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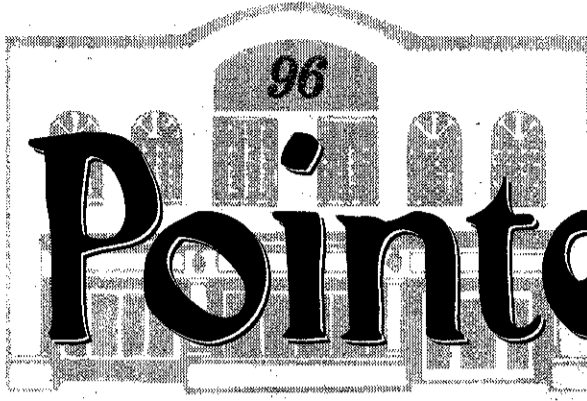
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◆ The Cinderella ballet will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack at Torrey. Tickets are \$9; children under 6 years old are admitted free. It is presented by Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center students.

◆ The annual Kerby Elementary School "Save the Rainforest" car wash will be from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the school's front parking lot. Donation is \$5.

◆ "Broadway 2007," Grosse Pointe South High School's final musical of the year, begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets cost \$15 for main floor, \$10 for balcony and \$8 for students and seniors. The show runs through Saturday, June 2.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

◆ The architects selected to design the proposed expansion of the Grosse Pointe Central Library, DiClemente Siegel Design in collaboration with designLAB architects, meet with the library building committee to exchange ideas and expectations at 7 p.m. in the Ewald branch. It will also allow the public to meet the architects and share in the discussions.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

◆ Grosse Pointe North and South High School jazz bands, co-conducted by David Cleveland and Dan White, will be the 7 p.m. opening act for the 2007 Music on the Plaza jazz concert series at the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval.

◆ Seniors and younger adults attending Music on the Plaza can have a blood pressure screening from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Sterling's sales gallery, 17027 Kercheval.

Water wonderland

Officials put price tag at \$25 million to tie into Farms water plant

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

If Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods officials decide to sever their contract with the Detroit Water Board and tie into the Farms water plant, it will not be cheap.

Mike Kenyon, Shores village manager, said preliminary cost

estimates are \$25 million to tie into the Farms. Both communities are exploring using directional boring to link their water mains with the Farms.

All three communities are consulting with Plante Moran, an auditing firm that serves all three communities.

"I think the time has come for the Shores to control its

own destiny (regarding where it gets its water)," said Brian Hunt, Shores village trustee.

Though final details are still a ways away, Shane Reeside, Farms city manager, said that a modified water plant including the Woods and Shores could actually result in increased water pressure for the Farms, City, Woods and Shores.

Grosse Pointe Park cannot tie into the Farms water plant because of the distance between the two communities. The Park however is looking into constructing its own water plant.

The Detroit Water Board presented a new model contract to all of its consumers two weeks ago. Under the new con-

tract, all three communities are facing double digit increases in water rates. Pointe officials say the contract assumes communities are going to max out in water consumption during peak hours, even if they efficiently conserve water during that period.

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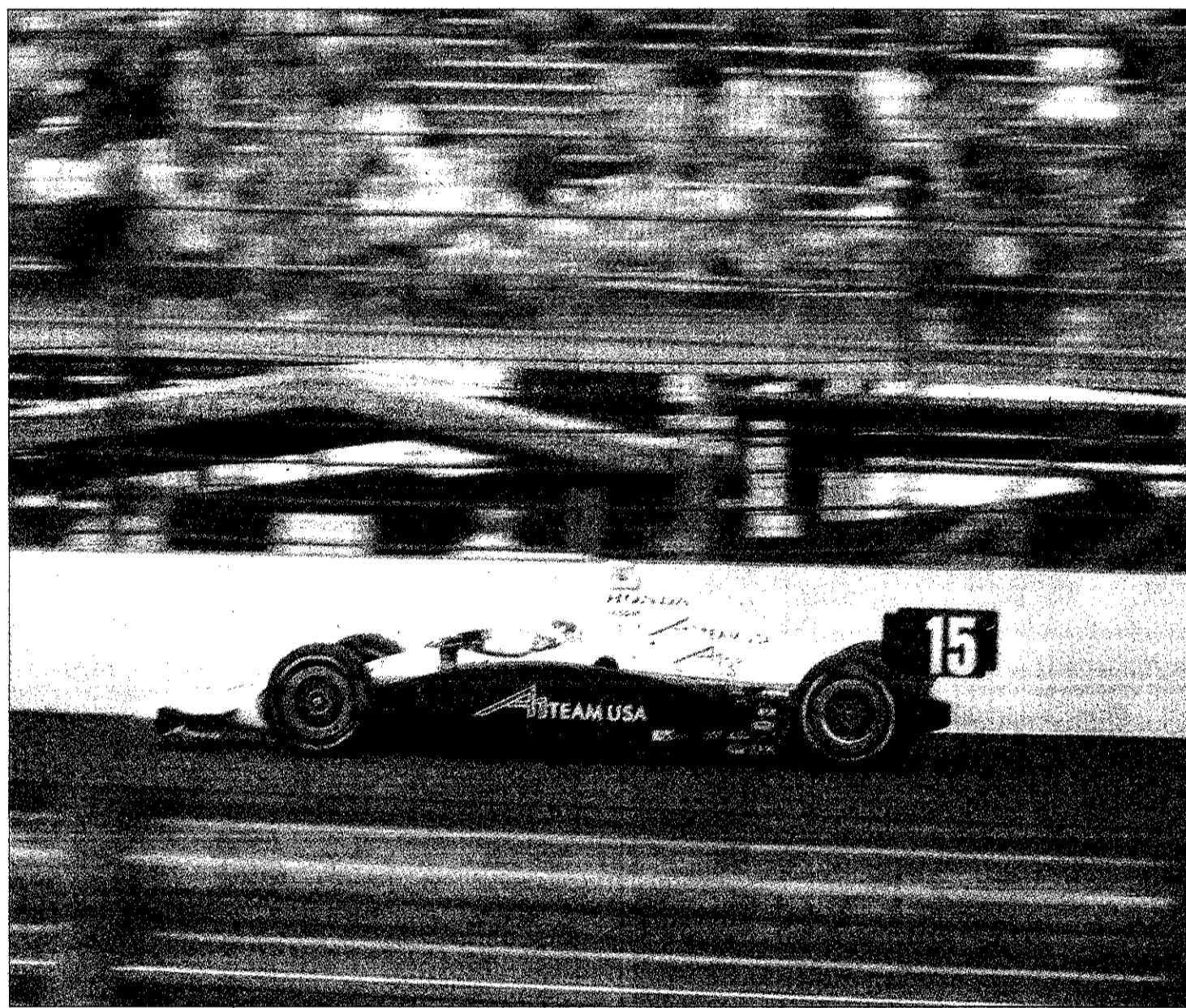


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

In the mix at Indy

Buddy Rice, main driver for Grosse Pointer Robbie Buhl's Indy car racing team, was heading for a top-10 finish in the Indianapolis 500 when taken out in a crash by an upside down Marco Andretti. Rice, winner of the 2004 Indy 500, drives this year for Robbie Buhl, Grosse Pointe native and co-owner of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing. See the story on page 6C.

South pool begun

Ground broken for new 12-lane facility

Laura Phelps
 Special Writer

With their feet rooted in tradition, the hands of the Grosse Pointe South High School community were wrapped around steel shovels at last week's ground breaking for the new athletic complex.

An assortment of community members, school board officials, and South coaches and administrators gathered along Fisher Road for the event.

As the shovels dug into what will soon be a 13-foot deep, 12-lane swimming pool, officials spoke about the symbolic impact this project will have on both past and future residents and students.

"Thanks to all the parents, staff, students, building engineers, and coaches for looking at the designs and to the board members who had the foresight to include it in a bond issue," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs and support services.

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Opening day

Grosse Pointe Park's West Park Farmers Market celebrated its opening day Saturday, May 26. Vendors and customers alike didn't mind the cool, rainy conditions during the several hours the market was open. It is open each Saturday through Sept. 29.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

POINTER OF INTEREST

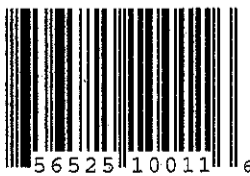
'The No. 1 commandment is to love one another.'

Peppino 'Pep' Puleo

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
 Age: 89
 Family: Wife, Jean; children, Joseph, John, Paula and Elizabeth
 Claim to fame: Retired Detroit police officer and fundraiser for Michigan Mental Health Research Association
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2A | NEWS

Yesterday's headlines

1957
50 years ago this week

◆ **POLICE PROBE DEATH OF FORMER WOODS COP:** Macomb County authorities arrested a Harper Woods man suspected in the death of Robert Hyde, a former Grosse Pointe Woods police officer.

Hyde's body was found by a fisherman in Lake St. Clair. An autopsy revealed he had been beaten before being left in the water.

John Herdegen was arrested by police who say he was the last person to have seen Hyde alive. Herdegen went under intense questioning, but has only provided police with his name and the name of his attorney.

◆ **RESIDENTS HELP POLICE NAB THIEF:** Residents in Grosse Pointe Shores formed a cordon around a garage where a 16-year-old car thief had taken refuge following a car and foot chase with police.

Police from the Woods and Shores chased the youth in a stolen vehicle, but lost sight of him when he stopped and fled on foot. The youth entered a garage, whose owner called police. Residents prevented the teen from exiting the garage until police arrived.

◆ **WOODS AND SHORES REVIEWS WATER COSTS:** Officials from Grosse Pointe Woods and Shores plan to meet to discuss a new contract with the Detroit Water Board.

Because the Shores taps into the Woods water main to receive water from the Detroit plant, Woods officials believe the Shores should bear some of the main's maintenance costs. Woods officials will ask the Shores to assume 25 percent of those costs.

1982
25 years ago this week

◆ **JUDGE FOUND DEAD IN COURTROOM:** Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Municipal Judge J. Patrick Denis was found dead in his courtroom by a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Denis was last seen going into the courtroom at around 2 p.m. He was found slumped behind his bench by police after his wife came to the station asking if anyone had seen the judge. Beside him was a 38-caliber pistol, for which Denis had a concealed weapons permit.

He is survived by his wife and six children.

◆ **KENYON NAMED SHORES ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:** Former public safety officer Mike Kenyon was appointed Grosse Pointe Shores assistant superintendent to Superintendent Thomas Jefferies.

Kenyon will assume some administrative tasks from Jefferies. He joined the Shores public safety department in 1971. Jefferies has served as superintendent for five decades.

◆ **POLICE ARREST THREE ON SCHOOL ROOF:** Police officers from Grosse Pointe Shores, Farms and Harper Woods assisted Woods police in the arrest of three juveniles on Parcels Middle School's roof.

Police spotted the trio on the roof of the school's shop room. Later they heard glass breaking in an apparent break in. Police surrounded the school and ascended the roof where they found the youths. Police also found several dozen keys that the school's engineer identified as stolen in a break in at the school last month.



PHOTO BY TOM GREENWOOD

1982: Patterson Park

Three Mile Park in Grosse Pointe Park was renamed in honor of former Mayor Matthew Patterson in a recent ceremony. About 100 people attended to sing the praises of the former mayor and thank him for his devotion to the city. (From the June 3, 1982 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

1997
10 years ago this week

◆ **HANDICAP ACCESS OK'D FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH:** St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms received approval from the city council to upgrade its facilities to allow for handicap access. The church's plans include installing an elevator, converting an existing bathroom to one that is accessible

to handicapped people, adding a new rear entrance with a portico, and adding landscaping among other improvements.

The upgrades will make the church compliant with the federal government's Americans with Disabilities Act.

◆ **SEVEN CANDIDATES VIE FOR FARMS COUNCIL:** To fill four open seats on the Grosse Pointe Farms city council in the November general election, seven candidates have filed petitions for the positions.

Incumbents John Danaher, Elizabeth Gandelot and Edward Wilberding II will be challenged by Gregory Nelson, Frances Schonenberg, Susan Vogel and Martin West.

Because only seven candidates filed petitions, no primary election will be necessary.

◆ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDINANCE PASSES IN WOODS:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council passed a domestic violence ordinance, placing all violations under the jurisdiction of the Woods Municipal Court system.

Cases will now be prosecuted through the city attorney's office rather than being sent to the county attorney's office. The new ordinance is based on state law.

2002
5 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS COUNCIL CONSIDERING MACK/MOROSS USE:** Some 100 residents attended a Grosse Pointe Farms public hearing to address what should be done with the city-owned property at Mack

and Moross. The city council is considering several different uses for the space, ranging from a green space to athletic fields.

The Farms acquired several houses in the area over the last few years to make room. It also has a lease with a grocery store adjacent to the space that expires in 2008.

◆ **BOB WOOD RETIRES FROM LIGGETT:** University of Liggett School students and faculty bade farewell to Bob Wood, a long-time athletic director and tennis coach.

Wood has been at Liggett since 1965 and his roots trace back even farther. He was a student at the school.

Wood was inducted into the Michigan State Hall of Fame in 1981 and, in 1997, into the National High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Wood is retiring to Tennessee with his wife.



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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Budget, marina rule changes OK'd

The City of Grosse Pointe council unanimously passed its 2007-08 operating budget of \$404,326,352, an increase in taxable value of \$13,826,036 from the previous year.

But despite the increase, the city's property tax millage of 13 mills remained unchanged.

◆ The city also established a Capital Projects Fund to account and track revenues allocated for and expenditures related to major general capitol

City's tax rate remains unchanged, while taxable values go up.

projects, equipment and infrastructure purchases, improvements or construction.

◆ Residents will now be charged a \$35 bulk metal pick up fee for the city to dispose of items like kitchen appliances, washers and dryers. The fee will help the city recoup some money it spends on offering for the service.

◆ The city passed a revised Neff Park Marina Rules and Regulations blueprint. The revisions include financial changes to the Dock Box

Policy. The boxes will no longer be available for rent and must be purchased by boaters. Cleaning, repair and maintenance of the boxes are the responsibility of the owner.

There is a \$25 fee for removal and a \$50 fee for relocating a dock box, which can only be done by city personnel.

◆ The city approved a S-2 grant contract with Inland Waters Pollution Control to inspect its sanitary sewer lines. The total is \$369,940 of which the city is responsible for 10 percent, or \$36,994. The balance is paid by the state through the grant.

In addition, if repairs are needed, the city can acquire a low interest loan from the state to cover repair costs.

—By John Lundberg

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WATER: Double-digit increases

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Mark Wollenweber, Woods city manager, said the Woods approached the Farms two years ago about tying into the plant at Pier Park. He said that because the Woods typically uses higher water pressure, which would be reflected in rate charges, the discussions didn't amount to much.

If the numbers do look favorable to both communities to switch over to the Farms, minimal digging will be required. Kenyon and Wollenweber said directional boring allows the

communities to tie in with little disruption to landscaping.

Wollenweber said it is the same technique used when the Woods replaced its water line on Mack a few years ago.

In addition, a pilot program would be required for water testing by the state's Department of Environmental Quality before any formal contractual agreement between the communities could be consummated.

According to the new model contract sent out by the Detroit Water Board, Grosse Pointe Shores will see more than a 20 percent increase in water rates. It is followed by the Woods with a 13.3 percent increase and a 10.8 percent increase in the Park. By contrast, Harper Woods will see a 2.3 percent decrease in water rates.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Lake Front Park pool opens just in time



Grosse Pointe Woods city councilmembers, from left, Vicki Granger, Dona DeSantis-Reynolds and Pete Waldmeir, celebrated the opening of the renovated Lake Front Park pool during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, May 26.

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

After several months of intensive labor, the Lake Front Park pool is ready for business.

City councilmembers Vicki Granger, Dona DeSantis-Reynolds and Pete Waldmeir, Director of Public Services Joe Ahee, Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp and several residents took part in a ribbon-cutting celebration Saturday, May 26, to christen the renovated pool facility.

"This is the opening of our new expanded city pool," Granger said. "B & B Pools started this project (paid for with bond anticipation notes) the day after Labor Day and several months later it is ready for our residents to use and enjoy."

"On behalf of the residents who will enjoy the pool, I want to thank the city council for approving this project and for B & B Pools for doing a great

job with its work," Sharp said.

The biggest part of the project was installing a new liner, replacing the old one that had ripped. The price tag for the liner was a little more than \$1 million.

Other improvements were deepening of one end of the pool, installing a handicap ramp that leads from the deck into the shallow end, new steps that were extended several feet to allow easier access into and out of the pool, starting blocks for participants to use during swim meets and a new liner for the baby pool.

In addition, swimmers will get a full summer's use out of the Aqua Climb.

"The improvements will help a wider range of our residents and allow everyone the opportunity to enjoy the pool and park this summer and beyond," Sharp said.

The weather, however, didn't cooperate. Cooler temperatures and rain showers persisted throughout the day.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Tennis anyone?

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Tennis Pro Company will be back for another summer of serving up aces for Grosse Pointe Woods children.

The contract was approved, but with trepidation.

"Why can't we bid this out?" councilmember Lisa Pinkos Howle said. "Do we have to sign this contract right now?"

Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp recommended approval due to the need for parents to register their children for the summer tennis program.

"Tennis Pro has provided a higher level of customer service and instruction to our residents," Sharp said. "We should stick with them instead of going to junior level instructors who might just be high school tennis players."

In 2005, 517 children signed up for the tennis program and last year that number dwindled to 289.

"I think the decline was due to a combination of a raise in fees and the struggling economy," Sharp said. "Hopefully our numbers will rise this summer."

Tennis Pro will earn 70 percent of the registration fee for the first 150 participants and 50 percent for each participant

thereafter.

Each lesson is \$40; and the company pockets \$28 for the first 150 students and \$20 for each student thereafter.

Sharp said in a letter to City Administrator Mark Wollenweber that this percentage is common for contractual instructors in many area recreation facilities.

The company, in its contract, will provide adequate instructors for all classes by maintaining the following ratios:

- ◆ 5- to 7-year-old beginners have one instructor to six participants.

- ◆ 5- to 7-year-old advanced players have one instructor to eight participants.

- ◆ 8- to 10-year-old beginners have one instructor to eight participants.

- ◆ 8- to 10-year-old advanced players have one instructor to 10 participants.

- ◆ 11-year-old and older beginners have one instructor to 10 participants.

- ◆ 11-year-old and older advanced players have one instructor to 12 participants.

The contract also states the company will provide professional trained instructors and adequate supervision of the program to satisfy the participants. The company agrees to address complaints in a timely manner.

POOL: Other coaches are jealous

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"Thanks to the taxpayers and yourselves. If you had asked people 20 years ago if they ever thought there would have been a pool here they would have said, 'no'."

For years, coaches, parents, and swim team members along with other school officials have drawn plans in the sky for the new pool facility. It was not until the \$63 million bond issue passed in 2002 that they became realized.

There was hope of building a six-lane pool 25 yards long when discussions first started, Fenton said. Officials considered putting it inside the school, underground in front of the school, behind the school, and just about every place imaginable. With the help of Friends of the New Pool at South High and coordinator Bob Weiland, an additional \$320,000 has been raised to emphasize the details that make South's architecture and design so distinguishable.

Construction is due to be

completed in 16 to 18 months, said Ahmed Beasley, project manager of Barton Malow Public Education Group. Although that would mean it may not be finished until November 2008, officials hope to have the pool open for the 2008 girls swim season which begins in August.

Until then, however, the noise from the construction site will not be the only disturbance on the South campus. When the district baseball season concludes on June 3, the diamond and surrounding field will be transformed into a parking lot to subsidize the loss of teacher's parking. Consequently, there will be no home games for the baseball team during the 2007-08 season, said Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Al Diver.

The lost area will also affect the practice space for the football team. Tennis will not be offered during physical education classes next year because of the construction, Diver said.

In the end, the benefits of this project far outweigh the costs, he said. Tennis is not a big part of South's program, and the baseball and football teams will only be affected for one year.

While the baseball team will not have a home game for one

year, it has been 36 years since there has been a home swim meet.

The baseball diamond will be replaced and will be even nicer than it is now after construction is cleared, Diver said.

Nevertheless, he said most people will not be impacted by the parking concessions for the new structure. The current parking in the Fisher lot and pit parking will be disrupted, but only a few spots along Fisher will be affected.

Although many uses for the three-level structure have yet to be finalized, Diver predicts that the field house on the second level will be used for volleyball practices and games. Though the gymnasium will not have enough seating for a varsity basketball game, the facility may be perfect for freshmen basketball and physical education classes, Diver said.

The new pool will benefit everyone from senior citizens who can swim during school hours and in the evening, to toddlers for swim lessons, said girls varsity swim coach Todd Briggs. The pool will also accommodate water polo and a springboard diving club that has not met since the mid-1980s.

"This is one of the few projects that truly benefits every

segment of the school's population," said Board of Education Trustee Angela Kennedy. "We can't think of it as where the South team will hold its meets, but where toddlers will learn how to swim and where senior citizens will do water exercises."

Currently, swim team members must travel to practices after school at Brownell Middle School and compete at Grosse Pointe North High School where South's records are not displayed.

"Getting to Brownell after school for practice is a real pain," Briggs said.

"Realistically, it cuts about 30 to 40 minutes every day from practice which really adds up and takes away from yardage swum and time for stroke mechanics and improvement."

Brownell Middle School, Briggs added, has inferior starting blocks and five narrow lanes, making it difficult for the team of 70 girls to practice at the same time. In the new pool, Briggs said he hopes to hold just one session.

"It will be one of the nicest pools in the state. When I show other coaches our plans they are very jealous," said Eric Gunderson, boys varsity coach. "It is going to be a hard building to top."



School board members and administrators broke ground last week for what will soon be a 13-foot deep swimming pool and activities center at Grosse Pointe South High School. From left are Trustees Alice Kosinski and Charles Sabino, Assistant Superintendent Susan Allan, Superintendent Suzanne Klein, Assistant Superintendent Chris Fenton, Principal Al Diver, Secretary Ahmed Ismail and Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Brandon Slone.

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POINT OF INTEREST

Pep Puleo has always lent a helping hand. As a young man, he was preparing for a career as a teacher but ended up taking care of society as a police officer. At age 89, he's working to stamp out mental illness.

In his nature to care for 'family'

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

Love one another is the commandment that guides 89-year-old Peppino "Pep" Puleo of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He demonstrates his commitment to improving society by working on a golf outing benefiting research to cure mental illness. Specifically, he founded, organizes and runs an annual golf outing for Michigan NARSAD, the Mental Health Research Association. The June outing is now in its 15th year.

"The No. 1 commandment is to love one another. This is my way of helping society," he said, sitting at the kitchen table. "I was proud to be a police officer, a part of the justice system. (But) You must care for each other."

"The biggest curse is mental illness — it is a scourge. It affects the whole family. There are more hospital beds filled with mentally ill patients than diseases combined. Look what happened at Virginia Tech. He (Cho Seung-Hui) was released (from a hospital). He was screaming for help," he said.

Despite tragedies, Puleo is heartened by the strides in the mental health field especially in understanding that in many cases the mental illness is caused by a chemical imbalance.

"It's that simple," he said.

Puleo knows of what he speaks because his family has been affected. A close family friend was diagnosed with postpartum depression and is



Pep and Jean Puleo are generous in their support for research and education into mental illness.

now leading a normal life. Another close family friend suffers from depression and schizophrenia.

"His friend is so well read," said Puleo's wife Jean of the latter. "You would think he is a psychologist. He's on medication. He lives on his own."

Puleo added, "There isn't a family who hasn't been affected."

"It's unpredictable. You are living in constant fear," Jean said.

Puleo doesn't want other families to live in fear and that's why he continues to work for the advancement of mental health research. In the past 14 years, he has raised more than \$270,000.

"I don't know a more generous man," Jean said.

"I am grateful. I'm in a position I can be generous. Not sharing is so sinful," he said.

The American Schizophrenia Foundation, NARSAD: The Mental Health Research Association was incorporated in 1981 and formed by three leading national mental health organizations; The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, The National Mental Health Association and the National Depressive and Manic Depressive Association.

NARSAD is one of America's 100 best charities with the purpose of raising and distributing funds for scientific research into the causes, cures, treatments and prevention of severe psychiatric brain disorders, such as schizophrenia, depression, anxiety and bipolar disorders, according to Worth magazine. In ad-

dition to schizophrenia and depression, NARSAD funds psychiatric brain research in many areas, such as autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, bipolar disorder, and anxiety disorders.

Two family foundations pay the overhead for the organization, thus any money raised goes into research. Some \$220 million has been raised in the past 20 years for research.

Coal miner's son

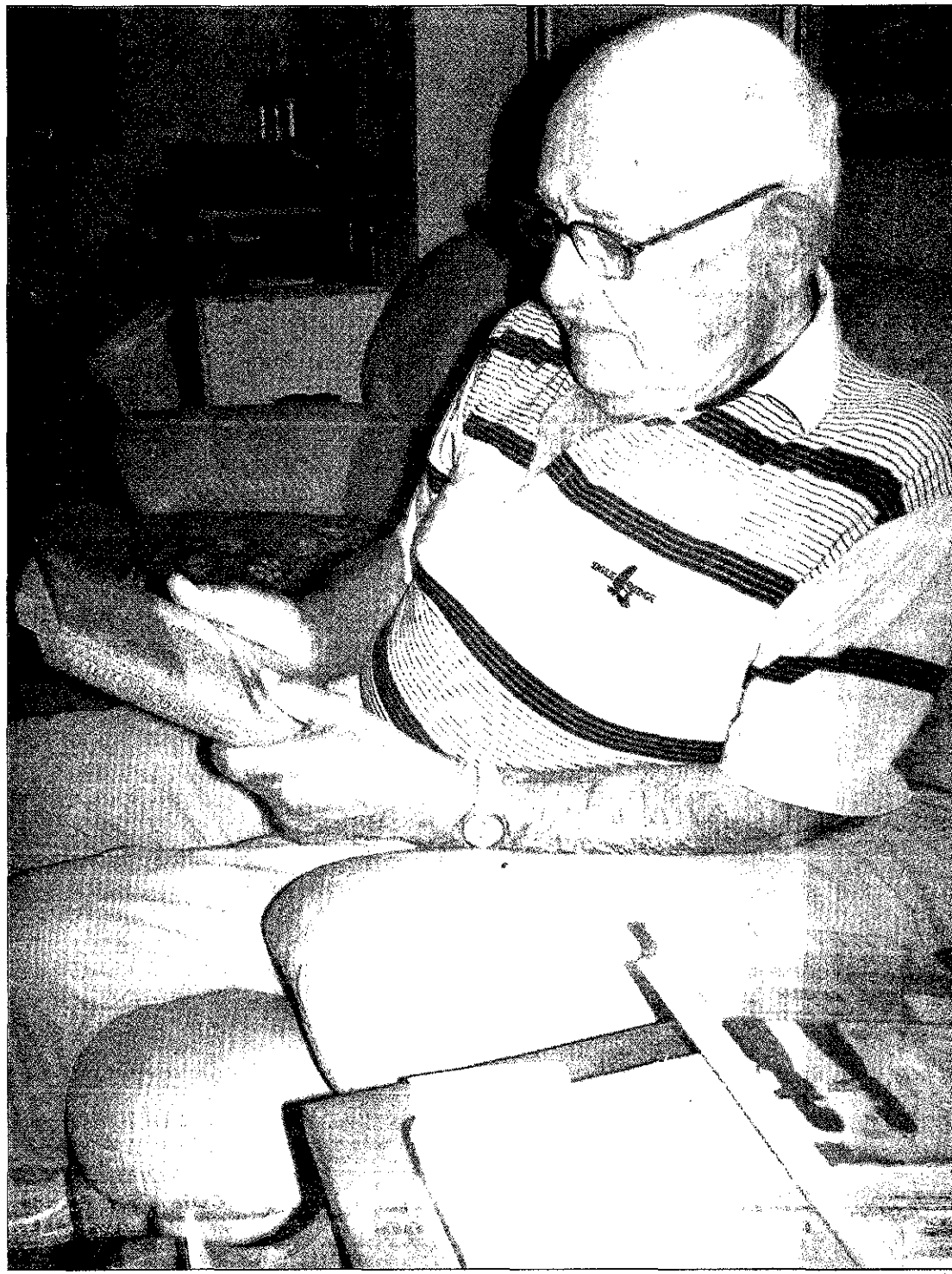
The son of a Pennsylvania coal miner, Puleo moved with his parents and six siblings to Michigan in 1937 when the coal ran out and the cars were coming off the assembly line from Rossiter near Puxatony. Though he was attending Indiana State University in Pennsylvania with the goal of becoming a teacher, Puleo ended up a Detroit police officer.

"They were hiring police and I took the job. Jobs were scarce," he said. For 25 years he watched the city grow and, he claims, became the greatest city in which a working person could live. He enjoyed solving crimes and making arrests. But his greatest thrill was serving with the Secret Service when presidents Kennedy and Johnson came to visit Detroit.

However, the highlight of his career was meeting his future wife at a fender bender.

"When lo and behold I see this blue-eyed blonde. I got so nervous when I saw her. I took care of the accident; she offered to take care of my teeth," he said.

Jean was a dentist and no-



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Instead of playing golf seven days a week, 89-year-old Peppino "Pep" Puleo of Grosse Pointe Woods is now reading two to three books a week and raising funds to fight mental illness.

ticed brown spots on his teeth. Thinking they were cavities she offered to take care of the unsightly spots, which were actually specks of tobacco.

He invited her to lunch and she accepted. "One thing lead to another," he said.

Puleo built a home with an office for her on Moross and Tyrone. She worked at home and raised the children. Two nights a week, Puleo would take care of the children so she could work. The family moved to the Woods for the schools' academics and sports programs.

He volunteered for the service at the age of 24, just before being drafted into the

Army. He was attached to the Office of Strategic Service from December 1942 to October 1945 in Africa and the Mediterranean.

Following his retirement from the police department, he worked as an investigator for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. Puleo retired at the age of 62 and played golf seven days a week.

In his heyday, Puleo said, "I had a six handicap and would shoot in the 70s. Now I can't break 100."

Combining his love of golf and his commitment to his family and friends, Puleo set up the golf outing, this year scheduled on Monday, June 18, at the Gowanie Golf Club

in Mount Clemens.

Under the slogan, "Imagine a world without mental illness," Puleo needs 100 golfers to make the event a success.

"The golf outing is a way to raise money," he said.

Support group

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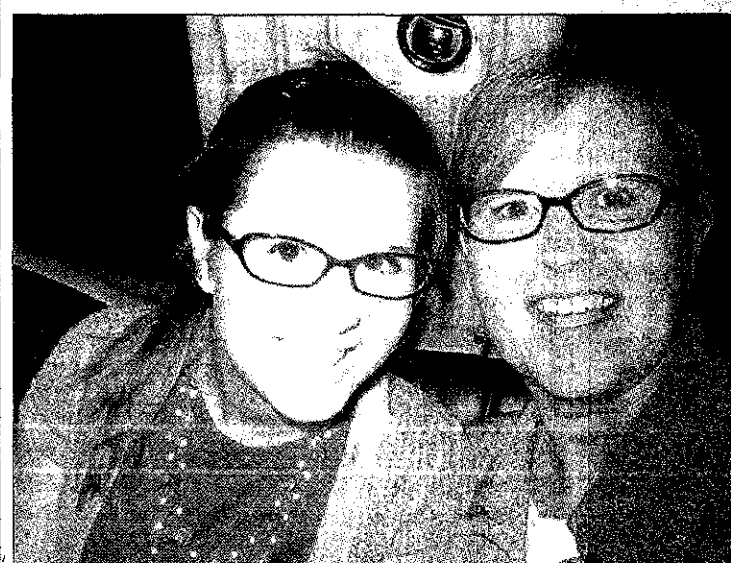
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Happy 100th birthday

Grosse Pointe Park celebrated its 100th birthday as a city recently with a party at Windmill Pointe Park. Residents were able to enjoy a piece of cake, pictured right, and a speech by Mayor Palmer Heenan, above. He told the crowd how enriched the community has become over the past 100 years. Also attending the party was Park resident Carl Hendricks who is 101 years old.



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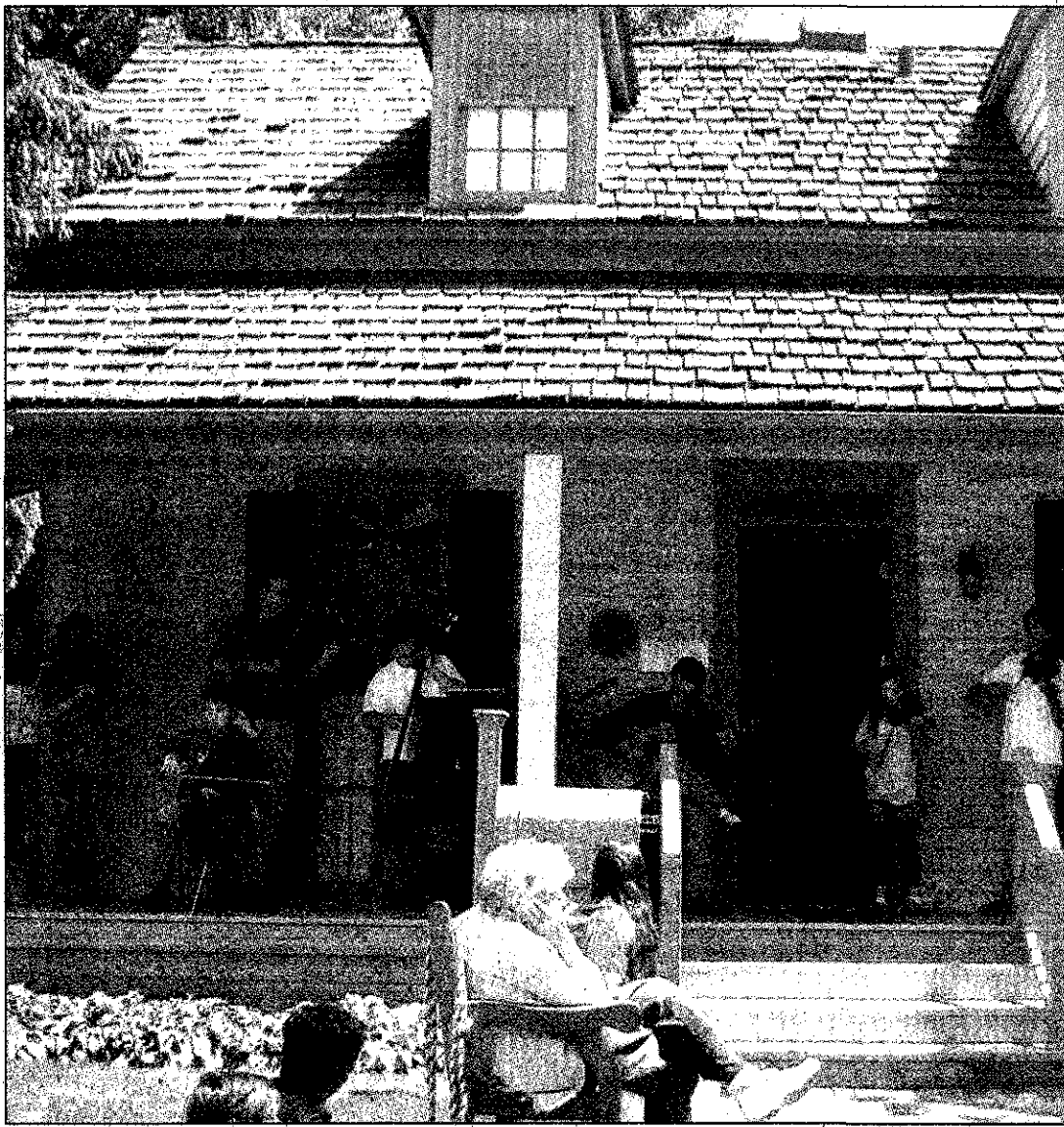


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Fiddlepointe players

The Fiddlepointe players of Grosse Pointe celebrated May Day at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Second Saturdays Open House on May 12. The middle-school players and their teachers, James Gross, left, and Eric Frakes, right, performed on the porch of the Provencal-Weir House, circa 1823—the society headquarters and museum house. This was the first of an annual event.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Bricco gets bid approval

Bricco Excavating will be conducting the city's water-main replacement project on Ida Lane and Broadstone this summer. City Council approved the \$489,593.50 contract. With contingency and engineering fees, the total project cost is \$588,000 contingent upon the

acceptance of the 2007-08 general fund budget. The company has worked in Grosse Pointe Woods and neighboring communities on prior projects, getting satisfactory ratings. This prompted Woods Director of Public Works Joe Ahee and City Administrator

Mark Wollenweber to recommend the bid to councilmembers. Bricco Excavating will utilize an "open cut" method for replacing the water mains. The old main will be dug up and removed and new pipe installed in the same trench. —Bob St. John

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Council approves janitorial contract

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Out with the old and in with the new, says Grosse Pointe Woods' City Council.

During their May 21 meeting, council members unanimously approved a \$25,200 bid with Jani-King of Michigan to supply janitorial services for the municipal building, including city hall and public safety.

The contract runs from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. There is also an option to extend the contract for one year if officials are happy with their work.

McCoy Maintenance has been under contract with the city for the past three years, but a lack of performance has been an issue.

"I wasn't happy with their lack of staffing and the employees aren't given enough time to complete the job," Department of Public Works Director Joe Ahee said. "We're not obligated to extend the contract if we're not satisfied with Jani-King's work."

"If we like what they're doing, then we can decide to give them another year."

McCoy Maintenance was the lowest of several bidders, coming in at \$25,000. Other bidders were Kenneth Kay Janitorial Services (\$30,000), Pristine Plus Building Services (\$30,480), CleanNet (\$30,528) and Road Runner Maintenance (\$33,600).

If the city decides to terminate the contract with Jani-King, it must do so in no less than 45 days before its expiration date.

The contract specified the contractor shall provide daily

inspections of work sites to insure that work as depicted by the contract has been completed.

Any discrepancies shall be remedied immediately.

The control of the janitorial contract will be accomplished by means of joint quarterly inspections by the city and contractor that will measure the quality of the janitorial service

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JOE AHEE,
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EDITORIAL

Newsweek rankings out

Once again, both Grosse Pointe public high schools made Newsweek's (May 28) list of the top 1,200 high schools in America. They were among some 22 Michigan high schools to make the list.

Newsweek's annual rankings are based on the number of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests taken by high school students during the school year. The number of tests taken is divided by the number of graduating seniors. The higher the number, the higher the ranking. Some 27,000 high schools across the nation are ranked.

Grosse Pointe South ranked third in the state of Michigan and 363rd nationwide. While South ranked higher in the state this year than last year's fourth place, the school dropped from 302nd nationally in 2006 and from its high point of 238th in 2005.

Grosse Pointe North was ninth in the state and 866th overall. The 2007 ranking was some 200 schools higher on the list than it was last year, when it came in at 1,067, a low point for the high school in the northern end of the district. Previously, North had ranked 828th in 2005 and 405th in 2003. Clearly, North has a long way to go to achieve its previous high-water mark.

For comparison's sake, here are rankings of other Michigan high schools:

- ◆ 245th Black River (Holland)
- ◆ 435th Troy
- ◆ 492nd Andover (Bloomfield Hills)
- ◆ 560th East Lansing
- ◆ 813th Farmington
- ◆ 827th Athens (Troy)
- ◆ 906th East Grand Rapids
- ◆ 948th Okemos
- ◆ 981st Pioneer (Ann Arbor)
- ◆ 1,072nd West Bloomfield
- ◆ 1,110th Novi
- ◆ 1,112th North Farmington
- ◆ 1,129th Northville
- ◆ 1,177th Lahser (Bloomfield Hills)
- ◆ 1,190th Harrison (Farmington Hills)
- ◆ 1,221st Huron (Ann Arbor)

Prestigious New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, where longtime Grosse Pointe schools human resources director Larry Lobert has accepted a position, ranked 169th in the Newsweek rankings.

Newsweek also included this year its listing of "The Public Elites." These 20 high-performing high schools were excluded from the ranking because so many of their students scored well above the average on the SAT and ACT.

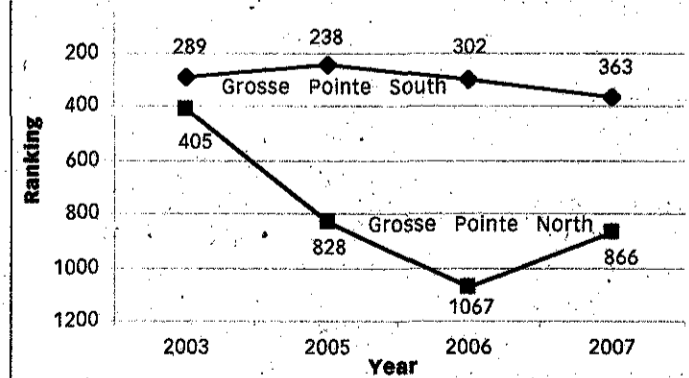
These schools include Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts; Benjamin Franklin, New Orleans; Bronx Science, New York; Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora; Northside College Preparatory School, Chicago; Pacific Collegiate School, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Texas Academy of Math & Science, Denton; Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, Va.; and University Laboratory High School, Urbana, Ill.

We list these schools and other top-ranking schools because it gives us something to shoot for. Wouldn't it be nice if Grosse Pointe high schools were among the top 100 in America? Or that our students scored so well on SATs and ACTs that we were above ranking?

Here is another thought. What if the Grosse Pointe Public School System had its own Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate academy? That would be a coup for the community.

One of the leading draws to Grosse Pointe is its quality school system. Anything we can do to enhance our school district's reputation, the better for the future of Grosse Pointe and property values.

Newsweek AP rankings



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Rehiring retired administrators

To the Editor:

Taxpayers have heard plenty about the \$4 million to \$5 million shortfall facing the school district each year for the foreseeable future.

Last year, 14 middle school teachers and numerous secretaries lost their jobs and cafeteria services were privatized to save money. This year, custodial employees took painful personal cuts.

But as taxpayers, you have heard almost nothing about the administration's insistence on rehiring two retired executives at top dollar salaries after you tax dollars were used to pay them a retirement incentive.

In other words, they received a lump sum of taxpayer dollars to leave the Grosse Pointe Public School System and are currently collecting handsome pensions from the state — thanks to taxpayer dollars. But your tax dollars are now also paying their very high salaries as they continue to work for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

In business, this practice is called "double dipping" or "cutting a sweet deal." In politics, it's simply called cronyism.

The double dipping for these two executives has already cost taxpayers \$306,586 — figures provided by the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The administration virtually guaranteed continuing employment for these two administrators by not advertising these two positions this year and by refusing to replace these particular employees internally.

If they stay on next year, they will cost taxpayers another \$185,757 — \$134,334 for one and 56.4 percent of \$91,153 for the other — for a total of almost half a million dollars.

Worse, in the public work session of Feb. 20, when the administration presented their proposed budget cuts to the trustees, the proposal included cutting the current curriculum specialist, staff development coordinator, and gifted coordinator as well as elementary physical education, art and music specialists.

In short, the administration was willing to keep the two rehired retirees by cutting upcoming leaders who are paid lower salaries.

operate small appliances such as microwaves or dorm refrigerators would have to pay a fee, based upon the appliance, to cover the electricity cost for the year.

This was purported to save the district \$40,000 in energy costs, from \$10 per year for a toaster up to \$150 per year for a 700 watt refrigerator. I don't dispute the figures, and if it means we can save some money, I am all for it.

Explain, then, the board's action, noted to staff in a March 26 e-mail from our union president, that an outside attorney has been hired by the board for the upcoming contract negotiations. Ms. Barbara Ruga, of Clark Hill in Grand Rapids, has been retained.

Her rate is reportedly \$205 per hour. Customarily, this fee includes her travel time — from Grand Rapids and back — and meals and any lodging fees accrued. Depending upon highway construction at any given time, the district could be paying Ms. Ruga upwards of \$1,000 per visit just to cover her travel time.

The law firm of Clark Hill has served as counsel for the board in the past, but has not had an attorney seated at the table. Ms. Ruga will share the spokesperson role with Mr. Larry Lobert — also an unprecedented move by the board.

Does this action by the board constitute a vote of no confidence in their current legal representation? If so, replace them; do not simply add on to their team at considerable expense.

If not, what is the possible purpose in hiring Ms. Ruga to fill an unprecedented position if the board already has competent counsel?

To paraphrase the well-worn riddle: how many plugged-in microwaves does it take to pay for one hour of Ms. Ruga's time?

MS. KEMMER WEINHAUS
Grosse Pointe Farms

Harper Woods community

To the Editor:

A few years ago, when I learned that for financial reasons the Grosse Pointe News decided to stop covering Harper Woods news, I was unhappy. But after reflecting a bit I realized that it was a good thing.

It seemed that the Grosse Pointe News coverage relating to Harper Woods focused on the negative and rarely the positive.

My children attend Grosse Pointe schools and I have always read the Grosse Pointe News as it is the only local paper covering what I feel is my community.

The recent coverage relating to the squabble between students from Harper Woods High School and Grosse

Pointe North High School is just another example of such coverage ("North incident tests schools, police," May 3 Grosse Pointe News). And I could not agree more with the May 17 Grosse Pointe News letter, "Grosse Pointe acceptance."

Even though my family is white, for years we have all been made to feel embarrassed by where we live. And my children have never felt as if they were truly a part of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Harper Woods is a fine city as is the Pointes. Other than lakefront parks, they offer the same services as the Pointes.

Although real estate prices are lower in Harper Woods, there are many similarities to the Pointes. Harper Woods has many starter homes, as does the Woods, and several apartments, as does the Woods and the Park. But on several streets in Harper Woods you also will find nicer homes and larger lots than many of the homes in the Woods, Farms, City and Park. What remains constant in the Pointes is the attitude that some are better than others based on their ZIP code.

What I found particularly disturbing in the May 10 Grosse Pointe News ("Actions of the few, not of the many"), is that the editor forwarded the letter to the editor from Harper Woods Schools Superintendent Dr. Terri Spencer to Mr. Bearden, principal, Grosse Pointe North High school, so he could comment and rebut the letter — that wasn't even addressed to him — in the same issue that the letter appears ("Harper Woods' story differs").

In doing so it seems as if the Grosse Pointe News has gone beyond reporting the news and has clearly taken sides on the issue. I feel this goes beyond impartial reporting.

My family also looks forward to the day when we don't have to feel like second-class citizens attending the Grosse Pointe schools and community events.

MARJORIE KRUEGER
Harper Woods

Dedicated teachers and instructors

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter "Spend money on real education," May 24 Grosse Pointe News.

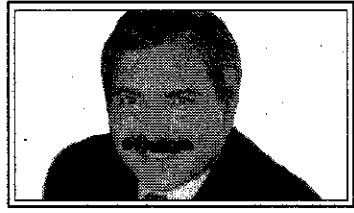
I wholeheartedly agree that the classroom K-12 teacher is the key to a sound educational system. The problem, however, is that not every K-12 teacher is competent, skillful, talented and dedicated.

Many of them are there for the summer and holiday "given" vacations. Many of them are in the field because of "burnout" in other careers or

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I SAY By John Minnis

Our 'Little Miss' graduates with honors



There are years in each of our lives that stand out. For me they are my birth, 1955; my high school graduation, 1973; and my wedding, 1976.

Another significant year in my life is 1988. That is the year we moved back to Michigan from Atlanta, and I landed a job at the Grosse Pointe News. That year I also planted a tree in our back yard. I am not sure why I wanted the tree. Perhaps it was merely to provide shade. Or maybe I somehow knew it would be a pivotal year in my life.

That tree, an American Linden, is now some 70 feet tall and the width of nearly half my

back yard. It has a wonderful shape and provides plenty of afternoon shade. The tree has grown and blossomed throughout the nearly two decades since I planted it.

Also in 1988, Lauren Kristine Beaver was born. In fact, she was the reason we moved back to Michigan.

My wife, Terry, did not want to be an absentee aunt. So when her sister, Kris, announced she was pregnant, we had to move back to Michigan. It is not that we didn't have good jobs and that we wanted to leave Atlanta. It is, a great metropolis. But family comes first.

As I recall, we did not know Lauren was going to be a girl. That was a surprise. Now, of course, we can't picture anyone else but the girl we have come to cherish.

As an infant, she for some unknown reason took a liking to me. In the evenings when her mother couldn't get her to

stop crying, she would ask me to come over and rock her. I did, and she would quiet down and fall asleep.

As a toddler, she would run into my arms every time I came over, and I would throw her up in the air. She would laugh and giggle and want to "do it again."

Eventually she got too big for acrobatics, but that did not end the fun. We began taking her to museums, on vacation and on swimming excursions. When she reached high school, we took her to Stratford, Ontario, to see plays and learn more about Shakespeare. We've taken her to performances at the Detroit Opera Theater and to hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

We hope that in some way we have enriched her life, as she has truly enriched ours.

She has always been perfect. Other than as an infant, she never fussed or complained. When told no, she did not

demonstrate, pout or throw a fit. She is always the peacemaker. She has a special ability to get along with everyone. She would make a good diplomat.

Somewhere along the way, she acquired the affectionate nickname "Little Miss" from her Aunt Terry.

Lauren is wiser than her years. She does the right thing all the time. She thinks of others and their feelings before her own. She is quiet, yet sociable. She prefers no talk to mindless talk. She has little need for bragging or selfishness.

She is a hard worker, yet she does take time to enjoy a movie or a play or a concert. She is a serious student, yet has a great sense of humor and is known to burst into a dancing rendition of "Cotton-Eyed Joe."

Unlike most teenagers, Lauren was not that keen on getting her driver's license upon turning 16. She eventually

did get her license when she was 17, but that was only because she had to drive herself to school in order to reduce the load on her mother, who has two younger kids to chauffeur around.

All these memories come flooding back to me because this year Lauren is graduating from high school. As with all things, she is doing it with style.

She is graduating summa cum laude with a 4.12 grade point average. She is sixth in her class. She is editor in chief of her school newspaper, something I'm particularly proud of.

She is in the National Honor Society and holds a certificate from Phi Beta Kappa. She received a State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship Certificate of Recognition.

Interestingly, despite all her accomplishments and high class standing, she did not qualify for a single scholarship,

other than the Michigan Merit award that just about everyone gets and a Chrysler stipend through her dad's job. That has to tell you something about how tough it is out there for scholarships.

But even without financial assistance, Lauren was one of the first graduating seniors to be accepted at Michigan State University as an English major. She was admitted through an early admission process only available to top applicants.

We are already preparing for her graduation party and planning for her first year in college. Doubtless, her dad, Wally, and I will be called upon to help her move. It is my pleasure to do so.

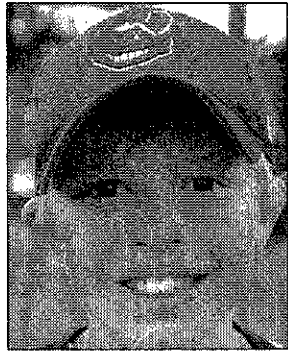
We will miss Lauren, at least on a day-to-day basis. It is comforting to know she is just a couple of hours away. I am confident she will love college and will do well.

Congratulations, Lauren. You deserve it.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is your favorite ice cream flavor and topping?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com



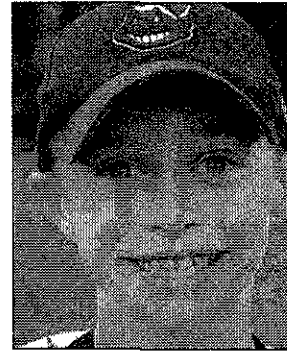
'Chocolate ice cream with marshmallows on top.'

ERIK GRAYCHECK
Grosse Pointe Park



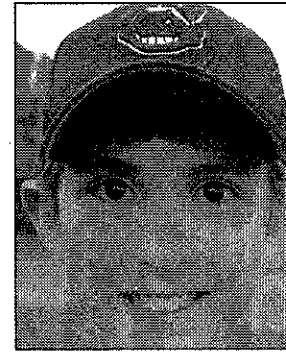
'I like Cherry Garcia and Reese's Pieces.'

BRIAN GARVEY
Grosse Pointe Park



'I like chocolate ice cream with Oreos.'

MICHAEL ROSE
Grosse Pointe Park



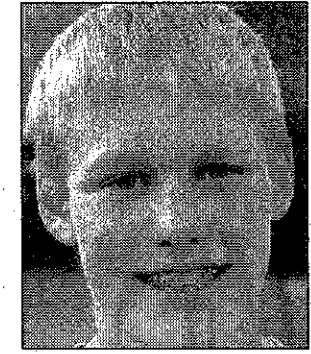
'Moosetracks with Gummi Bears.'

CALEB CHADWELL
Grosse Pointe Park



'I love chocolate chip mint with hot fudge sauce.'

EMILY GRAYCHECK
Grosse Pointe Park



'Moosetracks with either hot fudge or Gummi Bears.'

KEVIN
MACCONNACHIE
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

'Women on the Great Lakes'



Alison Swan was inspired by a beautiful book about the Colorado River that she discovered on a rainy day in 2000 in a Seattle bookstore. The book, "Writing Down the River," was written by women.

So Swan, who grew up in the Grosse Pointes, said to her husband, David, "What we need is a book like this on the Great Lakes."

And now, courtesy of Swan's vision and editing, we have "Fresh Water, Women Writing on the Great Lakes."

If you care about the lakes that surround us, you should read this book. If you are going to the lake this summer, you should take it with you. If you aren't going to the lake, but would like to, it will take you there. It wakens memories and suggests possibilities.

Published by Michigan State University Press, it has been awarded the designation "Michigan Notable Book" by the Library of Michigan.

In her introduction to the

non-fiction volume, Swan, a poet and environmentalist, writes: "When my daughter, Sophie, and I play in the waves at Saugatuck, we're pelted with molecules that will flow back up the lobe of Lake Michigan, through the Straits of Mackinac, down Lake Huron and the St. Clair River to Lake St. Clair. There, some will crash against the breakwater, where my child self watched freighters cross and crisscross in the shipping channel cut through the shallow lake, up lake to the ports of Bay City, Duluth, Green Bay, Chicago, and down lake to Cleveland, Buffalo, Toronto—some all the way out through the mouth of the St. Lawrence River..."

"Compared to the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair is tiny; for me however, it might as well have been the sea. Its opposite shore lies hidden around the curve of the Earth, and somewhere over that mesmerizing water horizon was Canada."

Swan pointed out in an interview that reported 10 percent of the U.S. population gets its water from the Great Lakes, and 25 percent of Canada's population uses its water. Eight states and two provinces border the lakes, and they hold 95 percent of the U.S. surface fresh water.

She said the diversity and complexity of the lakes' ecosystems are widely unknown outside of the Great Lakes basin, and cited a person in Seattle who thought the whole region was "pretty much like Detroit, right, I mean industrialized?" And she noted another person from New York who thought Lake Michigan was small enough to walk around in an afternoon.

Swan attended Our Lady Star of the Sea then graduated from Grosse North High School in 1980.

She writes, "I still have vivid memories of some of my exceptional English teachers at both places.... I'm grateful!"

Cover woman

Kim Youngblood, of the Farms, manager of the National City Bank branch on the Hill at Fisher and Kercheval, is pictured on the cover of Corp! Magazine's May issue.

She is one of nine "Heroes One and All" highlighted by the magazine for providing outstanding customer service.

The writers note that National City is one of five banks on the Hill and quote Pat Scott of Pat Scott Jewelers as one of Kim's happy customers.

"Kim and her staff realize your time is valuable and personally take care of things for you so you don't have to wait in line, get frustrated by computerized customer service phone lines or wade through endless paperwork," Scott said.

The article notes that Youngblood "jumps up to wait on someone when her co-workers are occupied."

Corp! is a business magazine that is sent to metro area business leaders and members of the Michigan Business & Professional Association and the Michigan Food and Beverage Association. Jennifer Kluge, publisher, and Ed Deeb, editor in chief, purchased the publication in 2006.

Joyful noise

About 75 alums of the out-

standing Christ Church choir in the Farms returned to Grosse Pointe from around the world to honor longtime choir master D. Frederic DeHaven on May 19 and 20. DeHaven is retiring. The singers roasted their favorite choir director in a friendly fashion Saturday night, and on Sunday the alums joined with the current choirs creating music that made one parishioner say his heart beat faster.

Cover youth

Roger D. Klein, son of Alicia and Martin Klein and a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School with a 4.11 grade point average, made The Detroit News special section cover of "The Best & the Brightest of 2007." Klein plans to attend the College of Wooster and major in science with an eye toward a professional career in scientific research.

He listed his most influential teachers at South as Ken Ginger and May Jean Chan.

His list of achievements include Eagle Scout, National Merit finalist, the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology, National Honor Society vice president, German Club president, finalist in the Michigan Mathematics Prize competition for '05 and '06 and three varsity letters in cross country and two in track.

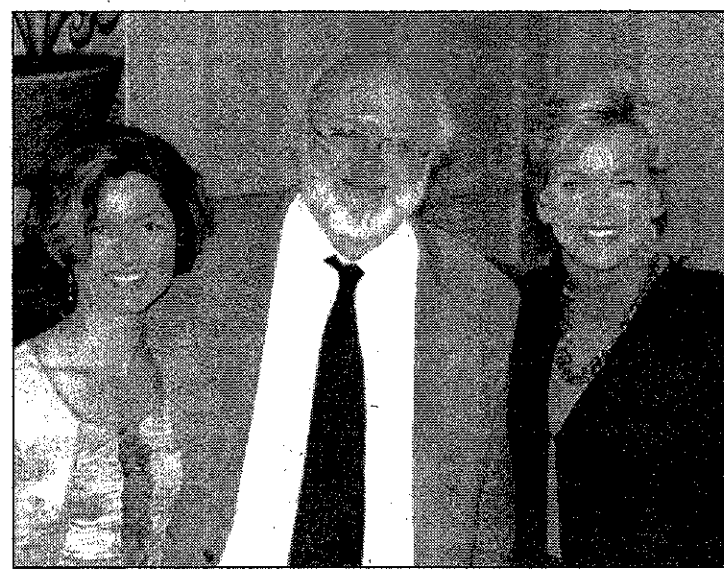
Top runner

The Iosco County News-Herald reports that for the third year in a row, a Grosse Pointe runner has won the seven-kilometer Silver Valley Train Run near Tawas.

Michael Frank was the overall winner, finishing in 28 minutes and had recorded the men's masters top time two years ago at 24:18.

The race is sponsored by the Tawas Area Lions Club.

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



Michigan Notable Book authors Alison Swan and Keith Taylor meet with Gov. Jennifer Granholm in the library of the Governor's mansion.

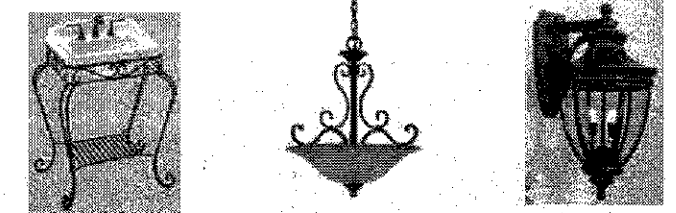
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**LETTERS:
A teachers
revolution?**

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took a less demanding career path at a college or university. Perhaps, even some academically failed in another career area and drifted over to a college of education for a much

"softer" field of study.

I know what I am talking about, for I've worked in colleges of education as an academic services officer, certification officer, a student counselor, student teacher supervisor at both the college and public school levels and as a professor.

I've also been a "teacher" in the public schools for more than 20 years as well as a public school administrator for more than 20 years.

I've discouraged many "wannabe educators" from the field, because children deserve the "best" people in the classroom — not the ones who want the best for themselves.

To be classified as one of the best in education, a teacher must give unselfishly throughout their working hours as they dedicate themselves to their classroom of children and those children's one-shot at effectively learn-

ing at their present age and grade level.

In a country that mandates years of public education for every school age child, shouldn't we also be mandating that these children be taught by the best teachers possible? Let's leave the "instructors" for other learning environments.

Most people can "instruct" and to prove this, one only has to sit in the classrooms of instructors in community colleges, at community colleges

and on university campuses. And, to these institutions' credit, they also do not try to deceive as they never require "teaching certification" from anyone leading instruction in those classrooms.

But, again, to effectively "teach" in the public schools, one must have the "calling" to dedicate one's working hours to every child's learning environment in that teacher's classroom.

Schools will obtain and keep

these qualified and highly trained teachers when classroom teaching personnel are paid for their performance and their proven ability with children.

Believe me, school administrators know which professionals in the building are "teachers" and which are merely instructors. Competent, experienced and trained school administrators know who is capable of doing the job of teaching and those who are just "puttin' in their time."

This has nothing to do with the teacher's union, but everything to do with the children and their parents.

School superintendents and principals should be paid in direct proportion to their past effectiveness in the classroom, with parents and children — that would certainly eliminate the "side promotions" of ineffective and incompetent educators to the administration track.

Those who have had to leave the classroom because of low skills and talent — of which there are many — could join the "bean counters" of director of finances, since this classification is a non-education track as well.

No teacher certification, no teaching experience are required of finance people, folks. Low qualified administrators and routine "paper pushers" should receive standardized wages of non-contact classroom and instruction personnel.

It is time to emphasize the education of our children and the importance of their teachers and de-emphasize auxiliary school personnel.

When legions of dedicated teachers again take control of our children's classrooms and their learning environments, are well-paid, recognized and respected for their talent, skill and ability, they will lead the way in bringing about any needed changes to each and every public school. They will demand excellence from their administrators, school boards, parents and children — of this you can be sure.

This is where your educational tax dollars should be spent and where educational leadership should be focused.

DR. JANICE PEMBERTON
Grosse Pointe Shores

Thanks good Samaritans

To the Editor:
Please print these words of hearty thanks and admiration to the unknown good Samaritan and his daughter. The Samaritans, returning from "The Pinery," picked up a couple of old folks huddled in the doorway of the bank at Kercheval and Fisher, on the afternoon of May 15, during the heavy rain and gave them a ride home to the Village. "Love your neighbor" is alive in Grosse Pointe.
MARTHA AND LYNN PEASE
City of Grosse Pointe

Thanks for Cuisine Cruise success

To the Editor:
We would like to thank all the participants in the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce second annual Cuisine Cruise. The restaurants showcased themselves extraordinarily well, serving fabulous hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches, chili and desserts. Thanks to Sunrise Sunset Saloon, Just Delicious, Cold Stone Creamery, City Kitchen, Borders Seattle's Best Cafe, Lucy's Tavern on the Hill, and The Hill Seafood and Chophouse. Thanks are also due to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service for the excellent bus service provided all evening. Finally, thank you to the participants who all expressed what a great job the restaurants did and what fun they had.

All residents are fortunate to have many wonderful restaurants in The Pointes. We also look forward to the new venues about to open in our community.

MARY HUEBNER
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PEOPLE



GEORGE T. GOODIS, D.D.S., received the American Association of Endodontist's inaugural Lifetime

Volunteer award during the Edgar D. Coolidge luncheon April 28 in Philadelphia, Pa. Goodis was chosen by the Honors and Awards Committee on the basis of time and expertise devoted to creating effective partnerships, impacting dental organizations or helping underserved patients for the benefit of the endodontic community. He has served as president of the Michigan Association of Endodontists as well as state and local dental associations. He was a member of the state board of dentistry, was recognized by the governor for his volunteerism and served as an advisor to the dental insurance industry. He has also served as an adjunct associate professor at University of Detroit Mercy and saved teeth pro bono through Give Kids a Smile and Donated Dental Services. Goodis is a yearly participant in the ADA Washington Leadership Conference, is involved with various political action committees and was a delegate/alternate in the ADA House of Delegates for a number of years. He also serves the AAE and the College of Diplomates. He received his degree in 1978 from the University of Michigan and his certificate of endodontics from the University of Southern California in 1978. Goodis resides in Grosse Pointe Shores.

DAVID BREEN has been appointed managing partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers Detroit office. He is an assurance partner with more than 30 years experience with the firm in Detroit. He is currently completing a tour of duty as operations leader for the U.S. Assurance practice of the firm. Breen is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

RICHARD (DICK) A. PEACOCK, president of PVS-Nolwood Chemicals, Inc. in Detroit, was presented with the Vanguard Award by the Chemical Educational Foundation in a ceremony May 14 in Washington, D.C. For more than a decade, the foundation has presented the Vanguard Award to an individual whose leadership, commitment, and outreach efforts have helped advance the foundation's mission of fostering a greater understanding of chemistry, the benefits of chemicals, and the importance of chemical safety awareness. Under Peacock's leadership, PVS-Nolwood has actively promoted chemistry education in the Detroit area.

DANIEL B. MICHAEL, M.D., was re-elected to a third one-year term as Speaker of the Michigan State Medical Society House of Delegates at its 142nd annual meeting April 28 in Dearborn. As speaker, Michael presides over the 300 physician-delegates who assemble each year to set policies for the 15,000-member association on various issues involving public health, health care delivery and medical ethics. Michael is a neurosurgeon at the Michigan Head and Spine Institute and is on staff at the Detroit Medical Center, Bon Secours Hospital, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Mt. Clemens General Hospital and Bi-County Community Hospital. He is a past president of the Wayne County Medical Society and remains a member of its board of trustees and executive council. He is a member of the WCMS Medical Education Committee, the MSMS Medicaid Liaison Committee and the MSMS Membership

Committee. He completed undergraduate studies at Wayne State University and earned his medical and doctorate degree from the WSU School of Medicine. Michael is a Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

NORM BIRD, AMY GENNARO, JAMES M. GUDENAU, COLLEEN HOLLERBACH, LISA KOTULA AND BLAIR S. OSBORN received the Chairman's Outstanding Achievement Award from Comerica Bank. Each recipient received a prize package containing either \$5,000 or a week of paid vacation and recognition at a special dinner. Bird (vice president) resides in Grosse Pointe Farms; Gennaro (vice president) lives in Grosse Pointe Park; Gudenau (vice president) lives in Grosse Pointe Woods; Hollerbach (vice president) resides in Grosse Pointe Farms; Kotula (vice president) lives in Grosse Pointe Park; and Osborn (senior vice president) lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

VICTOR BLOOM, M.D., WILLIAM A. HARRITY, M.D., THEODORE G. PANTOS, M.D., JOHN M. HARTZELL, M.D., KIM K. LIE, M.D., GIOVANNI A. MORREALE, M.D., RAYMOND L. WYSOCKI, M.D., HERBERT H. HAGERMOSER, M.D., WILLIAM R. URBANCIC, M.D. AND SALVADOR GONZALEZ, M.D., were recently honored by the Michigan State Medical Society for 50 years of service to their patients and the medical profession. The society honored 167 physicians for their outstanding contributions during a special reception at the 142nd annual meeting of the MSMS House of Delegates at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn, April 28. The honored physicians represent 8,350 years of medical service to their patients. Beginning their medical careers in 1957, these physicians assumed roles in a medical generation distinguished by its unprecedented achievements in advancing and promoting human health care. Bloom resides in the City of Grosse Pointe; Harrity resides in Grosse Pointe Farms; Pantos resides in Grosse Pointe Farms; Hartzell resides in Grosse Pointe Park; Lie resides in Grosse Pointe Park; Morreale resides in Grosse Pointe Park; Wysocki resides in Grosse Pointe Shores; Hagermoser resides in Grosse Pointe Woods; Urbancic resides in Grosse Pointe Woods; and Gonzalez resides in Grosse Pointe Woods.



TIMOTHY J. MCCARTHY, president of Checker Sedan, was elected to the Detroit Regional Chamber Board of Directors. Checker Sedan is a division of Detroit-based Soave Enterprises and part of the Soave Transportation Group. As president of the Soave Transportation Group, McCarthy oversees its three companies — Checker Sedan, Checker Cab and Commuter Express. McCarthy has been an executive with Soave Enterprises since 1981. He also serves as vice-chair of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. Additionally, he is a member of the Transportation Advisory Council for SEMCOG and sits on SEMCOG's Ann Arbor - Detroit Steering Committee, which is studying mass transit alternatives for that corridor. A graduate of Walsh College, McCarthy resides in the City of Grosse Pointe with his wife, Patty. They have three adult children and six grandchildren.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Native Detroitier buys Village Ace

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Village Ace Hardware has a new owner, Mark Elmer. "It was a tough decision, but it was made easier knowing the area and knowing that I would have very sound managers handling the stores," Elmer, 49, said. "I will keep everything the same, except I plan to expand the inventory list with houseware items. "This is a hardware store first and foremost, and I plan to keep it that way." Elmer also bought the Ace Hardware stores in Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills, Clarkston and right down the road in St. Clair Shores. "I looked at the financial picture and talked it over with those close to me and decided to buy the stores," Elmer said. "I think it will be a good investment or I wouldn't have made the purchases. I have been in the hardware business for about a decade." Elmer was born and raised in Detroit, living in the 7 Mile and Kelly area until moving with his family out of state when he was a teenager.

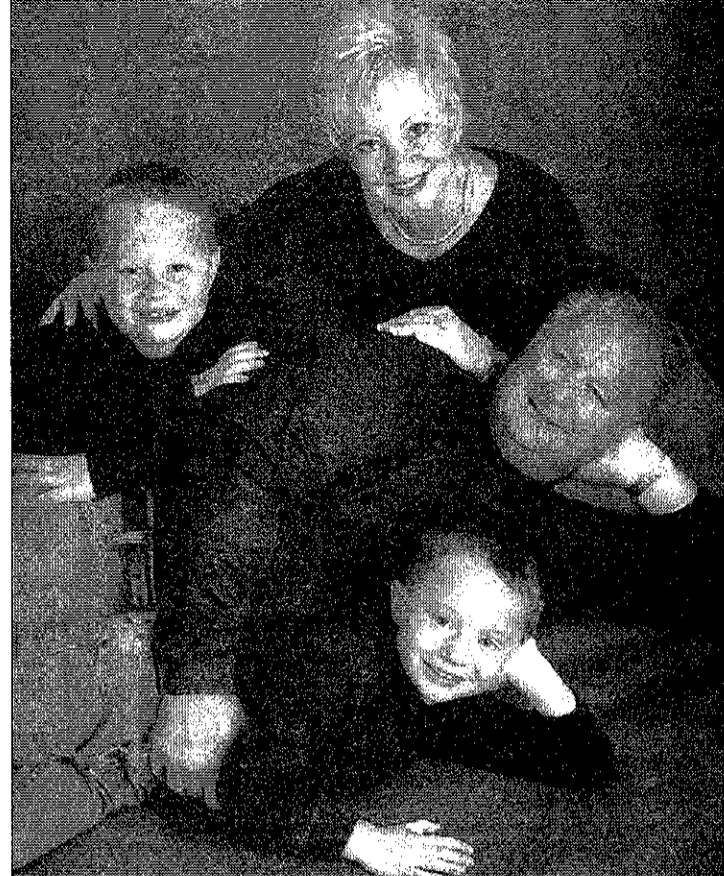


PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK ELMER

The new owner of the Village Ace Hardware is native Detroitier Mark Elmer; pictured above with his wife, Shelli, and sons, Jonathan, top, and Geoffrey.

He graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He began his career working for the Activant Co. and moved to Atlanta where he met his wife, Shelli. The couple moved to Boca Raton, Fla. after his wife received a promotion. She has since opened her own company, Sunz Insurance, in St. Petersburg, Fla., and the couple is raising two boys, aged 10 and 6. Elmer left Activant to create his own consulting firm where a majority of his clients include hardware, painting and related companies. "Life is very busy, but things can't be any better," Elmer said. "I'm excited to be a part of the Grosse Pointe and Detroit area again and I know we will give customers everything they need from a hardware store and more." Village Ace is in direct competition with larger national chains Lowe's and Home Depot, located near Eastland Mall in Harper Woods. "I know Village Ace Hardware has a lot of loyal customers and I think we can bring in more customers by adding more items to the inventory," Elmer said. "I know Village Ace will be fine."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Customer friendly

Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue held a sidewalk sale throughout Grosse Pointe Woods May 16 through May 19. Pictured above are several customers browsing outside Rainy Day Art Supply Co. For a second straight year, cold rainy weather dampened the spirits of many would-be consumers.

ST. JOHN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

Local agency earns accolades

Brogan & Partners Convergence Marketing, an agency representing St. John Hospital, was honored at the 24th Annual Healthcare Advertising Awards. Winning projects included ads to protect children from skin cancer, raise continued awareness of AIDS and communicate the dangers of second-hand smoke. "We can't say it enough: great creativity starts with great people," said Maria Marcotte, Brogan's managing partner. "Our staff really works hard to get to know our clients and their audiences, understand their goals and challenges, and translate that relationship into powerful, memorable and creative projects." The agency received a bronze award for its work developing collateral for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's new long-term care insurance company, Lifesecure. Brogan also won a merit award for a print ad for AIDS Partnership Michigan.

The AIDS ad marked the 25th year since the epidemic's discovery, urging people to be continually vigilant. The competition, sponsored by Healthcare Marketing Report, is the largest of its kind with a record 4,300 entries this year. Winners were selected by a national panel of judges based on excellence in advertisement quality, consumer appeal, message effectiveness, graphic design, creativity and overall impact.

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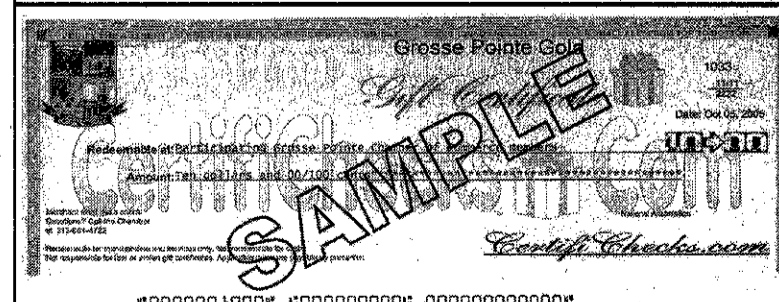
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Coin roll bandit

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PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

NASCAR tale wins award

Laura Phelps
Special Writer

Boogity, boogity, boogity. Let's go racin', boys!

When Max Mager, a sixth grader at Pierce Middle School, sat down to write about his fictional encounter with NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr., he was off to the races.

Mager received an honorable mention for his short story about meeting Earnhardt from CRICKET children's magazine.

Each month CRICKET offers a different writing and art competition that draws in 700 to 800 entries from as far away as Africa.

For the March competition, entrants were asked to write

'Max is an outstanding student with wonderful talent in written language.'

MARY CAREY,
(Honors English teacher)

about meeting someone famous.

In Mager's story, he not only spoke with the racing star, but watched a race from a seat along pit road.

Mager said he chose to write about Earnhardt because, "he is my favorite NASCAR driver and I like NASCAR."

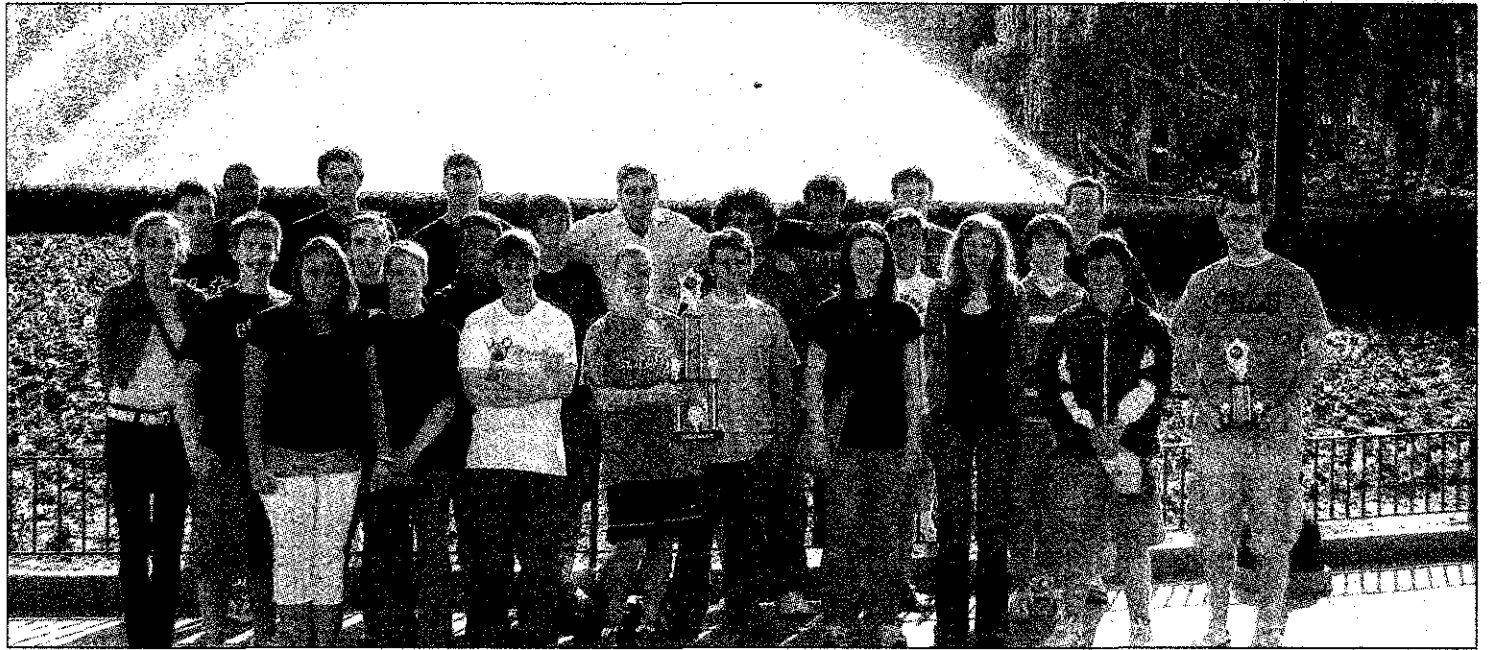
Mager's name appears in the June 2007 issue of CRICKET.

He plans to continue writing for the magazine because he said he enjoys brainstorming ideas for stories.

Mary Carey, his honors English writing and literature teacher, said his writing is growing everyday and applauds his creativity.

"Max is an outstanding student with wonderful talent in written language," she said.

Each student in Carey's honors English courses wrote a piece for submission, but Mager's was the only one to receive an honor.



Correction

Performances of "Broadway 2007," Grosse Pointe South High School's final musical of the year, are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets cost \$15 for main floor, \$10 for balcony and \$8 for students and seniors.

Hear for yourself June 7

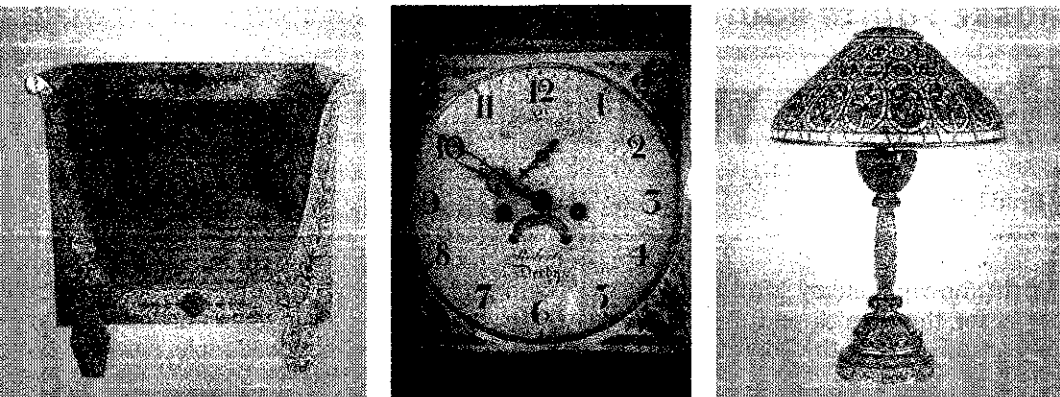
The notes were blue, not sour, last weekend as the 24-member Grosse Pointe North High School Jazz Band competed at the 2007 International Music-in-the-Parks Festival in Toronto. Performances included "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Moanin" and "Big Noise from Winnetka." Michael Brinker, saxophonist, was awarded the most outstanding soloist of the festival. "You can hear this wonderful band at 7 p.m. June 7 in the Village of Grosse Pointe as they open the summer concert series, 'Music on the Plaza,'" said Dave Cleveland, North's director of instrumental music.



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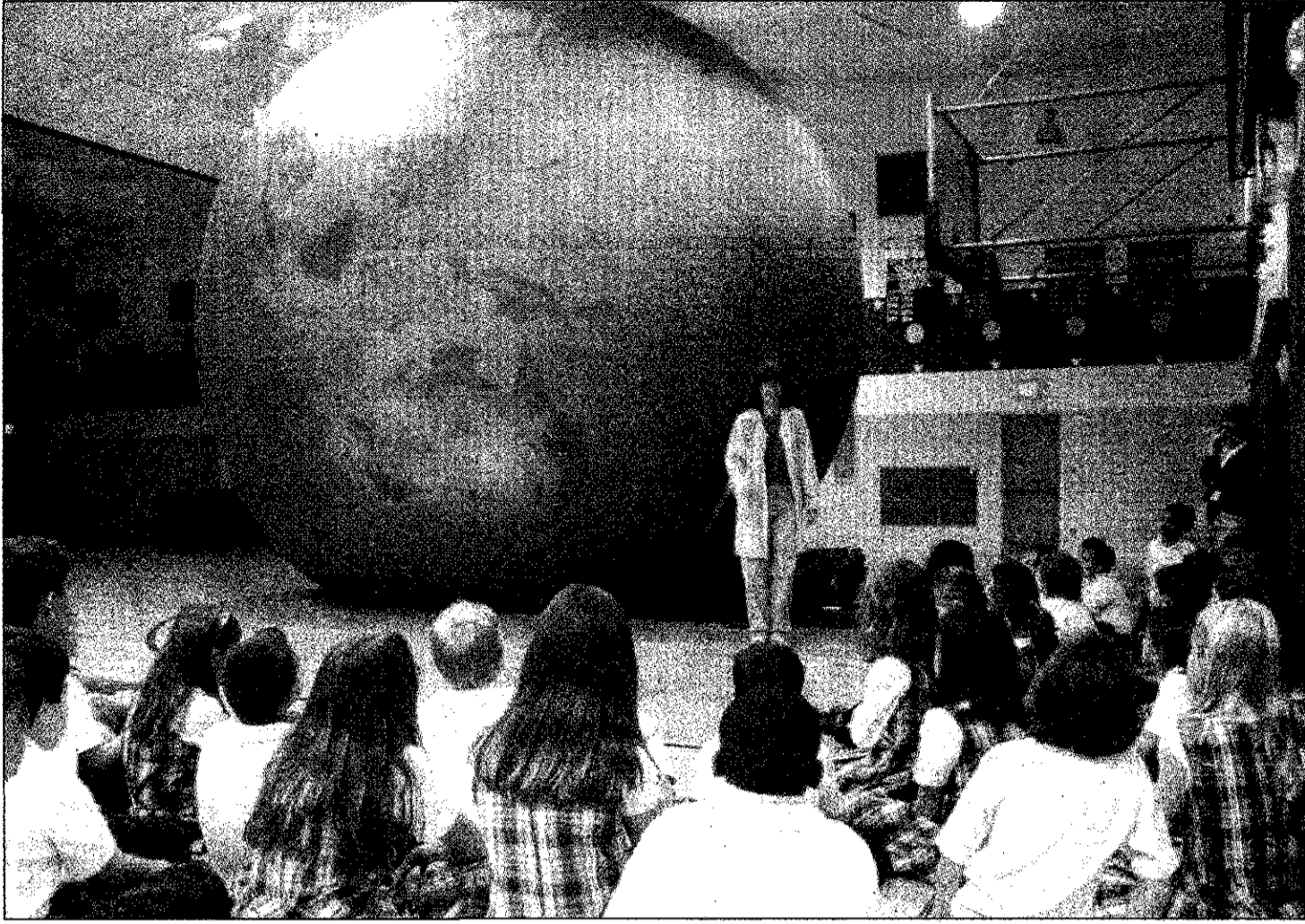
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Earth balloon

Students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School saw the Earth in a new way when Kathleen Day of Mobile Ed Productions brought a 22-by-19-foot inflatable globe to the gymnasium. Students worked their way around the exterior of the world as Day talked about the continents, oceans, geography and other features depicted in detail through satellite photos. Students and teachers continued discussion inside the Earth Balloon. "Awesome" is how fifth-grader Shelby Yonkus of Harper Woods described the experience. Shown inside the balloon are, from left, fourth-graders Evan Leszczynski of Grosse Pointe Woods, Noah Lucido of St. Clair Shores, Vita Aluia of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Madison Moylan and Deanna Hanley, both of Grosse Pointe Shores.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

B Bldg. in line for asbestos abatement

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Attitudes have changed since the late 1960s when asbestos was used during construction of North High School.

The fibrous material, once a staple of the building industry for its fire-resistant and insulating efficiencies, has become equally notorious in medical

circles as a common cause of lung disease.

Grosse Pointe school board members are overseeing the evaluation of five companies certified to remove asbestos from a section of North, which opened in the fall of 1968.

"The project will take place in the second floor of the B Building," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs. "Work in-

cludes removal of existing ceilings and lights in classrooms and corridors and removal of sprayed-on asbestos-containing fireproofing material above the ceilings."

Building B is three stories tall. The second floor includes the library, which isn't part of the abatement zone. Fenton said areas targeted for work are corridors and interior rooms.

Five firms that applied for the job and their bids are:

- ◆ Lakeshore Engineering Services, \$89,976,
- ◆ Certified Abatement Services, \$122,300,
- ◆ Michigan Mechanical Abatement, \$130,000,
- ◆ Qualified Abatement Services, \$135,000 and
- ◆ Quality Environmental Service, \$156,100.

Fenton recommended low-bidder Lakeshore receive the contract. Board members are likely to make a decision this month.

"We have not worked with Lakeshore, but have checked their references and feel they

can complete the project in a timely manner," Fenton said.

Asbestos fibers irritate the lungs, causing asbestosis. The disease can lead to a thickening and scarring of lung tissue, resulting in diminished lung capacity.

Asbestos sufferers have higher than normal risk of contracting tuberculosis and lung cancer.

Medical experts said it can take 20 years from the time a victim is exposed to the dust and evidence of the disease.

During the 1970s, the dangers of asbestos became known and lead to it being replaced or, when judged effec-

tive, sealed or encased. "The existing sprayed-on fireproofing material is delaminating," Fenton said. "Removal and replacement has become necessary. We're getting rid of the overspray."

Ceilings and lights in the B Building are more than 40 years old. Abatement provides an opportunity for upgrades.

"Ceilings will be replaced under our energy management program guidelines with energy saving fixtures," Fenton said. "Replacement of ceiling lights is a separate bid."

He said lighting costs will be forthcoming.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Roof in works for S Bldg.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

April showers mean May flowers for the Pointes and a leaky roof at South High School.

Water has been found seeping into the science wing off of Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

"The roof is 14 years old," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs.

The wing, built in the 1970s and called the S Building, is a rectangular structure encasing an eight-sided library. Numerous joints, seams, angles and nooks provide possible entry points for rain water and snow melt.

"The source of water penetration is most likely the interior perimeter coping cap and associated flashing," Fenton said.

District administrators recently invited companies to bid on making repairs and improvements to prevent future leaks.

Companies and their bids are:

- ◆ Schena Roofing, \$64,458,
- ◆ Fisher Roofing, \$78,000 and
- ◆ Royal Roofing, \$103,350.

"The project includes replacing shingles at the library and mansard (roof), and replacement of the interior perimeter coping cap," Fenton said.

He said new shingles will match those chosen for the forthcoming swimming pool addition.

Fenton recommended low-bidder Schena for the job. Total project costs would rise to \$78,458 due to \$5,000 architec-

tural fees, engineering costs of \$5,000 and a \$4,000 reserve.

"We're looking at changing the gutter system and coping system to try to make (the building) less susceptible to weather conditions," Fenton

said.

Every roofing project, as with every cloud, has a silver lining.

"The membrane appears to be in good condition and does not need replacement," Fenton said.



PHOTO BY TOMI HEADY

National bee contestant

Jessie Ding, a Parcels Middle School seventh grader, will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., beginning May 30. Upon winning the Parcels Spelling Bee, Ding competed for the Wayne County title. She won her district in March at the Detroit Public Library. In competition with four district winners at Channel 7 studios, she came out on top and was declared champion. "Since that time she has been working hard to prepare herself for the stiff competition and challenging words that await her in Washington," said Dan Bens, Parcels English teacher. "Jessie is the fifth Parcels student in the last seven years to compete in the National Spelling Bee. Two and three years ago, her older brother, Jamie, competed in the bee."

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War vets due their high school diplomas

Military veterans signed up once for their country. Now they can do it for themselves.

Sixty-six years after the fact, Grosse Pointe teenagers who put aside completing high school to win World War II can receive retroactive diplomas.

Permission extends to veterans of the Korean War, in which 110 Grosse Pointers served.

"We would love to reward them with their high school diploma," said Pointe schools Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

The names of 3,443 Grosse Pointe residents who served in World War II appear on a brass plaque in the lobby of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

If Pointe boys were 18 years old upon joining up after the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, they now would be 84, nearly a decade older than the average American male's life expectancy.

"We think it's fitting that the school system and citizens can extend their gratitude and ap-

preciation for veterans through this program," said Teri Carroll, War Memorial community relations director. "They've already given so much that it's nice to give something back."

A recently amended state law allows school districts to issue diplomas to qualified applicants.

"The law permits a World War II veteran who left high school in our district between Dec. 16, 1940 and Dec. 31, 1946 for immediate military service and not subsequently receiving a high school degree to now apply for a diploma," Klein said.

Korean War vets must have left the district between June 27, 1950 and Jan. 31, 1955.

Provisions have been made for veterans killed, during service or among the thousands of World War II vets dying of old age each day.

"Family members may apply on behalf of living or deceased veterans," Klein said. Other criteria are:

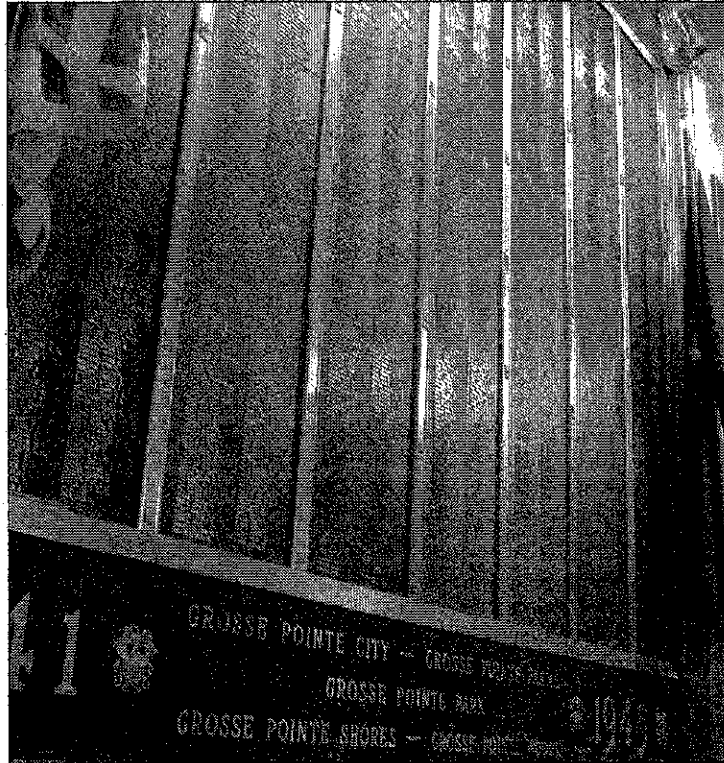


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The names of 3,443 Grosse Pointe residents who served in World War II appear on a brass plaque in the lobby of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

◆ the veteran must be at least 65 years old or have reached age 65 by the date of death,

◆ at the time of enlistment, the veteran must have enrolled in a high school of the district to which the application is made,

◆ the veteran did not subsequently graduate from high school and

◆ the veteran served under honorable conditions during the time frames listed.

Approximately 653,000 Michigan men and women served during World War II; 220,000 served during the Korean War. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 175,000 World War II vets and 125,000 Korean War vets live in Michigan.

An application for diploma to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs must be filled out by the veteran, his or her spouse, brother, sister, children or grandchildren on be-

half of the veteran.

Application requires a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service. Veterans or next of kin may request such records from the National Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO., 63132-5100.

The center recommends submitting the request using Standard Form 180 "Request Pertaining to Military Records," available for downloading from nara.gov/regional/mpr.

Electronic requests can be made at vetrecs.archives.gov.

Grosse Pointe school officials may use their own records to verify dates of the veteran's school enrollment.

Plaques at the War Memorial list 430 Pointe residents who served in Vietnam and 85 veterans of Desert Storm.

"Those numbers don't include the 162 killed in action in all conflicts," Carroll said.

New math texts for grades 7 & 8

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A new series of textbooks has been approved for the district's middle school math curriculum.

Books were recommended based in part on pilot programs conducted by teachers in Grosse Pointe's three middle schools.

Jennifer Schaupter, a Pierce Middle School teacher and math curriculum specialist, said the books come with compact disks and online Internet access.

Schaupter was among 10 teachers who piloted the books as part of a special committee.

Total cost for all the books is \$125,624. New titles are:

◆ Sixth grade — "Mathematics Course 1," published by Holt.

"This book appropriately addresses the new curriculum with little supplementation needed," according to an evaluation by Schaupter and Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum. "The online resources for teachers, parents and students are superb and a particular advantage of this program."

◆ Seventh grade — "Mathematics Course 2," published by Holt.

"Supplementation is needed in the algebra strand for teaching linear functions," according to the evaluation.

◆ Eighth grade — "Pre-Algebra," published by Glencoe, dated 2008.

"Technology is integrated throughout the course," according to the recommendation. "Supplementation is

needed in the algebra strand for teaching non-linear functions. The online resources for teachers, parents and students are suburb and a particular advantage of this program."

Two years ago, a K-12 district mathematics committee was formed to revise the district's math curriculum following new grade level content expectations required by the state.

In March 2006, Pointe school officials approved a new K-8 curriculum for implementation the following September.

Implementation began with textbooks years old because new books on the market hadn't been updated to meet state requirements.

"In order to conserve resources and use funds wisely, supplemental materials were provided, but middle school teachers began the implementation with older books," said Allan.

The search for new books continued as new works were published.

"Extensive research was done to select two series (of books) that had best teaching practices and met Grosse Pointe's new rigorous curriculum," Allan said. "Teachers involved in writing the curriculum helped choose the books to pilot."

Piloting took place during the second and third quarters of the academic year.

"Feedback was gathered throughout the pilot period through online surveys, e-mail and meetings," Allan said. "All pilot teachers met to discuss their experiences from the different companies."

GROSSE POINTE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Represented at Kazoo festival

Four Grosse Pointe North High School students participated recently in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University.

The students, all from Grosse Pointe Woods are:

◆ Teddy Bratton, son of Ted and Suzette Bratton;

◆ Martin Brosnan, son of Martin and Lynn Brosnan;

◆ Ed Grumeretz, son of Stan and Christine Grumeretz; and

◆ Laila Hamdan, daughter of Laura Dewey and Suleiman Hamdan.

Bratton and Brosnan were selected to attend the festival based on their participation in honors orchestra.

Grumeretz and Hamdan were selected based on their

participation in honors band.

More than 250,00 students from across Michigan are involved in the adjudication process which results in nearly 1,000 being invited to participate in the festival.

While at the festival, students shared their talents with peers and the public through performances and exhibitions. In addition, students attended rehearsals, workshops and master classes presented by working professionals in the arts.

"The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is an extraordinary experience that showcases young artists with exceptional talents," said Lora Frankel, festival chair.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Pauline I. Anderson

Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Pauline I. Anderson, 80, died Monday, May 28, 2007, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born Nov. 5, 1926, to Axel and Elizabeth Nielsen. She earned her nursing degree from the University of Michigan in 1948 and worked as a nurse at St. John Hospital prior to having children.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of Christ the King Church and the Grosse Pointe Women's Guild. She was an avid bridge player who enjoyed going to the theater, gardening and bird watching. She was also a bowler and tennis player.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Kinder; sons, Daniel (Dianne), Mark (Sandra) and Michael; grandchild, Ian (Paula) Kinder; great-grandchild, Dakota Kinder; siblings, Dorothy Knudsen, Will (Maxine) Nielson and Mary (William) Babcock; and sister-in-law, Joan Barnett.

She was predeceased by her husband, Wayne S. Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson will be interred at West Point next to her husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Ruth Marie Brabb

Former resident of Grosse Pointe Park and City, Marie Brabb, 73, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

She resided in Gaylord for the last 26 years. She was born July 19, 1933, in Detroit and attended Michigan State University.

Mrs. Brabb participated in many charitable organizations. She helped in the founding of the Northeastern Guidance Center.

She held numerous positions on the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts, a tri-county organization. She and her longtime companion, Anthony J. Morse, were editors for 12 years of the Art Source Publication which was the literary arm of the art council.

Mr. Morse quotes William Butler Yeats to express his dedication to Mrs. Brabb, "But one man loved the Pilgrim soul in you."

She is survived by four sons, John (Pam), Robert (Heidi), Brian (Monica), James (Adrian); and eleven grandchildren.

A memorial reception will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 31, at 8 Radnor Circle,

Emma Pedlow Hutchinson

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Emma Louise Pedlow Hutchinson, 99, of West Liberty, Ohio, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at Mary Rutan Hospital in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

She was born May 13, 1908, in Detroit to Llewellyn Albert and Bessie Lee Vann Pedlow. She was a graduate of Detroit Teachers College and Wayne State University.

She married Martin B. Hutchinson on April 22, 1935, in Detroit.

Mrs. Hutchinson taught elementary school for many years in Detroit Public Schools. She moved from Grosse Pointe to West Liberty in 2004.

She was active in the community as a member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. After her retirement, Mrs. Hutchinson volunteered for many different organizations in Grosse Pointe.

She is survived by her son, Martin (Judy) Hutchinson of Santa Clara, Calif.; daughter, Jean (Bruce) Bowling of DeGraff, Ohio; sister, Elizabeth Snodgrass; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Martin B. Hutchinson, who died in 2001; and her brother, Edward Pedlow.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 29, in Bellefontaine.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Church of God, 1000 E. Brown St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Express condolences online at eichholtzfuneralhome.com.

Lucy C. Jost

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Lucy C. Jost, 86, died Saturday, May 26, 2007, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

She was born Nov. 18, 1920, in Detroit, to Chester and Stella Kowelwski.

Mrs. Jost was employed in retail sales prior to her retirement.

She was member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. She was fond of classical music, and enjoyed watching shows and attending concerts.

She is survived by her daughter, Diana (Douglas) Barbier; son, Roger Jost; grandchildren, Stephen, Geoffrey and Jessica; and her

sister, Adeline Craig.

She was predeceased by her husband, Louis Jost.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 31, and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 1, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment will be at Fort Custer next to her husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Attn: Gift Processing, Cincinnati, OH 45245-0301, or the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars, 924 N. Washington, Lansing, MI 48906.

Kathleen McKnight

Kathleen Margaret McKnight, 93, died Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born Jan. 19, 1914 to Patrick and Margaret McKnight and was a lifelong resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.

She was a graduate of the class of 1932 from St. Paul High School in Grosse Pointe Farms and attended Marygrove College. She retired from General Motors Corp. Chevrolet Division in 1982. She was also a lifelong member of St. Paul Catholic Church.

Ms. McKnight was a vibrant and active woman who lived independently and drove herself around the community until the time of her death. She was an avid collector of antique china and works of art. In recent years, when her health required she walk with a cane, she enjoyed strolling through and sitting in the Village, an area she had lived near and enjoyed all of her 93 years.

She closely followed current events and had a keen interest in politics with a strong allegiance to the Democratic Party dating back to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Ms. McKnight is survived by her cousins, Mary Alice Melvin (Edward) Higbee, and Sr. Sarah, O.P., John (Kathleen), Joseph (Nancy), Michael (Alice), Susanne and Patrick Cavanaugh.

A private memorial service and interment will be held at a later date at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Robert H. Opdyke

Robert Henry Opdyke, 84, of Lewiston, passed away Friday, Feb. 10, 2007, from heart surgery complications.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1922, in Pontiac, to Eli Baker and Sybella (nee Feldpaush) Opdyke and grew up in Detroit. He lived in the Lewiston area for the last three years, having moved from Englewood, Fla. Before his retirement, he was a custom builder and real estate broker in Grosse Pointe Woods and Beca Raton, Fla.

Mr. Opdyke graduated in 1944 from the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He was a proud



Pauline I. Anderson



Leta Parsons



Genevieve M. Winckler

veteran who served as a naval officer and ship commander during World War II.

Mr. Opdyke and his wife of 60 years, Rita, raised four children in Grosse Pointe Woods. He was proud that two of his grandchildren graduated as valedictorians from Grosse Pointe North High School.

He is survived by his wife, Rita (nee Hafeli) Opdyke; daughters, Janet Opdyke of Lewiston, Marilyn Opdyke (Robert Currie) of Troy and Christine (John) Willig of Cincinnati; and seven grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his son, William Opdyke, who was a dentist in Grosse Pointe.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 3, at the Marriott Centerpoint in Pontiac, just off Opdyke Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oscoda County Council on Aging.

Ann Oram

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ann Oram, 99, died Monday, May 21, 2007, at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Oram was an active member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church where she once served as president of the Ladies Altar Society.

Among her interests, she was particularly fond of gardening.

She is survived by her children, Dorothy (Leonard) Tozer, Gerry (Douglas) Beaupre and Betty Magee; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Paul (Jean) Soley, Michael (Virginia) Soley, Margaret Pavolich and Mary Yurko.

She was predeceased by her husband, Paul Oram.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, May 25, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bon Secours

Leta Parsons

Leta (nee Tisdale) Parsons, 93, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, in Topsfield, Mass.

She was born and raised in Detroit. She lived in Grosse Pointe for 55 years before moving to Massachusetts in 2001. She was married to Montgomery H. Parsons.

Mrs. Parsons retired from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in 1968.

She was affectionately referred to as "Mother Goose" or "Goose" by her many young friends. She was very devoted to her grandchildren.

Mrs. Parsons is survived by her children, Montgomery H. Parsons Jr. of Marshall, and Abigail (Boyd) Jackson, of Topsfield; grandchildren, Tensi Parsons, Charles Jackson and Stephen (Brooke) Jackson; and two great-grandchildren, Keenan and Devin.

She was predeceased by her husband, Montgomery H. Parsons.

Genevieve M. Winckler

Genevieve M. Winckler, of St. Clair Shores, died Saturday, May 26, 2007, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born in Detroit to Charles C. and Francis (nee Jacques) Goddeeris and attended St. Ambrose High School in Detroit.

Mrs. Winckler was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club Seagulls, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, and Questers Society. She was a volunteer for Bon



Robert H. Opdyke

Secours Beacon Society, the Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center and Michigan League for Crippled Children. She was involved with the League of Catholic Women and St. Paul Altar Society.

She was an avid reader and artist who enjoyed charcoal drawing and making ceramics. She was fond of gardening and was passionate about tending to her beloved orchids.

She is survived by her daughters, Ellen W. Wakefield and Barbara Winckler; grandchildren, S. Chace (Elizabeth) Wakefield and Arianna W. Reich; and sisters, Elaine (Roger) Blackburn and Judy (Walter) Frisby.

She was predeceased by first husband, Robert G. Winckler; second husband, Gayle Goodenough; sisters, Marie Goddeeris, Virginia Smith, Patricia Ann Klein and Dolores Park; and brothers, Harold and James Goddeeris.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, June 1, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be at the church's columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to Father Solanus Guild, Capuchin Monastery, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meet Central's architects

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

As part of its agreement with the Grosse Pointe Public Library, the team of designLAB

architects/DiClemente Siegel Design Inc. will meet with the library's building committee, public officials and members of the public concerning the renovations of the Marcel Breuer designed Central

branch.

Lead architect Bob Miklos of designLab and his team will attend the building committee's meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Committee chairperson Ed Frederjckson encourages all residents to attend the meeting.

"This will be our first opportunity to get acquainted with


the architect," he said. "All are invited to come and get involved."

The architects stated in their Request for Qualifications proposal that community involvement is key to a successful design.

"We believe the best way to build an effective dialogue is a design process that is organized around a series of design workshops involving key stockholders in the project."



The trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library are inviting the public to meet the newly hired team of designLAB architects/DiClemente Siegel to discuss ideas for renovating the Central branch. In 2005, designLAB enhanced Lafayette College's Skillman Library, above.



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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe Limited is a stylish, refined crossover with class-leading safety, versatility and quality. It's an upscale and sleek alternative to conventional compact and mid-size SUVs.

The all-new Hyundai Santa Fe Limited



This week, we're driving another all-new vehicle from Hyundai, and it's built right here in the United States. We're talking about the 2007 Santa Fe SUV, available in both 2WD and AWD formats with fresh styling and attractive pricing — base price: \$25,945; price as tested: \$27,090.

The styling reminds us of Infiniti FX with a touch of Volvo up front, and some VW Touareg at the rear. Overall, it's much nicer than the first generation.

Santa Fe's seven-inch increase in overall length coupled with a three-inch wider stance allows, for the first time, an optional third row of seating to better compete against the likes of Honda Pilot and Toyota Highlander. Granted, these third row seats are always tight for adults, but kids love them and manufacturer "availability" is sometimes more important than actual function.

Over the years, Hyundai has become a manufacturer that installs all air bags as standard equipment. You won't have to pay extra for dual advanced front air bags, front seat-mounted side-impact air bags and roof-mounted side-curtain air bags. The result is NHTSA five-star ratings for side impact and four-star on rollovers. Take a bow, Hyundai.

Standard fare are tire pressure monitors and electronic stability control, the latter an active safety system that applies braking to individual wheels and adjusts throttle as needed to help keep the vehicle

on its intended path. As for the brakes, full four-wheel disc ABS technology is built into each and every Santa Fe, as is traction control.

As expected, Santa Fe's interior is more sophisticated than last year, offering additional room in all areas. All gauges are clearly visible and controls easy to reach. We had no problem entering or exiting both front and rear seating areas.

Under the hood sits an all-aluminum and fuel-efficient 3.3-liter Double Overhead Cam V-6 engine that pumps out 242 horsepower and 226 pound-feet of torque. A 5-speed electronic automatic transmission transfers power to the front wheels, and fuel mileage numbers of 19 city and 24 highway are good for a vehicle that weighs 3,864 pounds. (Our tester came in 2WD dress.)

Santa Fe's base price includes its famous 100,000 mile, 10-year powertrain warranty, roof rack with adjustable rails, automatic air conditioning, all the powers, tilt-and-telescopic steering, cruise, keyless entry, windshield wiper deicer, privacy glass, heated outside mirrors and a fine sounding AM/FM/XM/CD/MP3-compatible audio system with six speakers.

The Limited model upgrades to leather seating, 18-inch six spoke alloy wheels with P235/60R18 tires, dual exhaust outlets, rear spoiler, power driver seat with power lumbar and heated front seats.

Options on our tester included power tilt-and-slide glass sunroof with sliding sunshade for \$950, floor mats for \$95 and a rear cargo screen for \$100.

For more adventurous consumers or simply added traction when you need it, Santa Fe offers an available Borg Warner All Wheel Drive system that gives the driver traction at all fours.



PHOTO BY WIECK MEDIA

The all-new 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe.

Driving Santa Fe is impressive, as the V6 offers up good acceleration and excellent passing ability. In cornering, new four-wheel independent suspension platform mechanicals surface to provide an overall car-like ride, providing comfort and quietness. Overall, I'd rate our 2WD Santa Fe more on the softer side, suspension wise, than some of the competing models and expect the AWD to be stiffer.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.3 inches, 3,846-pound curb weight, 19.8 gallon fuel tank, and up to 78.2 cubic-feet of cargo space with seats down. An entry-level Santa Fe 2WD starts at just \$21,045 with a smaller V6, so there's a lot of room for those shopping on a budget.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Hyundai selling cars in America. Hyundai

moved construction of the new Santa Fe to its new assembly plant in Montgomery, Ala., where the popular Sonata is built.

Thus, based on the Hyundai we've already driven this year (Santa Fe and Elantra), the company is here to stay and the birthday party should be a cheerful one.

We rate Santa Fe a 9.5 on a scale of one to 10. Yes, it's that good a value.

Likes: Style, price, comfort, power, warranty, safety.

Dislikes: Steering just a bit light.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Toyota beefs up Tundra



Setting its sights on a larger slice of the U.S. full-size pickup market, Toyota this spring introduced its all-new Tundra to go up against the likes of Chevrolet's Silverado, Ford's F-150 and the Dodge Ram.

Built at the recently completed Toyota plant in San Antonio, the Tundra pictured features a 4x4 drive system, a 381-horsepower V-8 with six-speed automatic transmission and a four-door cab with seating for five. With a base price of \$31,160, optional equipment including a \$1,400 off-road package with specially tuned suspension, 18-inch wheels and front two hook plus a back-up camera with small monitor just below the rearview mirror, pushed the fi-

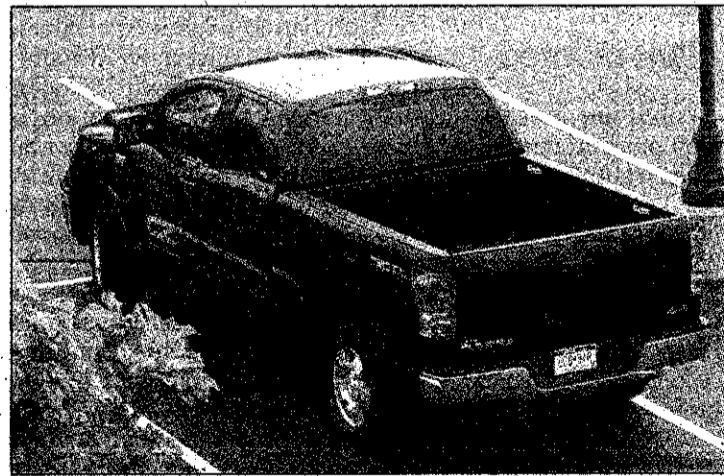
nal price to \$35,700.

In spite of its overall size and high climb-in height, the new Tundra is surprisingly driver-friendly. Visibility is better than in some so-called family vehicles. The transmission is very smooth and refined.

Backing up and performing other parking lot maneuvers is made safer with the picture displayed on the small monitor, huge outside mirrors and a decent turning radius. This vehicle averages 14 miles per gallon

in the city and 18 mpg on the highway.

It got a thumbs-up from Rick Strasz over at the Blue Pointe restaurant in Detroit on a recent Tuesday evening. He said customers recognized it as something different and had wandered over for a closer look. Strasz, who supervises the restaurant's parking lot, commented on the practical sizes of dials on the instrument panel. No dainty little buttons here.



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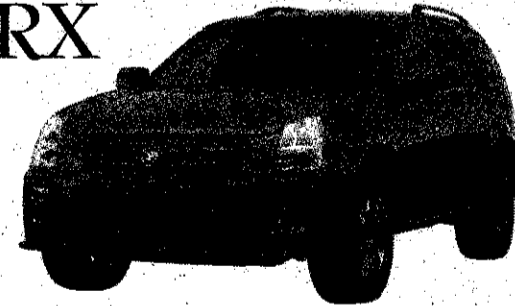
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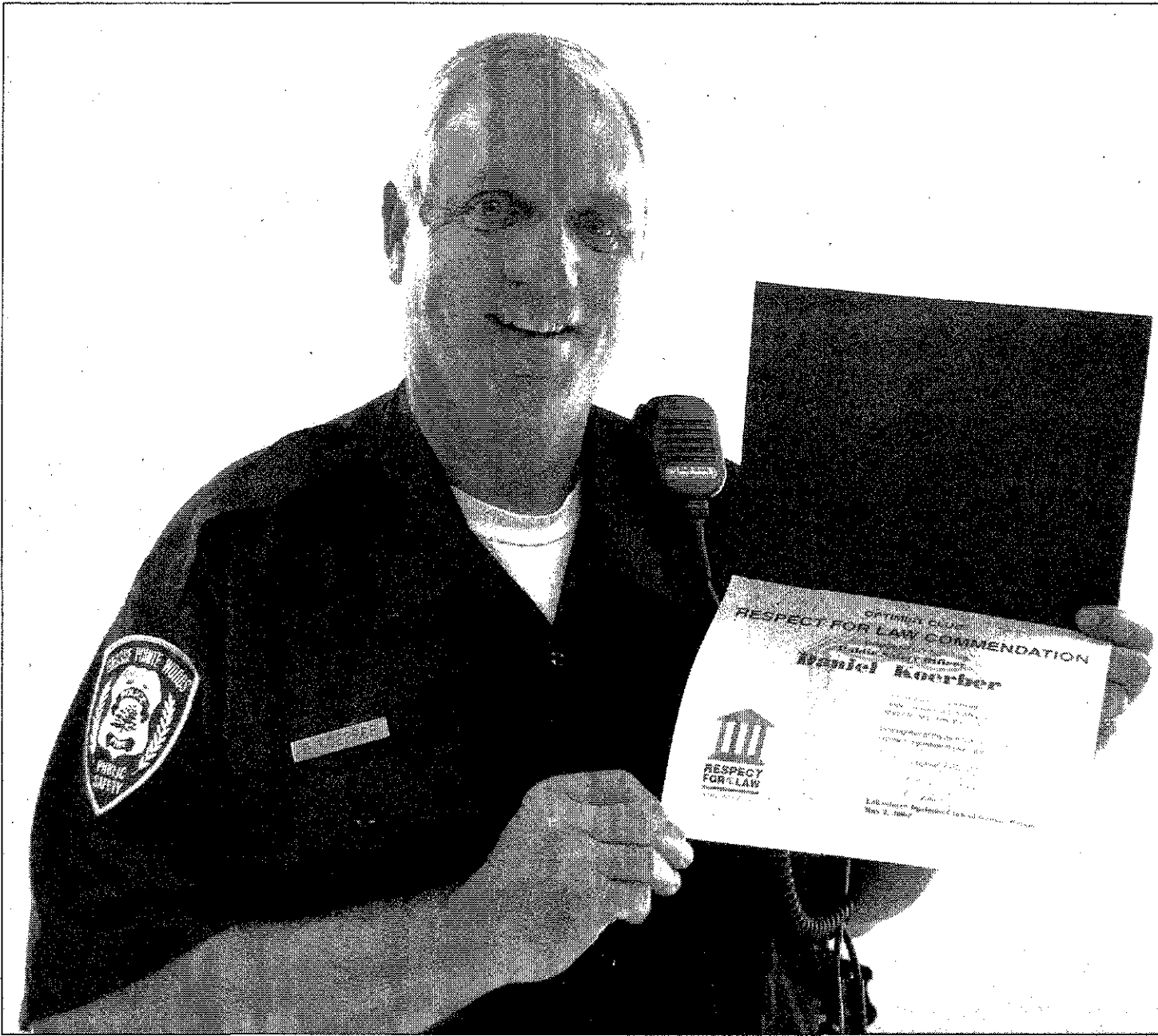


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Dan the man

Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety Officer Daniel Koerber, above, was honored at the May 2 Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe's 2007 Respect for Law Program. Koerber, a 24-year veteran of the department, was nominated for his exemplary performance during his tenure with the detective bureau and for his work as a youth officer.

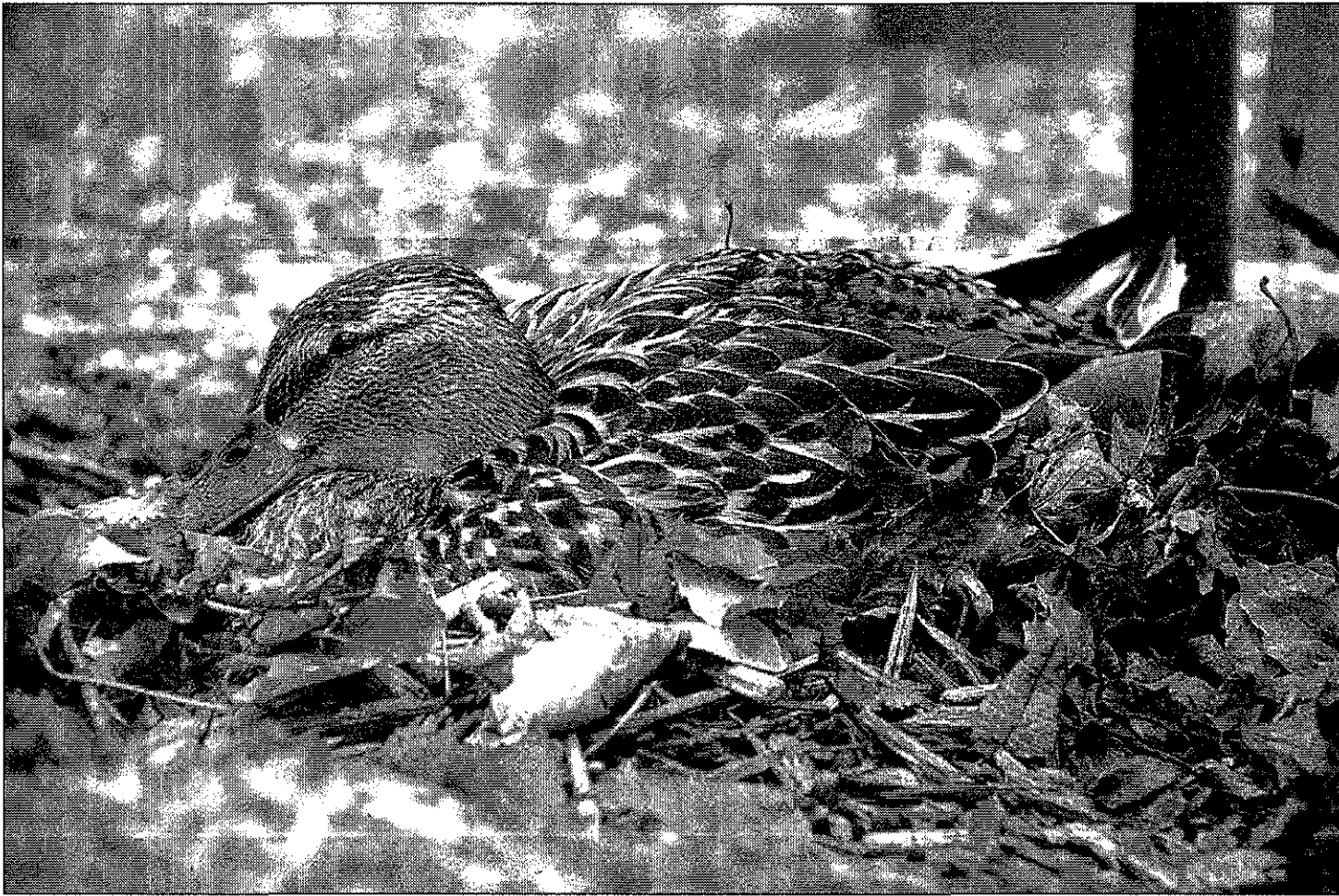


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Mamma duck

Also taking part in Grosse Pointe Park's May 19 party celebrating the city's 100th birthday was this female duck, above. She was chilling out, keeping her eggs warm, and enjoying the festivities at Windmill Pointe Park. Her eggs hatched that night with residents urging them on. The happy family of the mother, father and eight chicks were last seen in the harbor heading to a new home. Park resident Kelly Ratsch helped rescue the family and said the family is, "Doing well."

G.P. WOODS

Ice cream vendors approved

Children in Grosse Pointe Woods will now see two vendors drive slowly through their neighborhoods selling ice cream this summer.

Sterling Heights' Lori Ann Romanik, who performed the duties a year ago, is now joined by Detroit's Sharon Moore. Both are employed by C.K. Corporation of Center Line.

C.K. Corporation has had a contract with the Woods since 2000.

The sound of the ice cream truck will signal kids to come running for ice cream that comes in all flavors, shapes and sizes.

Fudge bars and more will be sold by Romanik and Moore.

—Bob St. John

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PLANNING COMMISSION
 MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2007 - 7:00pm
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RETAIL USE SPECIAL USE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider the Special Use Application for a permitted retail use that is over 5,000 square feet located at 17014 Kercheval.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-298 Permitted Uses after Special Approval, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance which allows retail uses over 5,000 square feet in the central business district subject to special use approval.

The following specifications are proposed for the project:

1. Project Type: Retail use approximately 5,510 square feet
2. Current Zoning: C-2, Central Business District
3. Total Parcel Size: Less than one acre
4. The applicant is requesting special use approval for a retail space located at 17014 Kercheval.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the Building Dept. at City Hall during regular business hours Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5 pm, Telephone 313-885-5800.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on June 14, 2007.

GPN: 5/31/2007

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Budget OK'd

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park's 2007-08 budget was unanimously passed during Monday night's city council meeting.

"The finances of this city is the job of our city clerk/treasurer and she did a wonderful job getting this budget put together," Mayor Palmer Heenan said.

"The budget hasn't changed from last year, which will help maintain all aspects of the city," City Manager Dale Krajniak said.

Councilmembers and Heenan passed three resolutions that compose the budget.

Resolution No. 1 established a millage rate for general operating purposes of 11.47; 1.72 for rubbish disposal; .0806 for communication fees; and .446 for the bond issue.

Resolution No. 2 created a special assessment roll for delinquent water and miscellaneous items to be added to the property tax bills. A breakdown of the total is \$163,077.33 for water bills, \$3,088.90 for miscellaneous items and \$3,267.51 for sidewalk repair payments.

Resolution No. 3 adopted the

city's revenue sources.

Revenue sources of \$10,267,578 were generated from property taxes, licenses, state shared revenues, charges for services, fines and forfeits, interest and rents and miscellaneous revenues.

The city paid out \$10,267,461 in appropriations to city council, judicial, city manager, public service, elections, financial administration, city clerk, public safety, public works, tree maintenance, garage, parks, recreation, fitness/activity center, planning and beautification, justice training fund and transfers to other funds.

The budget breakdown gave appropriations to the major street fund (\$820,483), local street fund (\$615,400), garbage and rubbish collection (\$1,238,100), building department (\$92,400), downtown development authority fund (\$32,100), tax increment financing fund (\$866,980), drug law enforcement fund (\$6,300), block grant fund (\$95,000), debt service fund (\$566,800), building authority debt fund (\$183,550), capital improvement fund (\$682,400), water and sewer fund (\$4,561,569) and marina fund (\$256,300).

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Unpaid bills added

Unpaid water bills totaling \$6,328.41 will be added to summer tax bills for more than a dozen Grosse Pointe Woods residents.

This measure was approved by city councilmembers.

The highest bill is \$1,306.82

and the lowest is \$59.40.

Betty Meli, city water utility systems manager, billed each residence several times and attempted to work with the property owner to resolve the issue.

—Bob St. John

THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A provision of the Michigan School Laws requires all K-12 school districts to provide breakfast programs unless the district provided less than 20% of its lunches at free or reduced rates at any of its schools during the prior school year. In that event, the District may opt not to offer a breakfast program, but it is first required to conduct a public hearing which seeks input from parents and pupils on the issue.

The Superintendent of Schools will be recommending that the Grosse Pointe Public School System not provide a breakfast program except at Poupard Elementary where the free and reduced lunch is 24.8%. The reason is that it would be cost prohibitive due to the small number of participants and would require local tax dollars to supplement such a program in the other schools.

Therefore, the required public hearing will be held on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 8:00 p.m., as a part of the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting will be held at the Grosse Pointe North Library Media Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. All parents, students and other interested citizens are welcome to attend.

Christian A. Fenton
Assistant Superintendent for
Business and Support Services
Acting on Behalf of the Board of Education Secretary

G.P.N.: 05/31/2007

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

POST ADOPTION NOTICE Public Notice Ordinance No. 373

Please take notice that the City of Grosse Pointe has adopted the following ordinance:

The City of Grosse Pointe ordains:

1. That Section 78-143 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe is hereby amended to read as follows:

78-143 - Water and Sewer Rates. Charges for water service to each premises within the City connected with the water supply system, and charges for sewage disposal service to each premises within the City having any sewer connection with the public sewers, for each quarterly (3 months) period, shall be as follows for bills issued covering the period beginning July 1, 2007 and thereafter.

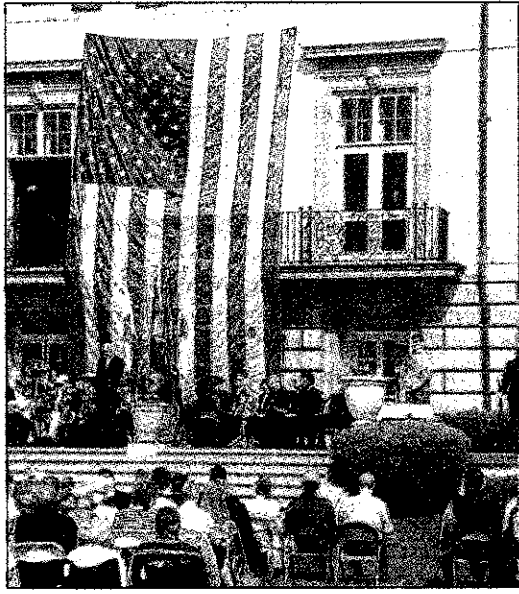
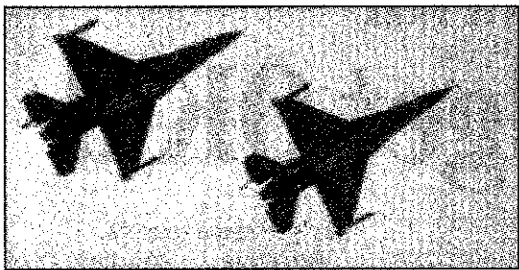
For water and sewer used, a rate of \$53.50 per thousand cubic feet for all customers.

A minimum combined water/sewerage service charge of 1,300 cubic feet of water consumed per quarter shall be made per dwelling unit or non-residential unit. For water and sewer used for non-residential customers, a quarterly surcharge equivalent to three months charges from City of Detroit for Industrial Waste Control meter charges as established from time to time by the City of Detroit, Michigan Water and Sewerage Department.

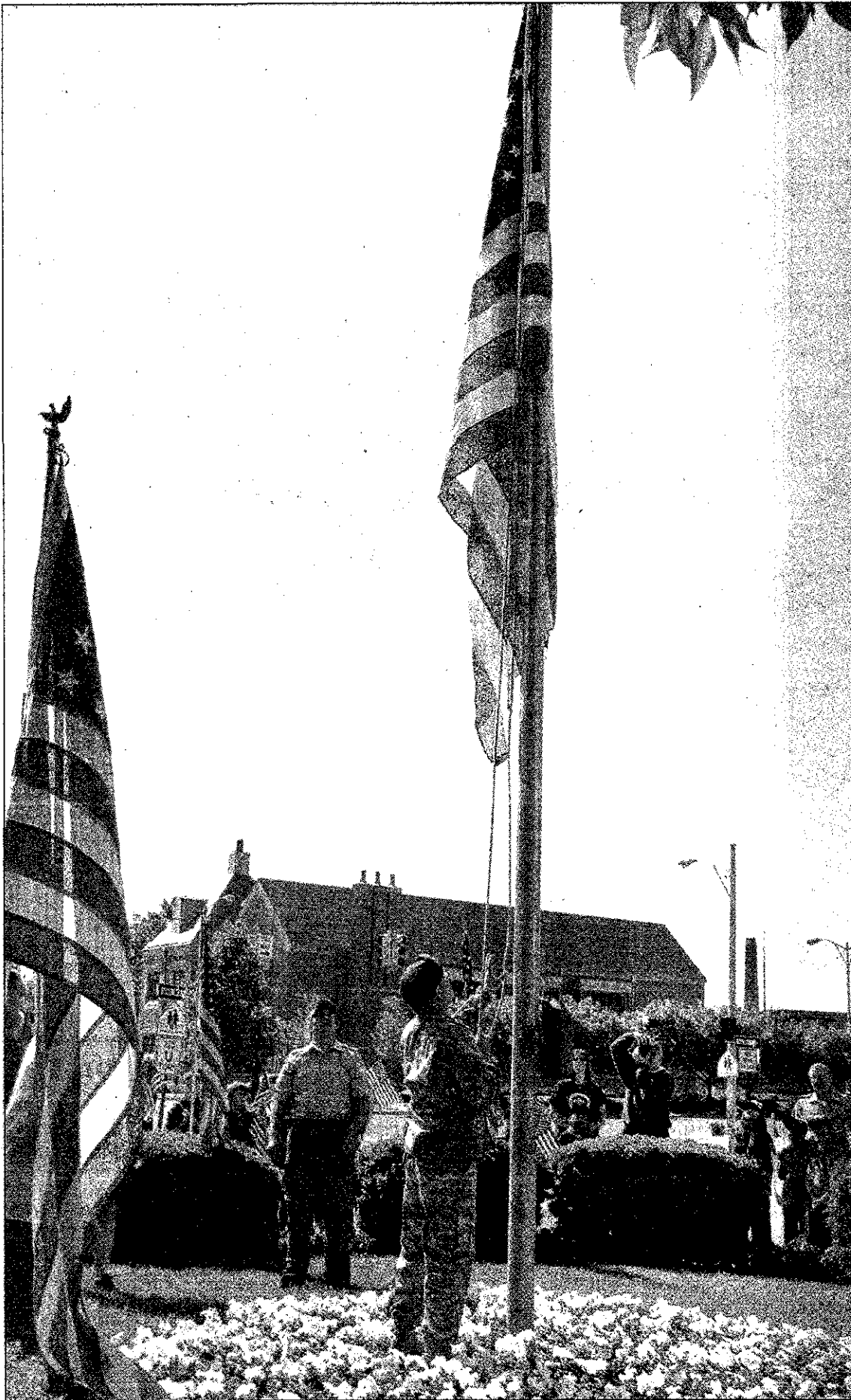
This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication of this notice. If you have any questions regarding this ordinance, please contact City Hall, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, 313-885-5800, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm.

G.P.N.: 05/31/07

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk



Top, airman from Selfridge Air National Guard Base flew over Memorial Day observance at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Monday, May 28. Center, dignitaries addressed the well-attended Memorial Day observance. With the backdrop of the American flag, they spoke of patriotism and shared freedoms. Bottom, the Grosse Pointe Children's choir sang "Can You Hear."



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PHOTO BY KERRY PYTEL

Grosse Pointe Woods' Circle of Honor, above and at left, was the location for the city's annual Memorial Day ceremonies held Monday, May 28, honoring the men and women who served and are serving in the military.

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They don't wear vests, nor do they have slicked down hair. The **Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus** thrives on close four-part harmony, understandable lyrics and good times.

Barbershop quaint

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

Barbershop quartet.
The phrase conjures up a visual: four men in red and white striped jackets, singing together, without accompaniment. Handlebar mustaches. Slicked-down hair, parted in the middle.
They present old favorites — "Lida Rose," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" or "Sweet Adeline."

The harmony is four-part and tight — barely an octave separates tenor and bass.

The lyrics are clearly enunciated and understandable. They favor dominant seventh chords.

And the four colorfully dressed gentlemen always — always — seem to be having a wonderful time.

Grosse Pointe's Lakeshore Chorus is made up of nearly 100 men from the Grosse



See SINGERS, page 2B The Lakeshore Chorus, a group of men dedicated to barbershop style singing, meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Neighborhood Club.

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SINGERS: Their hobby is a passion shared

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Pointes and surrounding areas. Except for the handlebar mustaches and slicked-down hair, they fit the visual. They meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club to practice this special brand of four-part harmony.

"We DO have a wonderful time," said Steve Pauling, musical director of the chorus.

"One of my pet peeves is that we have become a society that doesn't make its own music anymore," Pauling said. Today's music comes from TVs and radios and DVDs and CDs, and the Internet and iPods and movies and cell phones and more.

"But people getting together and making their own music — well, that's a precious thing."

Five quartets and another singing group have spun off the Lakeshore Chorus. Barbershop quartets seem to get names that are clever tongue-in-cheek plays on words.

It must be part of the having a wonderful time idea.

The five quartets are The Silverdomes (Pauling described these four singers as three guys with gray hair and one bald guy whose hair would be gray if he had any), In the Neighborhood, Identity Crisis, the Good News Singers and Fermata Nowhere. A fermata, Pauling explained, is a musical notation that looks like a bird's eye. It tells the performer to hold a note longer than the normal count.

Yet another group of retired men, members of Lakeshore Chorus, call themselves the Good News Singers. They practice in the afternoon. The Good News Singers quartet is made up of four singers from this group.

In April, in Traverse City, Fermata Nowhere won the chance to represent Michigan at the international convention this summer in Denver. Lakeshore Chorus took a fourth place at the Traverse City competition.

All the men are part of SPEBSQSA — pronounced exactly as it looks. It stands for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing Quartets in America. The society was



Nearly 100 men are members of the Lakeshore Chorus. The average age of the group is 70, but they would welcome new singers of any age. Here, they warm up their vocal cords at a Tuesday practice session.

first organized during the Depression, a time period well-known for its acronyms. Pauling said he likes the acronym, but sometimes it has to be sacrificed for clarity. "We also do business as the Barbershop Harmony Society," he said.

Pauling has a degree in music from Valparaiso University. He is a database programmer for Ford Motor Co.

"Is (singing) my hobby or my lifestyle? You can't make a living doing this," he said. "Anyway, barbershoppers take pride in their amateur roots."

Russ Seely is the oldest continuous member of the chorus. He's been part of the organization for 54 years.

His current title is director emeritus. "We want to preserve this kind of music," he said, "and it's a real challenge. Membership in SPEBSQSA is down, nationally."

"A whole range of ages sing (barbershop)," said Harold Ruttan, vice president, membership, for the Lakeshore Chorus. "We want new members. Sometimes people will say, 'I can't sing,' or 'I can't read music,' or 'I'm not up to your standards' or 'I'm not a musician.' Most of us started that way."

"We teach as we go," Pauling said.

The group's average age is 70, but Pauling emphasized the desire to find new singers of all ages. "We don't care

what you do for a living either — whether you are a sanitation engineer or president of a company. Our only question for a new member is 'What part do you sing?'"

Al Montag, president of the Lakeshore Chorus, said that the international competition for quartets and choruses in Denver will include groups from all over the world.

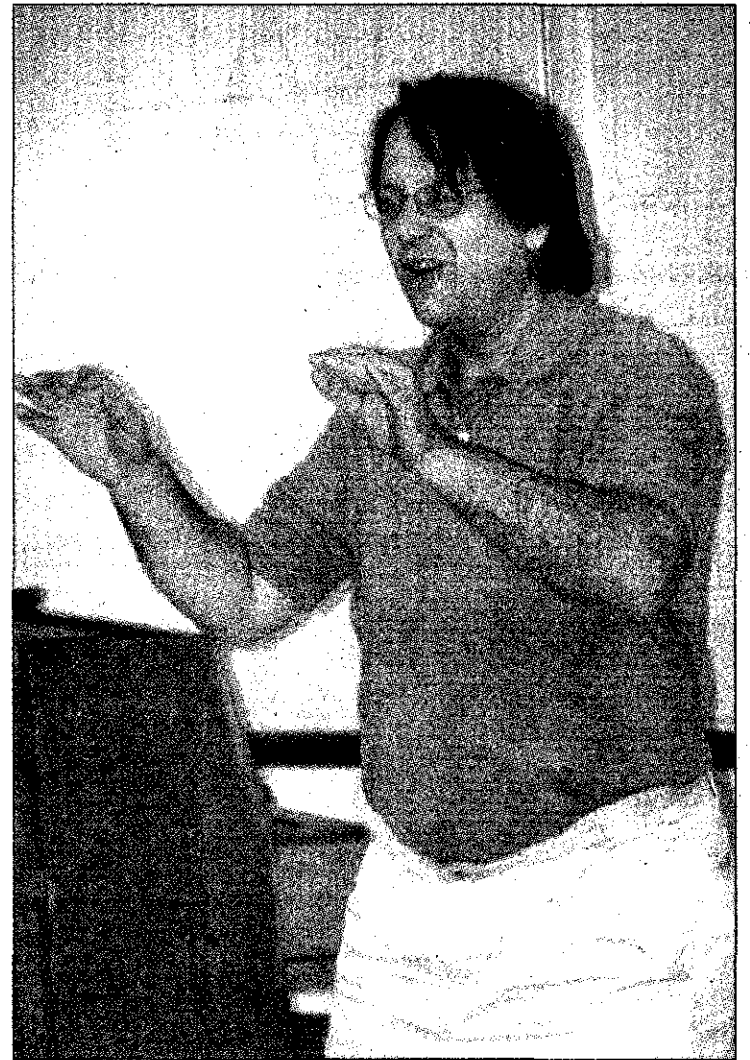
"We'll hear groups from England, New Zealand, Australia, Sweden, South Africa and more," he said.

The group from South Africa is a good example of barbershoppers' penchant for

clever acronyms. "They call themselves the SPATS," Montag said. "It stands for Southern Part of Africa's Tonsorial Singers."

The Lakeshore Chorus plans two concerts a year, one in September at Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores, and the other during the Christmas season at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The Christmas event is usually a sellout, Seely said.

The chorus and the quartets also lend their talents to a variety of charitable events throughout the year. One favorite beneficiary is the Holley



PHOTOS BY MARGIE REINS SMITH

Steve Pauling is the musical director of the Lakeshore Chorus. He has a degree in music, but he works as a database programmer. Barbershop music is his hobby.

Ear Institute; the other is Kids on the Run.

During the Christmas season, the singers tour local nursing homes.

"We are well received," Ruttan said. "It's a joy to share our passion and our hobby."

"When a barbershop quartet hits a chord correctly," Montag added, "the hair on your arms should stand up."

For more information about

the Lakeshore Chorus and barbershop quartets affiliated with the chorus, call (313) 881-9345; (313) 720-3931, or visit gpsingers.com or barbershopharmonysociety.com.

Director Emeritus Seely remembers that someone once described how important it is for people to gather and make their own music. "If you're too busy to sing," Seely said, "you're too busy."

45th used book sale collections begin

Looking for a way to recycle your used books?

The Grosse Pointe Branch of the American Association of University Women needs your books for its 45th Annual Used Book Sale. A barrel located at the Kroger store on Marter Road at Jefferson in St. Clair Shores will be in place until July 15 for donations of a bag or two of your used books.

Call (586) 296-4449 for home pickup of larger amounts of books. Paperback and hardcover fiction, nonfiction and large-print books are wanted. CDs, videos, DVDs and audio tapes are also needed. Not ac-

cepted are "Reader's Digest" condensed books, encyclopedias dated before 1995, old text books and magazines.

The annual sale will be held September 19 through 22, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza between Moross and Vernier. The sale will offer about 30,000 volumes sorted into 30 different categories of fiction and non-fiction, as well as rare books, autographed books and assorted collectors' items usually managed in silent auction style.

Again this year there are three chairpersons for this

event. They are Joanne Mualem of Grosse Pointe Woods, Sally Vogel of St. Clair Shores and Margaret Alber of Grosse Pointe Farms. As in the past, proceeds from the sale will provide scholarships for students to attend local colleges and universities.

The Grosse Pointe Branch of AAUW is the third largest in the state. Membership is available to those who have a degree from an accredited community college, a four-year college or university, a specialized two year program (e.g. dental hygiene, nursing), or to those who hold a degree from a for-

ign institution recognized by the International Federation of University Women with which AAUW is affiliated. The branch has about 200 members from the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Detroit, St. Clair Shores and elsewhere in Macomb and Oakland Counties. Co-Presidents of the Grosse Pointe Branch for 2007-2008 are Carolyn Barth of Grosse Pointe Woods and Myrt Everett of St. Clair Shores.

For more information about membership, write to gpaauw@yahoo.com or P.O.Box 36089, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, 48236.

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Neighbors helping women be who they are

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe women, like women everywhere, encounter hard choices in their adult lives. The balance between working and being a mother vexes and challenges.

Some commit solely to motherhood; some work full or part time depending on their economic situation. The notion of a superwoman emerges which eludes as much as it attracts.

The Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors Club is a woman's social club that both assuages the often cumbersome quality of women's lives and simultaneously celebrates the phenomenal wonder of being a woman. The group offers fun activities and luncheons that provide an amicable setting where friendships blossom.

A sense of community and identity develops as women network with each other, members said.

"The group gives women a break for a couple of hours or once a month," said Friends and Neighbors Past President Rebecca Pappas. "It's a way to meet friends."

Nancy Pilorget, the current president of Friends and Neighbors, has a nuanced view of women and believes the club can nurture women as they make life choices.

Pilorget came of age during the onset of the women's movement when finding a position in male dominated ca-



Nancy Pilorget, right, stands with president-elect Racelle Armada.

reers was paramount and being a mother was less exalted. In recent years, she said she has witnessed the pendulum swing back where being a mother is once again embraced. The vicissitudes of careers and motherhood and joining the two together have become valid choices for women, Pilorget said.

Many women in Friends and

Neighbors have full or part time careers that include marketing specialists, corporation executives, lawyers, doctors, health care workers and journalists. Pilorget appreciates the fact that women have these opportunities. She says they are "talented in many different ways," and recognizes that women have grown in male-dominated industries.

At the same time, she said she extols motherhood. "We're very encouraging of moms. We need great moms."

Education is important for women even if they don't have a career, she said.

"I have always believed that when you educate a mother, you educate the whole family."

One problem with solely being a mother, Pilorget says, is

that women often live through their children.

"If you look at any mom with two or three kids, they lose a sense of self. I think the group reminds them who they've been, who they are and who they will be," she said.

The crux of Pilorget's view of women is each can choose what's right for them as long as it makes them happy and they accept and relish their identity.

To mollify the stress of these choices and celebrate the rewards of being a woman, Friends and Neighbors offers an array of activities for its members. Some participate in a monthly gourmet group, a weekly book club, Discover Detroit in which members sample Detroit restaurants, and monthly luncheons that feature guest speakers. Babysitting is also available.

"I'm involved in the gourmet group. It's one of my favorites," Pappas said. "We rotate houses every month. We share recipes. It's a great way to have an intimate luncheon."

Pilorget, by contrast, favors the general luncheons that are often held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She sees the guest speakers and camaraderie to be the foundation of the group. James Farquhar, Grosse Pointe Farms mayor and owner of Grosse Pointe Florist, and Pat Brinker, the owner of the League Shop, have spoken. Other luncheons have focused on finances and fashions.

Members like President-Elect Racelle Armada like the weekly book club where books

like the "Memory Keeper's Daughter," by Kim Edwards, and the "Incidence in the Life of a Slave Girl," by Harriet Jacob, are discussed.

Pappas, Pilorget and Armada found their way to Friends and Neighbors via different paths, yet they all said they cherish the group.

Pappas has an MBA from University of Detroit Mercy but decided not to work; she gave birth months after graduating. She found out about Friends and Neighbors from member Kelly Vreeken, who works out at her gym. Like Pilorget, she believes the decision of whether to be a mother or a career woman or a combination of the two is up to each person. Yet no matter what their choice, she said they can find support and friends at Friends and Neighbors.

"You have to weigh economics and what's going to make you happy. There are so many reasons to work either part time or full time. What's nice about this group is it's so varied," she said.

Pilorget recently retired as a teacher in the Detroit Public School system when she joined Friends and Neighbors. She now works part time helping people with disabilities and said she appreciates learning from both younger and more senior women in the group.

"I associate with younger women to keep up with fashion and to develop friendships," she said. "(More senior) women have great thoughtfulness and great fun to share, even with losses of family and spouses."

Before she moved to Grosse Pointe, Armada, who holds an economics degree from the University of the Philippines, worked with information systems and in interior design in Los Angeles.

In Michigan, she agonized about whether to continue working. She joined Friends and Neighbors after hearing about the group from friend and member Diane Strickler. She decided to be a mom, and said her choice has worked out aided by women at Friends and Neighbors.

For more information about Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors, visit gpfnc.com.



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Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors, a woman's social group, helps women be who they want to be. President Nancy Pilorget with the club's board, from left are: Rebecca Pappas, Kathy Keating, Kelee Teodecki, Jo Dorolfi, Racelle Armada, Kelly Vreeken and Nancy Pilorget.

MEETINGS

DSO fundraisers

The Friday, June 1, Musical Feasts XX will be a pool side gathering with hosts Roz and Mike Gietzen.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. in the former farmhouse home of John C. Neff, circa 1900. The hosts have been given several historical society awards, for the restoration of their home.

Musical performances will be by bassoonists Bob Williams, Vicki King, Michael Ma and Marcus Schoon.

Dress is casual and the cost is \$110 to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

A second DSO fundraiser is an 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 5, bridge luncheon rendezvous in Grosse Pointe Farms with hostesses Adel Amerman and Gloria Clark.

African and oriental treasurers fill the home. Marcy Chanteaux will play the cello and piano and Mario DiFiore will play the cello.

On Thursday, June 14, the DSO fundraiser will be an evening cruise to Christen on the New Infinity. With the strolling cuisine, music will be provided by Marcus Schoon on the tenor sax, Robert Tye on guitar, Craig Rifel on bass and Brian Jones on the drums. The evening is limited to 100 and costs \$125.

Hosts are Steven Rybicki, Infinity and Ovation Yacht Charters and Friends of the DSO Volunteer Council.

On Sunday, Sept. 16, Joe Lentine and Sheila Connolly host an evening on the lake, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Musical performances will be by violinists Velda Kelly and

Ron Fischer. There is a limit of 30 and the attire is lakeside stylish.

For more information, call (313) 576-5154.

Cut-a-thon

Helen Leggett of Salon Eleni invites the community to a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at the salon, 21911 Mack, St. Clair Shores. Funds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk for the Cure.

Mutt march

The Michigan Humane Society is hosting a Mutt March from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

For more information, visit the humane society's Web site at michiganhumane.org.

Golf with Lions

Grosse Pointe Lions hold a golfing fundraiser beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, June 11, at Selfridge Golf Course.

The cost is \$100 or \$105 the day of the event.

The date includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, full breakfast, lunch, prime rib dinner and 2 1/2 hours of open bar and prizes.

All golfers must register in advance so names will be on the main gate list. Golfers must show ID and car registration. For more information, call

Dallas Kitchen at (313) 885-0840.

Classical music

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League holds its general meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Grosse Pointe Club.

Following the lunch, Sander Kostallari, a Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist, will perform. The cost is \$22. For reservations, send a check to L. Lee, 9 Shorecrest Circle, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, 48236.

Garden club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club has its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, in the home of Doris Costakis with Jackie Beck as co-hostess.

Members will elect officers for the 2007-08 year.

Senior Men's club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 12. Bill Solomon, Big Ten basketball official for 11 years and football for 20 years will be the speaker. He has officiated at two Peach Bowl games and at the 1988 Rose Bowl game.

For the cure

Coldwater Creek a 2007 National Sponsor for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® Series is hosting 13-year breast cancer survivor Donna Stoner from Grosse Pointe in the City of Grosse Pointe's Coldwater Creek from

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Coldwater Creek's Fashion for the Cure® offers shoppers 10 percent off all merchandise during the event, and the company will donate 10 percent of the event's sales to the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

Coldwater Creek raises additional funds through sales of its IN PINK gift card, donating 10 percent of the gift card's purchase price to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The gift cards are available in retail stores, online at coldwatercreek.com, or by calling (800) 262-0040.

Gala fundraiser

A gala fundraiser to support the Detroit-Windsor Chapter of Executive Women International will be Friday, June 15, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook. The evening's theme is "Reading Is Yours for the Dreaming," developed around a book self-published by chapter president Kay Douglas.

EWI is a nonprofit organization founded in 1938, with membership held by leading firms in chapter cities. Each firm is represented by individuals engaged in executive and administrative positions. Chapters across the country award over \$150,000 annually

to high school juniors with business and leadership potential. Detroit-Windsor Chapter provides five scholarships annually to women in transition attending local community colleges and financially supports reading programs at two inner-city schools, Dominican Literacy Center, Latino Family Services, Bridgepointe, Grace Center for Hope, and elementary schools in Detroit and Windsor in conjunction with the national EWI Reading and Writing Rally.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. Equestrian demonstration, dinner and live auction follow. Admission is \$65 per person U.S. All event proceeds support the chapter's philanthropic activities.

Call Madeleine Phillips for reservations or information at (313) 921-1200.

Golf classic

Join the 15th annual Michigan NARSAD, The Mental Health Reserach Association, for its golf classic beginning with an 11:45 a.m. Lunch on Monday, June 18, at Gowanie Golf Club, 24720 S. River, Mount Clemens.

There will be a 1 p.m. shot gun start and scramble. The \$125 cost includes golf, a golf cart, social hour, dinner and prizes. The cost for the dinner only is \$30. For more information, call Pep Puleo at (313) 886-1727 or Tom Coles, M.D., at (313) 885-0632.

Ice cream social

An ice cream social will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

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Honorees

Beatrice Erdos of St. Clair Shores and Marianne Shrader of Grosse Pointe Park were named Education Foundation honorees by the American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, for serving the branch with distinction over the years. The education foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development with proceeds from the branch's annual used book sale. Those honored, from left were Erdos, Judy Florian of Grosse Pointe Park and chair of the committee, Shrader and Lynne Pierce, president of the Grosse Pointe Branch of AAUW.

Area Council-Boy Scouts will host a July fundraiser

Detroit by Starlight gala will be hosted in the heart of downtown at Campus Martius on Thursday, July 19. Kaleidoscope will provide the entertainment and food will be served by the Mosaic restaurant. "Detroit by Starlight will bring an elegant black-tie dinner dance to the streets of Detroit on July 19," said

Marvin Beatty, the event's co-chair. "This event was developed to create a better awareness of scouting programs, to showcase the rejuvenations of downtown Detroit, and to raise much needed funds for Scouting programs within our community. As a former scout, it was my honor to chair the very first Detroit by Starlight along with Jim Papas of

Helicon Holdings." In 2006, through traditional scouting program and Learning for Life programs, the Detroit Area Council served more than 60,000 youth with the assistance of 11,088 adult volunteers. For more information on the Detroit Area Council and Detroit by Starlight visit dachsa.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Kent Commer

Stormy weather

Stormy Weather — the title of the signature song by Lena Horne from the 1940s — was a metaphor for the mental upheaval experienced by someone struggling to "get (her) poor life together" after a breakup with her lover.

Life often seems to be dealing with storms, whether individual wrestlings or larger events.

For instance, as this article is being written, Grosse Pointe is experiencing some wonderful spring weather: lots of sunshine, foliage bursting forth everywhere, the waters of Lake St. Clair beckoning. But stormy weather always seems right around the corner.

Other parts of the world have experienced devastating tornadoes and tsunamis.

On the other extreme, certain regions have ongoing drought or forest fires from lack of rain.

Predictions of severe storms in the Atlantic Ocean accompany the start of hurricane

season on June 1, and many fear overall climate change accompany natural disasters.

One person who did not seem impressed by stormy conditions, — individual or weather-related, — was Jesus.

He encountered all sorts of mental storms from people caught up in dire physical conditions ranging from terminal illness to death itself, from sinful behavior to outright hatred, and he brought God's healing touch to these conditions.

He brought the same healing touch to stormy weather.

In the well-known story of Jesus walking on the water (see chapter 14 of Matthew in the Bible), it wasn't a calm, clear weather day: it was nighttime, in the midst of rough seas that threatened to sink the boat that was transporting Jesus' disciples.

Despite the threatening picture all around him, Jesus seemed able to focus on doing the will of his heavenly Father in full trust.

Even Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, was able to walk on the

water at Jesus' bidding until the fear of his surroundings overcame his confidence and he began to sink.

Jesus saved Peter, prevailed over the entire weather picture and stilled the wind.

As a parent, I've witnessed my sleeping children in a fitful state due to a nightmare.

It's natural to simply wake them and assure them of their safety. I couldn't, — and wouldn't attempt — to get into their nightmare to protect them from whatever was distressing them.

Likewise, our divine parent is always maintaining our individual identity and collective safety and is awakening us from the threats of material life — whether it's stormy weather or a raging consciousness.

To the degree that we turn completely and trustingly to God, as our Savior did, we, too, can experience his presence and safety.

Kent Commer is a member of the local Christian Science congregation.

Ferry Cub Scouts celebrate 50 years

Laura Phelps
Special Writer

The Cub Scout's "Blue and Gold Banquet" has special significance for Ferry Elementary Cub Scout Pack 34.

The 33 first- through fifth-grade members celebrating the pack's 50th anniversary along with their achievements that, for some, include crossing over to Boy Scouts.

The annual banquet and anniversary celebration hosted State Sen. Martha Scott, D-Detroit, State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms and Woods Mayor Robert Novitke.

Cub master David Vasquez said the banquet was not only a celebration of the golden anniversary, but of the scouts' achievements throughout the year, such as the Rain Gutter Regatta and Pinewood Derby.

"I think they are most looking forward to crossing over to the next level," Vasquez said. "Some of them have been with the pack for five years so it's very exciting."

Andres Hensley, Nikhil Patel, Andrew Sharon and Scott Lirington have all been Cub Scouts since first grade and will become Boy Scouts at the event. Also honored are Andres Hensley, Nikhil Patel, and Andrew Sharon who will earn the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouts.

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<p>FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 800 Vernier Road (Corner of Wedgewood) (313) 884-5040</p> <p>8:15 am - Traditional Worship 9:30 am - Contemporary Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School-All Ages 11:00 am - Traditional Worship</p> <p>Nursery Available Rev. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Gerald Elsholz, Associate Pastor "Go Make Disciples" www.feelc.org</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH First Church of Christ, Scientist 282 Chalfonte Ave.</p> <p>Sunday Service - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wednesday Testimony Meeting 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>All are warmly welcome at both services Free Childcare provided Questions? 884-2426</p>	<p>WELCOME WORSHIP WITH US Wednesday: 12 Noon Holy Eucharist Sunday: 9:00 am Education for all ages 10:15 am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>St. James Lutheran Church "on the Hill" 170 McMillan Road • Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 313-884-0511 sjamesgp@ameritech.net</p>	<p>Christ the King Lutheran Church Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090</p> <p>8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>Supervised Nursery Provided www.christthekinggp.org Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assc. Pastor</p>	<p>Grosse Pointe Congregational Church</p> <p>10:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP (crib room available) 10:00 a.m. Church School</p> <p>AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP</p> <p>Rev. Ed Bray, Pastor www.gpccong.org gpccong@sbcglobal.net 884-3075</p>	<p>Historic Mariners' Church A House of Prayer for All People Traditional Anglican Worship Since 1842</p> <p>SUNDAY 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. - Church Sunday School and Nursery</p> <p>THURSDAY 12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion</p> <p>170 E. Jefferson Avenue On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward (313)-259-2206 marinerschurchofdetroit.org</p>
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<p>Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church Serving Christ in Detroit for over 153 years</p> <p>Saturday, June 2, 2007 Indian Village Home and Garden Tour Used Book Sale at the Church 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tour tickets can be purchased at the church</p> <p>Sunday, June 3, 2007 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Meditation: "The Trinity: God Distant, God Near" Scripture: John 16:12-15 Peter C. Smith, Preaching Church School: Crib - 8th Grade</p> <p>8625 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit Visit our website: www.japc.org 313-822-3456</p>	<p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte 881-6670</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Nursery Available Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Morsal Collier, Assoc. Pastor</p>				

ENGAGEMENTS

Bernat - Lytle

Janet and Albert Bernat of Rochester Hills have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann Bernat, to Thomas Crain Lytle, son of Carol Lytle of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Robert A. Lytle. An August wedding is planned.

Bernat earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Duke University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan. She is a global financial analyst with General Motors.

Lytle earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan. He is the regional manager with internet security company, Solutionary.

Cavanaugh - Gryzenia

Michael and Jill Cavanaugh of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Cavanaugh, to Paul Gryzenia, son of William and Jean Gryzenia of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding is planned.

Cavanaugh earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University. She is a management supervisor with Hill-Holiday Advertising in Boston.

Gryzenia earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from University of Michigan; and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Wayne State University Medical School.

He completed a radiology

residency and fellowship in interventional radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School and is an interventional radiologist in Boston.

Harrell - Kirles

Barb and Jerry Harrell of Macomb, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Harrell, to Ryan Kirles, son of Mary and Ted Kirles of Grosse Pointe Woods. An April wedding is planned.

Harrell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology from Michigan State University and is working on her master's degree at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine.

Kirles is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and is the general manager of Figaro's Pizzeria in Ocean Beach, Calif.

Montana - Cassin

Mr. and Mrs. Mauricio Montana, of Delray Beach, Fla., have announced the engagement of their daughter Erica Montana, to Bradley Cassin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bader Cassin of Grosse Pointe Farms. A February 2008 wedding is planned.

Montana is a graduate of West Virginia University and is an associate buyer for Boston Proper in Boca Raton, Fla.

Cassin is a 1995 graduate of University Liggett School, a 2000 graduate of University of Michigan and 2002 graduate of Columbia University.

He owns an insurance adjusting and real estate appraisal company in south Florida.

Shea - Mueller

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Shea Jr. of Sutton Place South, New York City, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany A. Shea, to Robert J. Mueller, son of Virginia C. Mueller of Hockessin, Del., and the late John J. Mueller.

Shea is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Mueller is a graduate of Duke University and earned a Master of Business Administration from New York University.

Klanow - Caramagno

Dr. Otto and Jeanette Klanow of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Marie Klanow, to Michael Joseph Caramagno, son of Daniel and Lisa Caramagno of Harrison Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June 2008 wedding is planned.

Klanow earned a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan. She is an architect in Chicago.

Caramagno earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University in 2005 and a Master of Science degree in taxation from Wayne State University in 2006. He is an accountant in Chicago.

Blagdurn - Gronow

Rosann Kovalcik and Martin



Kelly Harrell and Ryan Kirles



Dr. Paul Gryzenia and Anne Cavanaugh

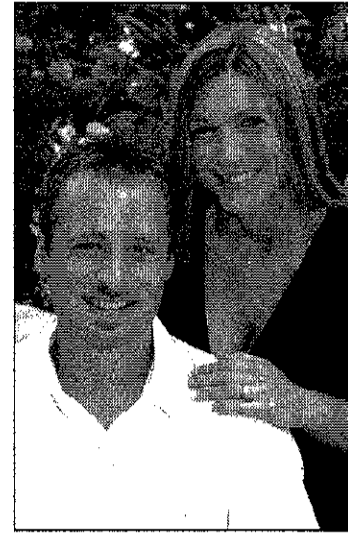
Blagdurn of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Carly Kovalcik Blagdurn, to Christopher Steven Gronow, son of Patricia and Steve Gronow of Howell. A June wedding is planned.

Blagdurn earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University and is an engineer with General Motors.

Gronow is owner of Motor Car Export of Brighton.

Walters - McPharlin

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McPharlin of Oakland, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, announce the engagement of their son, Jonathan Thomas McPharlin to Cristina Maria Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Walters of South



Christopher Steven Gronow and Carly Kovalcik Blagdurn



Michael Joseph Caramagno and Kimberly Marie Klanow

Barrington, Ill. A February wedding is planned.

McPharlin earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Miami of Ohio and an accounting master's degree from John Carroll University. He is an accountant with KPMG in Chicago.

Walters earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business and a master's in Business Administration from Miami of Ohio. She earned a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School in May 2007. In September, she will be an associate with Miller Canfield Law firm in Detroit.



Michelle Ann Bernat and Thomas Crain Lytle



Bradley Cassin and Erica Montana



Cristina Maria Walters and Jonathan Thomas McPharlin

WEDDINGS

Lewis - Darke

Melanie Holbrook Lewis of Boston, daughter of John and Arlene Lewis of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Colin Thomas Darke of Boston, son of Richard and Alice Darke of Wixom, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, on June 11, 2005, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. Otto Hentz, S.J. of Georgetown University, officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, followed by a reception at the Country Club of Detroit.

The bride wore an ivory silk mikado A-line gown with a champagne taffeta sash. Her cathedral-length veil was trimmed with Alencon lace. She carried a bouquet of white peonies, sweet peas, roses, fuchsia and miniature calla lilies.

Maureen Lewis of New York City, was her sister's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sisters Kimberly Darke of Chicago and Kelly Darke of Westland; and the bride's friends, Melissa Mabley Martin of Royal Oak, Stephanie Pirrello of Charlotte, N.C., and Lindsay Ronayne Fenton of Oxford, Ohio.

They wore long V-neck dresses of navy silk charmeuse. They carried bouquets of peonies, sweet peas,

lisianthus and stock in shades of pinks and purples.

Richard P. and Sean Darke of Chicago served as their brother's best men.

Groomsmen were the brides' brother, John C. Lewis of Royal Oak; the groom's brother-in-law Vincent Coccione of Westland; the groom's cousin Christopher Miller of Royal Oak; and his friend Andre Veasey of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Ushers were Ryan Miller of Auburn Hills, Christopher Nelson of Royal Oak and Michael Gehrke of San Francisco.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length dress of coral taffeta.

The groom's mother wore a long two-piece dress of champagne lace.

Christine Galnor Maynard, Kerry McCool, Carly Rice and Timothy O'Loughlin were readers.

Music was provided by the Christ Church Choir of Men and Boys with director Frederic DeHaven; trumpeters Jeffrey Markwick and Paul Miller. French horns were played by Virginia Cunningham and William Brown. Kelly Dahlstrom Tucker was the soloist.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University and an M.D. from Wayne State

University. She is a resident in anesthesiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Western Michigan University and a law degree from Michigan State University College of Law.

He is pursuing a LL.M. in banking and financial law from Boston University School of Law. He is an attorney with Mirick, O'Connell LLP in Boston.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Bermuda. They live in Boston.

Anderson - Vanderpool

Dianna Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Clayton Robert Vanderpool, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vanderpool of Grosse Pointe Shores, on Oct. 6, 2006, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

The Rev. Robert Herta officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Mac and Ray's in Harrison Township.

The bride wore a strapless, satin, A-line gown and carried a bouquet of ivory roses.

Christine Anderson served as her sister's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were friends Lisa Colosimo and Claire Cadorin of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Rachael Gutierrez and Keerthy Kishore of Chicago.

Attendants wore satin mid-night blue dresses and carried bouquets of ivory roses.

Matthew Vanderpool of Grosse Pointe Shores served as his brother's best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's cousin, John Seamans of Grand Rapids, and friends David Brown of Bloomfield Hills, Benjamin Schoeffer of Richmond, Va., and Jeffery See of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Colin Thomas and Dr. Melanie Holbrook Darke



Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Robert Vanderpool

Ushers were Michael Day, John Kiener and Mitchel Polgar.

Don Kukier was the organist and pianist with Halina Olzark as the vocalist.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physiology from Michigan State University. She is a student in the doctor of physical therapy program at Wayne State University.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from Western Michigan University. He is a commercial loan officer with Comerica Bank.

The couple honeymooned in the western Caribbean.

They reside in St. Clair Shores.

Garrett - Gottlieb

Bevan Lee Garrett of Prescott, Ariz., daughter of Roger and Joanna Garrett of Grosse Pointe Park, was married to Steve Randolph Gottlieb, son of Martin and Luida Gottlieb of Prescott, on April 7, 2007.

The Rev. Jamie Drew officiated at the wedding ceremony held on the terrace of the Hassayampa Country Club in Prescott, followed by a dinner reception.

Hillary Johnston of Eastpointe, sister of the bride,

was the maid of honor.

Attendants were Suzanne Elizabeth Courtney and Catherine Brooke Wakefield, both of Prescott.

Jeffrey Darrin Gottlieb of Austin, Texas, brother of the groom was best man.

Groomsmen were Frank Garcia Lopez and Robert Brandon Curtis, both of Prescott.

The bride wore an ivory silk organza dress and carried a bouquet of ivory calla lilies.

The bridesmaids wore sea foam blue dresses with matching shawls and carried salmon colored roses.

The mother of the bride wore a sage tiered tea-length dress. The groom's mother wore a long sapphire blue dress with matching jacket.

The bride is a graduate of Prescott College in Prescott. The groom is a graduate of Santa Monica (California) University.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple lives in Prescott.

The bride serves as program director of Pia's Place, an extended care facility for women recovering from addiction.

The groom is a Great Southwest Mortgage banker.

Foltis - Figurski

Stephanie Foltis, daughter of



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Randolph Gottlieb



Capt. and Mrs. Jay Figurski

Christina and Lothar Foltis of Kassel, Germany, was married to Capt. Jay Figurski, son of Debbie Figurski of Grosse Pointe Woods and Brian Figurski of Sterling Heights, on April 14, 2007, in Chester, Va.

The bride is the granddaughter of Othilde Foltis of Lohfelden, Germany.

Figurski is the grandson of Leo and Lillian Caputo of St. Clair Shores.

Figurski graduated from the University of Michigan and officer candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga.

He is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Lee, Va.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Julia Sturm graduated from the University of Findlay with a Bachelor of Science degree in personal training.

Sturm, a 2003, graduate of the University Liggett School, is the daughter of Janice and Kenneth Sturm of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hillary Kay of Grosse Pointe Park was accepted into the

honors scholars program at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill. She attends Grosse Pointe South High School and is the daughter of J. Howard Kay Jr. and Maurya M. Kay.

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Meghan P. Worrell of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the DePaul University dean's list for the 2007 spring term. She is majoring in anthropology.

6B | SENIORS/HEALTH

SOC is offering lively weekly summer trips

There's no need for seniors to wallow away their summer afternoons at home. Services for Older Citizens offers day trips every Thursday.

Planned thus far are:

◆ **Greektown Casino** — Thursday, June 7. This trip includes a \$15 voucher for play at the 2,400 slot machines, 80 gaming tables and poker room or to exchange for cash toward lunch. The cost is \$14 for residents and \$14 for nonresidents.

◆ **La Contessa Ristorante** — Thursday, June 14. This trip includes transportation to the Windsor restaurant and shopping in the Little Italy section of Windsor. Lunch will be Penne della Nonna-Penne, Gamberoni al Cocco or Veal Marsala.

The cost is \$32 for residents and \$35 for nonresidents.

Please bring two pieces of identification to cross the border.

◆ **St. Sabbas Orthodox Ministry** — Thursday, June 21. Dubbed "the hidden treasure of Harper Woods," this secluded monastery is one of Metro Detroit's best kept secrets. Walk through the gardens and enjoy the pond. Father John Belkoff will lead a tour of the site before lunch which includes a choice of salmon or chicken croissant with pasta salad and coffee or tea followed by dessert. The cost is \$32 for residents and \$35 for nonresidents.

◆ **Oakland Mall** — Thursday, June 28. Spend the morning shopping or people watching at one of the area's larger malls. Lunch is at any restaurant onsite. Transportation to the mall is door-to-door. The

cost is \$12 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents.

◆ **Sweet Lorraine's** — Thursday, July 5. Voted one of Michigan's top restaurants in "Zagat Guide for Michigan," Sweet Lorraine's has earned four stars from both The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press. Menu choices are coconut shrimp, garden pasta or pecan chicken. The cost is \$30 for residents, \$33 for nonresidents.

◆ **Huron Lady** — Thursday, July 12. Take a two-hour narrated tour on the Huron Lady from Port Huron along the St. Clair River and into Lake Huron. The cruise takes passengers under the Blue Water Bridge and far enough to see the Fort Gratiot lighthouse. The snack bar will be open. The lower level is enclosed but the upper deck is available,

weather permitting.

The cost is \$30 for residents and \$33 for nonresidents.

◆ **Macomb Performing Arts Center 18th Annual Senior Show** — Friday, July 13. Reserved seating is available for this event featuring friends, family and neighbors singing, dancing and providing comedy. The cost is \$24 for residents and \$27 for nonresidents.

◆ **Windsor Casino** — Thursday, July 19. The \$11 resident and \$14 nonresident fee gets participants a \$15 meal voucher or a \$10 gaming voucher.

◆ **All Seasons of Rochester Hills** — Thursday, July 26. Tour this senior apartment complex that features short term visitor and guest suites. The cost is \$12 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents.

◆ **Detroit Princess** —

Thursday, Aug. 2. Enjoy a lunch cruise and live musical entertainment aboard the Detroit Princess Riverboat. The buffet lunch includes soup du jour, roasted turkey, vegetarian lasagna, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potato casserole, stuffing, corn, green beans, assorted salads, dinner rolls, coffee and dessert. A cash bar is available aboard this heated vessel. The cost is \$49 for residents and \$52 for nonresidents.

◆ **Polish American Cultural Center** — Thursday, Aug. 23. This trip includes a lunch featuring a combination plate of two pierogi, nalesnik, golabki, sauerkraut and kielbasa; Veal Schnitzel with caramelized onions, mushrooms, mashed potatoes and kraut; or city chicken with mashed potatoes, kraut and vegetables of the

day. All of are served with coffee, tea or a soft drink. After lunch, the tour crosses the road to the Polish Super Market for shopping. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$33 for nonresidents.

◆ **Sinbad's and Eastern Market** — Thursday, Aug. 30. The first stop is lunch at Sinbad's includes a choice of a boneless breast of chicken sandwich, one third pound ground round sirloin sandwich or orange roughly sandwich served with lettuce and tomato, cole slaw and French fries.

After lunch, its Eastern Market to browse through the shops and pick up some bargains. The cost is \$24 for residents and \$27 for nonresidents.

Reservations for all trips can be made by calling the SOC office at (313) 882-9600.

HEALTH COLUMN By Dr. Jayant Eldurkar

St. John Hospital goes tobacco-free this summer

Practice what you preach" is not just a tried and true saying, it's a reality for St. John Hospital and Medical Center when it comes to promoting a smoke-free hospital.

This July, the hospital and all other St. John Health facilities will become tobacco free environments. The decision is a conscious effort to set a clear example of good health practices and create a healthy environment on our campuses for everyone — patients, visitors, employees, physicians and volunteers. It also addresses patients' and visitors' criticism that we (a health organization) have allowed tobacco use (a known health risk) on our campuses.

In support of the hospital's efforts to become tobacco-free July 1, St. John has been offering smoking cessation resources to all hospital employees and their spouses free of charge. So far, 150 hospital employees have utilized the various resources through the hos-

pital's occupational health department and about 30 percent have been successful in quitting. More associates to become non-smokers.

Immediate benefits

It's never too late to stop using tobacco products. The benefits begin 20 minutes after you take your last cigarette puff — your blood pressure drops to a level close to what it was before your last cigarette, and the temperature of your hands and feet increases to normal, according to the U.S. Surgeon General.

And that's not all. The Michigan Department of Community Health says:

◆ A few hours after you stop smoking, your carbon monoxide levels fall to normal and the oxygen in your blood increases.

◆ One day after you stop smoking, your risk of a heart attack starts to decline.

◆ Two days after you stop smoking, your nerve endings start to repair themselves and the senses of taste and smell

begin to return to normal.

◆ Two weeks after you stop smoking, your lungs and heart work 30 percent better than they did before you quit.

◆ In your first year as a non-smoker, your risk of smoking-related heart disease drops 50 percent and your risk of lung cancer decreases steadily.

Quitting strategies

While most smokers know the benefits of quitting, the reality is smoking is a very hard addiction to kick. In fact, most

smokers quit six times before they're successful. And it's no wonder as studies have shown that nicotine is just as, if not more addictive than heroin.

In my experience as a physician, a person's mindset is the key factor to successful smoking cessation. If a smoker is really ready to quit and has a strong desire, he or she is likely to be successful. That doesn't mean it will be easy.

In fact, I encourage "quitters" to use the following strategies:

Track your triggers: Before "quitting day" keep a written record of all the situations that trigger your desire to smoke. Then think of alternative ways to help you cope with those stressors.

Banish temptation: Get rid of all the tobacco products in your home, car and workplace. Also hide your ashtrays, matches and lighters.

Avoid second-hand smoke: Avoid situations where you will be around smokers. Most "quitters" find they have to abstain from going to parties, restaurants and bars for a period of time.

Change your routine/habits: If you always stop by a certain store to buy cigarettes on the way home from work, take a different route. If you tend to linger at the table after you've finished eating,

Get moving: Exercise not only helps you lose weight and/or stay fit, it also relieves tension because it helps take

your mind off smoking.

And if improving your health isn't enough incentive to quit smoking, maybe knowing you're not alone will give you the push you need to sniff out those cigarettes for good. May 31 is World Smoke Free Day when people are asked to put down their cigarettes and consider the many options available to quit smoking permanently.

Research shows that tobacco users are most successful in kicking the habit when they have some means of support. Smoking cessation therapies, like nicotine replacement products, and the encouragement of family, friends and co-workers increase your chance of quitting.

Jayant Eldurkar, M.D., is an Occupational Health Physician at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. His department has been instrumental in helping SJH&MC employees and their spouses quit smoking.

Postpartum depression helped by walk/run

Actress Brooke Shields brought national attention to postpartum depression with her book, "Down Came the Rain."

The Tree of Hope Foundation is bringing local attention to the topic with its third annual Step Up for Hope 5K Walk/Run a 5K charity event beginning at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, June 23, at Metropolitan Beach Metropark. Proceeds will benefit grassroots efforts related to postpartum depression awareness.

This timed, but noncompetitive, all-ages event invites people of every fitness level to run or walk in support of Tree of Hope's postpartum depression awareness, research and education efforts which include a weekly support group for struggling mothers and community health and educational events.

Advance registration is \$15

and on site registration is available for \$20. Advance registrants will receive a T-shirt and refreshments will be offered throughout the morning.

A raffle, with prizes ranging from \$50 to \$2,500, will be held after the walk and winners will be announced at the event. Tickets are available for \$5 each or three for \$10.

The Tree of Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 2005 to promote research, education and awareness of postpartum-related mood disorders. The founding members of the organization were profoundly impacted by the tragedy of Mary Ellen and Caroline Moffitt, who became victims of this disease.

For more information about Tree of Hope's efforts or to register online for the Step Up for Hope 5K event, visit treeofhopefoundation.org or call (586) 777-0142.

St. John guild dinner hosts comedian

Comedian Kevin Pollack will entertain at this year's St. John Hospital and Medical Center's guild awards dinner Wednesday, June 6, at Penna's of Sterling Heights.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the hospital's expansion and renovation project and the addition of a cardiovascular suite at St. John's.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a multi-course dinner at 7 p.m. Pollack takes the stage at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$150 for atten-

dees 30 years and under and \$250 for all other ages.

That evening, John and Marlene Boll of Grosse Pointe Shores will be honored with the Philanthropic Services award; Dr. Raymond Christensen of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive the Physician of the Year award; and Benjamin Capp of Grosse Pointe Farms will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement award.

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Meningitis shot offers peace of mind

On the eve of the 1999 Michigan vs. Michigan State game, sophomore Adam Busuttil was ready to play percussion in the MSU marching band when he felt sick, as if he was coming down with the flu.

By 6 p.m. the next day, he was near death from a disease he knew nothing about—bacterial meningitis.

"I felt like I was coming down with the flu," Busuttil said. "I passed out in the shower. My parents took me to the hospital for an X-ray to rule out a broken arm and a concussion. I kept passing out on them."

In the course of waiting for the X-rays, his temperature soared, and his blood pressure plummeted. He was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis, a fast-acting bacterial infection that attacks the lining around the brain and the spinal cord.

Busuttil lost portions of seven fingers and four toes and needed skin grafts, but was fortunate to have recovered. Today, nothing in his life has changed except his desire to educate people about bacterial meningitis.

"If I can save one person from experiencing what I went through, it'll be worth it," he said. "I know people don't like shots, but getting a prick from a needle is nothing compared to lasting effects of the disease. My mission is to raise awareness...awareness is half the battle."

Busuttil is a high school/elementary school band and communication arts teacher for Fitzgerald Public Schools. He is currently president of the Meningitis Foundation of America.

He is working with the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan to help generate awareness of the disease and the vaccination available to prevent it.

Of those who survive, one in five will suffer from permanent disabilities such as limb amputation, severe scarring, brain damage and hearing loss.

Fact Sheet: Bacterial meningitis

- ♦ Bacterial meningitis, an inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal cord, is a rare, but very real disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that college freshmen living in dorms are six times more likely to contract the disease.

- ♦ Annually, between 2,600 and 3,000 individuals of all ages in the United States contract bacterial meningitis, and approximately 10 percent die from it. Of those who survive, another 10 percent suffer permanent repercussions including amputations, seizures, hearing loss and brain damage.

- ♦ Meningitis begins with flu-like symptoms but can progress rapidly and can result in hearing loss, brain damage, limb amputation and death within hours.

- ♦ Symptoms include high fever, headache, stiff neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, purple rash and exhaustion.

- ♦ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends the vaccine for 11- and 12-year-olds, 15-year-olds and freshman entering college.

- ♦ On January 17, 2005, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration licensed Menactra for protection against meningococcal disease in adolescents and adults aged 11 to 55 years.

Menactra is the first quadrivalent conjugate vaccine licensed in the U.S. for the prevention of meningococcal disease and is designed to offer protection against four serogroups of *Neisseria meningitidis* (A, C, Y, W-135), the bacterium that causes meningococcal infection.

Menactra is expected to provide immunity for eight years or longer.

The previous vaccine used for meningococcal immunizations, Menomune, also produced by Sanofi Pasteur, is still available.

It lasts three to five years. Menomune is licensed for individuals over the age of two and remains an option for individuals who do not fall within the age range for Menactra.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is an accessible community resource for vaccinations that protect against meningitis. It offers both Menomune and Menactra and provides immunizations on site at its Oak Park office by appointment, at select public locations, or at a "shot party" where a nurse will come to a private residence to vaccinate 15 or more students. For more information call (248) 967-



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Meningitis shots were given at Grosse Pointe South High School.

8751) or visit vna.org.

Adolescents and young adults at risk for Bacterial Meningitis

The CDC suggests parents ensure their 11- and 12-year-old children receive the immunization during their regular pediatric checkups. This age group may contract meningitis through sports activities, summer camps and band where students travel in close quarters and may share water bottles or musical instruments. Vaccinations will greatly minimize the likelihood of adolescents contracting the disease.

The CDC reports that while not all college students are at risk, the close living conditions of dormitory life make college freshmen six times more susceptible to bacterial meningitis. Additionally, lifestyles of this group communal living, drinking alcohol, smoking, irregular sleep habits and sharing of drinks, utensils, lip balm, etc. have been known to compromise the immune system.

Immunizing a student before he or she goes to college is an effective way to ensure peace of mind and effective preven-

tion. By the time students settle into their new experience at college, getting a vaccination is no longer top-of-mind, and frequently money becomes a concern once students find themselves living on their own.

Also, Michigan law requires that colleges and high schools in the state make educational materials available regarding meningitis and the vaccination.

As of April, 16 states have no laws regarding meningitis vaccinations; 20 states, including Alaska, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin require that post-secondary students receive the meningitis vaccination or sign a waiver after reading information about the risks of meningitis.

Four states, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York and North Carolina, require that information be given to camps, elementary schools and/or secondary schools. Three states, Connecticut, Indiana and New

Jersey, require the meningitis vaccination at post-secondary institutions with only medical or religious exemptions; and 11 states, Arkansas, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Washington require that information about meningitis be provided.

Eight of these states require information be distributed only to post-secondary students. The three exceptions are: Illinois, which includes elementary and secondary schools, Michigan, which includes post-secondary schools plus grades 6, 9 and 12, and Texas, which includes post-secondary, elementary, and secondary schools.

Time line

One of the best times to obtain a meningitis vaccination is during the end of the school year, the summer before going off to college, or in the fall before going back to school. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan suggests treating meningitis vaccinations as you would a back to

school supply.

For college freshmen, waiting until one arrives at college increases the likelihood of forgetting to be vaccinated. Being vaccinated before there is an outbreak ensures the body has had time to build up immunity.

Vaccination sites

Meningitis vaccinations with Menactra are available from:

- ♦ Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan. The cost is \$105 per vaccination at its Oak Park office. Individual appointment, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

- ♦ On site at a student's school, if requested by school administration

- ♦ "Shot Parties" gather 15 or more friends who need a meningitis vaccination to meet at a designated home, and a VNA nurse will come.

- ♦ Public locations: Check the Web site at vna.org for locations, dates and times.

- ♦ Your physician (not all physicians carry the vaccine). Insurance may not cover the vaccine.

- ♦ County health departments carry the vaccination for a minimal charge.

Protection

Bacterial or meningococcal meningitis spreads through contact with an infected person for example, coughing or kissing. The best protection is preventing it altogether. The following tips will help protect adolescents and teenagers:

- ♦ Make an appointment for a vaccination.

- ♦ Avoid sharing drinking cups, bottles, glasses, mugs.

- ♦ Avoid sharing utensils or food that touches the mouth.

- ♦ Avoid sharing toothbrushes, lip balm, etc.

- ♦ Avoid sharing cigarettes.

- ♦ Avoid sharing water bottles at sporting events.

Recognizing symptoms

Death can come within hours after the first symptoms of meningococcal meningitis. If any one of the symptoms below comes on quickly, don't wait to see if it's only the flu. Call your doctor immediately.

Symptoms include:

- ♦ High fever
- ♦ Nausea, vomiting
- ♦ Sore throat
- ♦ Sensitivity to light
- ♦ Stiff neck
- ♦ Rash
- ♦ Intense headache
- ♦ Exhaustion

Join American Cancer Society Boots 'n' Baseball June 25

Childhood cancer is the second-leading cause of death among children in America (behind accidents), with 10,400 new cases and 1,545 deaths expected this year. Unfortunately, the Detroit area is home to many children battling this ruthless disease.

On Monday night June 25, young cancer survivors from across metro Detroit will get a respite from the fight at the

fifth annual American Cancer Society Boots 'n' Baseball event.

The American Cancer Society is partnering with the Detroit Tigers to host dozens of children from local hospitals and their families, to a free baseball game as the Detroit Tigers take on the Texas Rangers at Comerica Park. The

young patients will have the opportunity to enjoy all the festivities at the ballpark including Ferris wheel rides, face-painting, goody bags and many more memorable activities.

For those interested in cheering on these courageous young people, while also enjoying the Tigers' game, the American

Cancer Society has some 300 tickets to the game available, a portion of the proceeds from which benefits the Society. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased individually or for group use (as available) by

calling (248) 557-5353. Payment must be received by the ACS by Friday, June 1.

The event is part of the buildup to the fifth annual American Cancer Society Cattle Baron's Ball, the west-

ern-themed gala at the Michigan State Fairgrounds which has become one of the must-attend events of the metro social scene each year. The 2007 ball takes place Saturday, Sept. 15.

Discovery Ball honors leaders

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will recognize its 2007 Discovery Award honorees at its Discovery Ball June 1.

David Zilko, a lymphoma survivor, is receiving the "Honored Hero" award for raising \$45,000 for the society, earning him the title of Michigan 2007 Man of the Year.

The Detroit Lions are receiving the "Overall Support of the Mission" award for its support of the society's "Stoney and Wojo Radiothon" for the past nine years. Comcast Spotlight is receiving the award for "Overall Support of Philanthropy."

Dr. Charles Main, chief of pediatric hematology-oncology at William Beaumont Hospital, is receiving the award for "Education/Patient Services."

Dr. Charles Schiffer, professor of medicine and oncology at Karmanos Cancer Center is receiving the "research" award.



Celebration plans begin

A committee meeting to plan for the Josephine Ford Cancer Center 10th anniversary celebration was held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Committee chairs, from left, Bill Rands of Grosse Pointe is the sponsorship chair; Linda D'Antonio of Brighton is the theme/décor chair; Valerie and Dave McCammon of Bloomfield Hills are event chairs and Evonne Simoff of Northville is the activities chair. The Josephine Ford Cancer Center 10th Anniversary Fundraising Celebration will be held Friday, Sept. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and support research for Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center and to honor Josephine Ford's legacy. For more information about sponsorship or tickets, call Katie Groves at (313) 876-9237 or e-mail jfocgala@fhfs.org. The event is by invitation only.


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Other performances are:

- June 21 — The Rob Piph Jazz Quintet
- June 28 — Phil Ogilvie's "Rhythm Kings" '20s style jazz and dance featuring James Dapogny
- July 5 — "Tumbao Bravo," a rhythm-driven Cuban 7-piece band
- July 12 — "The Sun Messengers" play rhythm and blues, Motown and big band.
- Aug. 9 — "Urban Transport" performs bebop propelled by trombonist Vincent Arvel Chandler

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8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14. Situated along the shoreline of Lake St. Clair, the views of the estate provide a locale for mixing and mingling with friends in the garden.

While enjoying hors d'oeuvres and wine among the blooms in the Rose Garden, guests will be treated to the live music Intrigue, an area musical group.

At 87 acres, the grounds are significant, but Jennifer Welsh, events and programming manager, explained why the Ford House Garden Party is still an intimate affair.

"The Rose Garden and New

Garden are tucked away and are really comfortable spaces," she said. "People often picture the vast meadow when thinking about the grounds, but Jens Jensen designed these beautiful outdoor gathering spaces that are almost like 'rooms' out in nature."

Guests of the Garden Party will have the chance to stroll the nationally acclaimed grounds and take a guided first-floor tour of the stunning home, where Edsel and Eleanor Ford raised their family.

The Ford House Garden

Party is \$25 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House opened its doors to the public in 1978. Since that time, Ford House has shared Eleanor Ford's vision of preserving and maintaining the house and grounds for future generations to enjoy through interpretive tours, family activities, lectures, exhibits, and gardens and grounds events.

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Session D (ages 15-17)	Mon., July 16 - Thur., July 19	9am - Noon
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Auditions for MOT chorus scheduled

Auditions for the Michigan Opera Theatre chorus will be Monday, June 11, at the Detroit Opera House 3rd Floor, Boll Rehearsal Hall, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

The audition call is for adults and SATB voices. Interested

persons should prepare a selection of music in both English and a foreign language and bring their own sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Audition times will be assigned once an applicant's resume and photo are received.

To be considered, mail or e-mail a resume and photo to: Elizabeth Anderson, production coordinator, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226 or elizabeth@motopera.org. Her number is (313) 237-3405.



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Start summer with this ginger salad dressing atop romaine lettuce and baby greens.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Salad dressing secret shared



My very dear friend Krys Schroeder sent me a secret recipe for ginger salad dressing (Benihana's). Lots of ingredients but a snap to prepare. This light and flavorful dressing can be tossed into fresh salad greens or even pasta for a truly different take on your first pasta salad of the season.

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Krys's Secret Ginger Salad Dressing

- 1/2 cup peanut oil
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 - 2 tablespoons minced celery
 - 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 2 tablespoons ketchup
 - 2 teaspoons sugar
 - 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon soy sauce
 - 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Combine all ingredients in a food processor blender.

Pulse or blend until mixture is smooth.

Store in refrigerator until ready to serve.

The dressing will keep for about a week, chilled.

Makes 1 3/4 cups — that's plenty for lots of delicious salads or try this sassy sauce as a marinade for chicken, beef or pork.

I whipped up a yummy salad to try out Krys's dressing.

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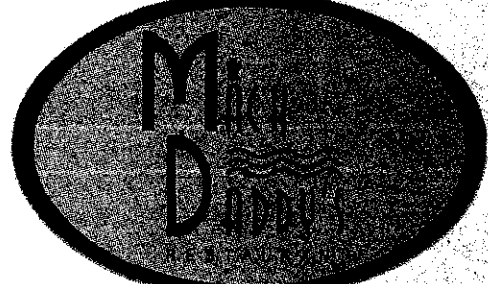
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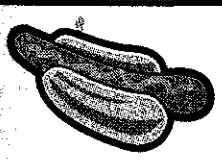
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Perfect season is a rare feat



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Jessica Leonard opened the scoring against Cranbrook Kingswood in the Metro Conference tournament championship game with her 30th goal of the season. Leonard is only the fourth University Liggett School girls soccer player to score 30 goals in a season.

Knights' first unblemished Metro Conference season since 2002 campaign

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It isn't quite as rare as the return of the cicadas, but going undefeated in Metro Conference girls soccer doesn't happen every day.

Last week, University Liggett School completed its perfect run with a 3-0 victory against Cranbrook Kingswood in the Metro Conference tournament championship game.

ULS was also the last school to have a perfect record in the Metro, accomplishing the feat in 2002.

This year's team went 11-0 against league competition.

"It's rare to go through undefeated and untied, because it seems like there's always a couple of good teams in the league," said coach David Backhurst.

This year's Knights squad had a perfect balance of offense and defense, and both were apparent in the championship match.

Jessica Leonard opened the scoring six minutes into the

game with her 30th goal of the season, a rare feat in itself. Leonard joins Lauren Ealba, Keisha Bahadu and Heather Heidel as the only ULS girls to score 30 goals in a season. Leonard now has 94 goals in three seasons, and will join another select group if she scores 100.

Her goal against Cranbrook was set up by a pass from Rachel Goldberg.

"Getting a goal that early was huge," Backhurst said.

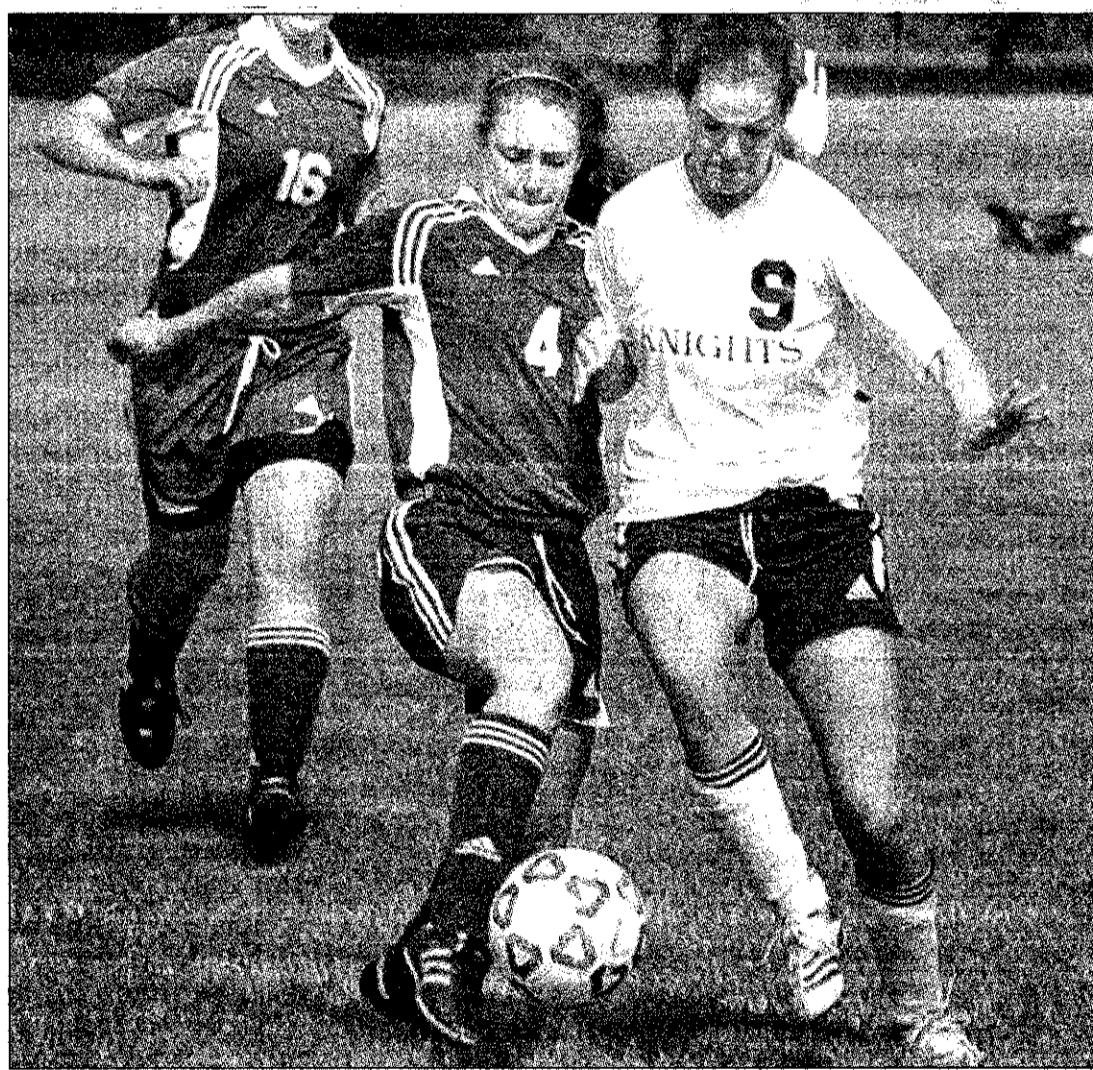
ULS held an 8-5 edge in shots during the first half, but the halftime score remained 1-0.

Fourteen minutes into the second half, Jillian Twardoski won a loose ball and passed to Goldberg, who was playing center-forward. Goldberg then beat a couple of defenders to score.

Ten minutes later, Monique Squiers set up Goldberg for ULS's third goal.

"We played pretty well," Backhurst said. "Cranbrook

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Chloe Kirchner, right, battles a Cranbrook player for possession of the ball.

South golfers state bound

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Jim Cooper has been coaching Grosse Pointe South's girls golf team since its inception nine years ago.

Therefore, no one has to tell him how special this season has been.

"This is the first time we've qualified for the state meet," Cooper said after the Blue Devils finished third at the regional meet at Sanctuary Lake Golf Course, winning a tiebreaker from Romeo to get the final state tournament berth.

"The girls have worked so hard to get here. They've been hitting balls since January. They went to a summer camp last year and they spent their spring break at the PGA in Florida."

The Division I state tourna-

ment will be held Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers West on the Michigan State University campus.

South posted a 7-2 record in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division this year. The Blue Devils' only defeats were by four strokes and three strokes to division champion Port Huron Northern.

PHN also won the division tournament with South taking second place.

The Blue Devils had a pair of all-conference selections in Kristin Motschall and Charlotte Park.

"They both had great years, but at the end of the season our most consistent player was a sophomore, Kelsey Burgess," Cooper said. "She was playing No. 1 at the end and she had our top score at the regional."

South was also runner-up at an invitational at Gowanie Golf

Club and in a scramble tournament hosted by Lutheran North. The Blue Devils were fourth in their invitational at Plumbrook Golf Course.

In the regional, where the top four scores were counted, Burgess, Park, Debra Marantette and Motschall were the leaders for South, however, in the tiebreaker it came down to Kate Shumaker's fifth-best score beating Romeo's No. 5 player.

Cooper wasn't surprised that South had a fine season. He was a bit shocked at how it came about.

"I knew we had a good group of seniors, but the emergence of our sophomores was the big surprise," he said. "We knew they had talent, but I expected them to take a while to mature. They came in as a very

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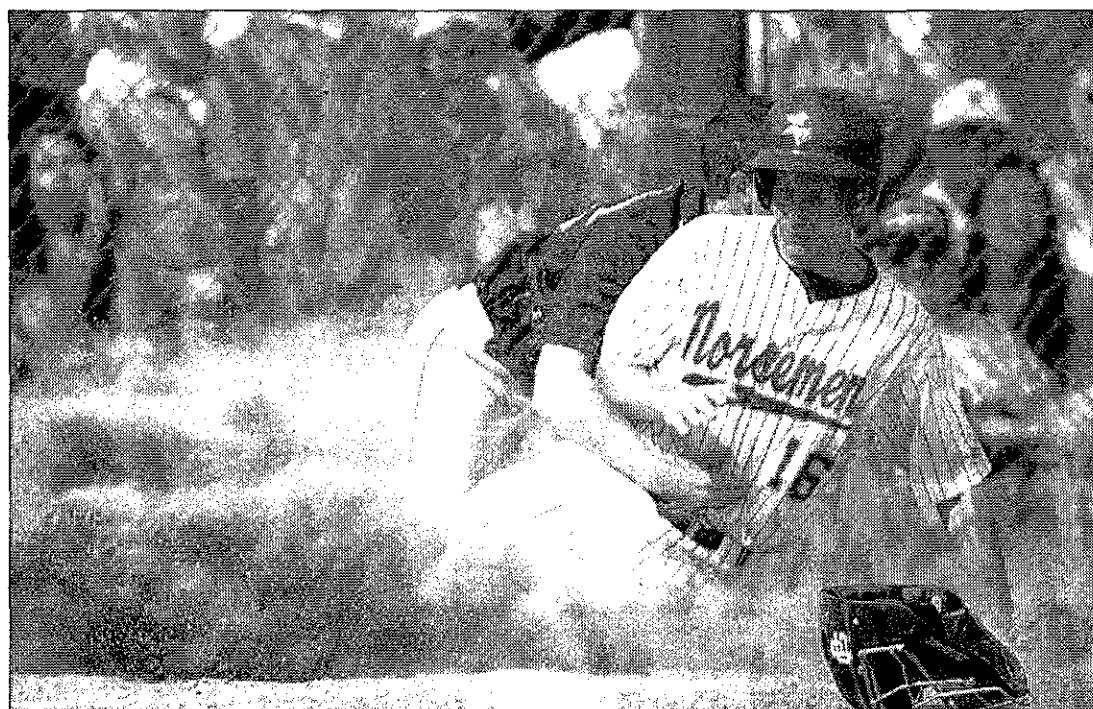
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Grosse Pointe North's Jeff Rohrkemper slides home with a first-inning run against Grosse Pointe South.

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ULS opens with a victory

University Liggett School's softball team opened the Metro Conference tournament with an impressive 10-0 victory against Harper Woods.

ULS pitcher Taylor Brown pitched her first no-hitter of the season in the five-inning contest, that was a much different story from the regular-season meeting between the two east side rivals. In that game, the Knights allowed 12 runs on 10 hits and committed three errors in a 19-12 victory over the Pioneers.

"Using a combination of off-speed pitches and smoke, (Brown) kept the Pioneers off balance all afternoon," said ULS coach Jim Schmidt.

She struck out six and walked three.

The Knights collected 16 hits and scored in every inning but

the first.

Megan Amicucci singled with one out in the second, stole second and third and scored on a grounder by Janaya Gripper. Kristen Smitherman walked and eventually scored on Catherine Vatsis's single.

Danielle Vespa hit the first of her two triples in the third inning and came home on Ke'Ana Bryant's single.

ULS added three runs in the fourth. Smitherman and Gripper led off with singles. They scored on Vespa's second triple and Vespa scored on a single by Bryant.

The Knights ended the game on a mercy rule with a four-run outburst after two were out in the fifth.

Singles by Amicucci, Smitherman, Gripper and

Vatsis set the stage for Brown's game-ending two-run double.

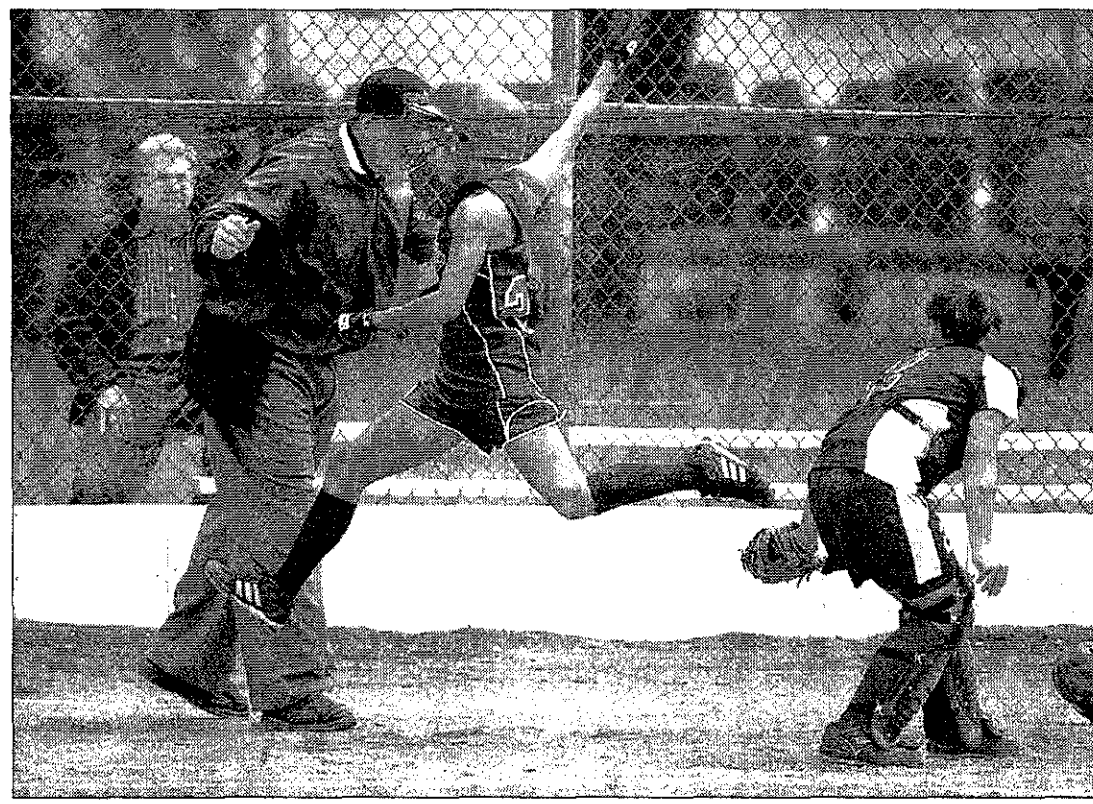
Earlier, Brown had a perfect game in a 22-0 victory against Hamtramck.

She struck out every batter she faced in the three-inning game, scored and had an RBI every time she came to bat and hit for the cycle with a single, double, triple and her first home run of the season.

ULS started with an 18-run first inning.

Vatsis scored four runs in the inning as she collected two walks, a single and a base-clearing triple. Vespa hit her seventh triple of the season and Kristin Peterson hit her first high school home run.

Every player in the Knights' starting lineup scored in the first inning. Amicucci scored three times.



Kristen Smitherman races across the plate with a run for University Liggett School's softball team.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North lacrosse team escapes with a close regional victory

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's boys lacrosse team nearly let a win slip away last weekend, beating L'Anse Creuse 8-7 in a Division 2 regional playoff game.

The Norsemen used Ian LaValley's four goals to build a 7-3 fourth-quarter lead.

Within a few minutes, the Lancers had scored four unanswered goals to tie it 7-7 with still five minutes left in the

game.

Jimmy Tocco bailed out the Norsemen, scoring the game-winner with 2:30 remaining to send the team into the regional semifinals.

"We finished the job, but it was a little closer than it should have been," first-year head coach Dan Preston said. "It's good for our program to win a playoff game against a very solid team in L'Anse Creuse."

"We get to play another day," Preston applauded the play of defenseman Charlie

Thibault and said his team didn't panic when the Lancers tied it.

"Our guys showed some character," Preston added.

North improved to 11-5 overall.

If Preston's squad upsets defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in the regional semifinal played Tuesday, May 29, it will face either Okemos or rival Grosse Pointe South in a regional championship game at 6 p.m., Friday, June 1.

ULS BOYS LACROSSE

Knights win two of three games

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

University Liggett School's boys lacrosse team won two of three games to inch closer to the .500 mark.

The Knights beat Rochester 9-4 and Madison Heights Bishop Foley 8-3 to reach .500 at 5-5, but lost 9-6 to visiting

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, falling to 5-6.

"We played really well and had our game going until today," head coach Chris Hartley said. "It was our third game in a row; so I thought we got a little tired in that second half."

Against Rochester, Albert Ford had three goals, while Mike Burchi and John Fisher

had two goals apiece.

Burchi and Steve Coval each tallied three goals in the victory over Bishop Foley. The same duo led the Knights in the loss, netting two goals apiece.

The Knights took an early 4-2 lead, but couldn't sustain the momentum as the Fightin' Irish outscored them 7-2 the rest of the way.

North wraps up a championship

Grosse Pointe North's senior baseball players got a chance to show what they could do last week in the final game of the Macomb Area Conference White Division season, and they put on an impressive show.

"I started all seniors," coach Frank Sumner said after the Norsemen beat Grosse Pointe South 6-0 to finish 11-1 in the MAC White. "The only junior who played was Nick Cullen, who got a pinch-hit double in the sixth."

North had a three-game bulge over runner-up South in

the MAC White. The Blue Devils were 8-4 and L'Anse Creuse North, which handed the Norsemen their only league defeat, finished 7-5.

Marshall Ochylski scattered six hits in winning his fifth game of the season.

"He had only one strikeout so we were making the plays behind him," Sumner said.

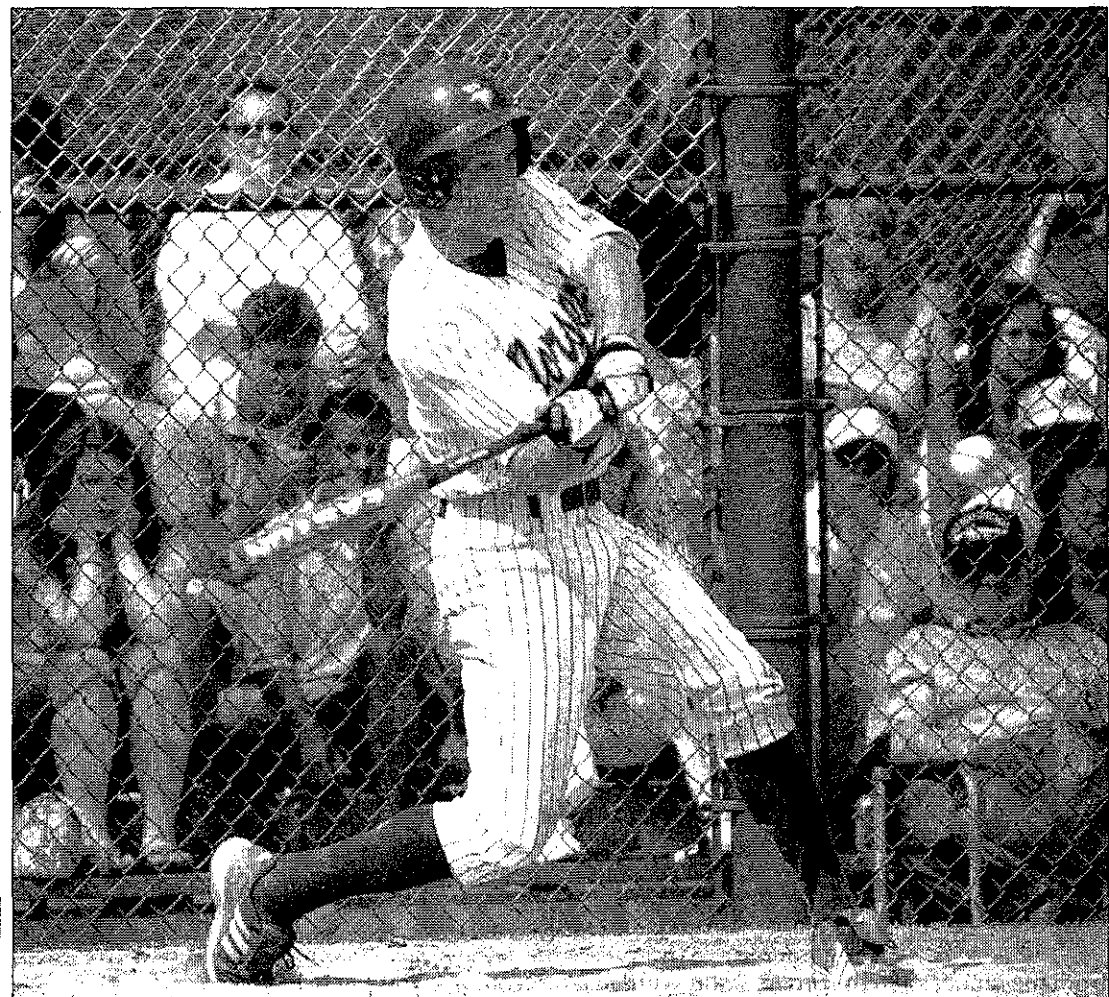
North opened the scoring in the first inning on a single by Karl Tech, a walk to Matt Koppinger and an RBI single by Mike Doak.

Jeff Rohrkemper singled to start a three-run second inning

that featured RBI singles by Mike D'Agnes, Tech and Koppinger.

The Norsemen capped the scoring with two runs in the sixth. Rohrkemper walked and took third on Cullen's double. Both runners then scored on wild pitches.

North played Detroit Denby in a pre-district game this week. The winner of that game plays East Detroit at 10 a.m. Saturday in the district hosted by South. South and Detroit Finney play at noon. The championship game is scheduled for 3 p.m.



Mike Doak delivers an RBI single for North.

ULS tennis team finishes third in regional tournament

It wasn't a vintage year by University Liggett School tennis standards, but this year's Knights team battled right to the end.

"We finished third in the regional (behind Ann Arbor Greenhills and Grosse Ile) but we lost several of the three-set matches that we played," said coach Chuck Wright. "We battled hard."

One of the three-setters came at No. 1 singles where Matt Witkowski lost 7-6, 6-7, 6-3 to Grosse Ile.

"It was a great match," Wright said. "He had a great year."

Another three-set loss came at No. 4 singles, where Billy Costello battled a Riverview Gabriel Richard player to the limit.

ULS, which finished with 12 points, also got wins from Andrew LaLonde at No. 2 singles and Mike Zukas at No. 3.

The Knights' No. 2 doubles team of Sanjay Rama and Matt Hames won its first match but lost in three sets, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to Gabriel Richard.

"That was their best match of the season," Wright said.

At No. 3 doubles, Steven Saubier and Derek McLaughlin beat Gabriel

Richard in their first match, but lost a three set to Greenhills in the semifinals.

ULS closed out the dual meet season with a 5-3 loss to Almont.

The Knights' wins came from Zukas at No. 2 singles with a 6-2, 6-3 decision; the No. 3 doubles team of Saubier and Derek McLaughlin with a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 victory; and the No. 4 doubles team of Michael McLaughlin and Zack Keith with a 6-3, 6-0 triumph.

"Mike Zukas has really had a great season," Wright said. "So has the No. 3 doubles team."

Blue Devils beat Romeo again but look sluggish in regional contest

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

It took a little longer than anticipated for Grosse Pointe South's boys lacrosse team to get its game face on during last weekend's Division 2 regional first-round game.

The Blue Devils hosted Romeo, a team they beat twice earlier in the season, 12-0 and 16-4.

The Bulldogs led 3-2 after the opening quarter, but when the final horn sounded, the favored Blue Devils won 16-5.

"I was very disappointed at our lackluster effort," South head coach Don Wolford said. "We told our players they needed their best effort because one

loss and we're done."

Brian Greiner scored at the 10:04 mark to give the home team a quick 1-0 lead.

However, numerous defensive breakdowns allowed Romeo to score three of the next four goals and take the one-goal first-quarter lead.

It was all South after that. Matt Naber, Sam Hull and Greiner tallied in the second quarter to give the Blue Devils a 5-3 halftime advantage.

In the third period, Naber (two), Alex Langton, Evan Welch, Greiner and Mike Wolcott scored to turn a close game into a rout.

In the final quarter, Greiner, Sam Mott, Langton, Welch and Elliot Shafer tallied.

Romeo scored the final two goals to account for the final score.

"This kind of half-hearted effort can't continue because we will lose," Wolford said. "Right from the opening, our guys have to be focused and ready to play on both ends of the field."

South improved to 14-5 overall.

The Blue Devils played the regional semifinal at home against Okemos Tuesday, May 29. If they won that game, they will host either rival Grosse Pointe North or defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in a regional championship game at 6 p.m., Friday, June 1.

ULS girls win, boys lose in lacrosse tournament

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

University Liggett School's girls lacrosse team edged

Harper Woods Regina 9-8 in a Division 2 regional quarterfinal game at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

"It was a very exciting

game," head coach Tamara Fobare said.

"The girls played great and

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South gets set for playoffs

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls lacrosse team prepared to defend its state championship by battling some of the toughest teams.

The Lady Blue Devils, ranked No. 4 in the state, beat No. 5 ranked Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 16-10 and lost to No. 2 ranked Birmingham Marian 9-8 and No. 3 ranked Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart 15-11.

"We played a lot of games during the past week; so our girls were beat when it came time to play Sacred Heart," head coach Erin Stewart said. "They battled and had a chance to win the game."

"Playing the tough competition was a great way for us to get ready for the tough run in the state playoffs. Nothing is easy and our girls know they have to work harder than their opponents to win."

Leading the path to the playoffs are Liz McCaughey, Ashley Thibodeau, Jeanne Janutol, Alison Parke, Gayle Campbell, Molly Smith, Christie Greiner, Kelly Breen and Kathleen McDonald.

Defensively, Myda Krato has played well in goal and her defensive stoppers, Michelle Martinelli, Melissa Oddo and Torie Palffy, have done a stellar job of limiting the opposition's scoring chances.

"We can't take any team for granted in the playoffs," Stewart said. "It only takes one bad game to knock you out of the playoffs. The girls have to be sharp and ready to play."

South takes a record of 8-5-1 into the state regional playoffs. If South wins its regional semifinal game (played Wednesday, May 30, at South Lyon), it might face arch rival Grosse Pointe North in the regional championship game at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at South Lyon High School.



University Liggett School's baseball team won its first Metro Conference championship. In front are Michael Thomas, left, and Patrick Gustine. In back, from left, are Zach Chopp, coach Dan Cimini, Joe Conway, Jeremiah Manning, Curtis Fisher, Charlie Litch, T.J. Henderson, Clarke Dirksen, Yates Campbell, Tommy Graves, Andrew Malaski, and coaches Bob Conway and Dwayne Henderson.

Knights set for state run

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Any team that gets through the top of University Liggett School's batting order unscathed has to feel that it has accomplished something remarkable.

Consider this: Leadoff batter Curtis Fisher is hitting .595 and has accumulated 50 hits during the regular season. No. 2 hitter Michael Thomas is batting "only" .421, but his 24 walks boost his on-base average to .651. No. 3 hitter D.J. Henderson is hitting at a .571 clip.

And then there's Patrick Gustine, who's hitting .508 from the ninth slot in the order. "He sees nothing but fastballs because teams don't want to walk him and pitch to Curtis with a runner on base," said coach Dan Cimini.

That's why the Knights have to be one of the favorites to

reach the final four in the Division IV baseball tournament that begins this week.

ULS will host a district tournament on Friday. The Knights play Macomb Christian at noon.

The winner of that game will face Sterling Heights Parkway Christian in the championship contest, which is scheduled for 2 p.m.

"The kids are relaxed," Cimini said. "They don't feel any pressure, even though expectations are high. That's the biggest difference between last year and this year. They know they're good. I probably feel more pressure than they do."

ULS ended the regular season with a 23-5 record and the Knights have been ranked No. 1 in Division IV for most of the season.

The five defeats have come against Division I powers Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University of

Detroit Jesuit, and Division II Cranbrook Kingswood and Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central. The Knights avenged the loss to Cranbrook when they beat the Cranes in the Metro Conference tournament championship game.

ULS also has the pitching to go along with a potent lineup. The team's earned run average is 2.44.

"We have six pitchers I'm not afraid to use," Cimini said.

Some of those numbers are just as impressive as the batting averages.

Henderson is 4-1 with a 0.58 ERA; Gustine is 4-1, 1.12; Fisher is 4-1, 1.58; and Joe Conway is 5-0 with two saves and a 1.76 ERA.

The Knights closed out the regular season with a 20-0 victory against Taylor Light and Life.

ULS scored 16 runs in the first inning to decide the outcome quickly.

"We just tattooed the ball," Cimini said. "We had only one walk and they didn't make any errors in the inning."

Fisher had three hits, including two doubles, and drove in three runs.

This is the first season that Cimini has batted him in the leadoff spot.

"I had to hit him third last year, but when D.J. came along (after transferring from Detroit Country Day) I could bat Curtis leadoff," Cimini said. "Not only does he have 50 hits, but if he walks and gets on base, it's as good as a double because he's stolen 34 bases in 36 attempts."

Gustine had three hits, one a triple, and four RBIs, and Jeremiah Manning also had three hits, including a double, and two RBIs.

Conway allowed only two hits in the game that was called after three innings by a mercy rule.



PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP

South's Alison Parke (10) looks to set up a play. Waiting for a pass is teammate Susan Furest.

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we pulled out the win to advance."

The Lady Knights lost to Regina earlier in the season.

"We lost a game I thought we should have won," Fobare said. "It was a very physical game that got away from us in the second half. It was nice to get a second chance against Regina."

Liz Smith and Jamie Bow each scored two goals to lead the Lady Knights. Other goal scorers were Morgan Ellis, Jacqueline Nicholas, Kat Olson, Natalie Boll and Iai Yamasacki with one tally apiece.

Fobare's squad improved to 4-8 overall.

Boys team bows 14-2 to a talented Cranbrook squad

The ULS boys' team wasn't as fortunate as their counterparts on the girls' squad.

The Knights lost 14-2 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in its Division 2 regional first-round game Thursday, May 24.

"They're a very talented team that took it right at us," head coach Chris Hartley said. "We didn't have any answers, but our kids played hard."

It was a 7-1 halftime score and the Cranes used another 7-1 half to win and advance to the regional semifinals.

The Knights' goal scorers were Steve Coval and John Fisher.

ULS, which had hoped for a 500 mark, ended its season with a 6-7 overall record.

GOLF: Sophomores play key roles

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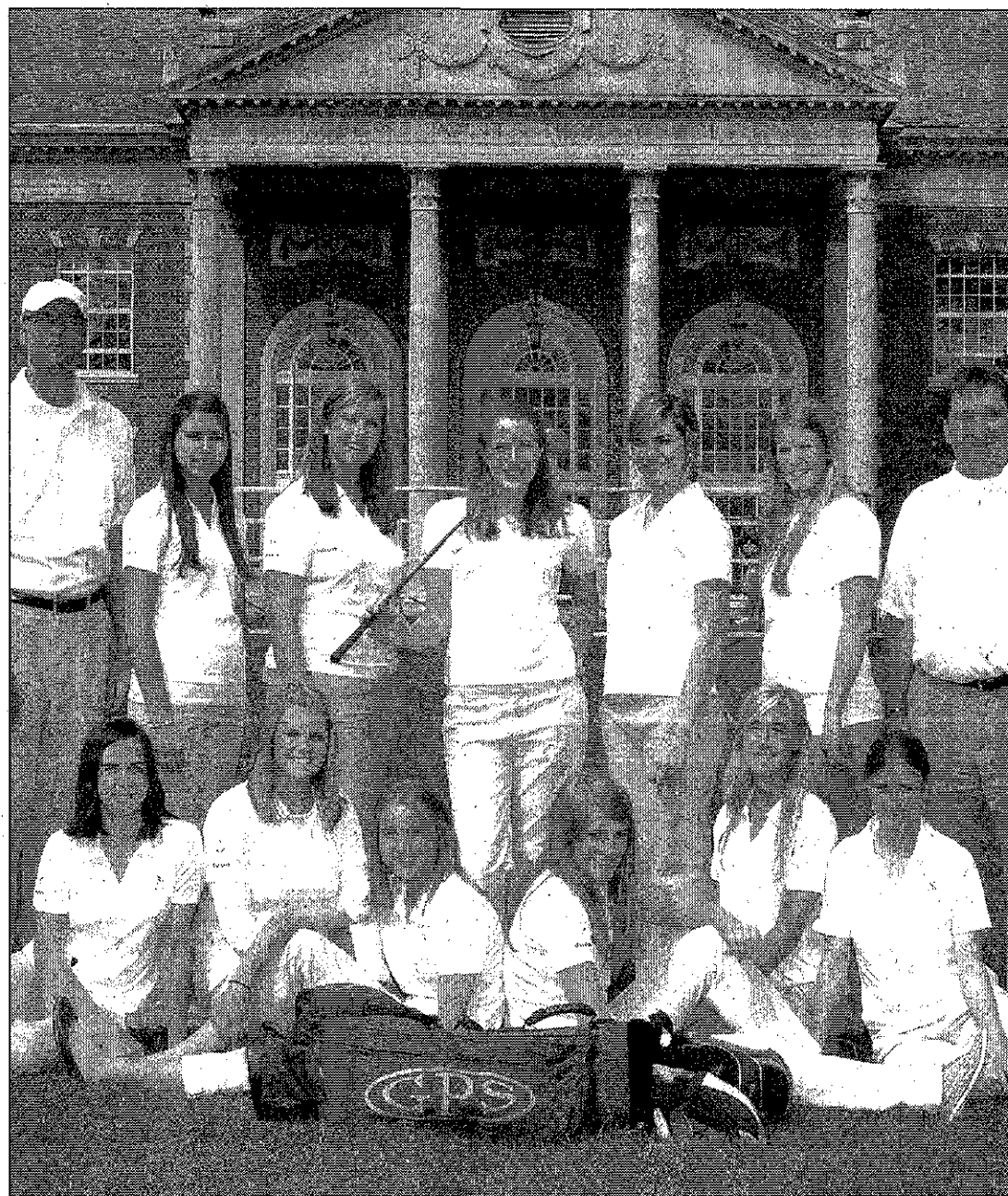
mature group."

Cooper is looking forward to a strong showing at this weekend's state championships, but he's also casting an eye to the future.

Next year, girls golf moves to the fall in one of several season switches the Michigan High School Athletic Association was forced to

make after losing a series of lawsuits.

"I don't know how the change is going to affect girls golf, so I'm hoping any players coming in who are interested in playing golf, will contact the school's athletic office and they'll pass the message on to me," Cooper said.



Grosse Pointe South's girls golf team is making its first trip to the state Division I finals this weekend at Forest Akers West in East Lansing. In front, from left, are Carey Farley, Kelsey Burgess, Charlotte Park, Kristin Motschall, Killeen Lang and E.A. Kennedy. In back, from left, are coach Jim Cooper, Katrina Corio, Ellie Boccaccio, Morgan Weaver, Danielle Eisbrenner, Debra Marantette and assistant coach Chris Bouda.

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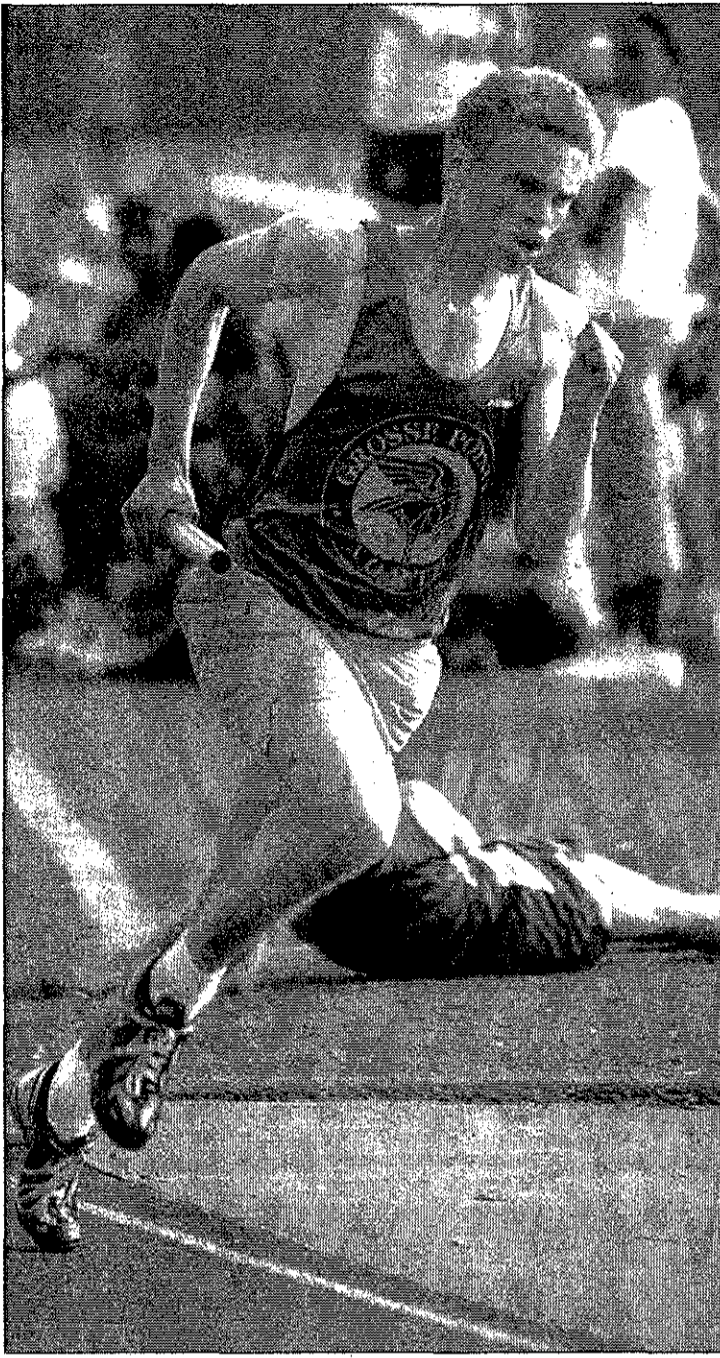
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Adam Devine leads off the winning 4x400-meter relay team for Grosse Pointe North in the freshman-sophomore track meet hosted by the Norsemen.

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North boys rule MAC

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Making the jump from the Blue Division to the White Division in the Macomb Area Conference wasn't any problem for Grosse Pointe North's boys track team.

The Norsemen were just as dominant in what is considered the second-toughest division in the MAC as they had been in the Blue.

"The seniors on the team all had good seasons," said North coach Pat Wilson after the Norsemen won the division meet at L'Anse Creuse North by an 80-point margin.

"They scored 80 of our 128 points in the league meet. We had eight seniors and they were solid all year long. That's not always the case. Sometimes seniors are distracted by other things, but not this group. The seniors were our leaders and they set a good tone for the rest of the team. They didn't lose a dual meet in four years."

Two of the seniors, Robbie Fisher and DeAndre Henderson, are headed to Miami University on track scholarships.

"We knew that we could always count on DeAndre and Robbie to give us at least two firsts whenever we needed them," Wilson said.

In the MAC White meet, Fisher was first in the 1,600-

and 800-meter runs and Henderson took first in both hurdles races.

"We could count on Edwin Whitfield to score points in both of the hurdles and Steve Joseph always scored in a couple of the distance races," Wilson said.

North showed balance throughout the team. Rarely were the Norsemen shut out in an event when the coaches made out a lineup that included the top people in the events.

Wilson was also pleased with the team's dedication.

"We won a lot of meets easily, but we never took it for granted," he said. "I think that was one of the greatest qualities of this team. Even if we were winning by 50 points and not getting a lot of competition from the other team, our guys were pushing each other."

"That's how we were able to keep improving and why we're running our best at the end of the season."

North will have 12 athletes representing the team in Saturday's state Division I championships at East Kentwood.

While the seniors were the nucleus of this year's team, the well won't dry up next year.

"A lot of good, young kids are coming back," Wilson said. "DeRon Pines is one of the top high jumpers in the state, and he isn't far from being one of the best in the long jump."

Pines took first place in both events at the MAC White meet.

"Three-fourths of our relays will all be back," Wilson said. "We have to fill that final spot, but we're thinking about that right now."

In addition to the six wins picked up by Fisher, Henderson and Pines, North got a win in the 100 dash from Blest Norris, who ran an excellent time of 10.8. Theron Carter was third and Aaron Price came in sixth in the 100.

The 4x100 relay team of Adam Devine, Andrew Charnesky, Wes Raynal and Paul Bramos took first.

Whitfield was third and Corey Foglesong sixth in the 110-high hurdles, while Foglesong took third and Whitfield fourth in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

Joseph finished third in the 1,600 run. Andy VanEgmond was third in the 3,200 run and his brother, Matt, was sixth.

Bramos and Raynal placed 2-3 in the 400 dash.

In the field events, Whitfield was third and Price sixth in the long jump, Paul Chabot was fifth in the pole vault and Austen Ditzhazy was third in the shot put.

Three relay teams finished second — the 4x800 of Sean Bourke, Corey Rapala, Andy VanEgmond and Joseph; the 4x200 of Norris, Henderson, Carter and Devine; and the

4x100 of Norris, Carter, Price and Henderson.

There was another nice glimpse of the future in a freshman-sophomore meet hosted by the Norsemen.

North won several of the relays, including the 4x1,600 cross country relay that consisted of Matt VanEgmond, Alex Kopacka, Shuaib Raza and David Padalino; the shuttle hurdle relay with the team of Andrew Horne, Charnesky, Paul Johnson and James Graney; and the 4x200 relay of Carter, Devine, Jamari Henderson and Bramos. North also won the 4x100 relay with the team of Carter, Henderson, James Mason and Joe Elliott; and the 4x400 relay with the team of Devine, Charnesky, Pat Houin and Bramos.

Jack Poole won the discus and was second in the shot put. Horne was first in the high jump and Steve DeLorenzo took third. Chabot won the pole vault with Mark Balle third. Larry VanOverbeke won the 800 run and teammate Sean Johnson was second.

Darius Wilcox was runner-up in both the 200 dash and the long jump.

The 4x800 relay team of Nate Strickland, Forrest Carmer, Adam McHale and Andrew Kopacka took second, while the middle distance relay team of Wilcox, Graney, Balle and Matt VanEgmond was third.

North girls also atop the MAC White division meet

Grosse Pointe North's girls track team added another trophy to its collection this year when the Norsemen scored 137 points in winning the Macomb Area Conference White Division meet.

Betsy Graney was a double winner for North, taking the 800-meter run in 2:21 and winning the 1,600 run in 5:31.

North also won three of the four relays.

The 400 relay team of Anitra Peoples, Kelly DeFauw, Haley Abessinio and Katie Raymond took first place in 52.2.

Peoples, DeFauw, Abessinio and Raymond also took a first

in the 800 relay with a time of 1:49.2.

Abessinio and DeFauw joined Katie Gravey and Graney in winning the 1,600 relay in 4:14.2.

North had four second-place finishes. Krystal Bush was second in the 300 low hurdles with a personal-best time of 47.84. Peoples was runner-up in the 100 with a 13.4 clocking and DeFauw was second in the 200 with a 26.4.

Lauren Flanagan was third in the discus and shot put, Christine Klein was third in the high jump, and Abessinio took third in the 400 dash.

Ariel Braker was third in the long jump and fourth in the high jump.

Kiyonna Jones took fourth in both the 100 hurdles and the long jump, while other fourths came from Marshay Daniels in the 100 and Brianne McDonald in the 3,200 run. The 3,200 relay team of Katie Graves, Kamille Hamzey, Nora Premack and McDonald was also fourth.

Other North medalists were Flanagan, Andrea Kouierter and Erin Schultes in the pole vault; Sarah Gryniwicz in the 1,600 and 3,200; Raymond in the 200; and Graves in the 800.

ULS: Finish No. 1 in Division IV

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has an outstanding goalie (Abby Cohen) and to beat her three times is pretty impressive."

The ULS defense was also outstanding.

Goalkeeper Grace D'Arcy recorded her ninth shutout of the season, matching last year's total, but her goals-against average is below one-per-game. The Knights have allowed only 13 goals in 16 games and seven of those came against Grosse Pointe North and Detroit Country Day.

"Monique Squiers is the dominant force on our defense, but Clare Peracchio, Paige Counsman and Raleigh Dettlinger have also been outstanding, and Grace has been there when we've needed the big save. They've all been very steady, and it's a hard-working group."

"Claire and Monique played last year, but Raleigh is new to the back line because she was hurt most of last year. Paige is a freshman, and for a freshman to step in like that is remarkable."

The next day, ULS played Country Day and the Yellowjackets, ranked third in the state in Division III, came away with a 3-1 victory.

"It wasn't the best time to play a team like that, one day after a tough game, both mentally and physically,"

Backhurst said. "It also took us some time to adjust to playing on their (artificial) turf field. The ball really takes off on the turf so a lot of balls that we'd usually catch up to, got past us."

Country Day scored twice in the first 10 minutes of the game.

One goal came on a header over D'Arcy and the other came on a shot from a bad angle.

"That second goal was a super shot," Backhurst said. "When they scored those two goals so quickly, we were stunned and I was afraid it might be a blowout, but we got it going and played pretty even the rest of the half."

ULS cut the Yellowjackets' lead in half with 11 minutes to go before halftime. Squiers made a throw-in that glanced off a Country Day player to Chloe Kirchner, who fired a shot from just inside the 18-yard line that went into the upper left corner of the net.

Six minutes into the second half, Country Day restored its two-goal margin. A couple of Yellowjackets players were left open in front of the goal, and D'Arcy had no chance to stop the shot as it went into the net for a 3-1 lead.

"Once again we played them even for the rest of the way," Backhurst said.

The final shots were 13-12 in favor of Country Day.

ULS will take a 14-2 record and the No. 1 ranking in Division IV into the start of state tournament play this week.

The championship game of the district will be Friday at 4:30 p.m. at ULS.

Norsemen defeat Foley and Warren

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's boys lacrosse team ended its regular season, beating Madison Heights Bishop Foley 9-5 and Warren Unified 19-2.

"We're heading in the right direction with the playoffs here," head coach Dan Preston said. "We have been playing pretty well the past few weeks."

Against Bishop Foley, the Norsemen held a slim 3-2 half-time lead, but opened it up with a solid third quarter.

"We scored some quick goals to create some breathing room heading into the fourth period," Preston said. "It was a nice win."

James Tocco scored three goals to lead the team. Alex Davenport and Ian LaValley had two goals apiece.

LaValley was called up from the junior varsity team after Preston got the news that Mike Neveux would be lost for the playoffs after being diagnosed with mononucleosis.

Nate Kinnear was a marksman against Warren, scoring seven goals. Davenport and LaValley also made their marks, netting four and two goals, respectively.



The Sharks won the Mite Division playoff championship in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association. In front, from left, are Jeffery Buhl, Connor McCarron, Charles Kruse and Spencer Warezak. In the middle row, from left, are Lauren Kramer, Markus Minanov, William Buhl, Howie Crane and Mary Shepard. In back, from left, are assistant coach Mike Kramer, Jeffery Lieder, coach Eric Warezak, Jeremiah Casterline, and bench manager John Casterline. Not pictured is team manager Debbie Minanov.

Sharks win Mite crown

The Sharks defeated the Eagles 4-2 to win the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite Division championship.

Jeffery Buhl's third-period goal snapped a 2-2 tie and lifted the Sharks to the victory and the Vetere Cup in the game played at the City Sports Center.

The Sharks went on the offensive early in the game. Defenseman Markus Minanov intercepted an Eagles clearing pass in the neutral zone and dumped the puck deep into the corner. Right wing Lauren Kramer retrieved the puck from the corner and took a shot. Eagles goalie Joe Lucchese made an excellent save but left wing Spencer Warezak was in perfect position to score on the rebound, giving the Sharks a 1-0 lead 4 1/2 minutes into the game.

The Eagles recovered quickly and peppered Sharks goalie William Buhl with six shots during the next 2 1/2 minutes. Buhl stopped them all until Noah Morris one-timed a perfect centering pass from Ryan Cullen to tie the game.

The Eagles won the faceoff and raced to the Sharks' end with the puck but defenseman Charles Kruse broke up a 2-on-1 rush, carried the puck up the

boards and made a perfect breakout pass to Connor McCarron to clear the zone.

With a minute and a half remaining in the first period, William Buhl made a fine save on Cullen's backhand shot. He cleared the puck to McCarron to broke down the ice, and sent a wrist shot over the goalie's glove for a 2-1 lead.

Midway through the second period, the Eagles made a strong offensive push into the Sharks' zone but the play was shut down by the Sharks' biggest defenseman, Jeffery Lieder, who cleared the puck to winger Mary Shepard.

Lieder made several strong plays in keeping the puck inside the Eagles' zone, not allowing them to clear the puck.

The scoreless second period featured fine saves by both goaltenders and outstanding defensive plays by each team.

The Sharks won the faceoff to start the third period but the play was broken up by Eagles defenseman Matthew Bergeron. A.J. Stevenson recovered the puck, carried it down the ice and with 9:34 remaining in the period, scored the goal to tie the game at 2-2.

Moments later, the Eagles dumped the puck into the Sharks' zone. Kruse dug the

puck out and passed to Shepard, who had to battle several Eagles for possession. She recovered the puck at the blue line and passed to Howie Crane. Crane passed to Jeffery Buhl, who was breaking up the right wing. Buhl broke in alone and beat the goalie high on his glove side.

The Eagles provided some uneasy moments in the final seconds.

Cullen went one-on-one with Sharks defenseman Jeremiah Casterline, but Casterline forced Cullen wide and made a diving poke check to stop the scoring chance. Cullen recovered the puck and center it to Morris, who was stopped by goalie Buhl.

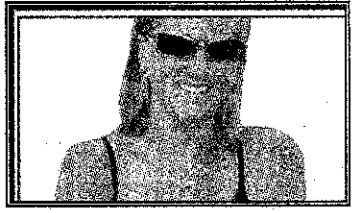
Eagles defenseman Jack Liagre intercepted the clearing pass and fired a wrist shot from the point that was blocked by McCarron, who skated up the ice and scored into the empty net with 10 seconds to go.

"It was the perfect ending to the season for the Sharks, whose team mantra was 'Hustle, Pass and Shoot,'" said coach Eric Warezak.

Warezak was helped by assistant coach Mike Kramer, bench manager John Casterline and team manager Debbie Minanov.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Missing sailor finally appears



Our cell phones were ablazing as we headed down Interstate 75. We half joked, half worried about him.

If he had been on a different boat, was that boat lost in the storm? If he had safely delivered that boat to Florida, had something happened between hitting the dock and flying home to Detroit? Or was he on an entirely different boat? Had he decided to disappear for a while? Ah, the theories were forming.

As it turns out, Van Tol's parents have a neighbor who works for the Coast Guard here. He put Van Tol in touch with a specific person at the Miami-based Coast Guard who asked a series of questions and then told him they would treat it as a missing person's report.

Meanwhile, I thought we needed to confirm what boat Mike had actually been on. So I made some telephone calls to local sailors who I thought could find out. I also called friends who could check Sailing Anarchy to see if there was anything new on the Web. Another friend called to say she had e-mailed someone connected to the boat's owner to try and find some answers.

Just about the time a call came confirming Mike was indeed on Chippewa, the Coast Guard called Van Tol. They had done a background search, contacted the owner and found out the boat had just left Bermuda three days earlier. The boat was due in Newport the next day. The owner confirmed a "Mike" was on board but didn't know a last name.

It had to be our guy. Whew. What was astounding was the speed that the international sailing community rallied.

Using telephones, the Internet and good, old-fashioned "who you know" connections, we confirmed that Mike was safely aboard the boat. He hadn't disappeared in the Bermuda triangle.

He hadn't silently moved to a remote island. He hadn't been captured by modern-day pirates.

We're still not entirely clear why he didn't check in, why he left all of his friends to worry about him and what took the boat so long to either leave Antigua or arrive in Newport.

Mike did do the Internet sailing community the favor of posting a brief note. Here's a portion, edited to English from Mike's Web-style writing:

"Indeed I have made it safely to shore, although seven days later than expected and two more ports than planned. It just goes to show you how humbling the sea can be but my thanks and most humble apologies go out to everyone."

Mystery almost solved. Just wait until I see him...

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South ties for second

Nothing was decided last week when Grosse Pointe South and Stevenson met to determine second place in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division standings.

The two teams went into the match tied for second and they came out of the 1-1 deadlock still sharing the runner-up spot behind Eisenhower. The Blue Devils and Titans both finished 4-2-4 in the league.

When the game officials took a halftime breather, they were overheard saying the first half between South and Stevenson was "a boring half."

That might have been the case, because each team was playing cautiously. Also, South was missing several players because of injuries.

The Blue Devils played with confidence but at times the match seemed to be locked in the midfield, somewhat in slow motion. South outshot Stevenson 6-2 in the first half.

Action picked up in the second half and Stevenson scored the first goal, three minutes into the half, benefitting from a communication failure by the Blue Devils' defense.

A medium-range ground shot by Lauren Turkington was aimed toward the goal, but a defender attempted to clear the ball and it wound up on Vanessa Atanasiski's foot, and she popped a high shot over goalkeeper Kathryn Tietjen's head.

South mounted a comeback but couldn't score for more than 31 minutes as the Titans packed the defense, converging at least two players on the ball and engaging in more physical play.

Blue Devils coach Gene Harkins removed a defender in favor of more offense and Kara Trowell's hard work paid off as her high shot went over goalie Alex Cousineau's head with

5:25 remaining. Michele Arthur earned the assist.

Trowell had four of South's 12 shots. Stevenson finished with 11, with Tietjen making nine saves.

Earlier, in the MAC Red rematch between crosstown rivals South and Grosse Pointe North, the Blue Devils ended the Norsemen's winning streak with a convincing 5-2 victory.

Going into the wind, 4 1/2 minutes into the match, South's Lindsay Krall received an excellent pass from Emma Brush, found a wide-open path to the goal and notched her eighth goal of the season to give the Blue Devils a quick 1-0 lead.

Jolted by the sudden deficit, North regrouped and Sami Filippelli, Danielle Przepiora and Olivia Stander attempted several offensive forays when Chelsea Detrick was able to gain control of the ball in the midfield.

Finally, at 22:15, Stander gained possession near midfield and made one of her patented long runs through the defense, faking Tietjen to score the tying goal.

South didn't panic and the Blue Devils continued to move the ball in a controlled fashion, using the full width of the field to wear down the North midfielders and defenders. Anna Cunningham completed an outstanding passing drill just four minutes later with a perfect pass to Krall, whose solid shot couldn't be handled by North keeper Ariana Conti.

There was no more scoring in the first half, but the threat posed by Stander forced Harkins to make a key strategic change. With 54 minutes remaining in the match, he inserted Amy Hathaway, normally a forward, to mark Stander all over the field. Although it was the first time she had

played defense, Hathaway's speed, athleticism, height and strong clearing kicks helped her gain the confidence to succeed in the assignment.

Less than two minutes into the second half, South scored again. Stephanie Garbarino gained possession after a Cunningham pass and pounded the Norsemen's winning streak with a shot over Holly Spencer, who replaced Conti in goal.

Relaxed with a 3-1 lead, South controlled play for more than 20 minutes but suddenly a South defender went forward in transition, only to get caught in a quick turnover, that allowed Stander to break away for her second goal.

North suffered a major blow when Detrick had to leave the game with an injury she suffered while challenging for a 50-50 ball.

Ten minutes later, another good pass by Cunningham earned her third assist of the match as Trowell lifted her own rebound over Spencer. A little more than two minutes later Krall completed her hat trick, converting passes from Emily McLaughlin and Cunningham.

South outshot North 18-8 with Tietjen making five saves. Spencer had nine of North's 10 saves.

South surprised ninth-ranked Livonia Churchill on its home turf as the Blue Devils came home with a 3-1 victory for its sixth straight win.

It was another come-from-behind effort for South, which started flat after the long bus ride seemed to sap the Blue Devils' energy.

The Chargers opened the scoring at 8:23 when a corner kick that fell short of the goal was deflected, hit a defender and caromed into the goal.

Down 1-0, South improved its focus, restored its patient

play and passing, and tied the match eight minutes later. Hathaway took control of the ball near midfield, raced down the right side and crossed the ball to the far side of Churchill's goal. The onrushing Trowell slammed home the Blue Devils' first goal.

In his halftime monologue, Harkins criticized the team's slow start and failure to win more 50-50 balls.

He also observed that Churchill goalie Stefanie Turner was aggressive and would capture any long ball shots so he was mandatory "to play possession and attack the back line."

The Blue Devils showed that they had listened well, and took control of the match. With 18 minutes to play, Krall and Cunningham teamed up — perfect ball possession by Krall and an accurate shot by Cunningham — for the winning goal.

Five minutes later, Arthur was in position to slam home another Krall-initiated play for her first goal of the season.

It was only the second loss of the season for Churchill.

Meryl Ethridge, Hannah Orlicki and Danika Stone played well on defense. Sarah Stanczyk was battling illness but she still managed to confound the Chargers' long ball attempts deep in South territory. Katie Orlicki and Amanda Marsh provided able relief on defense.

Brush, Garbarino, Katherine Corden, Erin Hughes and Liz Lightbody joined Arthur and Trowell in providing solid midfield play, while Erika Kay and Hathaway augmented the Cunningham/Krall offensive efforts.

Lauren Jacob made three saves in the second half to go with Tietjen's five in the first half.

Tie game feels like a defeat

Although a tie isn't a loss, the final score of 1-1 against Eisenhower felt like a defeat for South's soccer team.

South controlled the match for 70 of the 80 minutes, but the tie clinched the division title for the Eagles, whose victory celebration was a bitter pill for the Blue Devils to swallow.

Lindsay Krall's short shot from a scrum in front of the Eisenhower net at 6:58 of the first half was one of only three shots on goal by the two teams, and South had the lead for the next 37-plus minutes. Anna Cunningham earned the assist by placing the ball in front of the goal.

The Eagles didn't have a shot on goal in the first half so K.T. Tietjen barely touched the ball.

Eisenhower adjusted its offensive attack in the second half and had four shots on goal, but couldn't beat Tietjen or Lauren Jacob, who started the half.

With about 10 minutes remaining, Stanczyk's clearing kick hit an Eagles attacker in the face with the impact sending both players to the turf. A long delay ensued with the Eisenhower player removed by ambulance and Sarah Stanczyk helped off with an ankle injury.

When play resumed, South kicked the ball to midfield but the Eagles gained possession, attacked to their left and disaster struck for the Blue Devils. The midfielders and defenders followed the ball instead of staying in position. Eisenhower centered the ball, two attackers in front of the net weren't covered and Alyssa Roegner scored the tying goal against a helpless Tietjen.

State tournament play began this week at North with South playing Warren-Mott and North playing Cousino in the tournament openers. The two winners play at 5 p.m., May 31.

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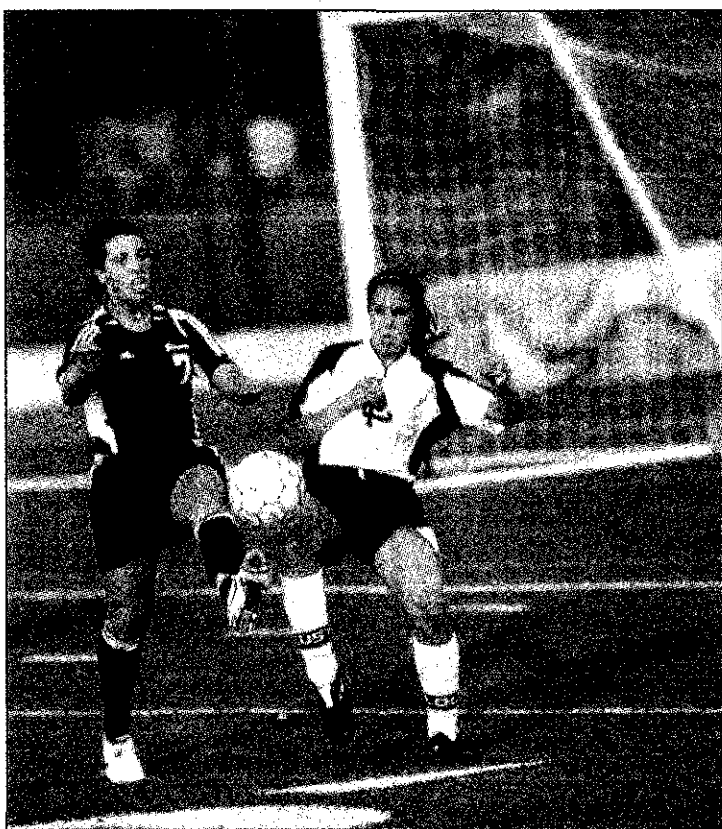
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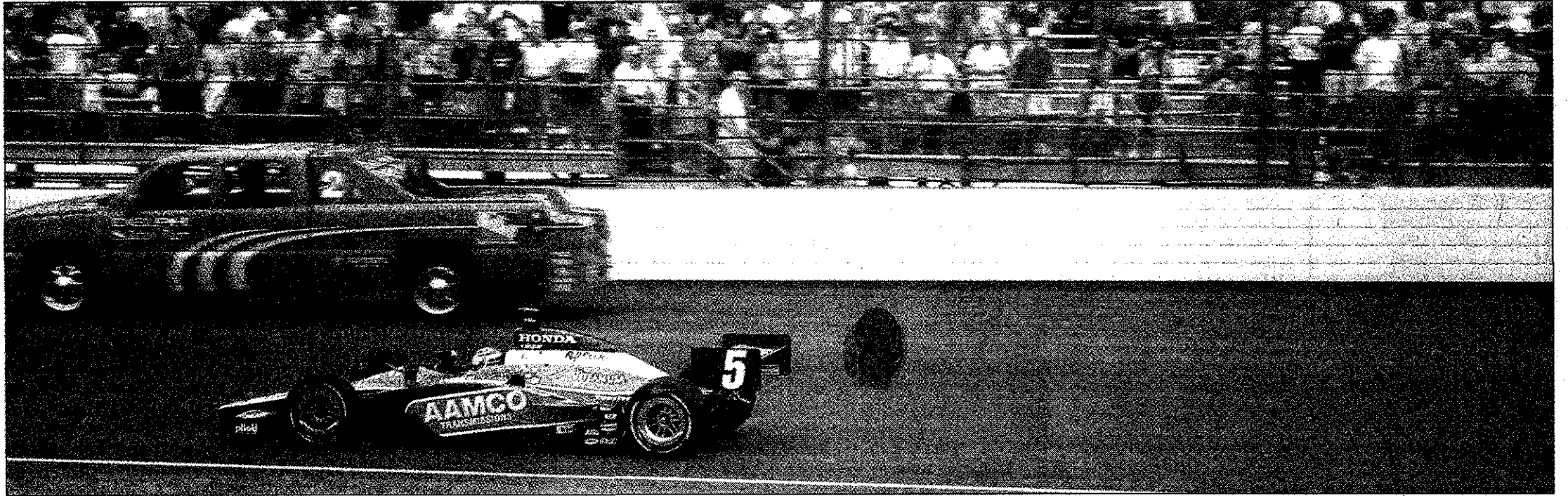


South's Stephanie Garbarino battles for the ball with Stevenson's Vanessa Atanasiski.

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91ST INDIANAPOLIS 500



Rain makers dance up storm at Indy 500

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

SPEEDWAY, Ind. — The kilt contingent may want haggis added to the menu of Indianapolis Motor Speedway snack stands now that Scotland's Dario Franchitti, 34, has won the Indianapolis 500.

Scott Dixon, of New Zealand, came in second. Third went to pole-sitter and two-time 500 winner Helio Castroneves of Brazil.

The race last Sunday was scheduled for 200 laps but ended under caution at lap 166 due to rain.

Grosse Pointe's link to the Indy Racing League — drivers Sarah Fisher, Roger Yasukawa and Buddy Rice of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, co-owned by Farms native and former Indy racer Robbie Buhl — finished 18th, 21st and 25th, respectively.

Fisher and Yasukawa finished two laps down. Rice was involved in a wreck and finished four laps behind the winner.

Buhl expected his squad to finish in the top 10 of the 33-car field, but knew the odds were long for his small but growing team.

"The variables around here are infinite," said Buhl, a veteran of eight Indys from 1996 through 2003.

Buhl also hoped his fleet would survive Indy intact. That way, his crew could concentrate on preparing equipment for the June 3, 225-mile race in Milwaukee rather than making repairs.

"We want all our cars running at the end of this thing," Buhl said before the race. He stood outside Dreyer & Reinbold's six-bay garage at the Speedway's Gasoline Alley. Inside, mechanics and engineers on the 29-member team fine-tuned their trio of red, white and blue cars for competition.

Rice, the 2004 Indy winner, started 16th. He advanced into the top 10 during most of the race and nudged into the top five while biding his time for a sprint at the end. His measured march to the front ended in a multi-car melee on lap 163 that drew the 11th and final caution of the afternoon.

Rice was among a pack of cars heading down the 5/8-mile backstretch into turn 3 when a car driven by Marco Andretti, one of Franchitti's four driver-teammates at Andretti Green Racing, hit Dan Wheldon, flipped, skidded and landed right side up.

"I had to slow down to avoid the crash," Rice said. "Then somebody punted me from behind."

Everyone walked away from the crack-up, but cleanup crews couldn't clear the track before a curtain of rain canceled the show.

Rice plans to drive his No. 15 A1 TEAM USA/Dreyer & Reinbold Honda Dallara at Milwaukee. Fisher will continue the season with her No. 5 AAMCO Transmission/DRR Honda Dallara.

"We had a pretty good car," she said. "As competitive as this sport is, it's really difficult unless everything goes your way."

Yasukawa, hired to drive No. 24 Wellman Corbier Custom Homes Honda Dallara as an



all-out push for Indy, is not scheduled to proceed to the next race.

Race day for the 91st annual Indy 500 began on ominous and prophetic notes as rain fell while the Gordon Pipers marched on the track during morning parade ceremonies.

The pomp of bagpipes foreshadowed the circumstance of Franchitti's victory. His win was the second for a Scotsman at the track. Countryman Jim Clark won in 1965 driving a Ford-powered Lotus displayed at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

Hoosiers know spring has arrived in Indiana when they have to wear a golf shirt one day and a rain coat the next. Fans attending this year's 500 needed both within hours of each other.

Early birds lined up for the 253-acre speedway gates to open at 6 a.m. did so under blue-black darkness spiked by distant lightning.

About an hour later, southwest winds in a graying sky stiffened flags on the 10-story scoring pagoda at the start-finish line and blew in two hours of steady rain.

Track crews with jet dryers had things ready for the race's normally-scheduled 1 p.m. start.

Buhl, spotting for Fisher from a platform atop the grandstands in turn 3, radioed her during a pace lap, "Let's have a good day, all day."

Tony Kanaan, also on the Andretti team, radioed his crew, "We're gonna win this thing. It's show time."

Castroneves led lap one, beginning a series of cat-and-mouse with Kanaan. Franchitti started the race from third.

Everyone pitted for fuel and new tires on lap 13 during a yellow flag for debris on the track. Rice and Yasukawa got back on track without problems.

Fisher, on the other hand, had one of those variables Buhl talked about. She and her pit row neighbor, Jaques Lazier, bumped returning to the track.

About 30 laps later, Buhl's radio went on the fritz. Fisher, no longer hearing his coaching, wondered what happened.

"Robbie, you still up there?" she asked.

More rain forced a nearly three-hour delay on lap 113. When competition resumed, dark clouds approaching from the west made it clear that rain was to be more on-again than off-again.

As cars traveling 213 mph ticked off 2 1/2-mile laps every 42 seconds or so, radio chatter dealt increasingly with weather reports.

"Everybody was telling

Clockwise from above, Sarah Fisher in No. 5 AAMCO Transmission/DRR Honda Dallara gives a crash safety vehicle a wide berth at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Buddy Rice's No. 15 wedges between No. 6 Sam Hornish Jr. and No. 14 Darren Manning down the front straight. Dreyer & Reinbold mechanics put finishing touches on Fisher's car in the team garage on Gasoline Alley. Roger Yasukawa in No. 24 Wellman Corbier Custom Homes Honda Dallara rounds turn 1. Robbie Buhl, co-owner of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing and Grosse Pointe native.

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everybody it was going to rain in five or six minutes, so we knew it was time to go, get up front and do something," Franchitti said.

Kanaan's pace lap victory forecast proved more pathetic than prophetic. He spun on lap 157 and lost all chance for his first Indy win. After the race, Kanaan brushed by interviewers the same way he'd done the wall coming sideways out of turn 4.

"I don't want to talk," he said. Meanwhile, Franchitti and his actress wife, Ashley Judd, soaked up the limelight of a sloshy victory celebration.

Franchitti recovered from a gashed tire before the rain delay that relegated him to 14th place. He picked off other cars one by one as western skies darkened.

"He won in style and he won outright," Judd said.

"I have to thank my team," Franchitti said.

He earned \$1,645,233 of the race's record purse totaling \$10,668,815.

Fisher won \$238,305. Yasukawa won \$234,305. Rice won \$222,805.

This year was the seventh Indy 500 since 1911 to be shortened by rain.

