea-length dress and a corsage of white sweetheart roses.

The groom's mother wore a coral silk and chiffon tea-length three-piece outfit and

a corsage of white sweetheart roses.

Scripture readers were Byroy Culp. Solos were by Bethany Mowat, Sara Mann and Ted Orwig.

The bride graduated from Central Michigan University. She is a substitute teacher.

The groom is a student at Central Michigan University studying elementary education.

The couple traveled to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls. They live in Mount Pleasant.

Rogers-Sacka

Robert and Nancy Rogers of Bloomfield Hills have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lorraine Rogers, to Timothy John Sacka II, son of Timothy and Dianne Sacka of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A July wedding is planned.

Rogers earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechan-



Michelle Lorraine Rogers and Timothy John Sacka II

ical engineering from the University of Michigan.

She is a powertrain engineer with Ford Motor Co.

Sacka earned a Bachelor of Science degree in statistics and a Master of Science degree in engineering from the University of Michigan.

He is a product development engineer with Ford Motor Co.



Adrian I. Madland and Heather M. Hollidge

Hollidge-Madland

Karen and Kenneth B. Hollidge Jr. of Grand Haven, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather M. Hollidge, to

Adrian I. Madland, son of

Hans Madland of Winona, Minn., and Denise Madland of Eau Claire, Wis. An April wedding is planned.

Hollidge earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University. She is an associate with Madison Capital Funding LLC.

Madland earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University. He is an automotive specialist with Google.

Book, author luncheon slated Oct. 23

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will present its fifth annual "Books on the Lake," a book and author luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 23, in the Fries ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore.

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Michigan trees

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Nature has a way of replacing what is lost. But she often takes more time than people want to wait.

To ease replacing ash trees killed or in the sights of the emerald ash borer invasion, forestry experts have compiled a list of appropriate replacement species.

Michigan State University scientists whittled the selection to 41 trees.

Species made the grade on their natural ability to handle Michigan weather, known pests and disease.

Replacements also qualified because their medium-to-large size and shady canopies are similar to ash trees.

Emerald ash borers have been eating their way through unprotected ash trees in the Grosse Pointes for at least two years.

Some neighborhoods in western Wayne County, where the bug from Southeast Asia arrived an estimated seven years ago, are denuded of ash trees. They were overplanted along side streets in a rush to replace American elms lost to Dutch elm disease.

"Emerald ash borer has had a tremendous impact on our communities, but with proper planning and time, we will regain our tree-lined streets and shaded communities," said Robert Schutzki, an MSU horticultural specialist.

When replacing ash trees, MSU experts hope homeowners seek a variety of species for their local environment.

"It's important to increase the diversity of tree species in our urban forests to reduce the likelihood that one new pest, such as emerald ash borer, or disease, such as Dutch elm, can come in and wipe out vast numbers of trees," said Bert Cregg, MSU horticulture and forestry specialist. "If we replace ash lost to emerald ash borer with a single tree species, and a new pest arrives that kills that species, we're right back where we started."

Homeowners are urged to follow two rules of thumb:

- The 10 percent rule: A single tree species should comprise no more than 10 percent of trees in an area.
- The "look around" rule: When deciding on a tree, look around. If you see a lot of the same type of trees, plant something else.

MSU bulletin E-2925, "Recommended alternatives to ash trees in Michigan's lower peninsula," include the following trees, with shape, size, growth rate and other characteristics noted:

• "Autumn blaze" Freeman maple: round shape grows to 45 feet with a 40-foot spread; brilliant orange and red fall colors, grows fast and tolerates drought more than red maple; much better than silver maple, prefers alkaline soils.

• Hedge maple: round shape averages 55 feet tall by 40 feet wide, slow growing, branching to the ground interferes with grass, prefers moist soil, dark green leaves in summer turn yellow in fall.

• Trident maple: round shape, 25-by-35 feet, prefers full sun, dark green leaves turn orange to red in fall, no serious diseases or

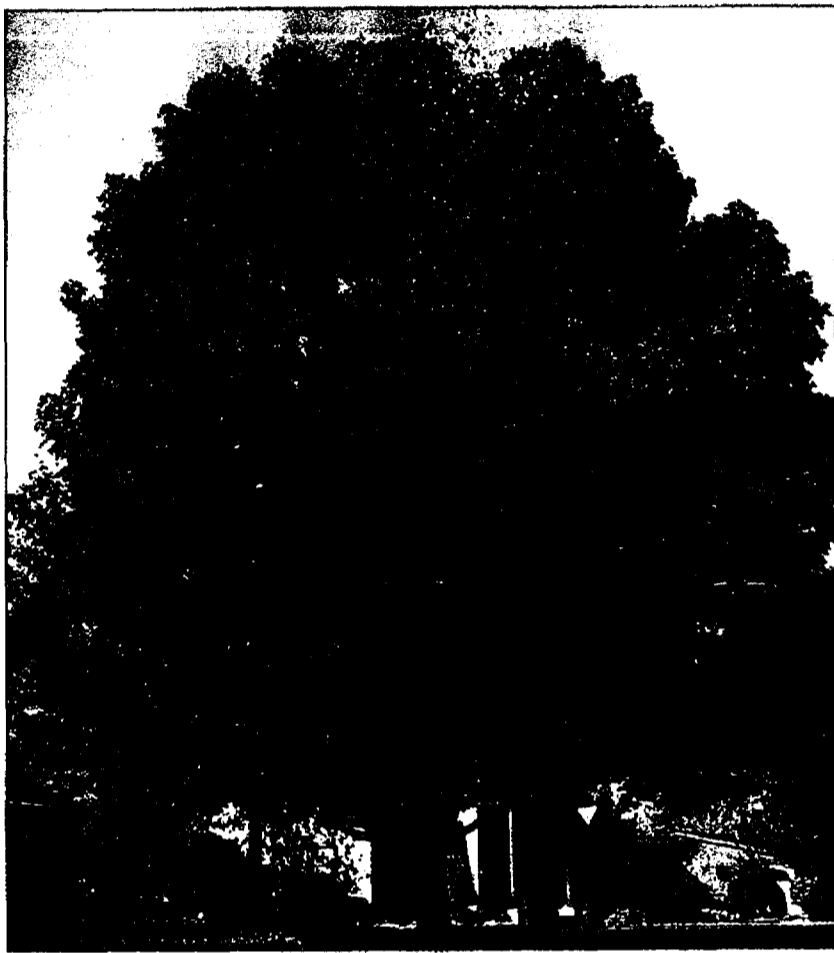


Photo by Brad Lindberg

The Grosse Pointes are known for fine trees, such as this maple in the Farms.

insects.

• Miyabe maple: upright oval, 40-by-30 feet, fast growing, likes moist, well-drained soil; leaves stay green late into October, no serious pests or diseases.

• Norway maple: rounded, 50-by-50 feet, tolerates clay soil, susceptible to wilt and anthracnose.

• Red maple: rounded, up to 60 feet tall, needs moist soil, sensitive to salt, red fall color.

• Sugar maple: oval to rounded, 80-by-60 feet, dark green foliage with orange-red fall color, susceptible to wilt and leaf scorch.

• Shantung maple: round shape, 30-by-30 feet, yellow to red fall color, requires moist, well-drained site, no serious insects or diseases.

• Horse chestnut: rounded, 75-by-70 feet, white flowers in May, leaf scorch can occur during hot and dry conditions in late summer.

• American hornbeam: round and spreading, 30-by-30 feet, orange-red fall color, requires little maintenance, native to Michigan and eastern United States.

• European hornbeam: narrow when young turning oval with age, 35-by-25 feet, tolerates drought and heavy soil, salt sensitive; susceptible to canker, leaf spot and twig blight.

• Hackberry: open when mature, 60-by-30 feet, medium to fast growing; birds and wildlife eat orange to purple fruit, grows in dry soil and windy conditions.

• Katsura: upright becoming rounded, 40-by-40 feet, needs moist soil, doesn't tolerate compacted soil; new leaves are bright red when unfolding; dry leaves have caramel scent.

• Yellowwood: round, 30-by-40 feet, bright green foliage, best in moist, well-drained soil, fragrant flowers in late spring, can be weak-wooded, no serious insects or diseases.

• Turkish filbert: broad pyramidal, 50-by-30 feet, medium growth, tolerates

drought, no serious diseases or insects, thrives in hot summers and cold winters.

• Hardy rubber tree: rounded, 60-by-45 feet, medium growth, tolerates drought, intolerant of poor drainage; lustrous dark green leaves in summer turn to regular green or poor yellow in fall, 3 percent rubber content.

• Ginkgo: pyramidal shape when young turning irregular and spreading with age, 100-by-40 feet; female fruit is messy — plant only male trees, extremely free of pests; bright green leaves turn yellow in autumn and fall virtually in one day, one of the oldest tree species at 150 million years.

• Thornless honeylocust: open and spreading shape 100-by-40 feet, high salt tolerance, overplanting has encouraged insect problems.

• Kentucky coffee tree: oval crown 75-by-50 feet; pinkish leaves emerge in late May and turn dark green, slow growing, no serious insects or diseases.

• Sweetgum: pyramidal when young growing rounded, medium to fast growing, excellent lawn tree but needs large area for root development; fruit can be messy.

• Tulip tree: tall pyramidal, 120-by-50 feet, salt sensitive, tulip-shaped leaves bright green on top and pale underneath, fast growing, somewhat weak-wooded; occasional problems with leaf scorch, canker, wilt and powdery mildew.

• Amur maackia: rounded, 30-by-30 feet, slow growth, white June flowers, no fall color, from Manchuria.

• Dawn redwood: pyramidal, 100-by-25 feet, requires moist sites, fast growing; species is 50 million years old.

• Tupelo: pyramidal, 35-by-20 feet, slow to medium growth rate; dark green leaves change to fluorescent yellow to orange, scarlet and purple in autumn, tol-

erates wet sites and intermittent drought, considered an excellent specimen tree.

• American hophornbeam: upright oval, 40-by-25 feet, slow growing, yellow in fall, likes moist soil.

• Amur corktree: rounded, 45-by-50 feet, drought and pollution tolerant, corky bark, yellow to bronze fall leaves.

• London planetree: pyramidal when young, open with age, 50-by-40 feet, tolerates salt and wet sites, medium growth; overplanting on the eastern seaboard has encouraged diseases and insects.

• Common chokecherry: rounded, 30-by-25 feet, white flowers in May, red fruit, susceptible to black knot.

• Callery pear: rounded pyramidal, 50-by-30 feet, medium growth, scarlet to purple fall foliage, popular tree for streetside.

• Sawtooth oak: rounded shape, 40-by-40 feet, yellow fall foliage, slow growing, no serious diseases or pests, tolerates dry soil.

• Swamp white oak: broad oval, 45-by-45 feet, one of the faster-growing oaks, tolerates temporary flooding, sensitive to salt, no serious insects or diseases.

• Northern pin oak: pyramidal, 60-by-50 feet, likes moist but well-drained soil.

• Shingle oak: pyramidal in youth developing an oval

shape, 50-by-40 feet, slow to medium; leaves persist into winter and aid screening, susceptible to disease and bugs.

• Bur oak: oval, 55 feet tall, 45 feet wide, large trunk, susceptible to anthracnose, slow growing, good for a large area.

• Chinkapin oak: rounded, 45-by-45 feet; dark green leaves turn yellow in fall, tolerates alkaline soil.

• Japanese pagodatree: round, 70-by-70-feet, salt tolerant, cream-colored flowers, good city tree, somewhat weak-wooded.

• American linden or basswood: narrow to broad pyramid shape, 50-by-30 feet, medium growth, low-slung branches, sensitive to salt and susceptible to beetles and borers.

• Littleleaf linden: rounded, 60-to-70-feet tall, 50-foot crown, medium growth, tolerates pollution.

• Silver linden: upright oval, up to 70-feet tall and 50-feet wide, medium growth, leaves dark green on top and silvery underneath.

• Elm hybrids (Delaware No. 2, Pioneer, Urban, Sapporo autumn gold and Washington): vase-shaped, 50-foot-tall by 30-feet wide, resist Dutch elm disease.

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Speakeasy comes to The Whitney restaurant

Murder mystery, dinner event will benefit autoimmune disease research

It is 1929. The stock market has just crashed, and Prohibition is still the law of the land.

Chaz (a.k.a. **Chuck Gaidica**) and his girlfriend **Suzie** (a.k.a. **Susan Gaidica**) are running a speakeasy at the Whitney mansion.

Join them and a cast of characters for an evening of fun on Friday, Oct. 22, at The Whitney restaurant, 4421 Woodward at Canfield in downtown Detroit. The evening will begin at 6 p.m., with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Guests get to mingle with murder mystery characters, bid on fabulous silent auction items and listen to jazz standards by pianist **Hosea Taylor**. They'll enjoy a delicious dinner and then try to guess whodunit to win a prize.

Tickets are \$135 a person. Attire appropriate for the 1920s is optional.

For reservations, call (586) 776-3900. All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association.

Sponsors include **John McCarthy** of The Whitney.

Everyone knows someone who is affected by one of the disorders categorized as "autoimmune," such as rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile diabetes, multiple sclerosis, lupus and psoriasis. Autoimmune disorders are the major cause of serious, chronic illness. They affect more than one in five Americans and are the eighth leading cause of death in women between 14 and 45.

AARDA, headquartered in Eastpointe, has been largely responsible for increased awareness about autoimmunity as a disease category, with outreach to the United States, Canada, and nations around the globe. AARDA has encouraged (and supported) important collaborative research efforts throughout the world and has made remarkable strides since its founding in 1991, including successfully lobbying for the



"Speakeasy at The Whitney, a Murder Mystery Dinner" will benefit the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association. Among the murder mystery players are (back row, from left): **Sal DeMercurio** of Detroit and **Tony Amato** of Grosse Pointe Woods; (front row, from left): **Terri Turpin-Amato** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Barbara Roney** of St. Clair Shores.

establishment of the National Institutes of Health Autoimmune Disease Coordinating Committee. For information about AARDA, call (586) 776-3900, or e-mail: aarda@aarda.org.

Honorary Committee chairmen for the benefit are **Chuck and Susan Gaidica**. Serving on the honorary committee are **Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Selvaggio**, **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nielsen**, **Mrs. Mary Ann Van Elslander**, **Mrs. Waltraud Prechter**, **Mr. and Mrs. Gasper LoPiccolo** and **Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willett**.

Planning Committee members are **Susan**

Gaidica (chairman) of Northville, **Virginia Ladd** (AARDA Executive Director), **Denise Cotter** of Grosse Pointe Park, **Donna Di Sante** and **Carolyn Ugval**, both of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Ruth Kibler** of Livonia, **Barbara Roney** of St. Clair Shores, **Barbara Willett** of Grosse Pointe Woods, and AARDA staff members **Patricia Barber** and **Eula Hoover**.

Carve-a-thon? Metro Detroit surgeons will scrub up and sharpen their scalpels on Saturday, Oct. 23, to perform extreme makeovers on local pumpkins. It's all part of a plan to raise funds for Children's

Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Operation Pumpkin will take place in the General Motors Wintergarden from 9 a.m. to noon.

Post-op pumpkins will recover in metro Detroit homes after adoptive families make a donation to CHM.

The Halloween fun-filled event is sponsored by Riverfront Shops, a collection of more than 75 stores, restaurants and services in the GM Renaissance Center.

Following surgery, a special panel of judges will convene in the Fashion Plaza on Level 1 between Towers 200 and 300, to determine the best use of pumpkinplasty — from the most creative to the scariest makeover. Families are invited to watch the surgical transformations and judging before heading out to various Renaissance Center stores for trick-or-treating, cookie decorating, face painting and other activities for youngsters.

Complimentary cider and doughnuts will be served. Each participating child will receive a trick-or-treat bag that may include a very special treat — a coupon for tickets to the 2004 Detroit Zoo Boo. Coupons will be redeemable at participating Riverfront Shops. All attendees may also enter to win a weekend night at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center hotel.

"We think this is going to be a great way to raise awareness and dollars for Children's Hospital of Michigan," said **Saudia Twine**, major gifts officer, CHM. "We appreciate the efforts of Detroit's medical community and Riverfront Shops for organizing this event to help the patients receive the care they need."

Children's Hospital of Michigan has been dedicated exclusively to caring for children since 1886. The hospital is staffed by more than 200 pediatricians, 125 pediatric specialists, 600 pediatric nurses and more than 1,000 pediatric-trained



Wine Tasting

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center will celebrate its first 40 years by hosting a Wine Tasting. More than 50 wines will be presented by Merchant's Fine Wines beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at St. Ambrose Ark, 5120 Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park.

Patty Groezinger, at the left, and **Denise Cara** confer with **Tony Randazzo** of Merchant's Fine Wines to plan the evening.

Tickets are \$60 each and include hors d'oeuvres, beer, soda, coffee and dessert. In addition, the ALNEGC will conduct a silent auction of wine items. For tickets, contact **Denise Cara** at (313) 822-6077.

The ALNEGC is a nonprofit auxiliary which supports and enhances behavioral and health related services provided by the Northeast Guidance Center and other local agencies. These services impact high-risk children and adults on Detroit's east side, in the five Grosse Pointe municipalities and Harper Woods. For more information, call their office at (313) 245-7012 or visit their Web site at www.alnegc.org.

employees.

Grosse Pointe surgeons who are participating include **Dr. Julie Henry**, Orthopedics; **Dr. Doug Kubek**, DO/ENT; **Dr. John Boccaccio**, General Surgeon; **Dr. Shiva Maralani**, Urology; **Dr. Mark Herman**, General Surgeon; and **Dr. Daniella Rodriguez**, Plastics.

In addition to the pumpkin makeovers, attendees can view the results from the Riverfront Shops Miniature Pumpkin Design Makeover contest. Non-GM tenant companies and GM divisions located in the

Renaissance Center have been invited to create miniature pumpkin cosmetic makeovers, sans carving, to win a free catered lunch for their office staff.

Free parking will be available in Lot B, adjacent to Tower 300 off Beaubien Street.

For more information about Operation Pumpkin, go to www.shoprenaissancecenter.com or call the Riverfront Shops Customer Service Desk at (313) 567-3126.

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Pastor's corner

The perfect game?

By the Rev. John Corrado
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

They call it a "perfect game." Baseball fans among you know what that term means. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the term, a perfect game occurs when one team fails, by any means, to get a man to first base.

When this happens, the pitcher for the opposing team gets credit for having pitched perfectly. A recent reference to a perfect game got me thinking about perfection, in baseball — and in life.

Perfect games are rare. After more than a century of professional baseball, only 17 perfect games have been pitched. Most of the truly great pitchers never pitched one.

But just how perfect is a perfect game? No perfect game in the major leagues was a game in which a pitcher threw perfectly. To be perfect, every pitch would have to be a strike, and no opposing batter would have been able to get his bat on the ball. That's never happened — at least in major league baseball.

Alas, perfection, in baseball as in life, is an illusion. And there's more to it than that. Though the pitcher gets the credit, he has to rely on the fielding and catching of eight other men to keep the opponents off base. As it is in life, no pitcher is an island unto himself. No matter how much glory is cast on him, he cannot do it alone. Without others he would be unable to win a game, let alone win a "perfect" game.

But suppose a pitcher did throw perfectly, whizzing strikes past the bats of every opponent. Couldn't he then claim perfection? Close, but no cigar. Without a catcher to hold on to his offerings, his pitches would bounce to the backstop as certainly as his dreams of perfection would fade like the Tigers hopes for second place. What passes for perfection in baseball can never be achieved by an individual alone. I think that's true of any feat in life, great or small.

It's popular to talk about "the self-made man," "the rugged individual," the great "nonconformist."

Sure. Let's not get stuck on how good we are or how we can do it all by ourselves.

Blessing

St. Paul Catholic Church held a blessing of the animals ceremony on Oct. 2, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. There were prizes and treats for the animals as well as refreshments for owners. Here, Windsor Youngblood is shown with owner Tracy Youngblood and the Rev. Patrick Halfpenny.



Babies

Elizabeth Clare 'Lilly' Cleland

Sean and Elizabeth Cleland of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Clare "Lilly" Cleland, born June 15, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Chris and Sharyn Mannino of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Margaret McNamee of the City of Grosse Pointe and Michael Cleland of Ann Arbor. Great-grandmother is Kathleen McNamee of Fort Gratiot.

Thomas Alan Gauerke III

Tom and Becky Gauerke of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a son, Thomas Alan Gauerke III (Trey), born Sept. 10, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Kendall and Jill Robins of Battle Creek. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Barb Gauerke of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Katie Ann Zimmermann

Dr. Erich and Lisa Zimmermann of Highlands Ranch, Colo., are the parents of a daughter, Katie Ann Zimmermann, born Sept. 1, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Wallace and Millie Cox of

Minden, La. Paternal grandparents are Beverly Zimmermann of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Alan Zimmermann.

Derrick Thomas Arndt

Randall Arndt and Mary Ann Wivell of Atlanta, Ga., are the parents of a son, Derrick Thomas Arndt, born April 22, 2004. Paternal grandparents are Jan and Tom Arndt of Grosse Pointe Woods. Maternal grandparents are Patty and Ed Wivell of Ambridge, Pa. Great-grandparents are Gladys Meier of Winter Haven, Fla., and George Arndt of Saginaw.

Michael Peter Bergmann

John and Kristen Bergmann of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a son, Michael Peter Bergmann, born July 30, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Linn of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bergmann of St. Clair Shores. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bommarito of Grosse Pointe Park, Mildred Jozwiak of St. Clair Shores and Kay Linn of Vincennes, Ind.

Breast cancer survivor will share personal story

Judy Asti, author of "A Spiritual Journey Through Breast Cancer," will speak from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center on the campus of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Asti will encourage you with her personal story of triumph in the face of despair. Diagnosed in 1998 with stage-three breast cancer, she underwent more than a year of aggressive therapy. Just as she was nearing the end, she was fired from her job. Her inspi-

ration testimony reaches beyond cancer patients to those who will experience calamity and disappointment in their lives.

A book signing will follow the program, and books will be available to purchase for \$10.

The VECC is located behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94. Free VECC community education night programs are held the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. To register or for more information, call (866) 246-4673.

LWV to explore party philosophies

Setting aside the current competition between election candidates, the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe will hold a public meeting to compare the values and philosophies of our two major political parties.

A prominent member of each party will explain "Why I am a Republican or a Democrat" in order to help voters better understand the principles on which each party is based.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, in the reception room of the Alger House, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. It is co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and is free. The public is invited.

The speakers are influential members of their party organizations. Krista Haroutunian, an attorney at the law firm of Haroutunian, Licata and Haroutunian, has served on the campaign staff of local and statewide Republican candidates. She is currently chairman of the Wayne County Republican Committee.

Dana Millikin, also an attorney, is with the Detroit Office of Butzel Long. Millikin has advised Michigan Democratic candidates in both local and statewide races. She currently serves as the Associate State Counsel for Kerry-Edwards 2004, Inc.

Millikin and Haroutunian will each speak briefly about what her party stands for

and why she thinks these values and goals are desirable. This will be followed by questions from the moderator and the audience. There will be no comment or discussion of current candidates for election.

As an additional resource and commentator, Dr. Mary Herring, professor of political science at Wayne State University, will be available to answer questions. Professor Herring teaches a course, "Political Parties and Elections."

LWV is a nonpartisan political organization which neither endorses candidates nor supports any political party.

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Rummage Sale

The Grosse Pointe United Church will present its annual fall Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the church, 240 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit local, national and international charitable organizations. At the end of the day, any leftover items will be donated to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Co-chairmen of the event are Emma Wright and Carol Disanto. Others assisting with the fundraiser are Naomi Sleek, Sue Rockwell, Darlene Sulad, Marlene Cooper, Dick Hille and Lynne Millies, Frank Turpin, Denise Hawley, Kathy Frakes, Martha and Lynn Pease, Rodger Sulad, Tom Rockwell, Pauline McNeill, Ann Standish, Judy Bray and Carol Tech.

Members who are preparing for the event, from left, are Wright and Disanto, co-chairmen; with Kathy Frakes and Sandi Cook.

Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church holds rummage sale

The Presbyterian Women of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16. Early admission at

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Music lovers can combine concert, DIA gallery tour

It took only three quarters of a century for the venerable Pro Musica to wake up to the fact that they were missing an opportunity by not touring an exhibit in the Detroit Institute of Arts on an evening when they were there for a concert. There is a mystical aspect shared by all the arts that involves recognizing and tracing influences of past creativity and current innovations. Sometimes there is even a strong subjective relationship between such disparate art works as pictures and music, but exploring the mysteries of creative inspiration and its sources remains the more fascinating and enlightening experience.

Later this month, the

concert society will present a brilliant young string quartet augmented by a clarinet in a program of wide-ranging compositions that illustrate the dramatic changes in musical style between European composers Mozart and Brahms, and the contemporary inspirations of Israeli composer, Betty Olivero, and Mexican composer, Emmanuel Arias y Luna.

Preceding the concert, ticket holders will tour an exhibit of photography that made history in that modern art form. It is the work of Charles Sheeler, who is credited with having elevated picture-taking from 19th century "pictorialism" to a form of artistic impression paralleling the work of early 20th century modernist painters, especially the cubists.

Theirs, too, is a style that has had its day and is now history, but it is recent enough to evoke memories of the era of rapid and dramatic change in graphic styles. Sheeler records it in cubist style images of American architecture and great engineering feats of industry.

Moreover, Sheeler's work

State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

enables us to see the scientific and structural achievements of the first half of the 20th century in an abstract way, instead of simply as the structures of business and manufacturing and the artifacts of our lifestyle that were the basis of our livelihoods. In them, we can trace the evolution of artistic vision as we recall how our environment has changed.

Just as we listen to the influences of the past in more recent musical pieces, we perceive the influence of Sheeler's photographic subjects on our changing perceptions in a fast-changing world. He even has made photographs of prior art that influenced his view.

Stark views of African figures carved from ebony are arresting examples. But

Sheeler's main focus was to capture a highly creative view of American subjects and the exhibit is a highly evocative reminder of the look of our lives up to a century ago.

DIA curator Nancy Barr, who will conduct the gallery tour, points out that Sheeler was trying to capture what it meant to be an American. He applied what he learned studying painting in France to composing the images through his camera lens. The results are stunning views of American structures between the two world wars.

There are interiors of a friend's New York apartment with the decor of the era. In Doylestown, Pa., he pictured the distinctive houses of the area to emphasize structure and detail. In New York City he perched on high rooftops and emphasized the straight forms and clean angles of the skyscraper architecture.

As his fame spread, he was commissioned by the Ford family to record images of the famous Rouge Plant, then the most impressive industrial complex in the world. Those images amount to an

iconography of the industrial age. They also provide an eerie reminder of another view of the Rouge plant that is at the heart of the DIA and amounts to an iconography in its own right. It is the frescoed impression of the factory interior by Diego Rivera which Pro Musica audience members toured last May before a concert by a Mexican tenor.

To move then to a concert of 19th and 20th century music in the museum's cozy recital hall involves a shift of artistic experience that Pro Musica audiences have confirmed to be both stimulating and refreshing.

The string and clarinet players in the quintet are just emerging as important figures on the world's concert stages and eager to give full expression to the music on their program. Like Sheeler, they use the medium of their art as a means of expressing their own view of their world, but in the way they interpret the music, and in the combination of works on their program.

There are links between the works of Mozart and Brahms. And there is a distinctive musical expression

in the Suite by Olivera based on Jewish traditions and the musical picture by Luna that is an impression of the Aztec myth of the creation of the two volcanoes dominating the skyline at Mexico City.

Yet just as Sheeler has taken the technical capabilities of the camera and used them to create a new form of expression, Olivera, Luna and the musicians take the long-established techniques of music to express new musical ideas.

As for the audience, they have commented at recent concerts preceded by tours of exhibits that the stimulus of the experience amounts to more than the sum of its parts.

The tour will depart from the Woodward Avenue lobby at 7 p.m. Concert time is 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23.

For more information, call the Pro Musica information line, (313) 886-5639 or visit www.promusicadetroit.com. Tickets for the evening are \$40 and include an afterglow with light refreshments. Tickets may be reserved in advance by credit card through the DIA box office. Call (313) 833-4005.

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Pumpkin soup is super simple supper starter

Soup has always been a popular choice in America. Campbell's soup in a can used to dominate the shelves at the grocery store. Chicken noodle soup is still believed to cure the common cold. Soup has evolved into a main course for many, especially at lunch.

"What is the soup of the day?" has become the question of the day. Making soup at home sounds like an overwhelming task for most of us, but it doesn't have to be difficult. If you start with a simple recipe, you might just want to try it again. This week's recipe brings the flavor of pumpkin to the soup bowl.

Ginger pumpkin soup is a cinch to make and the slightly sweet taste will appeal to the little ones in your family.

Ginger Pumpkin Soup

1 tablespoon butter
2 15-oz. cans pumpkin
2 15-oz. cans chicken broth
1 cup heavy cream (or half & half)
1/2 cup pure maple syrup
2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
Salt and pepper to taste

Toasted pumpkin seeds (optional, for garnish)
Brown sugar (optional, for garnish)

In a large saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the pumpkin, chicken broth, heavy cream, maple syrup and ginger. Bring the soup mixture just to a slight boil, stirring often. Lower the heat and season with salt and pepper.

To serve, ladle the soup into bowls and sprinkle with a few toasted pumpkin seeds and a teaspoon or so of brown sugar.

Ginger pumpkin soup is the perfect starter to a fall dinner party.

Keeping the soup course simple will allow more time to concentrate on the entree. Heavy cream will result in a thicker soup than half & half will. It's a personal preference.

This flavorful soup becomes the entree when paired with a fresh green salad and crusty wheat bread.

Warm your family this week with a pot of homemade ginger pumpkin soup.

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Pointers included in exhibit at historic Gem

A public art exhibition, "40x40," at downtown's Historic Gem Theatre will run through Feb. 15. The juried exhibition contains mixed-media self-portraits by 40 leading local and regional female artists over age 40. It is a companion art exhibit for the off-Broadway hit, "Menopause The Musical," currently on an open-ended run at the Gem.

Among the local artists represented in the exhibition are Charmaine Kaptur, Diane Kramer, Linda Allen and Lori Zurvalec. Five pieces from the Detroit exhibition will be selected to accompany the show to each major market on its ongoing tour.

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Watch that first drink

By Jeff and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra,

I've noticed that my friend at college has a much different reaction to alcohol than I do. He tends to get fired up and ready for action, where I just tend to chill out. He often drinks to excess, where I rarely want more than a drink or two. I can't help but speculate about his first reaction, though. It just seems so different than mine. Is this reaction the sign of an alcohol problem?

— Speculating Spectator

Dear Speculating,

Alcoholics and binge drinkers often react differently to the first drink of alcohol than a normal social drinker. Although it is not a definitive sign, recent studies have shown that if alcohol doesn't have a sedative effect on a person upon the first drink, he or she will often go on a binge (consume four or more drinks), and may be suffering from alcoholism.

Researchers at the University of Chicago concluded that drinkers who experienced "euphoria and stimulation" at the first drink, as opposed to a calming effect, were more likely to abuse alcohol.

"We really see a lot of the differences between those who are binge drinkers compared to those who are historically light drinkers," said Dr. Andrea C. King, the study's lead author.

Some highlights of the study included:

- When blood alcohol levels begin to rise — within 15 minutes of the first drink — the heavy drinkers showed an increase in excitement, talkativeness and euphoria. The light drinking group was relaxed, and did not demonstrate these changes in stimulation.

- Only 30 percent of light drinkers said that they liked the way they felt after they began to drink and wanted to drink more. By contrast, more than 55 percent of the heavy drinkers reported that they liked what they were feeling and wanted to drink more.

- Light drinkers said that they had a distinct sense of being high and drugged as their blood alcohol levels rose. Heavy drinkers were not as aware of those feelings.

- Stress levels actually increased for the light drinkers, as opposed to the heavy drinkers, although their heart rates were virtually the same.

The study tends to underline the dangers of binge drinking, particularly in young people. "Most people in college who binge think they're doing it at that time, and that they're going to grow out of it and it's not a big deal," King said. "But certainly there's a percentage that goes on to be alcohol dependent. So it's possible that these individual response mechanisms can help us to understand why some people go on to have long-term drinking problems and other people don't."

In light of these findings, the reaction to the first drink can be very significant. Social drinkers are generally happy with a drink or two. They are not excited about the idea of drinking more, and they may in fact experience greater stress if they do drink more.

Heavy drinkers and binge drinkers, on the other hand, often experience a stimulant effect from this sedative drug, and are anxious to continue drinking. Again, this is not necessarily a sign of alcoholism, per se, but it is an indication that they are experiencing a much different effect from the drug than a social drinker.

In other words, they're playing with fire.

You are right to wonder about your friend. If his excessive drinking becomes a habit, he's probably going to experience some very negative consequences as a result. If he doesn't respond appropriately to these consequences and change his behavior, then he may already be an alcoholic. One thing is for sure: he's not reacting normally to the drug alcohol.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of, "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They work as professional interventionists and live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or through their Web site: <http://lovefirst.net>.

Principles of recovery groups could help end divisiveness, find common ground

For one luminous moment in the time after 9/11, we were truly a nation united. It did not matter how much money you made, what color your skin was or whom you voted for in the last election. We clung to each other in shared grief and determination.

But the moment passed too quickly. Now we stand, not united, but as a country of red and blue states, a land of "we" and "they." Many pundits have described the current political climate as the third most divisive in the history of our nation, exceeded only by the Civil War and the conflict over Vietnam.

It doesn't have to be this way. As millions of recovering alcoholics have demonstrated since 1935, when the first Alcoholics Anonymous group was formed in Akron, Ohio, it is possible for a group of disparate individuals from all walks of life to come together in a small room without rage or resentment toward each other.

"In 20 years of AA, I've never once experienced antagonism because of personal differences," said Rick R. "The only arguments I've witnessed aren't because someone is rich or poor or black or white; they're because someone isn't being truthful to himself or herself or to the group about his addiction. You don't come to a mutual-help meeting as a Republican or Democrat or a millionaire or a bum; you come as someone who is trying to

stay clean and sober. You're no better and you're no worse than the person sitting next to you, but you're all better for being there and for trying."

The first tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous states, "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity." In other words, we must work together to survive. We embrace this philosophy easily enough in times of crisis, but abandon it too quickly when the crisis has passed.

"The humility that addiction brings is sadly missing in American politics today," said Jim Ramstad, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Minnesota and a recovering alcoholic. "Unfortunately, the unity that all Americans felt following 9/11 has been replaced by the politics of division. There's too much rancor and bitterness. People aren't listening to what's being said by the other side or searching for some common ground. Total honesty on both sides of the aisle would be a great substitute for political spin."

When members in a mutual-support group tell their stories, the other members listen with respect, total attention, and without judgment. "You listen deeply and wait for them to become themselves, and eventually you hear just the word or the story that you needed to hear," said Rick.

It has been said that to

be humble is to be teachable. When we suspend our own agendas and listen to each other's stories and ideas with respect and humility, everyone can benefit and everyone can grow and learn from the experience.

A Chinese proverb says, "If there is right in the soul, there will be beauty in the person; if there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the home; if there is harmony in the home, there will be peace in the world."

Likewise, Step Twelve encourages recovering people to practice the principles of recovery in all their affairs — to "walk the walk," not just "talk the talk."

In politics, this might mean stepping across the aisle to work with someone from another party on an issue of mutual concern. This is what happened when Rep. Ramstad, a Republican, joined forces with the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, a Democrat, to lead the effort on Capitol Hill when they sought parity for insurance coverage of addiction.

"They used to call us the odd couple, because of our respective politics, but there

was nobody better to work with in the trenches than Paul," Ramstad said. "We discovered that you get better public policies enacted when you focus on commonalities rather than differences."

"Addiction and recovery are the great levelers," he continued. "They remind us that we are imperfect beings. We all have deficiencies and character flaws. It would be a lot easier to gain mutual support and establish a common ground if everyone practiced the principles of recovery. Could you imagine the good we could do if we could transform Congress into one big meeting of recovering people where people say what they mean and mean what they say?"

This health column offers information to help prevent substance abuse problems and address such problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to muda@hazelden.org.

Adult Well-Being Services names Pointers to board

Adult Well-Being Services named eight new members to its board of directors, including two Grosse Pointers: Richard Fuher of Grosse Pointe Park, a retired architect; and Peter Kellet of the City of Grosse Pointe, a practice group leader with Dykema Gossett PLLC Litigation Practice Group.


Adult Well-Being Services is a comprehensive agency that serves seniors, the people they care for and the people who care for them.

It also provides services for people with developmental disabilities and people who need guardianship services.

The Junior League of Detroit founded the agency in 1953. At a recent annual meeting, Eleanor Mecke received the Junior League/AWBS award for volunteerism.

In 1999, Grosse Pointer Patty Schemm was recognized for her contributions to AWBS with a leadership award named in her honor. This year, Margherita Allardice received the award.

Other awards went to Karen Bouffard of The Detroit News for media advocacy; and Jewell Ware, Wayne County Board of Commissioners chairman, for consumer advocacy.



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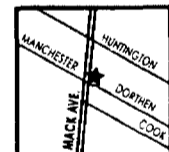
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Senior Men's Club will meet

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe met on Oct. 12 to hear a talk by Michael Cox, Michigan's attorney general. The group will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for a short business meeting and a talk by Jeffrey Collins, former U.S. Eastern District Attorney.

Hip, knee pain seminar is free

Learn about the causes of arthritis hip and knee pain and morning stiffness at a free seminar sponsored by the Hip and Knee Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The talk will be from 10 to 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 21, in the Medical Education Building near the hospital's rear entrance.

"The seminars will provide information about the latest nonsurgical treatments, new arthritis medicines and advance physical therapy. If necessary, we can make referrals to physicians specializing in orthopedics," said John O'Brien, program director for the St. John Hip and Knee Center.

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White Christmas Ball chairmen

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital has chosen the physicians of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Drs. Ali Rabbani, John T. Adams, Maria L. Duenas, Renato S. Casabar, Deepak Patel and Nicholas C. Relich, as the honorary chairmen for the 2004 White Christmas Ball. The annual black-tie event will be held on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit provides skilled nursing and medical care for both premature and term infants born at St. John Hospital & Medical Center. This 35-bed nursery is the only Level III facility on Detroit's east side. It is also a regional referral center for newborns born as far away as Michigan's thumb area.

The proceeds from this year's Ball will be used to purchase Giraffe "Omnibeds," which are a combination of a radiant warmer and incubator in a single compact unit. Until now, separate incubators and warmers have been used, and newborns had to be moved from the incubator to a warmer for all medical procedures (including surgery) and then back again. Use of the Omnibeds will eliminate any stress that may be caused by moving the babies for treatment. The cost for each unit is \$40,000.

From left, are Dr. John T. Adams, Dr. Maria L. Duenas, Fontbonne Auxiliary President Peggy Davis, Dr. Ali Rabbani, White Christmas Ball Chairman Patricia Cosgrove, Dr. Nicholas C. Relich and Dr. Renato S. Casabar.



ALNEGC board

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center announced its new board members for 2004-05. In the front, from left, are Nancy Dloski, Lynne Maxwell, Debbie Dubay, President Helen Clarren, Shawn Vinson and Geraldine Lacombe. In the back, from left, are Marcia Ball, Barb Stevens, Mary Wolking, Susan Allison, JoVona Cisco and Claudia Gram.

The ALNEGC is a nonprofit auxiliary that supports and enhances behavioral and related health care services to high-risk children and adults on Detroit's east side, including the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. For membership information, call Lynne Maxwell at (313) 822-0438.



Walk to Cure Diabetes

Many Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes on Sept. 12 at the Warren GM Tech Center. Some \$8,400 was raised.

Team Emily 2004 and Extreme Team USA were led by members of the Griffith family of Harper Woods. Emily Griffith, 9, has Type 1 diabetes. With the help of her sister, Rachel Griffith, 13, she helped organize both teams. She also held a Tupperware sale and a garage sale to raise money for the Walk. Team Emily had some 25 walkers, including teachers, students, parents and the principal of Poupard Elementary School.

Extreme Team USA consisted of members of the competitive gymnastics team that practices out of Extreme Gymnastics USA in Clinton Township.

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Food drive

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Items may be dropped off at the salon on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 17 and 18, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Suggested donations are canned foods, nonperishable food, toiletries, diapers and cleaning supplies.

Cash donations may be made in the red kettle or by calling (800) SAL-ARMY.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Ultraviolet light, whether UVA or UVB, harms your skin.

There are many tanning parlors, which promote the use of UVA as a safe source of tanning. There is no such thing as "safe" tanning.

UVA is harmful to the skin, just as is UVB light. In addition, the UVA light emitted by many tanning booths exposes your skin to five times the radiation that you would get standing at the equator. If you must have dark skin, consider self-tanners as your only safe option.

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tissue, promotion of aging, leathery skin appearance, irregular pigmentation and age spots. Tanning booths involve additional risk for those susceptible to photosensitivity due to medications or a genetic disposition to poor tanning.

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To learn more about the effects of UVA and UVB light on your skin, contact your dermatologist or call us at Eastside Dermatology. Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates with offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

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Race for the Cure

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Blood drive to be held Oct. 20

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LWV forum location changed

The location for the League of Women Voters' candidate's forum at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, has been changed to the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe City.

The forum is for the 3rd Circuit Court Judicial Race, and candidates scheduled to appear are Lynne Pierce and James Callahan.

This forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Western Wayne County (Livonia, Plymouth/Canton), the League of Women Voters of Dearborn/Dearborn Heights, the League of Women Voters of Detroit and the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Christina Schlitt, Voter Services Director, at (313) 882-9006.



Trial Garden awards

The Trial Gardens Awards Tea was held on Sept. 17 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The 2004 theme for the gardens was "Song Titles." First place winner was the Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club with its "Red Sails in the Sunset" design. Second place went to the Junior League Garden Club with "Pretty in Pink." Third place went to the Grosse Pointe Garden Club with "On the Street Where You Live."

From left, are Beverly Donaldson, chairman of the Trial Gardens; Sue Moll of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club; Carolyn Nantroup of the Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club; and Alice Schultis of the Junior League Garden Club.

Woman's Club Lakeshore Optimists

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, for lunch in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The program will be "Witches, Witches, Witches." Grosse Pointer Barb Lozelle will be the speaker.

She will not only tell about the hundreds of witches she has collected but will also share her many "Trick or Treat" night safety tips.

All current and former residents and business owners are invited. For guest lunch reservations, call (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, Oct. 16. New members are welcomed.

For more information, call Pam Zimmer, president, at (313) 884-1903.

Pointer Bridge

The Pointer Bridge Club will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Alger House in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for lunch and bridge. For more information, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

G.P. Audubon

Grosse Pointe Audubon will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in the Community Room of the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods. The program will be presented by Jim Simek, a nature photographer.

His topic will be "Birds of the American Southwest." The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (313) 885-6502.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club met on Oct. 13 for a talk by Peg Upmeyer, executive director of Arts & Scraps, an organization that recycles castoff materials for use in children's art projects.

The Optimist Club has supported Arts & Scraps for several years, as part of its "Friend of Youth" mission.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club has served the east side for more than 20 years as part of the nonprofit Optimist International organization. Club members volunteer time and fundraising efforts to contribute to youth-related activities such as the Foundation for Exceptional Children, Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund, the Family Center, the Grosse Pointe Farms Fishing Rodeo, the Grosse Pointe Woods Perch Derby and Arts & Scraps.

Guests are always welcome.

For more information, call club president Bill Murray at (800) 900-1639.

Fox Creek

The Fox Creek Questers will meet on Thursday, Oct. 14, at the home of president Ann Van Slyck.

Cathy Waters will be the co-hostess.

The program, "Oriental Rugs," will be presented by Doris Adler.

Circumnavigators seeks applicants for world trip

The Michigan chapter of Circumnavigators Club's Foundation is seeking a college student, a junior, to take a trip around the world researching a topic during the summer between the student's junior and senior years.

The scholarship/grant is open to students from The University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Michigan State University. The club would provide \$8,000 to take the trip. The student would be responsible for submitting a research paper and talking to the club afterward.

Since 1981, Michigan Circumnavigators, through its foundation, has sponsored IT such students.

The student receiving the grant is looked upon as an ambassador representing both the United States and the Circumnavigators, which has 14 chapters throughout the world. Interested candidates must be American citizens and will need to complete an application by Monday, Nov. 1.

A grantee will be selected based upon the significance of the proposal, written and

oral presentation skills, academic record, and achievements while attending college.

The Circumnavigators Foundation was created by Michigan's legendary travel writer and T.V. host George Pierrot and Raymond Dinsmore of New York.

Visit www.circumnavigatorsclub.org, call (313) 824-6564 or (313) 516-6970, or send an e-mail to pilow316@aol.com.



Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club

The Grosse Pointe Social & Newcomers Club, a nonprofit social organization for married couples living in the Grosse Pointe area, is gearing back up for its 2004-2005 season.

Upcoming events include, feather bowling, whirly ball, its annual holiday formal, wine tasting and the annual progressive dinner. For more information about joining the group, call (313) 640-1794.

New board members are shown in the front row, from left: Monica Mourad, Cary Peskin, Amy Chesterton and Nicki Gersch. In the back, from left: Keith and Stacy Spondike, Christopher Mourad, Michelle and Bob Tiderington, Patrick Chesterton, Cheryl and Mark Pennings.

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Another strong second half carries Norsemen past Lancers



Photo by Lori Wilson
Coach Frank Sumbera gives instructions to Grosse Pointe North quarterback Jon Hinz.

By Chuck Klönke
Sports Editor

The second half of Grosse Pointe North's football games are the sole property of the Norsemen.

Several of North's seven victories this season have been decided after halftime, and even if they haven't — like Friday's 35-14 homecoming victory over L'Anse Creuse — the Norsemen have dominated the second half.

"The coaching staff has done a great job of observing what has happened in the first half and making adjustments," said head coach Frank Sumbera.

"The kids come in and listen to what the coaches have to say. They want to play better."

North wrapped up a perfect Macomb Area Conference White Division season with the victory over the Lancers. The Norsemen are 7-0 overall and 6-0 in the MAC White.

Sumbera isn't surprised at this season's success after finishing 3-6 the last two years. He knew he had a good group of seniors.

"I could see that this was a special group when they were freshmen," Sumbera said. "We brought four or five of them up to the varsity as sophomores. We were 3-6 the last two years, but you could tell we were getting better. We just had to work on a few things."

"It's a great senior class. They play hard and it's all about the team and getting the job done."

The only bad game the Norsemen played in the second half of last season was against Anchor Bay (a 42-10 defeat), and the Tars are the next obstacle standing between North and a perfect season.

"It's going to be a tough game," Sumbera said. "Anchor Bay is 4-3 and they need to win their next two games to get into the playoffs."

Like North, the Tars lost their starting quarterback but backup Josh Meister has played well.

"They're throwing the ball

more this year than in the past," Sumbera said.

Paul Baker and Adam Blount are two good receivers, while tailback Anthony Sabate and fullback Anthony Messina are dangerous on the ground.

"We have to respect their inside and outside game," Sumbera said. "And you know Vic (coach Vic Balaj) will have some kind of a trick play that we have to be ready for."

"We haven't stopped them in two years. They've scored about 75 points in the last two games."

North started strong against winless L'Anse Creuse. The Norsemen marched 61 yards in 11 plays the first time they had the football. Cam Cecchini capped the drive with a one-yard run.

Cecchini, who finished with 161 yards in 29 carries, rushed nine times in the drive, including runs of 20 and 11 yards.

A key play early in the drive was a 30-yard pass from Jon Hinz to tight end Jim Solomon, who made a spectacular catch on the third-down and 17 situation.

North made it 14-0 on its next possession with Hinz and Cecchini combining on a 25-yard touchdown pass. A key play in that 65-yard drive was a 23-yard run by Sean Fletcher. Fletcher had missed the three previous games with an injury.

"It was good to have him back," Sumbera said. "He gives us another weapon. He had 11 carries for 67 yards, he's a good receiver out of



Photo by Lori Wilson
David Sheill stops L'Anse Creuse running back Andrew Godin.

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Lightning strikes twice for South's field hockey team

Lightning can strike twice.

For the second time this season, Grosse Pointe South's field hockey team beat defending state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The 1-0 victory over the Pioneers improved South's record to 11-0-2 and kept the Blue Devils in sole possession of first place in Division I of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

Pioneer slipped to 11-3-2. "I never dreamed we'd have a season like this, but then again, I'm never satisfied," said South coach Monica Dennis.

Earlier in the season, Alison Parke scored a pair of goals to lead South to a 3-1 win over Pioneer in Ann Arbor.

Until then, the Blue Devils had never beaten the Pioneers.

"We've beaten some very good teams this year, but now they're really out to get us," Dennis said.

Ali Morawski scored the only goal of the game midway through the first half. She intercepted an outlet pass, sped around two defenders and buried a shot between the pipes.

After that the game was even.

Pioneer, using stick skills and a powerful front line, tried to assert its physical play against South's smaller defense.

However, the Blue Devils used aggressive play of its

own from defenders C.C. Mengel, Margi Scholtes and Emily Cumpata to thwart every attack.

"For the first time, we had to retreat defensively," Dennis said. "It was a relief to hear the final whistle."

South goalkeeper Jenna

victories by a Grosse Pointe team.

South's final two games are against division rivals Ann Arbor Huron and Detroit Country Day.

"We have two more big games before the state tournament," Dennis said.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Ali Morawski, right, scored the only goal of the game in Grosse Pointe South's win over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Lankford continued her solid play in the net as she recorded her seventh shutout.

"She has really learned to step up her play in big games," Dennis said.

Kelly Hughes also had a strong game for South.

With two regular season games remaining, the Blue Devils have set a record for

"Although we don't have any superstars, we have some very talented players who have developed their skills and know how to play well as a team."

"I don't think we've peaked too early, and we can go to the top if we improve on some sloppy stickwork and learn to finish our chances."

North golfers feel confident about state tournament course

By Chuck Klönke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's golf team has a good feeling about this weekend's Division I state tournament at the Forest Akers West golf course in East Lansing.

"The guys like the course," said North coach Darren Audia. "They've had a practice round there and they played the league tournament there and did well both times."

"When you feel confident on a course, that's important."

North finished third behind Warren De La Salle and University of Detroit Jesuit at last Thursday's regional tournament at Stony Creek, but it was enough to qualify the Norsemen for the state tournament for the second year in a row. De La Salle had a

team score of 316, U-D shot 323 and North finished at 327.

"The (regional) course played very difficult," Audia said. "We had four of the top 10 individuals, but we didn't shoot our best."

North's Ryan Smith was seventh with an 81, four strokes behind the two De La Salle players who tied for medalist honors.

John Okonowski, Matt Grassley and Patrick Simon each carded 82s to round out the North scoring.

"We have good team depth," Audia said. "This is the first time in five years that I've had seven guys that I could rely on to shoot in the 70s every time out. The year we finished third in the state with (Ryan) Lenahan and (Erik) Schleicher we didn't have this kind of depth after

those two."

North swept the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championships. The Norsemen were 7-1 in dual meets, losing only to Grosse Pointe South.

In the division tournament at Forest Akers, North had a team score of 311 to finish nine strokes ahead of second-place Romeo.

Okonowski and Simon led the way with 76s. Smith shot 79 and Paul Sandmair carded an 80.

"The league coaches decided three years ago to play the division tournament at Forest Akers," Audia said. "Every year there's usually a team from our division that qualifies for the state tournament, so that gives us a chance to get familiar with the course."

Okonowski was the No. 1

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Sports



Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team took first place at the Saginaw Heritage Invitational. From left, are varsity runners Jill McLaughlin, Ashley Thibodeau, Natalie Humphry, Maggie Collison, Emily McLaughlin, Sarah Pettit and Sam Mackenzie.

South wins third invitational

Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team won its third invitational championship of the season when it finished first at last weekend's Saginaw Heritage Invitational.

Gaylord, Sterling Heights and Mount Pleasant rounded out the top four teams.

Under ideal weather conditions, 58 South runners raced to season-best times.

"Over the past three weeks we have had over 250 season-best races on our team," said coach Steve Zaranek. "Our girls have been incredible with their desire to improve. We now have 15 girls who have run under 21 minutes for the 5K race and an amazing total of 70 who have been under 25 minutes."

"Even with those numbers, I feel our best is yet to come."

At Saginaw, South's top three runners broke 20 minutes.

Natalie Humphry was fifth overall in the 100-runner field at 19:20. Following in sixth and seventh place, respectively, were Jill McLaughlin at 19:20 and Emily McLaughlin at 19:33.

Between 20 and 21 minutes were Sam Mackenzie, Maggie Collison, Sarah Pettit and Ashley Thibodeau. All seven varsity runners earned medals.

"By racing in Saginaw, we saw many of the best mid-state teams," Zaranek said. "The different look of talent really helps prepare us for

state competition later on. Our girls handled the meet and the new course extremely well."

South's junior varsity was overpowering, taking the top 10 spots and 14 of the first 15. South's first five runners broke 21 minutes.

"Our top JV girls ran well enough to place third in the varsity race," Zaranek said.

Liz Baxter led the way in 20:15, followed by Stephanie Garbarino (20:24), Erica Menchl (20:39), Michelle Arthur (20:46) and Lena Ulrich (20:48). Libby Singelyn, Sandy Chu, Iris Alao, Kat Carmody and Becca Scholtes rounded out the top 10.

Laura Wenzel, Emily Franchett, Katie Gerow and Bridget Dennehy finished in the top 15.

South's dual meet record improved to 11-2 with Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree was over Dakota, Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe North, Sterling Heights and Chippewa Valley.

Stevenson was the only team to beat the Blue Devils.

"Our two losses this season came at the hands of Stevenson," Zaranek said. "They are a wonderful team with high top 10 state potential. They handled us very well in the first jamboree."

"Our goal was to race them much better and with a very specific strategy during our second encounter. We did that and gave them

an outstanding race. A three-point loss is still a loss but our team was vastly improved, highly determined and did not concede one inch of that three-mile race. The coaches were very proud of our team's accomplishment."

South was led by Humphry, Emily McLaughlin, Collison, Mackenzie, Jill McLaughlin, Thibodeau and Pettit.

Leading the JV in a top 10 sweep were Garbarino, Alao, Chu, Scholtes, Gerow, Franchett, Wenzel, Kaitlin Arnold, Singelyn and Dennehy.

Posting season-best time at Saginaw were Nicole Stieber, Page Louisell, Kim Grambo, Heather Lockhart, Gabrielle Keller, Claire Flood, Allison Kennedy, Nicole Johnson, Melissa Konen, Carlin Hauck, Amanda Gay, Katherine Zurek, Amanda Elskens, Colleen Manardo, Kristen Motschall, Rachel Cook, Gracie Turin, Tereza Schaille, Alex Willemain, Beth Allison, Sarah Forni and Ana Progovac.

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Penalty kicks hurt Knights in losses to Irish and Mustangs

By Chuck Klonek
Sports Editor

If it's true that things even out, University Liggett School's soccer team should have a lot of penalty kicks coming its way when the state tournament starts next week.

"We've had eight penalty kicks called against us, and we haven't taken one yet this year," said Knights coach David Backhurst.

"Hopefully, we'll have the law of averages in our favor in the tournament and we'll get some of those calls."

Two of ULS's most recent defeats have been the result of penalty kicks.

In a 2-1 loss to Lutheran North in a Metro Conference game, the Mustangs scored twice on penalty kicks in the last nine minutes of the game.

"We played another great defensive game, especially Chris Andreovich in the middle and Greg Jones, who made some amazing saves in goal," Backhurst said.

ULS opened the scoring 10 minutes into the game when Adam Heaney scored after being set up by Ryan League.

"We had just moved Adam to forward from midfield," Backhurst said. "League made a beautiful crossing pass."

North spent most of the second half in the Knights' end of the field, but the ULS defense played well in preserving the 1-0 lead until the two penalty kicks.

ULS lost its previous game 1-0 to Notre Dame on a penalty kick with two minutes remaining in the non-league game.

"We didn't play that well," Backhurst said of the loss to the Irish. "It was one of our most disappointing losses of the year. We felt they stole that one from us."

ULS held a 28-13 advantage in shots for the game.

The Knights got off to a good start in the Metro Conference tournament when they beat Hamtramck 3-1.

ULS spotted the Cosmos an early lead when Hamtramck scored 30 seconds into the game, but the Knights came back and scored three times in the last six minutes of the first half.

Heaney tied the game after taking a pass from League. Heaney then set up Curtis Fisher for the winning goal and Spencer Logan scored the Knights' final goal.

Earlier, ULS beat Clarenceville 10-0 and lost 3-0 to Cranbrook Kingswood in Metro Conference games.

In the Clarenceville game, Fisher scored four times and Adam Heaney added three goals. Logan scored twice and Jeff Heaney had the Knights' other tally.

"I wish we could have held on to a few of those goals for the next couple of games," Backhurst said.

The Knights played well against Cranbrook, which finished first in the league during the regular season, but it wasn't quite enough.

"We hung with them, and we had them frustrated in the first half," Backhurst said.

Finally, with 42 seconds left in the first half, the Cranes broke the scoreless tie.

Cranbrook made it 2-0 about 10 minutes into the second half. Jones stopped a penalty kick but the ball went out of bounds and the Cranes scored on the ensuing corner kick.

With three minutes remaining, Cranbrook scored on another corner kick.

"We showed that we can play with some of the better teams in the area," Backhurst said.

Fisher and Adam Heaney each suffered injuries in the game and were used sparingly.

ULS is 6-6-3 overall.

Blue Devils at their best in beating Chippewa Valley

By Chuck Klonek
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team is playing like a squad that thinks it can beat anybody in its league.

"This was our best game of the season," coach Peggy Van Eckoute said after the Blue Devils beat Chippewa Valley 51-33 in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

"Ever since we beat L'Anse Creuse North, the kids have been playing with more confidence. We played a very good game against St. Clair (a 53-37 loss), too. Their three-point shooting beat us."

Chippewa Valley gave unbeaten St. Clair its biggest scare of the season before losing 62-60 so the Big Reds were a formidable opponent for South.

The Blue Devils, however, never let Chippewa Valley into the game.

With a little over five minutes left in the first quarter, South had built an 11-2 lead and the Blue Devils dominated the rest of the way.

"We've changed the defense a little," Van Eckoute said. "We've gone to more of a half-court defense, and that's helped. Chippewa shot only 21 percent."

"We're shooting better than we did early in the season when we were in the 20s. We shot 42 percent against Chippewa and 38 percent against St. Clair. We're also rebounding better and taking care of the basketball. We had only 17 turnovers in the Chippewa game."

Senior Kara Peters and sophomore Emma Tocco took turns running the offense from the point guard position and both did a good job. Peters had nine points, four steals and four assists. Tocco didn't score but she had three steals and four assists.

"We're getting better handling," Van Eckoute said. "We can see the improvement with every game."

There were several other contributors against Chippewa Valley. Emily Koltuniak had a strong all-around game with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Sara Crandall came off the bench to collect seven points and five rebounds. Julie Zaranek had five points and seven rebounds, and Annie Dalby scored seven points and played well defensively.

South led 28-16 at halftime and stretched the lead

to 40-23 after three quarters. The Big Reds never got closer than 13 points in the second half.

The Blue Devils did a good job of containing Chippewa Valley's leading scorer, Kolleen Roberts, holding her to only two points.

Kate Pehrson led the Big Reds with 12 points and Rachel Sullivan added 11.

Although South lost to St. Clair, Van Eckoute was encouraged by her team's performance.

"We shot 38 percent, but they shot 53," she said. "It was a six-point game at halftime, but they outscored us 13-7 in the third quarter."

The Saints connected on five three-point shots, while South had only two — both by Tocco.

The Saints also made 12 of 18 free throws while South was 7-for-11 from the line and never got into the bonus.

Tocco and Koltuniak scored six points apiece to lead the Blue Devils. Koltuniak also had five rebounds. Tocco had two assists and a steal, while Peters had two steals and two assists.

South, which plays at Anchor Bay tonight, Oct. 14, is 2-2 in the MAC White and 6-5 overall.

Knights are keeping it close

By Chuck Klonek
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls basketball team is doing a lot of things right so far this season.

However, the Knights' efforts haven't resulted in a lot of victories.

"I'm pleased with the effort we've been getting," said coach Dean Ristovski. "Our problem is learning how to finish a game."

"We can be playing well, but when we make a mis-

take or the other team scores a layup or hits a tough shot, all of a sudden we're a different team. It's like reality sets in and the kids lose confidence."

ULS has been competitive in its three most recent Metro Conference games.

In its last outing, ULS led by four points in the third quarter but lost 42-38 to Cranbrook Kingswood.

Chalene Jones led the Knights with 21 points and Alex Houghtalin added 12. Laura Nicholl also had a strong game for ULS.

"Laura scored seven points but she made good decisions with the basketball, made some nice passes for assists and took the ball to the basket against Cranbrook's 6-2 girl," Ristovski said.

Jordan McIlroy also made some key contributions.

"She does a lot of the little things that make a team successful," Ristovski said.

Earlier, ULS lost 45-40 to Lutheran Westland, despite another 21-point effort by Jones. Freshman Taylor

Brown added 10 points. The Knights jumped out to an early 9-2 lead, but the Warriors answered with an 8-0 run to go ahead 10-9. Westland led by two points at halftime.

"We had some trouble hitting our outside shot and making free throws," Ristovski said.

Brown had an outstanding game in ULS's 51-44 loss to Clarenceville.

She led the Knights with 19 points, and shot 4-for-5 from three-point range.

"She played JV the first couple of games, but after watching her we felt she deserved to come up to the varsity," Ristovski said. "She knows and understands the game."

Jones finished with 10 points and Houghtalin collected eight points and nine rebounds.

"We shot poorly from the free-throw line," Ristovski said.

"But we were down 12 points in the second half and came back, so I was pleased with that."

Late TD beats ULS

By Chuck Klonek
Sports Editor

Put University Liggett School's football team up against a team its own size and the Knights will be competitive.

However, it's going to be a long night when ULS faces one of the powers in the Metro Conference.

The last two weeks the Knights got a taste of both.

"We were competitive the whole game against Lutheran Northwest," ULS coach Tracy Sewell said about his team's 21-14 loss to the Crusaders.

"It was one of our better efforts."

It was a much different story last week when Clarenceville beat the Knights 54-12.

"We played pretty well in the first half, but you could see the difference in the second half when we started getting tired," Sewell said.

"That's when we had a lot of missed tackles, and the kids weren't able to get off their blocks."

A late touchdown gave Northwest the victory as the Crusaders snapped a 14-14 tie.

Jonathan Wright continued his outstanding play for ULS. He rushed six times for 60 yards and a touchdown, and he caught four passes for 80 yards and a

touchdown. And if that wasn't enough, Wright made 14 tackles, intercepted a pass and forced a fumble.

"He's our one-man wrecking crew," Sewell said. "Teams know that he's going to get the football and they still can't stop him. That's when I believe you're good."

Gary Davis-Headd caught nine passes for 92 yards.

"Most of those were on screens," Sewell said. "Tony (Evangelista) dropped the ball off to him against the rush."

Sewell also praised the work of the offensive line — Marcus Green, Cal Ward, Alex Fleming, Johnathan Craig and Paul Leahy.

Clarenceville took the screen pass away from the Knights, but Evangelista still completed 16 of 36 passes.

"He had at least six others that were dropped," Sewell said.

Dan Ngoyi caught a 49-yard touchdown pass from Evangelista and a 30-yard pass to Keith Binion set up Wright's seven-yard run for ULS's other score.

Carlton Snyder was another of Evangelista's favorite targets in the Clarenceville game.

ULS plays at Hamtramck on Friday.



Grosse Pointe North's Robble Fisher leads Grosse Pointe South's Jake Wernet, left, and Joe Palowski during last week's Macomb Area Conference Red Division cross country jamboree.

Norsemen perfect again in jamboree

Grosse Pointe North's boys cross country team didn't leave any doubt as to which team was the best in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division this season.

The Norsemen posted 6-0 records in both of the division's jamboree races.

North's Robbie Fisher was the only runner to break 17 minutes on the Stony Creek Metropark Oakgrove course.

"That's not an easy course," said North coach Pat Wilson. "He ran some strong splits."

Fisher finished in 16:50. Stefan Cross was North's No. 2 runner, followed by Alex Davenport, John Joseph, David Watson, Mike Pokladek and Barclay Smyly.

"We had only 20 seconds separate our second and sixth runners," Wilson said.

Several North runners recorded personal records in the junior varsity race. They were Matt Kingsley, Andy Stewart, Mark Miotto, Kyle Bird, Chris Siewert and Peter Dong.

South runners take aim at rival coach

It isn't enough that Dan Quinn has to worry about Grosse Pointe South's boys cross country team catching up with Grosse Pointe North at next week's league and regional meets.

Now Quinn, who is the assistant cross country coach and head track coach at North, might have to watch the Blue Devils knock him down a couple of notches on South's all-time cross country leader board.

When Quinn was a student at South 10 years ago, he ran a 16:18, which was the fastest time at the school until Pat Dantzer ran a 16:03 three years ago.

Now South's Joe Palowski and Jake Wernet are setting their sights on Quinn's time.

In last week's Saginaw Heritage Invitational, Palowski and Wernet finished third and fourth, respectively, and at the same time moved into third

and fourth place on the South's all-time list.

"Joe ran 16:22.9 and Jake was right there at 16:23.4," said Blue Devils coach Tom Wise.

"The two seem inseparable during their races, which is a great example for their teammates."

South finished fourth with 108 points. Fenton was first with 78 points, followed by Saginaw Heritage with 84 and Sterling Heights with 89.

Sean O'Donnell-Daudlin, Adam Dziuba and Andrew Davenport rounded out the scoring for South.

John Konen, Kevin Lynch and Joe Halso won medals for South in the junior varsity race.

The Blue Devils also had impressive runs from Fred Schaible, Brendan Buckley, Nate Monahan, Ben Osborn, Trent Lattimore and Charles Scholfield.

GPSA house league scores, highlights

UNDER-7
Dragons 6, Panthers 1
Goals: Jack Kennedy 4, Andrew Delas, Trevor Joseph (Dragons); Sam Jones (Panthers).
Comments: Kennedy scored all four of his goals in the fourth quarter to break open a close game.

Dragons 3, Jaguars 2
Goals: Jack Kennedy 3 (Dragons); Matthew St. Pierre 2 (Jaguars).
Comments: Each team had several good scoring chances but good defense and strong goaltending kept the score down.

UNDER-8
Metro Stars 1, Earthquakes 0
Goal: Joey Lopiccolo (Metro Stars).
Comments: Each team played near-perfect defense. Alex Valenzano turned in his best performance of the season at sweeper for the Metro Stars, while Lopiccolo and Salvatore Zuniga held the Earthquakes scoreless as goalkeepers. The Earthquakes' J.T. Mezdagh played well offensively and defensively. Lopiccolo scored the game's only goal in the fourth quarter when he sent a perfect shot into the far left corner of the goal after dribbling to the far right side of the field.

Metro Stars 4, Sockers 0
Goals: Joey Lopiccolo 4 (Metro Stars).
Assist: Sarah McGovern,

Samantha Stann (Sockers).
Comments: The Metro Stars' defense of Matt Hidalgo and Jacob Barry in goal, Alex Valenzano and Paulina Perakis at sweeper and Patriona Allor and Savannah Ransome at fullback shut down the Sockers. The Metro Stars used their good defense to create scoring opportunities off several turnovers.

Metro Stars 3, Sharks 2
Goals: Joey Lopiccolo 3 (Metro Stars).
Comments: It was difficult to defend the Sharks' relentless attack on the Metro Stars' goal. Lopiccolo scored the game winner with less than a minute remaining for his third breakaway goal of the game.

UNDER-10
The Burn 3, Comets 0
Goals: Jon Austin, Joe Fisher 2 (Burn).
Assist: Alexandra Bernhardt, Ellene Bricola (Burn).
Comments: Meghan Van Cleve had a fine defensive game for The Burn.

The Burn 6, Kickers 1
Goals: Jon Austin, Alex Ismail, Eric Ewing, Joe Fisher 3 (Burn); Andrea Martz (Kickers).
Assist: Charlie Wenzel (Kickers).
Comments: Eric Balle made an outstanding save for The Burn, and Matthew Weingarten played excellent midfield. Neala Burkowski played extremely well at forward for the Kickers.

North stays in contention for soccer title

Grosse Pointe North's soccer team is turning its ties into victories during the second half of the Macomb Area Conference White Division season.

The Norsemen, who played scoreless ties against Romeo and Utica in their first meetings of the season, beat both of them the second time around and now North is in contention for the division title.

The Norsemen improved to 6-1-2 in the MAC White

with Monday's 1-0 victory over Romeo.

North scored the only goal of the game midway through the first half from a set play.

Dan Gassel served the ball into the penalty box area and teammate Adam Miller leaped high into the air and headed the ball past the Bulldogs' goalkeeper.

North continued to put on offensive pressure, but the shots either went wide or hit the post or crossbar.

Eric Shovein recorded the

shutout for the Norsemen.

Earlier, North beat Utica 3-1.

The Norsemen jumped ahead six minutes into the game when forward Christian King got the first of his two goals on a hard shot that was the result of North's offensive pressure in front of the Chieftains' goal.

Brendan Symington got the assist.

King made it 2-0 about 10 minutes later, helped by the hard work and beautiful

feed from midfielder Stejan Japowicz.

Utica scored early in the second half when North's defense got caught upfield on a corner kick and the Chieftains put in the rebound after Shovein made the initial save.

North got its insurance goal off a restart. Gassel put the ball into the box to stopper Andy Bennett. Bennett headed it across the front of the goal to Symington, who headed it into the net.

Knights are best in No. 1 singles and doubles

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School won't dominate the state Division IV girls tennis tournament like it used to, but the Knights could still have a couple of the top seeds this weekend at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

ULS hosted a regional last weekend and the Knights won the No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles flights with some impressive performances.

Holly Huth won No. 1 singles with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over a strong player from Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

"Holly is playing real well," said coach Chuck Wright. "That's the first time she has beaten (the Monroe player) in straight sets. Holly is at the peak of

her game right now."

The Knights' No. 1 doubles team of Chrissie Keersmaekers and Sam Troyanovich posted an impressive 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory over Detroit Country Day's top doubles team.

"That was a great match," Wright said. "Those will probably be the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the state meet. Chrissie and Sam are having a real good year."

"They made a lot of adjustments during their final match and (assistant coaches) Ken Rychwalski and Leisa Schinnerer helped them a lot."

ULS finished second to Country Day in the team standings.

The Yellowjackets had 26 points and ULS had 21.

"They have a little more depth than we do this year,"

Wright said.

Country Day reached the finals in all but No. 1 singles and the Yellowjackets won four of the flights.

ULS's second, third and fourth doubles teams each lost to Country Day in the finals. Allison Jones and Katie Boccaccio dropped a 6-2, 6-3 decision.

"Allison and Katie won in the dual meet, so that just goes to show that one team can beat the other any day," Wright said.

Kim Dickinson and Leeza Kossak posted an impressive semifinal win, then lost to Country Day at No. 3 doubles.

In No. 4 doubles, Jamie Bow and Lauren Russell came from a 3-0 deficit in their first set of the semifinals to win 6-4, 6-0, before losing to Country Day in the

final.

"They didn't panic and made some nice adjustments in the semifinals," Wright said.

ULS got one win apiece from Denine Simmons, Stefania Ford and Carrie Taylor in second, third and fourth singles, respectively.

"Those were all important points because we needed 18 points to qualify the team for the state meet," Wright said.

In ULS's only dual meet last week, the Knights lost 7-1 to Grosse Pointe South.

Huth picked up ULS's only win when she beat South's Melanie Capuano 6-2, 6-0 at No. 1 singles.

"Holly played a terrific match," Wright said. "Melanie beat her in our tournament earlier this year."

Taylor also played well in losing a three-set match at No. 4 singles.

Red Barons learn lessons in defeat

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons youth football organization stresses that winning is not important. It's the lessons learned from playing football that matters.

In a recent game against an excellent Northeast Detroit Shamrocks team, the Barons varsity lost 38-0 but still displayed pride and hard work, especially after falling behind 30-0 at half-time.

"The kids never gave up," said coach Paul Monark after the game, which was played at Grosse Pointe North. "That says a lot. It was a tough game for us. We don't match up well against them, but we kept working hard."

The Shamrocks were big, strong and fast, but the Barons impressed the crowd with their attitude.

Drew Tech and Jeffrey Simon ran the ball hard and well. Paul Brucker blocked well. Danny Pogue had four excellent punts. Patrick Pawlowski made some bone-jarring hits from his cornerback position and Kevin Ginnebaugh played well on the offensive and defensive lines.

Other highlights for the Barons were fumble recoveries by Paul Roosen and Rob Helgeson.

The Barons threatened to score on several first-half drives, but fell just short.

"The effort was there," Monark said.

linebackers Spencer and Connor Ray, Alex Bedan and lineman Tom Schneider.

Alex Koski and Bobby Peltz ran the ball well. Peltz threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Charles Getz that gave the Barons a 7-6 lead in the first quarter.

It was an especially gritty performance by Koski, who was knocked out of the game by a hard hit in the second quarter but returned and was effective offensively and defensively in the second half.

FRESHMEN

Freshmen coach Tony Cimmarrusti knew the key for his team was containing Northeast Detroit's explosive offense.

Not only did the Barons freshmen contain the Shamrocks but they stopped them in posting a 26-0 victory.

Linebackers Connor Martinuzzi and William Cook led the way. Not only did they have several tackles but Martinuzzi recovered a fumble and Cook recovered and kicked.

So were the defensive ends, who prevented the Shamrocks runners from getting outside. Nathan Gaggin, Jack Doyle, Marty Moesta, Robbie Kish and Clark Ditzhazy all played well.

Quarterback Brian Cleary, who also played well defensively, scored on a one-yard run and threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Matt Reno.

The Barons' other scores were on a one-yard run by Chris Weldon and a 14-yard run by Cam Gibson.

"That's the third consecutive great game for Cleary," Cimmarrusti said. "Gibson, Reno, Kish and Weldon were outstanding running the ball."

The offensive line provided some big holes. Cimmarrusti praised the blocking of linemen Sam Metry, Evan Wagensomer, Josh Gall, Brian Hall, Andrew Safran, Scott Adelson, R.C. Nelson, Pat Vanbiesbrouck and John Laciura. He was also impressed with the blocking of running backs James Counsman, Liam McIlroy and Jack Stander.

The game ended with an interception by Wes Cimmarrusti, who with fellow tackle Geoff Welsher, shut down the Shamrocks' inside game.

South

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Area Conference crossover game.

Vinnie Panizzi, Chris Nevels and Zac Hacias scored the South touchdowns. Jeff Remillet kicked three extra points.

Coach Mike McLeod said that tight end Anthony Swancoat "had a great game punting and catching the ball."

Defensive standouts for the Blue Devils were Tom Diebel, Jimmy Cotzias, Kyle Debets and Mackenzie Brookes.

Ford's Ryan Tyler scored three touchdowns, including two on passes of 30 and 50 yards from Rudy Jovanovski in the first quarter, as the Falcons kept their playoff hopes alive.

Friday night South hosts Port Huron Northern in its annual homecoming game.

Members of South's 1954 undefeated mythical state championship team will be honored at halftime, and will be grand marshals for the homecoming parade.

North

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the backfield and he did a good job of blocking."

Sumnera also praised Hinz, who made his second straight start at quarterback.

"He gives us a new dimension with the option," Sumnera said. "That opens it up more for Cam."

Hinz completed seven of 11 passes for 121 yards.

L'Anse Creuse came back and scored two quick touchdowns to tie the game at 14-14. Ander Wilson scored on a 69-yard run and Steve Beltowski passed 49 yards to Calvin Posner for the other score.

"We had a couple of breakthroughs that resulted in big plays," Sumnera said.

That didn't seem to faze the Norsemen. They took the kickoff after Posner's touchdown and marched 80 yards in 10 plays with Fletcher scoring on an 11-yard run with 2:51 left in the first half. Brian St. Hilaire, who was perfect on conversion kicks, added the extra point.

Hinz had runs of 13 and 11 yards on the option, Cecchini had a 10-yard run, and Fletcher had a 17-yard gain during the drive.

North added two more touchdowns in the second half.

Hinz hit Robert Fine for a 25-yard scoring strike late in the third quarter and Jason Aubrey scored on a three-yard run with 2:52 remaining in the game.

Once North took the lead in the game, the Norsemen's defense didn't allow a first down until the Lancers' final possession late in the fourth quarter.

"One of our defensive goals is to have at least 50 percent three-and-outs," Sumnera said.

Don Thill led North with eight tackles and Ryan Stephens had six. Mark Szandzik filled in for Spencer Channell in the defensive line and had five tackles.

"(Assistant coaches Nick) Thomson and (Frank) Ferretti said that we should give Channell a breather because (the Lancers) were double-teaming him all night," Sumnera said. "Szandzik came in and did a good job."

Golf

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man on the North team this year with a stroke average of 74.5. Smith was second at 77 and Mike Paglino was third. Hank Peyser also saw quite a bit of action.

Audia said that the team has come a long way since this year's seniors were 0-8 in the league as sophomores.

"They were shooting in the 340s and sometimes in the 350s," he said. "Last year they tied for the dual meet championship and qualified for the state meet. Their success this year is a tribute to their work and dedication."

North also won the Alma Invitational and the Evans-Gill Invitational.

At the Alma tournament, the Norsemen finished with a team score of 301. Smith led the way with a 72, followed by Okonowski 73, Simon 76 and Grassley 77.

One of the teams North beat at Alma was Traverse City Central, which was ranked No. 1 in the state at the time.

Just like his team, Audia feels confident about this year's state tournament.

"I'm excited," he said. "I can't wait until we leave Thursday night. I have a feeling something special is going to happen."

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