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THURSDAY, OCT. 9

◆ It's Grosse Pointe Public Library's Customer Service week and a no fine day at all libraries.
◆ The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores meets at 7 p.m. in Civic Arena, 20000 Stephens. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

◆ It's Grosse Pointe Public Library's Customer Service week. A restaurant raffle drawing is the highlight.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

◆ Talking Headstones: A Walk Through St. Paul's Cemetery, Country Club Lane and Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, begins at 8 p.m. Space is limited. Bring a flashlight and small camp chair. Tickets are \$10 for Grosse Pointe Historical Society members and \$12 for non-members. Grosse Pointe Theatre actors will bring local names "to life."
◆ Volunteers are needed to clean debris from I-94 ramps in St. Clair Shores. Meet at 10 a.m. in the northeast corner of the parking lot at I-94 and 10 Mile. For more information, call Erin Stahl at (586) 774-8181.

MONDAY, OCT. 13

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14

◆ The annual meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation is at 7 p.m. in city offices, 17147 Maumee, for the purpose of electing trustees.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

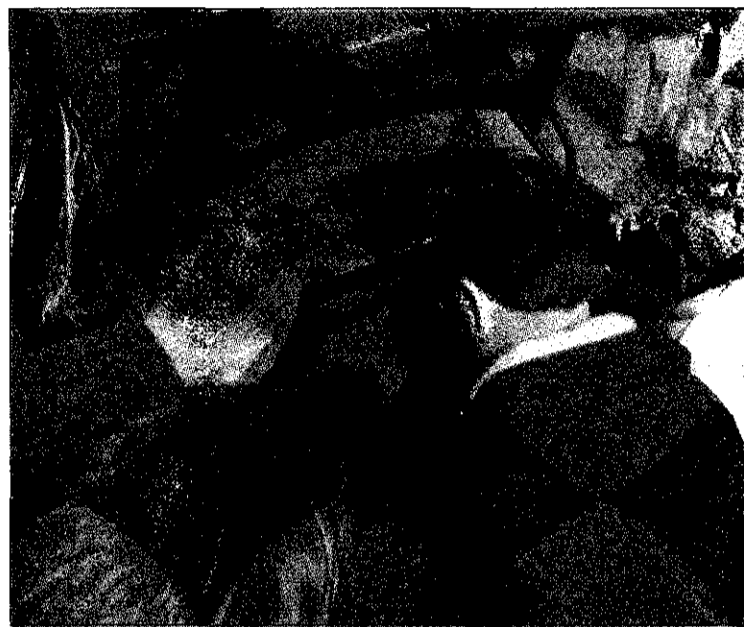
◆ The Ducks Unlimited Wild Game dinner begins at 6 p.m. at Gino's Surf, 34700 Jefferson, Harrison Township. For more information, call Terry Laymon at (313) 506-2100.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

◆ The 2008 Holiday Mart begins with a Gala Patron Party from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Car found in lake



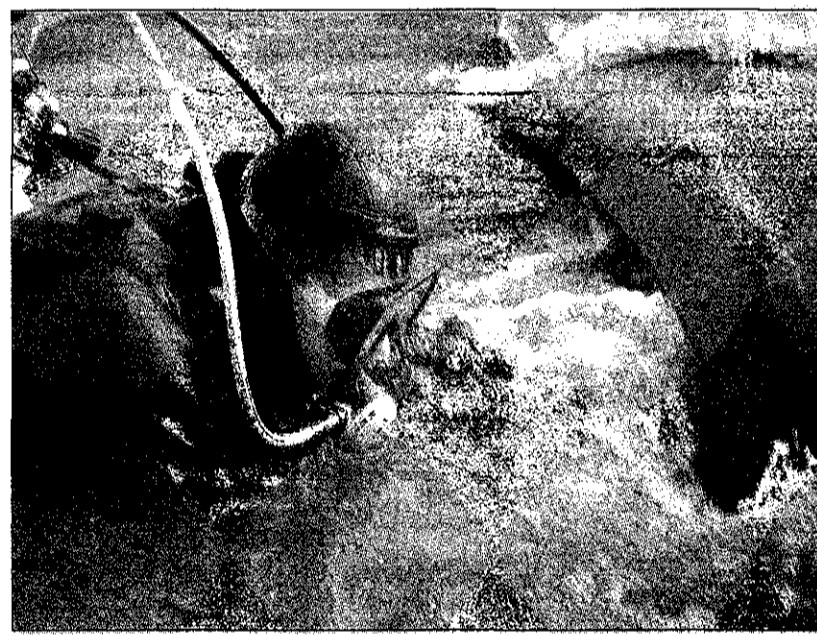
Search continues for driver of submerged Subaru

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Officers stood shoulder-to-shoulder in a tense, half-circle around the back of a car still dripping water and weeds after being pulled out of Lake St. Clair.
They opened the trunk, anxious to see if there was something, or someone, inside. Nothing. No one.
"Let 'em have it," said Stephen Poloni, ordering his officers at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 to release the car to a towing company.
Poloni, chief of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores, said there was no known witness to how the car wound up just off

the breakwall in about 4 1/2 feet of murky water near the foot of Clairview.
Divers didn't find anyone in the vehicle nor in the rocky shallows nearby. The car's four windows were down.
An unknown man shortly before 11:30 a.m. reported the car in person at Farms police headquarters. The man left before the dispatcher finished deploying officers and she had no time to ask his name.
Officers traced the black four-door 2006 Subaru Impreza's license plate to a Monroe woman, but as of press time, hadn't been able to contact her.
"We have no idea how the car

See **SUBMERGED**, page 7A



Above, a car traced to a Monroe woman is pulled from Lake St. Clair near the foot of Clairview in Grosse Pointe Shores. Officers Geoff McQueen and John Walko of the Farms dive team searched the vehicle and nearby waters, but didn't find a body.
Left, Farms dive team member Officer John Walko signals no one found in the passenger compartment.

PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG



South's queen

Anna Liang, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, was crowned this year's Homecoming Queen on Friday, Oct. 3. She is shown with her father, Jack. For more Spirit Week pictures, turn to page 16A.

PHOTO BY SUZY BERSCHBACK

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Sign postings

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A pair of 14-year-old male sneak thieves advertised stolen traffic signs on the Internet and got caught in their own world-

wide Web.
Postings last month of stolen City of Grosse Pointe signs on the Web-based shopping site, Craigslist, prompted a suspi-

See **SIGNS**, page 7A

POINTER OF INTEREST

'No family should have to face the loss of a child alone.'

Wendy Relich



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Family: Husband, Nick; children, Nicholas, 22; Natalie, 21; James, 18; and Jake, 14
Claim to fame: Chairperson of the 2008 St. John Hospice "Oktoberfest"
See story on page 4A



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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

RESIDENTS JAM POLIO CLINICS: The clinics, which were established in the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Health District for giving mass inoculations of Salk vaccine for the prevention of polio have been doing land-office business.

More than 2,800 shots were given at the two clinics in Grosse Pointe as well as 1,500 shots in a clinic at Harper Woods Junior High School and 17,000 at Eastland Mall.

WOODS RESIDENTS VIC-TORIOUS: The Woods City Council bowed to the will of the people and adopted an ordinance making it mandatory to place the new municipal hall issue on the ballot for the Nov. 4 election.

HIT AND RUN: Park authorities are looking for a woman driver who hit a six-year-old St. Ambrose School student, knocking the child to the pavement. The driver followed the boy to his home and left without identifying herself.

The boy was taken to Bon Secours Hospital. X-rays shows no serious injuries.

1983

25 years ago this week

COKE CASE CONVIC-TIONS: Two area men await sentencing in federal court after pleading guilty last month to illegally distributing three-tenths of a gram of cocaine last June. The men, one a Shores resident and the other a former Shores resident, were arrested by U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency officers in a northeast Detroit home. Seized in the arrest was a kilogram of cocaine.

COUNCILS OPPOSE CLOSINGS: Groups fighting the board of education's proposal to close four schools because of declining enrollment won support this week from two Grosse Pointe city councils, which unanimously passed resolutions opposing the tentative plan.

The Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods councils oppose the Board's tentative plan for closing Mason, Maire

and Barnes elementary schools and Pierce Middle School.

MORE GRADUATION RE-QUIREMENTS?: The number and types of classes required for students to graduate from Grosse Pointes high schools may be increased after completion of a study currently being conducted by the central office staff.

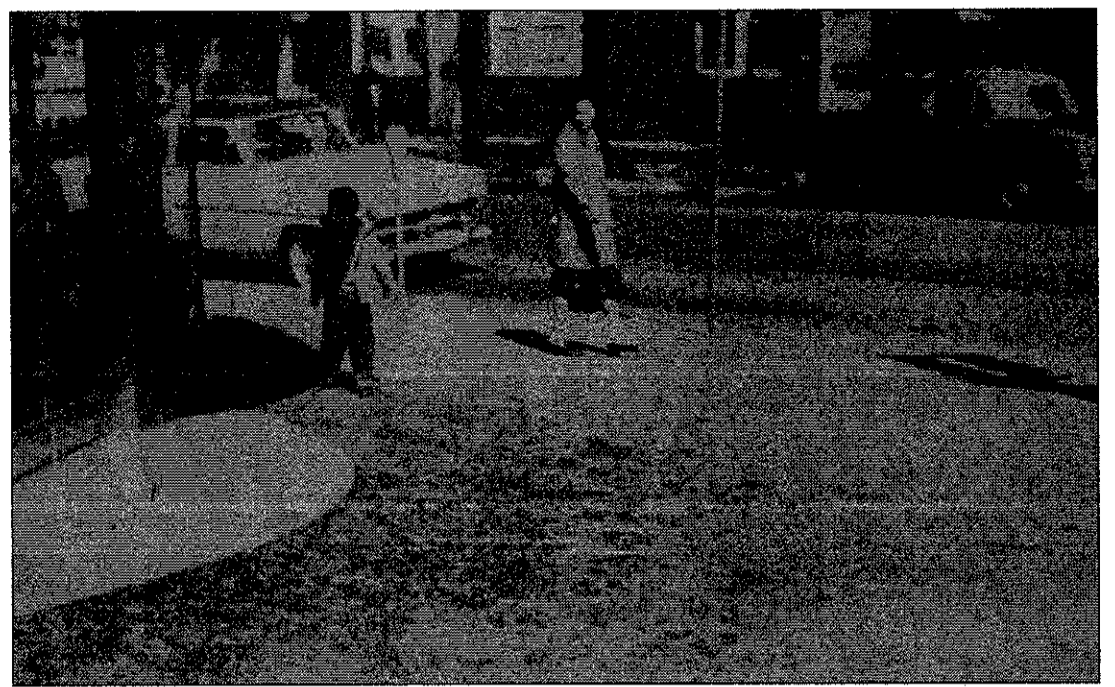
Some of the considerations include increasing English, mathematics and science requirements, the placing more emphasis on fine and practical arts, and increasing the number of credits required for graduation.

Currently students need a total of 200 hours to graduate including three years of English, one year of mathematics and one and a half years of civics.

1998

10 years ago this week

FARMS DENIES PINE WOODS SPLIT: The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council denied a request from a local builder to divide a lot in the



FROM THE OCT. 9, 1958 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1958: Mysterious stains

The sidewalks in the Kercheval and Notre Dame area recently have become stained by a mysterious substance. City Clerk Norbert Neff became aware of the condition of the sidewalks when he received a letter from a Pointer who is proud of the Pointe's cleanliness and wants to keep it that way. Steps are now being taken to discover what caused the stains. Corrective measures will be taken with the cooperation of the store owners in the Village at that intersection.

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Once the lot had been divided as proposed, it would have left a 90-foot wide strip of land in an area zoned for lots to have a minimum width of 100 feet.

CAR ACCIDENT FATALITY:

A 73-year-old Eastpointe woman was killed and her two passengers seriously injured in an accident at Jefferson and Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park. From information police have gathered, it appears the woman suffered a heart attack and her car crossed the center line hitting a moving van head on. The driver of the van was not injured.

EMBEZZLEMENT: A restaurant owner on Mack near Moross in the Farms has reported a \$1,603.70 bank deposit missing. An employee is

suspected of embezzlement.

2003

Five years ago this week

FLAGSTAR, NEIGHBORS

REACH DEAL: After the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved a site plan that left some residents unhappy, residents took matters into their own hands. They met with bank representatives to iron out issues including lighting, the exit onto Allard and a separation wall between the back of the bank and residential property.

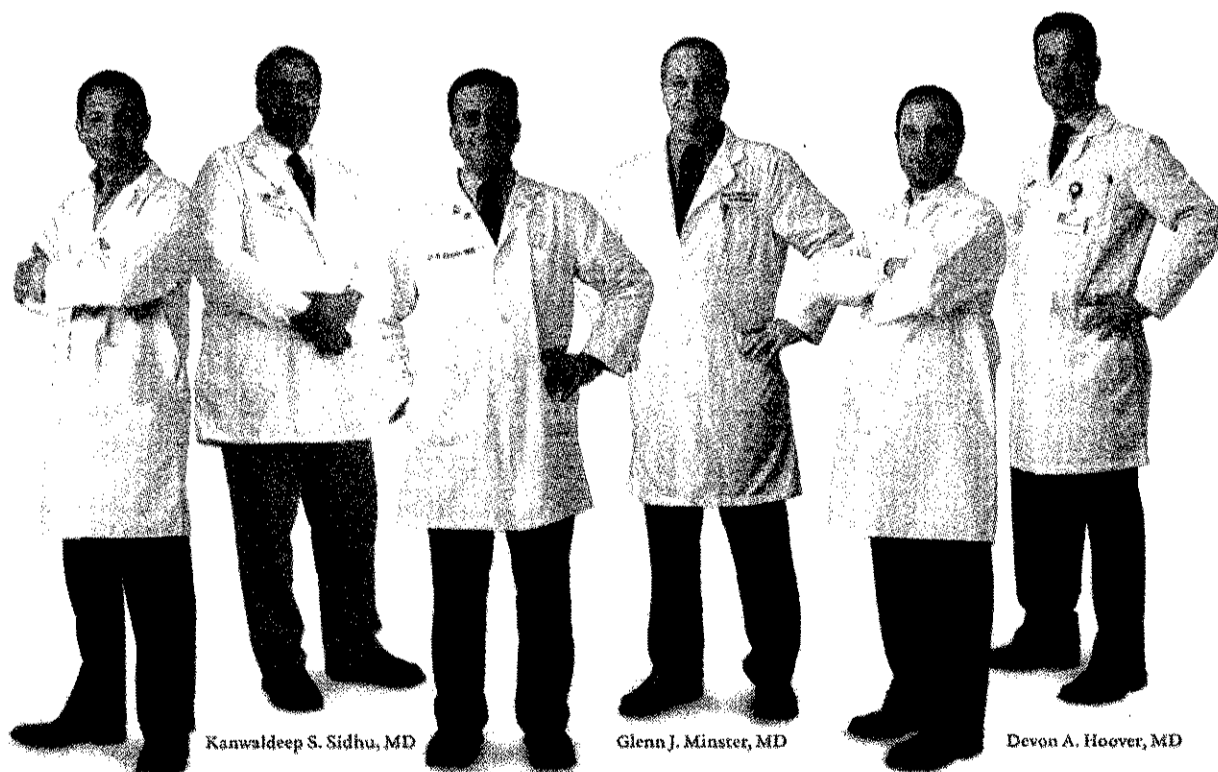
LOCHMOOR CRASH SITE DISTURBS LOCALS: Members of the Grosse Pointe

Woods Tree Commission are drafting guidelines to address memorial sites after resident complaints. Three trees and brass markers were planted in the median on Lochmoor after a 2001 car crash claimed three lives. A Lochmoor homeowner complained to city officials about people gathering at the memorial site.

CAR THEFT THWARTED: A City of Grosse Pointe resident may have prevented a car theft in a local parking lot.

The resident called the police to report a suspicious man. Officers found an 18-year-old Detroit man standing by a car. He said he was in the alley because he had to urinate. The officers discovered a felony warrant for the man on a stolen vehicle charge.

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A P A S S I O N f o r H E A L I N G

Full Circle Upscale Resale seeks winter attire

Homecoming sale a success for new business

In these troubled times, a news business started to offer vocational opportunities for young adults with challenges. It's creating opportunities for great bargains at the same time.

Full Circle Upscale Resale, a

Grosse Pointe business is on its feet thanks to a partnership between The Association for Retarded Citizens and the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The goal of the business is to train and employ young adults

with developmental disabilities and to offer the public great deals on designer clothing.

Full Circle Upscale Resale, which operates with limited Saturday hours at Grosse Pointe North High School, held a successful kickoff fundraiser during September. The event was called 1,000 Fancy Dresses & Blazers Too. It offered designer homecoming, prom and other fancy dresses for the

girls. Blazers, tuxedos and suits were available for the boys. Some dresses were new and some gently used.

All were offered at \$15, even if the original price soared to \$1,000.

"We're different from other resale shops because we're upscale," said Mary Fodell, a retired Parcels Middle School teacher, who coordinates the efforts of Full Circle Upscale Resale. "It was fun to find treasures in some of the donations. There were great deals."

Going through the donations, getting them ready to be sold and the Saturday sales were a great training opportunity for the area's developmentally disabled who want to work, but have a tough time finding a job.

"This is great training and they had so much fun," Fodell said. "They all had smiles on their faces as they worked."

With homecoming season behind us and prom too far away, Full Circle will concentrate on winter wear, especially coats.

Donations of designer and brand name items such as new or gently used coats from Ralph Lauren, Polartec and The North Face are welcome. Donations of sweaters, vests and other designer winter wear will be accepted.

"We have limited space, so we are looking for upscale



Employees of Full Circle Upscale Resale let passing motorists know about the sale at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Building.

items only," Fodell said. "The goal is to keep inventory moving."

On the subject of moving, Full Circle Upscale Resale is looking for a permanent home along Kercheval or Mack.

"The school has been great, but we need a store," Fodell said. "Our goal is to help these kids interact with the public in a fun workplace. It helps provide the training they need to

hold a job. It's a great opportunity and they have so much fun."

To learn more about Full Circle, visit fullcircleupsale.org or call Fodell at (313) 884-2868. Items may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Performing Arts Building at Grosse Pointe North High School.

- Joe Warner



Designer dresses were available for \$15 for homecoming and prom.

Can throwers hit with charges

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Misdemeanor charges have been ladled out against a trio of female high school home wreckers for throwing a can of Campbell's Chunky soup through the front window of a home on North Duval in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"All three were charged with malicious destruction of property," said Steve Poloni, Shores public safety director.

The 17-year-old girls live in Grosse Pointe Woods. They were skipping classes at Grosse Pointe North High School Thursday, Sept. 25, when police said they admitted vandalizing the house of a younger female classmate.

The alleged victim is the daughter of Shores President Dr. James Cooper.

A court date for the three girls is pending.

"I believe we're waiting on the state to appoint a judge on this," Poloni said. "I think our judge (Lynne Pierce) is going to recuse herself from this case."

Poloni said Pierce, who also serves as municipal judge in Grosse Pointe Woods and lives in the community, may know one of the defendants. She may step aside to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest.

"I imagine the case will go to another Grosse Pointe municipal judge," Poloni said.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Spa expo

The Second Annual Health & Beauty Spa Expo at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial offered a day of rejuvenation and learning. Speakers discussed the latest medical advances for retaining healthy skin and explained the difference between emergencies and urgent care. Eva France from Valade Healing Arts Center gave Katie Mercurio, 9, a reflexology foot massage. Above, visitors to the spa expo had the chance to talk to merchants about their products. Dr. Shauna Ryder-Diggs gave a lecture entitled "Fabulous Skin at Any Age." Women specializing in giving relaxing massages were on hand during the expo.

GPN earns three press awards

The Grosse Pointe News earned three awards in this year's Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Michigan Press Association. The awards were announced Sunday, Oct. 5, the start National Newspaper Week.

The Pennsylvania Press Association studied more than 3,781 entries submitted by 116 Michigan newspapers.

The Grosse Pointe News competes in a division of weekly newspapers with circulation numbers between 10,001 and 25,000.

The awards, with judges' comments are as follows:

◆ Second place, General Excellence. "The newspaper is close to its community. The writing is well done and stories are close to the hearts of people who live in the area. Layout is appealing and reproduction is occasionally outstanding as in the 'Champs' story."

◆ Second place, Design. "Appealing arrangement of stories, good photographic reproduction. Champs! Page is a winner in its own right."

◆ First place, Editorial Pages. "Commentary appears to be locally produced by local writers, healthy number of letters, cartoons aimed at current issues in the local community."

"I'm proud of the teamwork of each department that goes

into bringing our readers and advertisers a strong community newspaper," said General Manager Joe Warner. "To be recognized by our peers in this

way is an honor this staff certainly deserves."

Warner said the General Excellence category judges all aspects of content and the look of the newspaper.

"Everything from editorial to

advertising, production to printing," Warner said. "These awards reflect the hard work of many. I'm very proud of their efforts and we will continue to improve. This is a great group of dedicated professionals."

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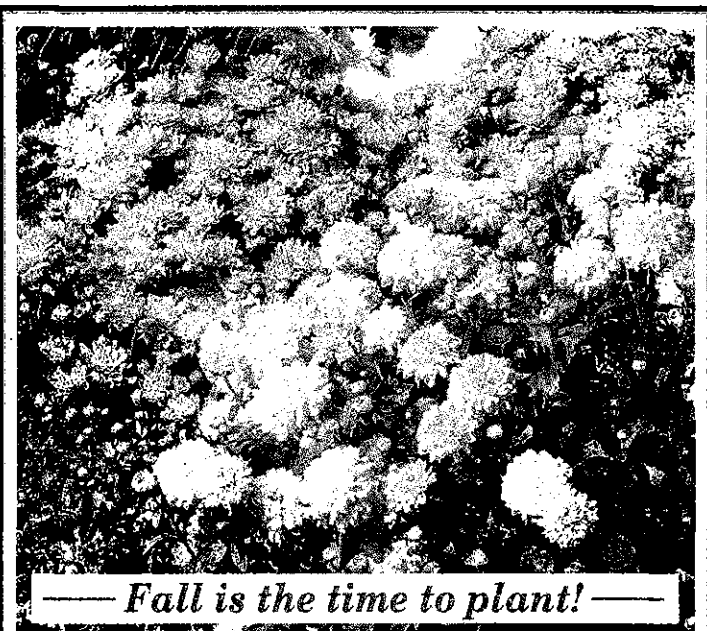
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POINT OF INTEREST

After seeing what families cope with during a child's life-limiting illness, pediatric intensive care nurse **Wendy Relich** makes hospice fundraising a priority

Walking the walk for "Walk with Me"

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

Wendy Relich has seen first-hand how difficult it can be for parents when they learn their child has a life-limiting illness.

Relich is a pediatric intensive care nurse at St. John Hospital and Medical Center where she has worked for 25 years. "There are so many uncertainties that surround the entire family. No family should have to face the loss of a child alone," Relich said.

It's for this reason that Relich became involved with St. John Hospice. This year she's chairing the 6th annual St. John Hospice "Oktoberfest" Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Country Club of Detroit. This event raises funds for the St. John Hospice program and this year it specifically will benefit the pediatric palliative care program, "Walk with Me."

"I'm delighted to serve as the chair of this fundraiser since I have seen first-hand what 'Walk With Me' can do for these children and families," says Relich.

In addition to her professional health care experience, her husband, Nick, is a neonatologist at St. John Hospital. The Relichs met in the mid 70s when they both were working at St. John Hospital. Today both still work at St. John and are busy raising their four children: Nicholas and Natalie, who are in college, James who is a senior at Grosse Pointe South, and Jake, who is an 8th grader at Brownell Middle School.

"We both feel it's an impor-

tant program since it helps the entire family cope with a child who faces a devastating illness," says Relich, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. "Walk With Me" is supported by the philosophy of caring for the entire family and focusing on comfort-oriented care when a cure no longer seems likely.

St. John Hospice provides service to all children in southeastern Michigan regardless of their ability to pay or hospital affiliation. St. John Hospice's "Walk With Me" program is committed to serving these families and their children so they may focus on life, the things they enjoy, and the people they love.

"The program is called 'Walk With Me' because they walk with the family through the entire journey," says Relich.

Through a team of professionals the "Walk With Me" program helps provide medical, spiritual and emotional support. Most often the team includes a certified pediatric registered nurse, a board certified hospice and palliative medicine pediatrician, a social worker, a chaplain, home health aide and volunteers.

"Walk With Me" also will provide special support for siblings and schoolmates, helping children to cope with the changes and loss of their friend or sibling.

And while many health care services are covered by insurance, others, such as bereavement, are not. "Our Oktoberfest fundraiser raises money for 'Walk With Me' and helps keep expenses down for families," Relich said.



PHOTO BY PATTI THEROS

St. John Health Foundation President, Susan Burns, left, and Oktoberfest Honorary Chair Mary Ann Van Elslander, Little Miss Michigan Mackenzie Rose Caprara, and Oktoberfest Chair Wendy Koster Relich.

The "Walk With Me" program continues to stay with a family for 13 months after the death of a child to celebrate the

child's birthday and other significant dates in the child's life. The program also helps pre-serve memories. "Walk with

Me" has professional photographers on call 24 hours a day, who volunteer their time to take photos of the children.

The photos are given to the families and included in a beautiful scrapbook.

"The community support for 'Oktoberfest' has been outstanding," says Relich. We have received many generous donations including artwork, jewelry, and sports memorabilia. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, strolling buffet dinner, open bar, and a silent auction.

Mary Ann Van Elslander will serve as the honorary chair of the event. Van Elslander is a community leader and volunteer, who spends several hours a week with infants in the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

"Walk With Me" program has even inspired local 9-year-old Mackenzie Rose Caprara to get involved. Caprara, the 2008 Little Miss Michigan, is serving as a goodwill ambassador for "Oktoberfest" by collecting money and soliciting items for the silent auction.

Caprara selected the "Walk With Me" program as her community service project during her reign as Little Miss Michigan. She will be competing for the crown in the National American Miss competition in Anaheim, California in November. Both of Caprara's parents work at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

"We're looking forward to a wonderful event and an opportunity to help others," Relich said.

Oktoberfest tickets are \$75 per person. For more information call (586) 582-7509.

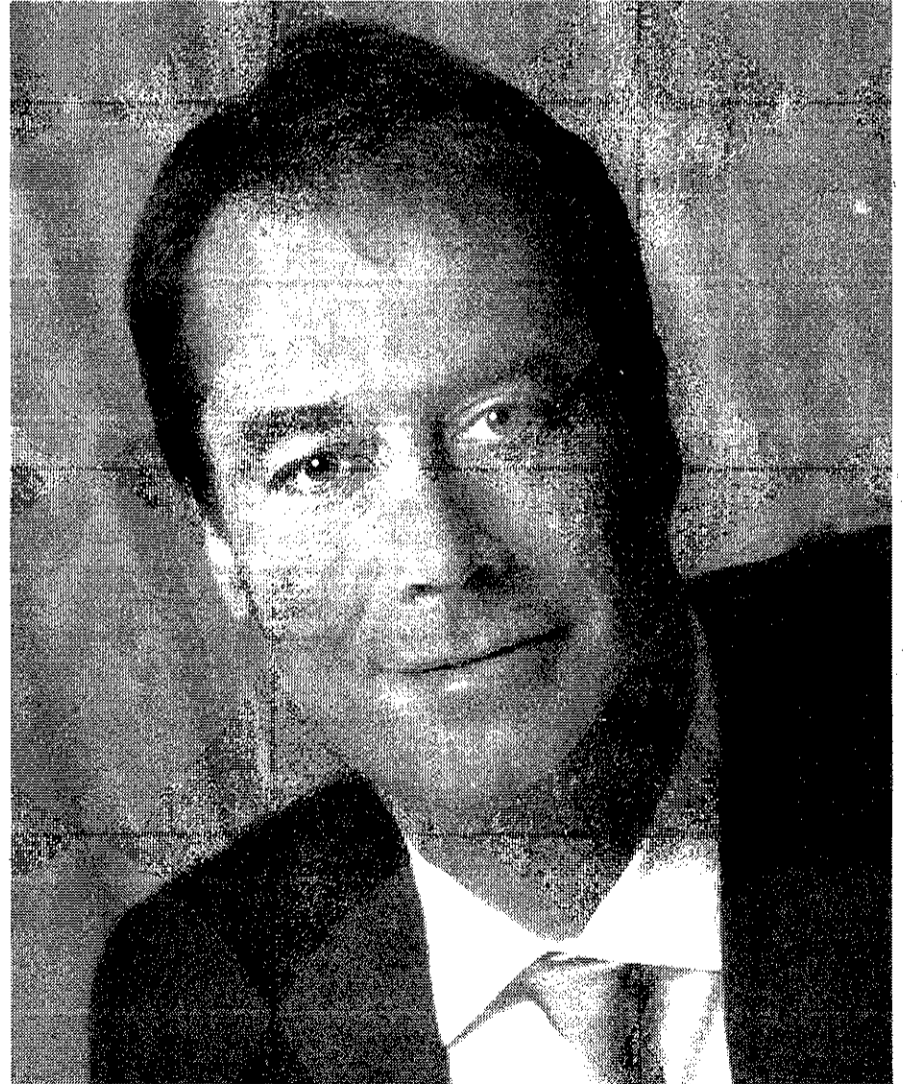
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St. James construction given go-ahead

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

St. James Lutheran Church, with its Georgian Colonial architecture lording atop the Hill district in Grosse Pointe Farms, is prepared next spring to begin the first phase of a two-part expansion.

Plans call for replacing a two-story west wing with a one-story addition.

The new structure and adjacent terrace will combine into a 2,582-square-foot footprint, nearly double that of the wing to be demolished.

Upon completion of the

nine-to-11 month project, the new building's facade will match the church's brick and limestone accents.

The interior will contain a narthex, nursery, gathering space, classrooms, a social meeting area, elevator, barrier-free restrooms and storage space, according to plans approved by Farms planning officials.

"We're trying to keep the original beauty and architecture of the church that as been recognized by the community, but change the interior plan to have everything on one floor," said Marty Torgler,

member of the church construction committee. "The church will flow from a gathering area into the worship area. It will make it more barrier-free."

"It's going to be a lot more functional," added Robert Overhiser, president of the project's architectural firm from Ann Arbor, Architects Design Group.

Municipal planners got involved in accordance with the zoning ordinance, which calls for site plan review of proposed alterations to structures located within a community service district.

In addition, "the building is considered a non-conforming

structure and cannot be structurally altered or enlarged

without first obtaining a variance from the board of zoning appeals," according to Terry Brennan, director of public service.

The church's nonconformance regards its side yard setbacks, which are too small. Existing setbacks won't change with the coming construction.

Brandon Rogers, the city's planning consultant, has offices in the Punch & Judy Building with a view across the Richard Elementary School parking lot to St. James' columned front facade and copper-clad steeple.

"The church is a fine addition to the Hill area and has an imposing setting on a rise of land much like St. Martin's in the Field Church in Trafalgar Square, London," Rogers wrote in a report endorsing the construction.

"Additional parking for this project will not be required," Brennan wrote.

A second phase of work, plans for which haven't come under municipal review, involves construction of an office addition on the east side of the church. A 10-minute drop-off driving lane along the Kercheval alley that opens off of McKinley is also being planned.

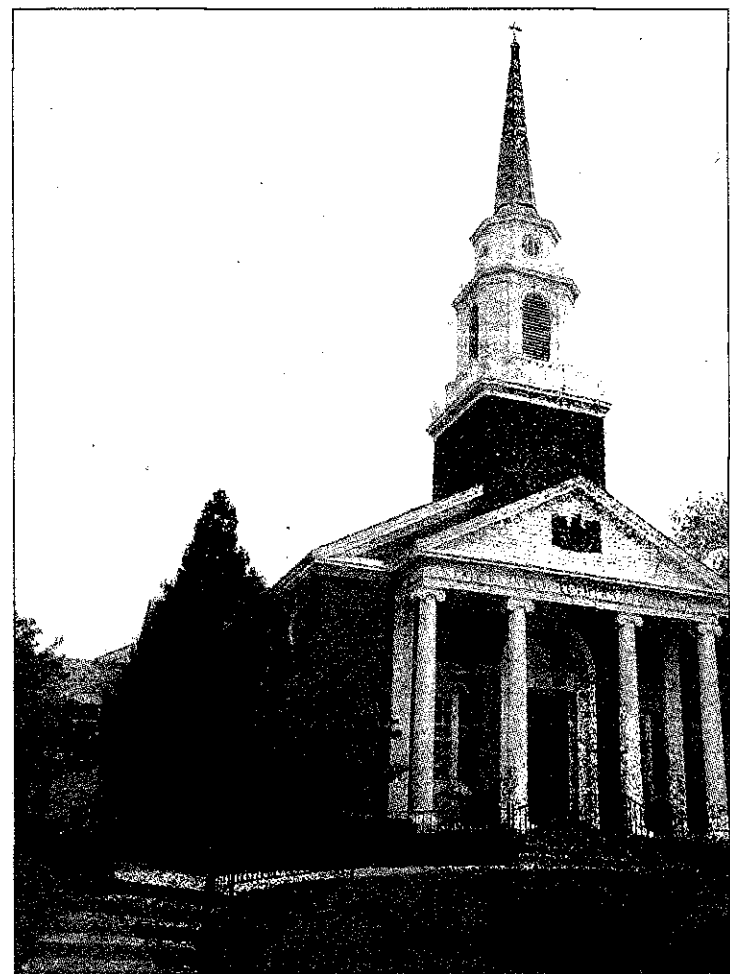


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Neon lights dimmed in Woods

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Neon lights have 24 months to get out of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The city council at its Oct. 6 meeting approved an ordinance banning neon signs on the facades or in the windows of area businesses by the fall of 2010. The vote was 5 to 2, with council members Lisa Pinkos Howle and Art Bryant voting no.

The vote follows a recommendation by the city's planning commission to ban all neon signs within five years. However, the council reduced that time to two years.

Neon signs have long been an item of debate in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In 2002, an ordinance was

approved that would have phased out the signs on Mack businesses within five years. Approximately 35 businesses were grandfathered in and given five years to remove their neon signs. Three years later, council decided to allow businesses that had been grandfathered in under the 2002 ordinance to keep their signs. New businesses or businesses that underwent renovation or facade changes were not allowed to use neon.

Several new business owners complained and in January 2008, Mayor Robert Novitke ordered the planning commission to readdress the issue. The result was a five year phase-out.

"We're in the field every day, and all we hear from business owners is that they want to be

treated fairly. They ask why we allow one business to have neon signs, but not theirs. They simply want a level playing field, and this ordinance is a fair and equitable solution," said Gene Tutag, the city's director of building and safety inspections.

Councilman Art Bryant voted no on the ordinance, expressing concern for businesses that had purchased neon signs and would now have to pay to replace those signs.

"I would like to see if there is a way businesses could be reimbursed for the cost of the signs they must remove," he said. "There should be a way for owners to replace these signs without having an impact on their business, especially in these tough economic times."

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Venue moved

The arraignment of three Grosse Pointe North High School senior girls accused of vandalism will be moved.

Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Judge Lynne A. Pierce recused herself from making a ruling because she may be familiar with one of the girls.

It has yet to be determined where the hearing, expected to take place within a week to 10 days, will be held.

The three girls are being charged with malicious destruction of property in the vandalism of a home on Pear Tree Lane during homecoming week at North.

According to police, sometime between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, toilet paper, soup, eggs, shaving cream, mustard and dog food were strewn about outside the home of Linda Witt and her family. Derogatory messages directed toward Witt's 16-year old daughter, a junior at North, were written on the driveway with mustard and shaving cream.

The incident followed a night of harassing phone calls and text messages directed toward the Witt teen. Police were called to the Witt home about 12:30 a.m. to disperse a large group of girls that had gathered on the front lawn.

The Witt girl was harassed later that day at school. With permission from school officials, she was allowed to leave with her mother.

The vandalism was discovered when Linda Witt and her daughter returned home about 10:30 a.m. Linda Witt notified both police and school officials.

—Kathy Ryan

SUBMERGED: Car pulled from lake

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wound up in the water," Poloni said. "There's no evidence of skid marks or damage to the breakwall."

About an hour before the car was pulled to shore, Shores officers Jim Tassie and Doug Fraser were on separate patrols when the Farms dispatcher broadcast the alert.

"We both got in the water to see if anyone was in the car," said Tassie. He stood lakeside, wet and shivering in a wool blanket. "It's all by feel."

He watched two members of the Farms dive team search the area.

Team member Officer John Walko lifted his head above water, removed his breathing regulator and called out, "No sign of anyone inside."

Fellow team member Officer Geoff McQueen said the water

was "very cold" with visibility "near zero."

The team continued searching for a body while the car was loaded onto a flatbed trailer and impounded.

It's common for a body to stay submerged for days in cold water.

When asked where one might turn up, Farms Lt. Jack Patterson simply looked downstream.

A man found the car Tuesday morning as its hood poked a few inches above the water between waves about six feet from shore. Farms dive team members Officers John Walko and Geoff McQueen, searched the car and nearby water for bodies.

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SIGNS: Unauthorized sales

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cious bargain hunter to notify police.

Detective Al Gwyn followed up with browsing of his own.

"All these signs popped up," Gwyn said.

Both youths confessed and were sentenced to 20 hours community service through the Grosse Pointe Harper Woods Care program, according to police.

Seven signs, mainly of the "no parking" variety, were listed on the Web as collectibles. Prices ranged from \$50 to \$500 for a total of \$1,270, not including a cash discount.

As part of the boys' sales pitches, they described a "4-Way" sign as "great for making jokes. Did not steal!" Price: \$100.

A blue and white "City of Grosse Pointe" welcome sign stolen from the corner of Fisher and Chalfonte was priced at \$300 and described as "found in the woods. Will allow checks and will most likely [sic] meet up and ask for cash."

The pièce de résistance, based on highest asking price, was a sign labeled "Authorized Parking Only." The boys offered it for "\$300 cash or \$500 check," according to their posting.

"If you want to use check, you have to deposit it with us viewing," the posting continued.

The boys offered to complete the transaction on the grounds of Brownell Middle School: "I will give you sign when you give me the cash."

Both suspects are Farms residents living near the City, Gwyn said.

"They were going out at night and stealing our signs," Gwyn said. "They posted their phone number, which we traced. We raided (one of the boy's) house. He was shaking. He immediately admitted he was hiding signs in his basement under a couch."

None had sold.

Under questioning by police, the boys with their fathers' present reportedly admitted sneaking out of their houses to take down signs.

Profit played only part of the motive.

"(One boy) stated this was also done as a result of boredom," said Gwyn.

In a posting for a "No parking at any time" sign taken from an alley near Lincoln, the boys mixed vibrato with vulnerability:

"Me and my friend woke up at about 2:30 a.m. and snuck out while our parents were asleep. We had to walk about a quarter of a mile to and back with the sign in our hands. Every time a car came we had to hide in a bush."

"The sign was located in a half-lighted alley and believe me, it was scary as hell. Everything was dark and my friend was on guard with a puny knife. Price: \$100."



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GUEST EDITORIAL By Bill Maxwell

College entrance exams don't tell the whole story

Each year, thousands of high school students stress out as they prepare to take the SAT or ACT tests to get into college. Many researchers suggest that the singular importance placed on these tests has produced a culture of questionable meritocracy and unfairly blocked thousands of otherwise deserving students from entering the schools of their choice.

Primarily for these reasons, the National Association for College Admission Counseling formed a 21-member blue ribbon panel last year to examine issues surrounding standardized testing and evaluate how schools can make the best use of entrance exams. Led by William Fitzsimmons, dean of admissions and financial aid at Harvard University, the panelists presented their findings in Seattle at the organization's annual convention.

In its 58-page report, NACAC did not outright condemn admissions exams. But it delivered its toughest assessment ever and addressed one of the most controversial issues in higher education. It concluded colleges and other interested organizations put too much importance on the tests and should move toward a better mix of admission exams that are more reflective of high school curricula and what students actually learn.

More than 280 four-year colleges across the nation have stopped requiring the exams for admission. Fitzsimmons and others contend that the College Board's Advanced Placement tests and the International Baccalaureate exams are more closely related to what goes on in high school classrooms than the SAT and ACT. A powerful argument for using grade-point averages, high school curricula and AP and IB exams is that they encourage better teaching and entice students to assume more responsibility for their learning.

Panelists urged colleges to constantly monitor their testing requirements and earnestly consider the socioeconomic inequities among students. Many students, for example, cannot afford expensive test-prep classes to help boost their scores. The commission urged colleges to stop using minimum scores for merit scholarships.

"We want to get the word out more clearly than before, that tests should not be used in a rigid way," Fitzsimmons told journalists. "A couple of decades ago, people associated testing results with so-called ability. We have come to a clearer understanding that those scores have more to do with opportunities."

"Society likes to think that the SAT measures people's ability or merit. But no one in college admissions who visits the range of secondary schools we visit, and who goes to the communities we visit — where you see the contrast between opportunities and fancy suburbs and some of the high schools that aren't so fancy — can come away thinking standardized tests can be a measure of someone's true worth or ability."

A pernicious outcome of relying on standardized testing, many counselors argue, is that it has warped secondary education, turning it into a client factory for the billion dollar test prep industry that advertises itself as the panacea for students to ace the exams. U.S. News & World Report's use of the scores to rank the nation's colleges and universities also shapes high school teaching and college admissions priorities.

Even before NACAC launched its study last year, many schools including Smith College, Lawrence University, Wake Forest and Mount Holyoke had stopped requiring the SAT and ACT, making the tests optional. NACAC has recommended that more schools consider making the tests optional.

Some panelists such as Randall Deike, vice president for enrollment at Case Western Reserve University, believe the SAT and ACT are reliable tools that help admissions officers, especially at large schools. He argues that the tests provide significant statistical information that predicts student success and they should not be discounted. For one thing, he said, the exams offer some protection against grade inflation.

Still, most panelists agreed that the nation's colleges and universities should re-examine their reliance on the tests as the best measure of students' worth.

The observations of Steve Syverson, vice president for enrollment at Lawrence University, reflect the hard reality of the iconic reach of the SAT and ACT in higher education.

"We're all just making assumptions about these tests," Syverson said. "We've all grown up with it. It's embedded in the culture. If you really ask around the country how many admissions officers can tell you at their institution what the predictive validity of the test is? What does it add to our understanding? What do tests help you predict? You'd find a lot of them equate these tests with intelligence. It's not an intelligence test."

If nothing else, NACAC's report has given the nation's colleges and universities more reason to consider making the SAT and the ACT optional for admission.

Bill Maxwell is a columnist for the St. Petersburg Times.

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Secure job well done

To the Editor:

On Sept. 29, I sold the family boat after 42 years of happy boating.

The sale transacted at the winter storage facility in St. Clair Shores to a person who was inexperienced as a mariner.

His first mistake was when he added an insufficient amount of fuel before setting out to his mooring at a dock in Detroit.

Upon entering Lake St. Clair, the waters were turbulent, causing extreme fuel consumption. The craft exhausted the last amount of fuel just outside the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier — its old mooring site for the last 37 years.

Fortunately for the new owner, Farms resident Brian Schantz was on the lake with his son. Seeing the distressed situation, Mr. Schantz picked up the line from the disabled craft and towed it into the Farms Pier.

It was windy and now raining, so the disabled craft had to be tied to the sea wall. Later that evening it was being crashed against the steel wall, causing some damage to the craft.

Park attendant Ken Schmidt moved into action and called me, since he recognized the boat. He also called Farms Police, dispatching officers Hurmer and McQueen.

Working in wind, rain and

lightning, these fine gentlemen worked for more than one hour. They moved the boat from shore by hand, pulling around at least three 90-degree turns for a total of more than 200 feet to secure it into a slip where it was safe for the night.

To you four gentlemen, a job well done. Effort that is worthy of commendation.

DR. ANDREW J. GUST
Grosse Pointe Farms

Rising against propaganda

To the Editor:

We are a federal republic, a nation of sovereign states; each formulated to conduct its own unique internal affairs.

This is fine for most interstate activities as well, but in the election of the executive branch, all states should have an identical format.

More than likely a constitutional amendment would be needed, unless each state agreed to fall in line on their own.

This could be the first step in an election unfettered by an impatient, interfering press.

In a letter to the editor titled "Fifth column," September, 2004 Grosse Pointe News, I presented the following plan for an orderly presidential election: All polling booths across the nation in each time zone would open simultaneously and close 24 hours later.

The eastern states through Michigan might start at noon

on Saturday and close noon on Sunday. Chicago and the Midwest: 11 a.m. to 11 a.m. Denver and the mountain states: 10 to 10 a.m. Pacific Coast: 9 to 9 a.m. And the Pacific Islands: 8 to 8 a.m., their time.

There would be little reason, under most circumstances, not to have enough time. And there would be no exit polls to influence western voters.

When the "free press" has an agenda and becomes the propaganda arm of a particular political party, the citizens must rise up and do something about it.

RICHARD R. ROYER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Grand Marshall gives thanks

To the Editor:

It was an honor to serve as Grosse Pointe South High School Grand Marshall for this year's Homecoming.

I appreciate being selected after being away from South for so many years.

The events of the day were most enjoyable. The students were so well behaved. It was incredible to see the enthusiasm during the pep assembly.

Everything was well planned, including the pep assembly, parade, game and halftime events. It was really an amazing, unbelievable program and day.

It was so nice to see so many of my former students and former champions. So many came to see me to say that their parents had me, some even their grandparents, and to thank me.

Thank you Dexter Mason for the wonderful interview and Tower article.

Thank you Dan Dickson for your courtesy.

Thank you Mr. Diver for helping me at the assembly and half time.

I really enjoyed coming back and seeing what was happening at South. It was a great

school before and continues to be a great school now.

I wish you all well.
STEPHANIE PRYCHITKO
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Physical Education Teacher
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Renewable energy and technology

To the Editor:

There's been a lot of talk lately about how we can break our dependence on oil.

According to the AAA, gas prices in Detroit reached \$4.20 per gallon this summer and the home heating oil season is right around the corner.

Last week Congress finally took some action. Unfortunately, they acted to actually increase our dependence on oil by repealing a 30-year ban on off-shore drilling in protected areas on our Atlantic and Pacific coasts — or in the West "by repealing a ban on oil shale development in protected areas in the Rocky Mountains."

Even the Bush administration says drilling will do nothing to lower gas prices in either the long or short term. Unfortunately, drilling will keep us hooked on oil even longer and increase global warming.

Instead of doubling-down on our oil addiction, we should tap our technological ingenuity and renewable energy potential to solve these problems. But we need to turn the page and stop repeating the mistakes of the past.

I urge the new president and the new Congress, whoever they may be, to move towards a new energy future of economic growth, job creation, reduced energy costs, and global warming solutions.

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GUEST OPINION By Dale McFeatters

The unprotected among us

The development of increasingly effective vaccines is one of medicine's great triumphs.

Thanks to large-scale vaccination programs, the World Health Organization has wiped out smallpox and is close to doing the same to polio.

But here at home we have a problem.

"Hundreds of thousands of children are going to school this fall without protection from deadly diseases," says Lee Bowman, Scripps Howard News Service reporter.

It is a worrisome development and one whose resolution is neither simple nor inexpensive.

Bowman reviewed filings with the U.S. Centers for

Disease Control and found more than 135,000 children started school last fall exempt from vaccine requirements.

And anecdotal evidence suggests their number is growing. Further, more than one in four toddlers under age 2 are not being vaccinated on schedule.

Infectious disease specialists say for some diseases the level of vaccine coverage had dropped below the level of "herd immunity," that's where isolated cases of the disease won't spread into the general population. This could threaten to undo years of progress in public health.

"At some point, we're going to be forced to decide whether it is an inalienable right to catch and transmit potentially

fatal infections," says Dr. Paul Offit of the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

There are many reasons for this growing gap in vaccine coverage.

Younger parents grew up in an era where the childhood diseases that afflicted earlier generations — polio, measles, whooping cough, mumps, rubella — were simply not an issue.

As the number of vaccines has grown, so has their cost and the complexity of giving them. It stands at more than \$900 for a boy and \$1,200 for a girl, birth through 12. The problem is particularly acute for underinsured or those with no insurance.

There are a growing number of parents, stoked by the

Internet, who believe the shots themselves are harmful, responsible for autism or developmental problems.

And it is relatively easy to opt out of mandatory school vaccinations. All but two states allow exemptions for religious beliefs and 20 allow exemptions for personal or philosophical reasons.

Addressing the growing number of unvaccinated — and, by definition, at risk — children is a matter of public education, research, adequate funding and a medical community engaged in the problem. It should not take the inevitable epidemic to get us to act.

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I SAY By Robert St. John

Millen's end a bright spot to Lions fans



I couldn't believe my ears when I heard the good news last week — the Detroit Lions finally, after a little more than seven years on the job, fired President and CEO Matt Millen.

During the Millen era, the Lions are an NFL worst 31-84, which is not even 27 percent. And to think he kept his job after leading a professional sports franchise to that kind of pathetic winning percentage is unheard of unless you're with the Lions.

The rumblings of Millen's departure turned serious after the Lions dropped another disappointing road game to San Francisco leaving the team 0-3

on the young season.

The following day, it was reported in the local papers that William Clay Ford Jr. said if he was in charge, he would fire Millen.

Sports fans throughout the area thought this was just another cruel joke, but a couple of days later, Millen was actually fired.

Millen's wife, Patty, was quoted by ESPN, saying they were glad to leave Detroit, calling it the "prison" of the NFL.

Patty, I hate to let you on a secret, but it was your husband, Matt, who guided the team into the abyss of professional sports. He created the "prison."

Millen was responsible for a franchise that changed head coaches five times in his seven years. In addition, most of his draft picks turned out to be garbage.

With the exception of wide receivers Roy Williams and Calvin Johnson, the rest are

worthless and most are out of the NFL.

Millen's dismissal gives Lions fans a glimmer of hope after the horrendous 0-3 hole the team has dug for itself.

Martin Mayhew, formerly assistant general manager, is now the GM and Cedric Saunders is the vice president of football operations.

Mayhew has to dive deep into personnel matters and make his first-round pick in the 2009 NFL draft meaningful.

Millen's drafts have been a joke. Some of his wonderful selections include Charles Rogers, Mike Williams and Joey Harrington, who have been huge busts. Those selections could have been stand-out defensive back Quentin Jammer of the San Diego Chargers instead of Harrington; all-pro wide receiver Andre Johnson instead of Rogers; and all-pro linebacker Shawne Merriman of the Chargers instead of

Williams.

If you remember, Millen chose Williams, out of Southern California (USC), even though he spent a year out of football. Williams tried to enter the NFL draft early, but he still had to play another year of college football.

He never went back to USC and instead spent the year not staying in football shape.

During the Millen era, Lions fans endured head coaching blunders of Marty Mornhinweg, who was a pathetic 5-27 in two seasons, Steve Mariucci, 15-28 in three seasons, and currently Rod Marinelli, who is 10-25 in two seasons plus the first three games of this year.

The Ford family hired Millen even though he had no experience as an executive, coach or scout. He was hired out of the broadcast booth. Ouch!

Year after year fans would pour into a sold-out Ford Field. Despite the teams' on-the-field

woes, the Fords backed Millen and said a return to the playoffs is right around the corner.

I hope the Ford family didn't mean right around the corner is actually a decade or more.

At least when Wayne Fontes was the head coach, the Lions made the playoffs every so often.

Now, the franchise can't even smell the playoffs. Last year, the 6-2 start did get fans in a frenzy and the dreaded "P" word, playoffs, was brought up. The team slammed back to Earth in the second half, limping to a 1-7 mark to finish 7-9.

Now, at 0-4 after a smack-down delivered by the Bears, the season is already a wash and the new GM should be taking a close look at the college talent that will be available in the 2009 draft.

Local sports talk radio personalities blasted Millen on his way out of town. Even local music stations held a make-believe funeral "in honor" of the

departing Millen.

Millen's wife was right, the Lions' prison is filled with fans, who spend a lot of money to buy tickets to watch loss after loss.

The schedule doesn't get any easier, because this week is an away game against Minnesota, which will be a loss.

It looks as if the Lions' first chance to win a game is Oct. 19 against the Houston Texans. The game is on the road; so most likely it will be another loss, which could put the Lions at 0-6 before hosting Washington Oct. 26.

Millen, I hope you didn't let the doorknob hit you in the rear end when you left the Allen Park practice facility. Thanks for disgracing this proud franchise and turning it into a laughingstock in the parity-driven NFL.

Good luck Mr. Mayhew in your endeavor of turning the Detroit Kittycats into a real-live NFL franchise.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

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FROM THE ARCHIVES Edited by Suzy Bershback

Indians and the Grosse Pointes



While no mention of an Indian settlement in Grosse

Pointe is made by historians, Lake St. Clair was always a great attraction.

The densely wooded area was for years an Indian hunting ground and Peche Island was selected by Chief Pontiac for his summer home.

The Indians were a constant source of fear and annoyance for the early settlers of Grosse Pointe. Passing through on their way to Canada, they would confiscate anything and everything that suited their fancy. Many cattle and horses were driven off every year and tribes became so powerful the settlers never dared to resist.

A gravel pit located at what is now the foot of Lakepointe was the graveyard of the Fox nation, since a great number of Indians fell in battle there.

Many years later, farmers hauling gravel from that area for the plank road maintained by the Hendrie Toll Gate Company unearthed many skeletons.

"Through the intrigues of the English, the Iroquois planned to surprise and capture Fort Pontchartrain. This scheme was to be carried into effect through the efforts of the Ottogamies, known as the Fox, and the Mascontins, known as the Sacs from the Green Bay region.

"They arrived early in May while the friendly Hurons and Ottawas were out on a hunting trip. Swift runners were sent out to bring back the hunting parties, who returned to rally to the aid of the post. The Fox and Sacs, being greatly outnumbered, decamped on a dark night on the 19th day of the siege. A party of Frenchmen joined with the friendly Indians and the fugitives were overtaken where they had entrenched themselves up the river at Presque Isle, now known as Windmill Pointe."

The Church of Sainte Anne was close to the stockade. Fearing it might be set afire by blazing arrows and endanger the other buildings, Comm. Du Buisson burned it himself.

The hostiles built a long breastwork within 200 feet of the fort and fired hundreds of arrows tipped with blazing pitch into the roofs.

However, the roofs had been covered with wet skins, greatly reducing the risk of fire. After making an unsuccessful attempt to capture and set fire to the fort, the Indians withdrew and a company of Frenchmen were sent in to drive the Indians away.

Reports as to the methods of military strategy used differ.

"The pursuing (French) army stumbled unexpectedly into the entrenchments, and some 20 were killed or wounded," Du Buisson stated, adding none of the ambushed Indians escaped.

At Windmill Pointe, on the other side of the Grand Marais, the siege was renewed. Guns, ammunition and food from the fort were taken up the river in canoes. Du Buisson's report

continues: "The enemy held their position for four or five days, fighting with much courage; and finally not being able to do any more, surrendered to our people who gave them no quarter. All were killed except the women and children whose lives were spared..."

According to "Landmarks of Detroit," "The attacking party found the enemy entrenched behind fallen trees near the present Windmill Pointe. Instead of charging their breastworks and sacrificing many lives in the assault, the French and their allies erected high stagings along the front of the works, and taking positions on these, they compelled the Foxes to keep under cover. The latter were not permitted to resort to the lake shore for water and were finally compelled by the torments of thirst to break cover and flee. They returned to their encampment at Green Bay."

"In this manner came an end to the two wicked nations who so sadly inflicted and troubled all the country. Our Indians lost 60 men, killed and wounded, 30 of whom were killed in the fort, and a Frenchman named Germain and five or six others who were wounded with arrows."

Years after the battle, a windmill was erected, thus changing its name from Presque Isle to Windmill Pointe.

All evidence of the battlefield has long since been destroyed by subdividing the property and construction.

Shortly after an Indian raid into Ohio, Mrs. Grant, the wife of early Grosse Pointe settler Cmdr. Grant, heard the Indians camped at Hog Island (Belle Isle) were planning a "pow-

wow." The event was to celebrate their exploits by torturing and burning a young white boy whose mother they had killed.

Mrs. Grant was determined to save the boy. She paddled to Hog Island, found the camp and asked of the ransom demanded for the child. When the Indians would not listen, she threatened them by saying the Black Gown (priest) would bring calamity to the Indians. The boy joined the 10 other Grant children.

Several mysterious objects were uncovered in 1926 on Edsel Ford's Gaulker's Pointe estate.

A silver bracelet encircled a human forearm and a silver cross and lower jaw bone set with a full array of well-formed teeth were found nearby. The silver bracelet was about two inches wide and the thickness of paper; the cross was six inches long and bore a peculiar inscription.

Early settler Joseph van Ashe was consulted and determined the cross and bracelet belonged to an Indian princess. He said the Chippewa and Huron tribes often stopped for weeks at Gaulker's Pointe to camp and make merry after receiving their pension from the government in Detroit.

"They would usually make this trip in the spring of the year in canoes laden with furs; the results of their trapping in the forest in the far north. We would see them coming, the chief, his wife, and his children in the large canoe which headed the fleet. After the families were settled in camp, the men would proceed toward the fort to do their trading.

"I have watched the Indians bury their dead at night and

could even now point out their burial spots along the shore. We played with the Indian children and learned many words of their language. I loved them as brothers and spent many happy hours of my childhood with them. I know their customs, signs and their language."

Another lifelong resident tells of an Indian trail along the shore and how settlers were

just a little fearful. They usually had a secret place or underground cave where they could escape should the Indians become menacing.

Today, there is nothing that would indicate the red men considered Grosse Pointe his hunting ground. With the coming of the European and his different way of living, the Indian gradually retreated and left behind only memories.

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Grosse Pointe Woods Emergency Medical Technicians participated in a recent disaster drill at St. John Hospital, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security. The drill involved several law enforcement units from throughout southeastern Michigan. Transporting the "wounded" are EMTs Corey May, Wayne Culver and Marlo Przybylski. The "patient" was not identified.



The Netherlands readers

Claire, Didi and Megan DeBoer of the City of Grosse Pointe enjoyed reading the Grosse Pointe News during their trip to the Netherlands. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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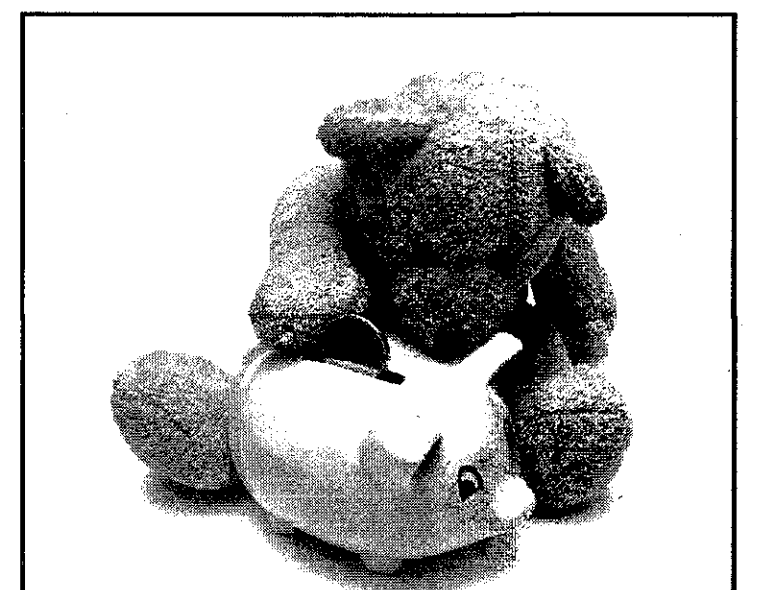
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The Cancun reader

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Paul and Kathi Monarch's wedding picture includes, from left, Andrew Neisz, Matthew Monarch, Paul Monarch, Kathi Monarch and Jacqueline Neisz.

Cancer victim focuses on her young family

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Paul Monarch's wife of 1 1/2 years, Kathi, came home from a medical checkup two weeks ago with news that she has six months to live.

She has pancreatic cancer. There's no cure. The prognosis is having the expected effect on her husband and children from a previous marriage, including her 14-year-old daughter and son, 15.

"Kathi's biggest concern is for her kids to graduate from high school, go to college and make something of their lives," Paul said.

Her oldest son, 22, is in Army basic training. He ex-

pects in six months to be in Afghanistan or Iraq.

"Our biggest concerns are for the children," said Paul, who is communications director of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods police and fire radio system. "We want to keep everything as normal as possible for the kids."

Monarch and his wife are both 47 and live in St. Clair. Monarch's friends in the Farms public safety department have organized a fundraiser on his family's behalf.

"We want to help all we can," said Detective Rick Good.

A \$20 minimum donation is requested to attend a pasta dinner fundraiser from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 at the

Lakeland Banquet and Event Center, 21801 Nine Mile, between Harper and Mack in St. Clair Shores.

"We'll see to it that Paul and his family get the donations for whatever needs he sees," Good said. "If people can't attend the fundraiser but wish to support Paul, they can send a check to the Farms detective bureau."

Good said donations should be made out to Paul Monarch.

Paul, who has a 7-year-old son from a previous marriage, is pursuing guardianship of his wife's youngest children Kathi is receiving chemotherapy.

"It's just for quality of life," Paul said. "From there, she'll go to a hospice."



Bonn reader

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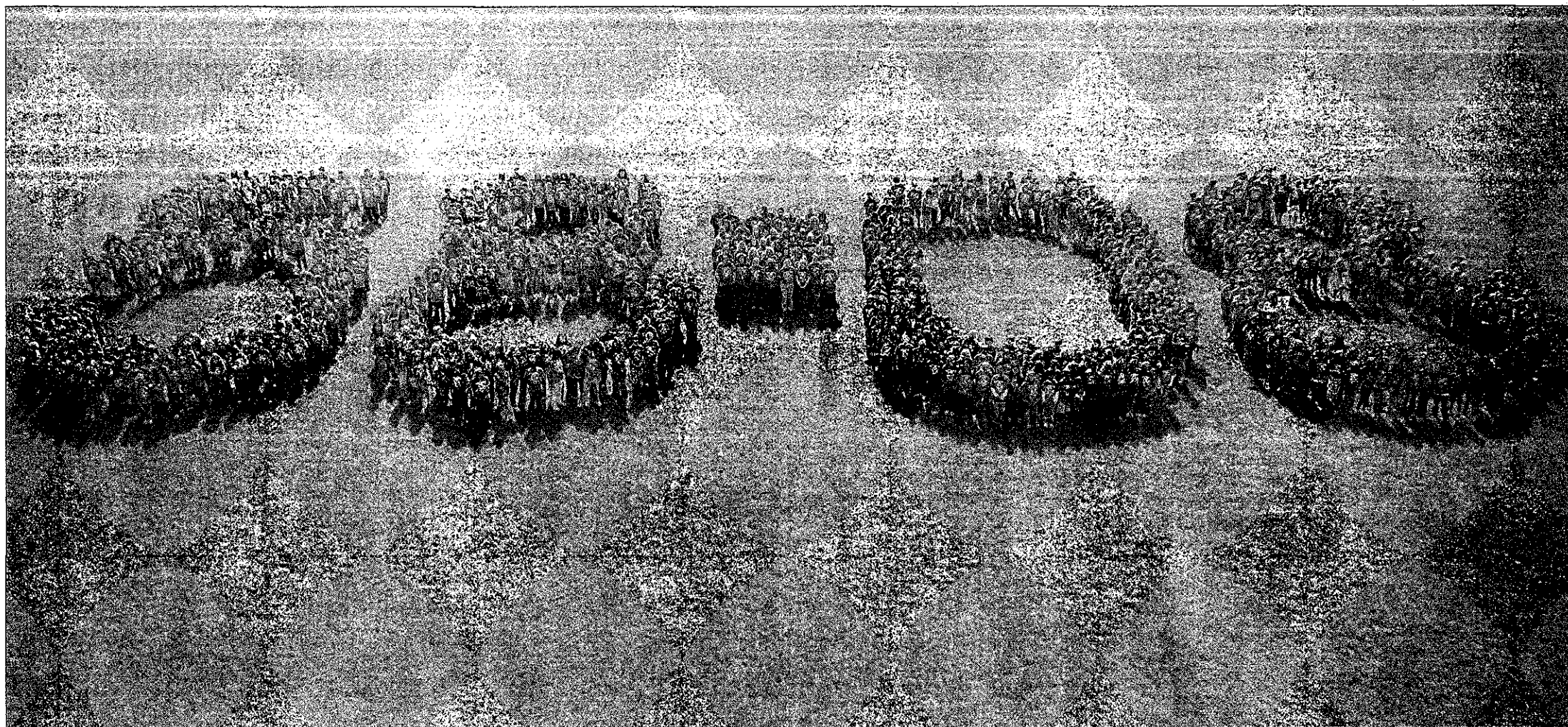
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SCHOOLS

South's homecoming
As the weather turned chilly, students' school spirit was on fire. **PAGE 16A**

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Brownell hits half century milestone



Nearly 700 Brownell Middle School students and staff members formed the numbers 58 - 08 to commemorate the school's 50th anniversary. Brownell's PTO also organized additional festivities to celebrate the school's birthday.

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Getting 660 middle school students to follow directions and stand still at the same time is an amazing feat, but it was worth the effort to commemorate Brownell Middle School's 50th anniversary.

The school's entire student body and staff members formed the sign 58 — 08 representing the years the school has been in existence.

The teachers and staff formed the hyphen symbolizing the connection they make between students who formed the numbers, said

Principal Michael Dibb.

The school's PTO supplied everyone with T-shirts in Bronco blue — the school's color.

The group of more than 700 people posed long enough for an aerial photograph taken from a cherry picker.

The school's celebration

continues with a progressive dinner Friday, Oct. 10, sponsored by the PTO.

It is also organizing an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Photographs and artifacts documenting the school's history will be displayed.

During the open house, the

school will conduct its annual Tin Can Auction/Household Sale which features housewares, electronics, sports equipment, toys, books and furniture.

The auction will offer prizes donated by Brownell students, staff, families and members of the community.

Chances are \$1 each.

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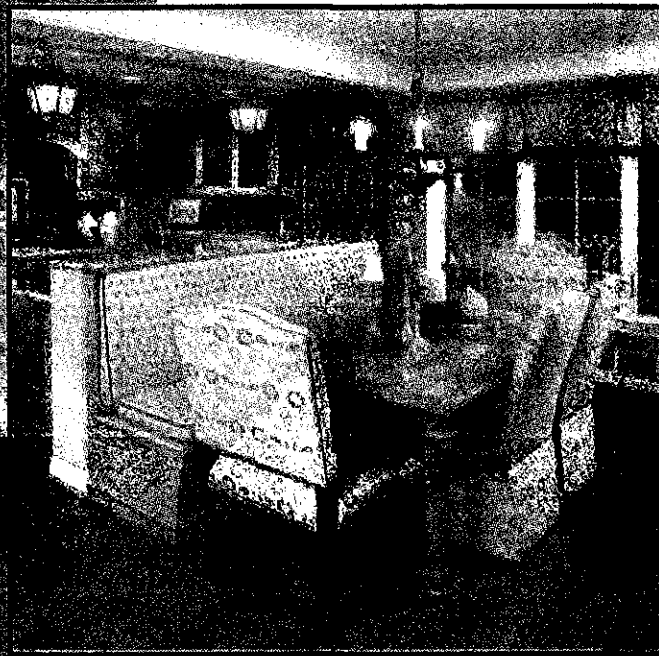
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On Sept. 26, University Liggett School sixth graders turned into young archaeologists during an excavation at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit.

Digging the past

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

University Liggett School sixth-grade students recently got down and dirty. They experienced hands-on

education in excavation and artifacts as part of the school's annual archaeology dig held Friday, Sept. 26, at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit.

"This dig forms the basis of our study of ancient civiliza-

tion throughout the course of the year," said English teacher Becky Gast. "We want the students to experience for themselves what it is like for archaeologists. We want them to learn firsthand what it is like to unearth artifacts and how to date them."

Teams of three to four students excavated a square meter area using spades, shovels and other equipment. They sampled the soil every 33 centimeters while searching for artifacts.

The students measured, sampled, dated and reported on the information collected. Past digs have taken the young archaeologists to sites throughout metropolitan Detroit including Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Isle.

The students have unearthed all sorts of items such as plastic toys, buttons, coins and pottery shards.

One class found horse skulls while digging at an old horse farm.

Authors discuss the ultimate terror on film

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will host film experts and authors Anthony Ambrogio, of the City of Grosse Pointe, and Steven Thornton at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Ewald branch, 15715 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Ambrogio and Thornton will talk about their book, "You're Next: Loss of Identity in the Horror Film," an encyclopedia covering 200 films from fantasy to horror to sci-

ence fiction. Their commentary will be accompanied with a slide show and clips from films such as "The Exorcist," "Dracula," "It's a Wonderful Life," and the "Matrix" and "Star Wars" series.

Ambrogio and Thornton will discuss how selected films use the themes of loss of identity, submergence of self, or death of the soul to evoke terror. They will also examine tactics used such as alien possession and mind

control.

"I believe that the ways in which this fundamental terror is visited upon people in movies could lead to a deeper appreciation of what it means to be human and why losing that defining aspect is so profoundly frightening," Ambrogio said.

Thornton and Ambrogio have both contributed to Midnight Marquee and Vault magazines and film anthologies "Peter Lorre" and "Peter Cushing."

Pledge of Allegiance gift



Meredith Scheiwe, a member of Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe, shares the American flag with Grosse Pointe Academy kindergartner Courtney Mecke.

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe is promoting patriotism in all Grosse Pointe public, private and parochial school kindergartners.

When the students memorize the Pledge of Allegiance, they will receive an American flag on a stand to take home

and keep.

The flags were delivered to the schools in September and have been placed in the kindergarten classrooms. Each flag pole has a label with room for the child's name.

The chapter is also providing each school with a flag code poster showing proper display of the flag and the book, "Our

Flag."

The Pledge of Allegiance was first published in 1892 in the Youth Companion Magazine to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America and was first used in public schools to celebrate Columbus Day Oct. 12, 1892.

— Beth Quinn

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Cheryl Blau

GPA's new specialist

Grosse Pointe Academy has hired Cheryl Blau as its new learning resource specialist. She will focus on the needs of the more advanced learners and work with teachers across all grade levels and subjects. Her goal is to develop curricula and classroom projects to meet specific needs of gifted and talented students.

Blau has a doctorate of philosophy in education and educational leadership. She has taught at The Roeper School, Birmingham Public Schools and Southfield Public Schools. She is also an evaluator and presenter on a variety of brain research topics.

Pumpkins for sale

Mason Elementary School hosts its annual Pumpkin Fest from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 11.

The school's PTO will be selling all size pumpkins, donuts, coffee and hot chocolate. Games will be available for children to play.

All proceeds support the school in its 80th year.

North students named National Merit scholars

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. named three Grosse Pointe North High School seniors as semifinalists in the 54th National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Jamie Ding, Maxwell Hunt and Matheus Simoes. Last year, more than 1.5 million high school juniors from nearly 21,000 U.S. high schools participated in the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of 16,000 semifinalists represents the top one percent of high school seniors and the highest scoring entrants from each state. Ding, Hunt and Simoes now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards worth \$34 million that will be offered next spring. Senior Michael Matula was also recognized as a commended scholar in the competition. He will be presented with a letter of commendation from the school and the NM-SC.



PHOTO BY LARRY PEPLIN

Grand scale achievement

Grosse Pointe South High School's 2008 musical production of "Les Miserables" was given honorable mention in the 2008 USA Weekend Magazine's Showstopper Best High School Musicals in America competition. The magazine ranked the production as one of the top two best high school musicals in Michigan. The results were published in the magazine's Oct. 5 edition and is online at besthighschoolmusical.blogspot.com.



Harvest fun raiser

St. Paul School's Harvest Fest brought families and friends together to enjoy autumn's splendor. Attendees were treated to fun, games, food and face painting. They also had a chance to try their skill riding a mechanical bull. The event's proceeds benefit the school's technology, enrichment and curriculum enhancements. Students Bridget Doyle, Victoria Gardey, Luke Nehra, Aidam Gunn and Tom O'Connell helped with pumpkin preparations.

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Ahmed Ismail's Points about the Pointes



What's Happening at Speedi Photo?

I mentioned the last time I wrote about my wife Mary Ann and I deciding to re-focus our efforts here so that we are each doing what we enjoy doing the most every day. To that end, we will be expanding our portrait work to include more on location work, sports photography and hosting events in our new cavernous studio.

In addition, we will be expanding the offerings that I like creating, such as the folded greeting cards, collage posters, old photo restorations and hand printed enlargements and mural size prints. Just to accommodate June Betzing and Sis Pierce and other old friends, we will still have the "while you wait" print service for clients who want to walk out the door five minutes later with their prints. I have been working on an entire product line of photo related items that can be used as fund raising opportunities for affinity groups which is very exciting and you'll be seeing and hearing about in the next few weeks.

The main products we won't be supporting anymore are the commodity "one hour" color prints, and the sale of ready made frames and photo albums. With 88% of the images being taken today not being printed into traditional prints, the market for these items is dying. The sources of supply have become less and less flexible when it comes to special orders of certain colors and sizes, which has made it very frustrating for us when it comes to keeping our promises to you when we take your order.

We still have a bit of the inventory left that is under our 50% off sale. Any frames and albums left on October 15th is being donated to Poupart School and Services for Older Citizens with the hopes that they can be used to make someone's day a little brighter during the Holidays.

If you've been in the store lately, you know that we are just about finished with our new digs, which you'll enter from the parking lot entrance rather than from Mack Avenue. Our new store hours are 10am-5pm, with Thursdays being our late night when we'll be open until 7pm. We'll be closed on Sunday and Monday.

With this change to a very focused business, we found ourselves in a quandary as to our store name. After all, we aren't going to be doing "speedy photos" anymore. Soon, you'll see information from Mary Ann's Portrait Place and from my Creative Imaging Solutions, so when you get it in the mail, don't throw it away before you read it! More to follow soon!

The "Other" Mary Ann

Those of you who know my wife Mary Ann know her to be a petite, no nonsense, positive energy person who loves people and who has learned to tolerate me and my passions. I am blessed to have her in my life. I couldn't commit the amount of time I do to community service and helping others without her support.

I know this might end up being more "e-mail fodder" for those who don't want me re-elected to the School Board next month, but I

have to admit there is another Mary Ann. I had a rendezvous with her last Wednesday night. Same size, same positive energy. This Mary Ann also has a heart of gold and is always out there helping others. I met her through my involvement with Special Kids, a non profit group dedicated to helping make life for special needs children a little easier. Her name is **Mary Ann Van Elslander**.

You may recognize the name from the sign on St. John Hospital's cancer center. A group of us joined Mary Ann at her home last week to learn about how we could help Angels' Place, a people centered non profit dedicated to providing homes and professional support for persons with developmental disabilities build their endowment. I don't have the room to write everything I want you to know about the program here. Please visit www.angelsplace.com and find out how you can help or call their Executive Director, Cheryl Loveday, at 248-350-2203.

As I have mentioned in the past, times are hard for all of us, but there is always someone who is having a little harder time than we are. Do without a dinner at the club this weekend and instead send the money to Angels' Place. You'll be glad you did, you won't gain weight and you'll be helping a wonderful program at the same time!

My Last Pitch Today

My last pitch is for one of my favorite community organizations, Services for Older Citizens, or "SOC". SOC had their annual fund raising event, their auction, this past weekend. While the rest of the presentations during the evening were about the wonderful work that SOC does through their Meals on Wheels and other senior citizen center programs, one group of lives their volunteers touch that wasn't mentioned was the group of students who volunteer with them.

My oldest son, Jonathan, was a SOC volunteer for his high school years. The responsibility we feel in our family about caring about others was reinforced tenfold by the SOC staff. The fact that Jonathan had the opportunity to work with caring Pointers who I have known since my days at Parcels like Margot Kessler and others has created a "circle of life"-like relationship amongst all of us.

SOC's Suzanne Mondalek caught Margot and I in a tear-filled conversation about how Margot and others at SOC had helped shape Jonathan's outlook on life and on how incredibly proud we are of him. A few sopping wet napkins later, I became weak with my bid paddle and bought Margot and her table one of the Josef's cakes auctioned off for desert!

Before you know it, the Holidays will be upon us. Give SOC a call and find out how you can help them this Holiday Season.

Comments?

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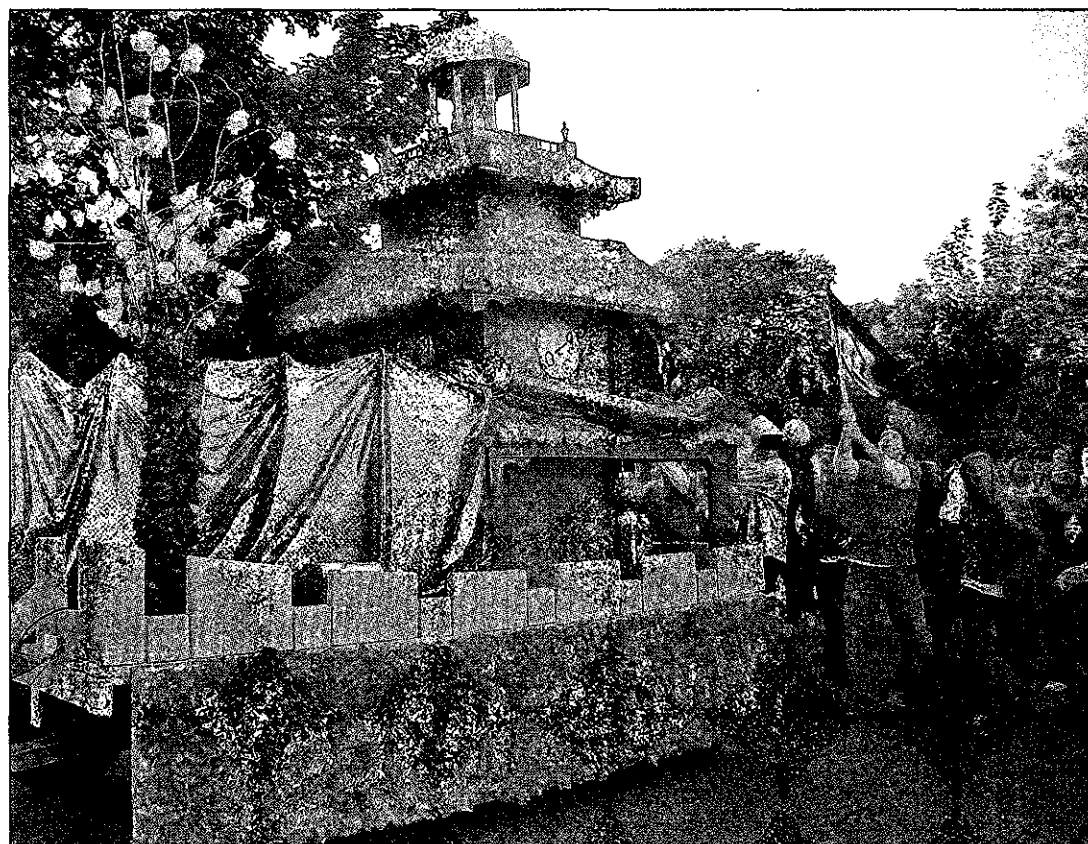
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South spirit soars

Grosse Pointe South High School's Spirit Week brought out the creative school spirit as the classes competed decorating banners, display cases and floats centered around their chosen themes. The seniors' Year of the Senior had a Chinese dynasty motif. The juniors said, "We will rock you," with their School of Rock theme. The sophomores showed they were super with their superhero inspired decorations. The freshmen's candy theme showed how sweet they are.

Each grade also had one day out of the week to transform the Spirit Rock into a class mascot. Freshmen Madison Groezinger, Magdalen Teodecki, Bailey Murray, Nicholas Robinson, Otto Wenzler and Andrew Malley surround a giant cupcake. Nancy Blake and Stefanie Pitters stand guard over the sophomore's green alien. Juniors Paul Roosen, Erin Melville and Max Bobinski hold up their backstage passes for their rock and roll hero. Charlotte Berschback, Julia Schneider, Stephen Hollidge and Edwin Gay hold court with a buddha.

Former South teacher Stephanie Prychitko, who led South's girls tennis team to 11 consecutive state championships from 1976 through 1986, was the homecoming parade's grand marshal.

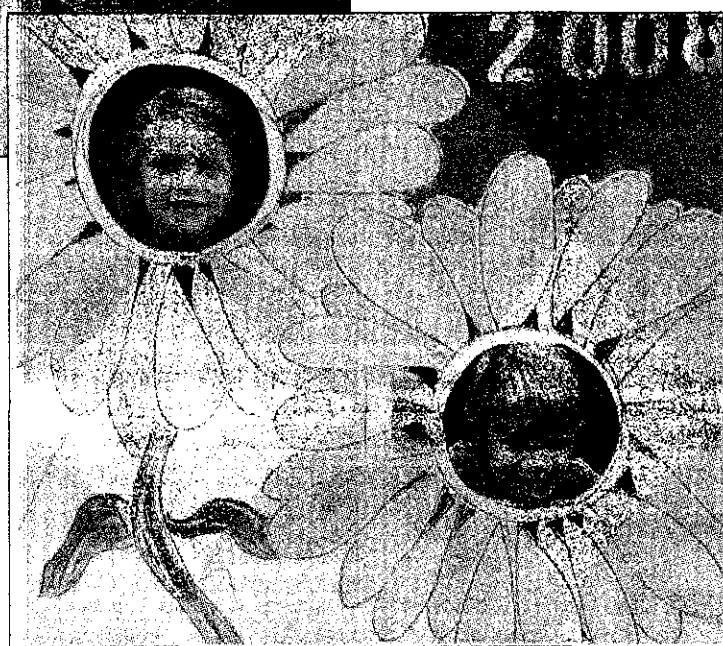




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Park Family Festival

Virginia McCoy, left, was the first place winner in the pie baking contest during Grosse Pointe Park's Family Fall Festival. She made a double blueberry pie with a gingersnap crust. The second place winner was Gayle Wiczuk with her Dutch apple crisp. Barbara Mercier took third place with her apple pie. Top clockwise, children lined up along the straw bales to paint a small pumpkin. Maura Shine and her brother Niall stopped to have their pictures taken as sunflowers. At bottom, Colin Butler, left, and Jack Glover, donned vests which were attached to a stretchy rope. The objective was to outstretch the person in the parallel lane and place a bean bag on the separating wall at the end of the stretch. With that accomplished, the rope brings the child back with a bounce. Wyatt Denomy, 4, dressed in a Spiderman costume, took a ride on a mechanical bull.



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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.

Muriel Elizabeth Charbonneau

City of Grosse Pointe resident Muriel Elizabeth Charbonneau, 73, passed away Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008, in Detroit with her son, Francis Louis Charbonneau, Jr. of Grosse Pointe by her side.

Mrs. Charbonneau, born Muriel Elizabeth Miller Dec. 14, 1934 at Cottage Hospital, graduated from Cooley High School in 1952. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University in musical performance in classical piano forte studying with the late Mischa Kotler. She also studied at the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. Charbonneau studied voice and later sang on the radio for the Don Large Chorus from 1956 through 1959 at WJR Radio in Detroit. The Don Large choir was comprised of many talented voices, including Mrs. Charbonneau's Cooley High School classmate, Grace Lee Whitney, a veteran, well-known actress of the original 1966 Star Trek television series. On May 19, 1961, she mar-

ried Francis Louis Charbonneau Sr. of Grosse Pointe Park at St. Clare of Montefalco.

While singing, Mrs. Charbonneau worked as an executive assistant at Ford Motor Company and later as an executive assistant with the law firm of Miller Canfield.

In 1973, she entered court reporting school and began a 30-year career as a court reporter for a downtown Detroit firm. She loved working close to her husband, an attorney with the Wayne County Corporation Counsel. Daily, she would walk to the old City County Building to meet her husband for lunch at a restaurant downtown.

Mrs. Charbonneau was involved with many social groups including the Tuesday Musicales and the Eastside Republicans Club. She studied culinary arts with the late Madam Charity Suczek of Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Charbonneau was noted for her elaborate gourmet dinner parties followed by lavish desserts. She loved entertaining friends and relatives, especially throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

After dinner, she would entertain her guests from the grand piano with selections from Mozart's sonatas to Chopin's waltzes.

A lover of dogs, she and her husband raised miniature schnauzers for four decades. From autumn to spring each Saturday evening, she and her husband would attend the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and they held season tickets from 1963 until her husband died in 2003. She loved attending midnight Mass with family for Christmas and the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She is survived by her sons Francis Louis (Laura Ann) Charbonneau Jr., Louis Henry (Ivana Husakava) Charbonneau III, and George Edward Charbonneau; her sister, Mrs. Evelyn (Bernard) Freeman of Glen Arbor; her brother, John Charles Miller of South Lyon; cousin, Mrs. Donna (Allen) Sill of Casco; and grandchildren Kristian Louis, Sarah Frances, Nicolas

David, and Elise Anne. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A reception will follow at noon at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, Warren.

Her body was donated to the Medical School of Wayne State University for further research into Alzheimer's disease.

Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center, Suite 100, Southfield, MI, 48076.



Muriel Charbonneau



Martha "Marcy" Priehs

Mrs. Priehs was active with the United Airlines Retirees Club. She enjoyed reading and crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her former husband, Alvin C. "Bud" Priehs; sons, A. Davis "Dave" (Penny), Dr. Daniel R. (Carla) and Timothy N.; daughter Martha "Marti" (Dr. Kenneth) Hartman; and grandchildren, Ross, Quinn, Carly, Daniel, Catherine, Lily, Sam, Bethany and Alexander.

She was predeceased by her sister, Joanne Webster.

The family will receive

friends from 3 to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17 at the funeral home, A.J. Desmond & Sons, Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or the Hospice of the Comforter, 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, Fla, 32714.

Martha "Marcy" Priehs

Former Grosse Pointe resident Martha "Marcy" Priehs, 77, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, in Winterpark, Fla.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended Kalamazoo College. She was a former flight attendant for Capital Airlines and United Airlines.

The New Smyrna readers



Grade school friends, Cindy Brady of the City of Grosse Pointe, Anne LaFond of the City of Grosse Pointe, Joan Plonka of Grosse Pointe Farms, Louise Blake of Grosse Pointe Woods and Anne Mabley of Grosse Pointe Farms, went to New Smyrna Beach, Fla. for spring break to visit their friend, former Grosse Pointer Chris Kirchner, second from right, and took the Grosse Pointe News with them. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grosse-pointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

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Bryan Zmyslowski was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester at Albion College. The University Liggett School graduate is the son of Mark and Gail Zmyslowski of Grosse Pointe.

Alexandra Scott was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester at Albion College. The Grosse Pointe North High School graduate is the daughter of Clyde and Joyce Scott of Grosse Pointe Woods.

John Stevens graduated from Albion College with a degree in political science. He also was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the son of Lee and Barbara Stevens of Grosse Pointe Park.

Daniel G. DiLoreto of Grosse Pointe Farms will attend Interlochen Arts Academy to study saxophone. The 16-year-old is the son of Dr. David and Jennifer DiLoreto.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

This entry level **BMW 128i Coupe** allows consumers an option to get into a BMW without spending \$60,000 when it's all said and done.

The all-new 2008 BMW 128i Coupe



Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.



2008 BMW 128i Coupe

This week, we're behind the wheel of BMW's all new "1-Series" 128i, available in either coupe or convertible motif — base price: \$28,600; price as tested: \$42,395.

Outwardly, there's no mistaking the 128i as anything but a sporty BMW. Present are the long hood, defined shoulder line, longer wheelbase and short rear overhang. This BMW looks quick even when it's parked in a driveway. And that's the way BMW wants it.

BMW's new 128i is similar in purpose to the legendary BMW 2002 Series we came to love in the '60s and '70s. The "2002s" were some of the most popular cars on college campuses back then, along with the VW trio Karmann Ghia, Beetle and Microbus.

Back to the present. We highlight 128i's perfect 50 front and 50 rear weight distribution, thanks to utilizing rear-wheel drive and modern lightweight materials. Thus, 128i owners are assured that the coupe's overall weight is distributed evenly between the two axles, resulting in excellent handling, virtually no body roll in turns and outstanding agility traversing any road you come upon.

Overall, 128i provides near ideal dimensions, although do note that much room in the back seat. It's tough to access and offers little legroom.

Listed as a four-passenger vehicle, our BMW came with

the \$1,200 sport package, which adds 17-inch performance tires and wheels, shadowline trim, sport seats and a tweaked fully independent sport suspension. This option mates nicely with the already impressive line of standard features, including Dynamic Stability Control, 4-wheel ventilated disc brakes with dynamic brake control, ABS, traction control and lots more.

All expected air bags are included, along with things such as sunroof, rain sensing wipers and a bevy of additional safety items your BMW dealer will gladly explain.

Under the hood sits an inline, dual overhead cam 3.0-liter 6-cylinder producing 230 horses and 200 pound-feet of torque. This engine motivates the 128i to 60 mph in about 6.5 seconds and delivers 28 miles per gallon highway 19 city EPA numbers.

A six-speed manual is the standard transmission, but our tester came with the fine shifting six-speed automatic with manual control. A 300-horsepower twin turbo is available, but the base moves up to \$34,900.

Although our tester came loaded with just about every option available, pushing the final tally to \$42,395, the true value of this German built BMW lies in the fact that you can have one of the best cars in the world for less than \$30,000 if you're easy on the options.

Compared to sporty rivals such as VW, Audi, Infiniti, Mazda, Lexus, Rotary RX-8 and Ford Mustang GT, few offer the sophistication, styling and legend BMW delivers with 128i. Inside, BMW excels, thanks

to excellent and comfortable seating, cruise control, tilt telescopic leather-wrapped steering wheel, 10 speaker stereo with CD player and an auxiliary audio jack. The seats keep you stationary in hard cornering and the overall ride is stiffer, yet comfortable.

Popular stand alone options on our tester consist of a sport steering wheel with shifter paddles, \$100;

Cold Weather pack, \$750; special metallic paint, \$475; Premium Package, \$3,600 — not recommended; Setprontronic Automatic Transmission, \$1,275; Xenon headlights, \$800; Navigation System, \$2,100; HD Radio, \$350; iPod and USB Adapter, \$400; Satellite Radio, \$595; Premium Hi-Fi, \$875; and destination, \$775.

Important numbers include a gross weight of 3,329 pounds, 104.7-inch wheelbase, 14-gallon fuel tank and 10 cubic-feet of cargo room.

We rate the new BMW 128i a nine on a scale of one to 10. It's a great car.

Likes: Design, entry price, brakes, 28 mpg, performance, build quality.

Dislikes: If you really need to put people in the back seat for any length of time, this car is not for you.



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Annual outing supports Holden Club

The Holden Club of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan celebrated a successful golf classic fundraiser Sept. 22. The event raised nearly \$25,000 for the club, located at near Schoenherr and Eight Mile in Detroit. Many Grosse Pointe businesses and residents support the club and the outing.

"I am amazed at the level of support people have come forward with, particularly at a time of such great uncertainty," said golf classic chairman Tim Cunneane. "This is a true testament to the type of character and selflessness that built

the Grosse Pointe communities and what will keep them strong for generations to come."

"We are so happy to see the depth of services this organization delivers to young people," said committee member Bill Yates. "Not everyone grows up with a solid foundation from which they can grow and prosper; but Boys & Girls Clubs help fill whatever void there may be. That is why my company and my wife Pamela and I support this awesome organization."

- Joe Warner

Above, golfers are ready to enjoy their day. At right, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan President and CEO Len Krichko welcomes Antoine Ephraim, a member of the Holden Club, who told golfers what a difference the club has made in his life. The outing was a benefit for the Holden Club, located near Eight Mile and Schoenherr in Detroit and supported by many Grosse Pointe residents and businesses.



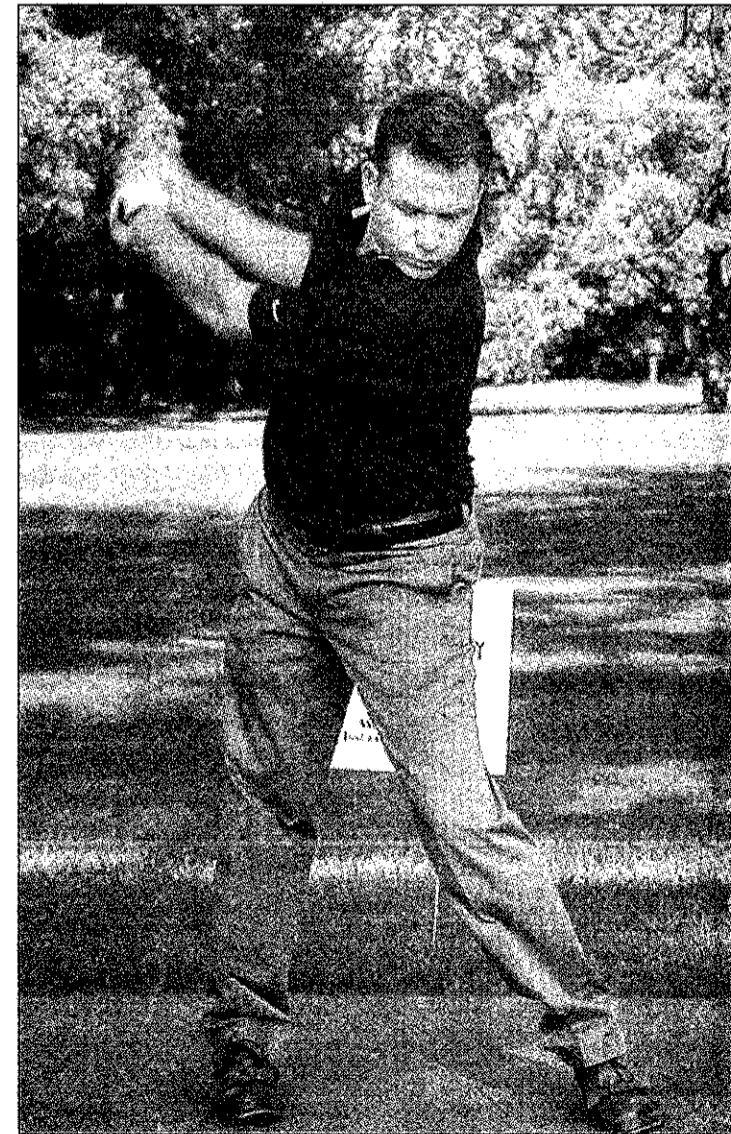
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Golfer and club supporter Joe Fikany spends a little time on sandtrap maintenance.



Photos by Renee Landuyt



At left, the strolling dinner and auction wrapped up a busy day. Above, Nico Gatzaros of Fishbone's tees off on the course. Fishbone's was the major sponsor of the golf outing. "We're pleased to support such a great cause in the community," he said. "For years we have looked for opportunities like this that not only provide an immediate benefit to a deserving organization, but that will have a lasting impact on the fabric of our community."

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Drunken driving I

A 26-year-old Harrison Township man was arrested at 12:06 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, for drunken driving.

Police said the man was cited for refusing to take a Breathalyzer test.

A patrolman spotted the man weaving a light blue 2006 Toyota Scion on eastbound Mack. The driver nearly rear-ended a Detroit city bus at Rivard, police said.

Drunken driving II

Police said a 40-year-old

Grosse Pointe Woods woman being investigated for drunken driving at 2:37 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 denied she'd consumed alcohol, then came clean.

"Well, I had a little in Royal Oak about three hours ago," she reportedly said.

An officer had seen the woman driving a Saturn Vue on eastbound Charlevoix near Washington.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Paraphernalia

During a traffic investigation at 3:09 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, a 19-year-old Farms man was ar-

rested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

The man had been stopped for running a stop sign from Kerby onto Lakeshore. A search of his 2008 Ford Escape turned up a marijuana pipe, two small baggies containing marijuana residue and two bottles of Visine eye drops, according to police.

"The pipe contained burnt remains of marijuana," police said.

Fashion police

More than \$4,700 worth of clothing and accessories belonging to a 16-year-old girl living in the first block of Vendome were stolen from her

bedroom closet sometime between Sept. 4 and Oct. 1.

Police are investigating some of the girl's friends.

Holding

An 18-year-old male Grosse Pointe South High School student's academic career is in a holding pattern due to his being caught in possession of illegal drugs, according to police.

The City of Grosse Pointe resident was ordered off campus last week pending results of an investigation into his alleged possession of .03 grams of marijuana.

At 12:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, police reported that Assistant Principal Brandon Sloan and a counselor found the student concealing a clear plastic baggie of the drug.

"The baggie was tucked between his pants and boxer shorts, near the small of his back," said an officer.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Lost and found

A Honda Scooter taken from a garage on Maryland Monday, Sept. 29 was recovered by a police officer who saw a juvenile riding it at Marlborough and Jefferson.

Broken windshield

The windshield of a 2002 Pontiac Montana parked on Berkshire was broken out overnight Thursday, Oct. 2.

Attempted theft

The steering column of a 2000 Jeep parked on Maryland was damaged overnight Thursday, Oct. 2, but the vehi-

cle could not be started.

—Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

Big bang

Police have a theory about a big bang on Belle Meade reported at 10:59 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3.

The noise was traced to a transformer failure that knocked out power to houses on Belle Meade, Stratton and Sunningdale.

False alarms

At 5:41 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, the first of two fire alarms sounded at a house on Woodland Shores.

Public safety officers responded with a fire truck and determined the alarm was false. A 23-year-old female resident of the dwelling reported "her dad told her that when the furnace kicked on, it would set off the fire alarm," said an officer.

When a second alarm sounded at 9:05 a.m., officers responded with another truck.

"It's possible the alarm is malfunctioning," said an officer.

Collision

There were no injuries and only minor damage when two cars collided at the intersection of Lakeshore and Clairview at 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

The driver of a 2002 Ford Windstar entering eastbound Lakeshore from Clairview, proceeded through the turn-around and hit a 2001 Jeep being driven in the inside lane.

Hides in tub

A 911 call from the father of a girl living on Regal Place alerted officers to the girl's fears that someone may have broken into the dwelling.

The father, heading home in his car on Lakeshore, said his

daughter was home alone when she heard a suspicious noise and went into hiding.

"She has locked herself in the upstairs master bathroom and is hiding in the bathtub," the father reportedly told police.

Three officers rushed to the scene, where "all appeared to be in order," they said.

Wobbly cyclists

A 48-year-old male motorcyclist from Clawson was arrested for drunken driving at 12:07 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, on northbound Lakeshore.

A patrolman clocked the man speeding 59 mph in the 35 mph zone before pulling him over near North Edgewood. The man reportedly failed a series of field sobriety tests, including balance, and admitted drinking.

"I had three (or) four beers with a sky jumping buddy in Detroit," the rider reportedly told police.

The man registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Bring proper ID

A 57-year-old Detroit man was charged with disorderly conduct after becoming aggressive with a bank employee Friday, Oct. 3.

Alert neighbor

Based on a neighbor's description of a vehicle used in a break-in, police were able to pick up two suspects a short time later.

A resident on Raymond told police at 12:20 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, he saw someone enter and leave a vacant house. When police arrived, they found several pieces of copper plumbing had been removed. Copper and several cutting tools were found on the suspects.

—Kathy Ryan



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

House fire

Public safety officers from Grosse Pointe Park and the City of Grosse Pointe responded to a house fire on Yorkshire in the Park, at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. The fire was confined to the basement and the cause has not been determined. No one was home at the time.

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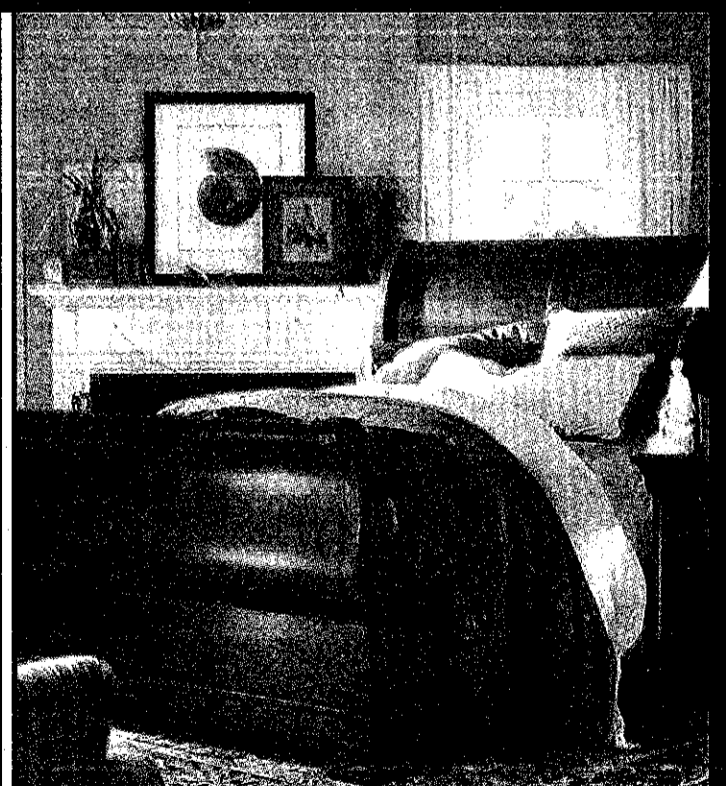
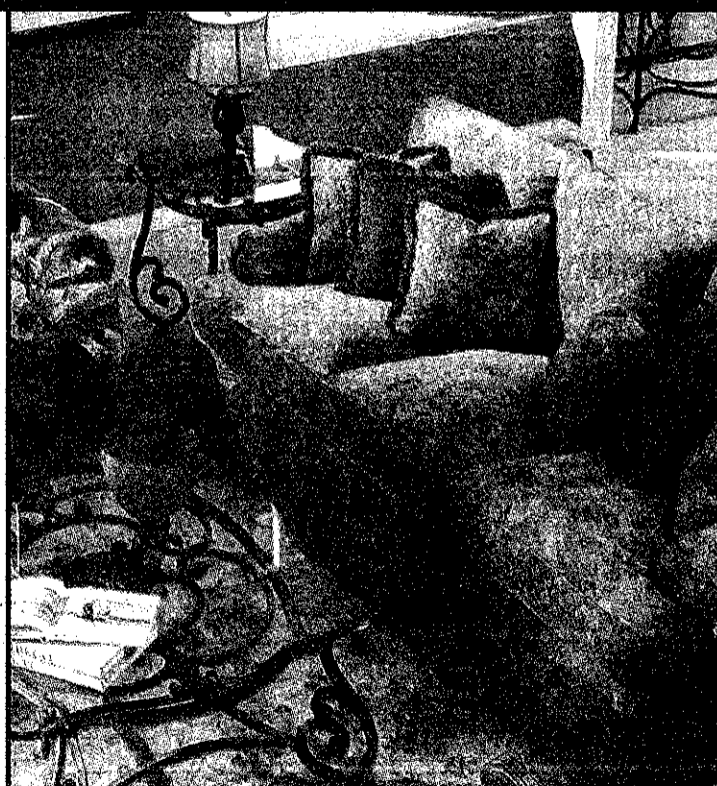
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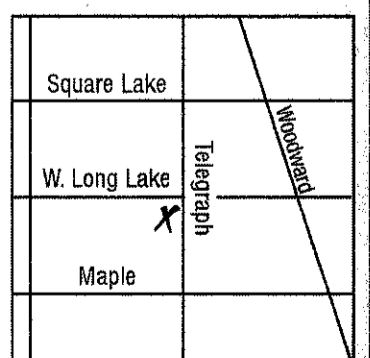
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Focus on families, spirituality

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

In today's busy world many families find it challenging to enjoy some of life's traditions — a family dinner, a visit with Grandma or Grandpa, or even a church worship service together. The demands of work, school, activities and sports make it hard for families to worship together and come together as a family unit.

Recognizing the demands on family life and the need for bringing daily spirituality to families, St. James Lutheran Church nestled on the Hill district in Grosse Pointe Farms, has hired Sandi Smith as its Minister of Family Life.

"I believe my purpose at St. James is to strengthen and grow our congregation's sense of family so that our youth can grow into the future leaders of the church," said Smith, 37, who started at St. James last week.

The church has had the position of Minister of Family Life for about five years. Smith's job is to oversee the different youth activities at the church.

"My first priority is to meet the families and then form relationships with the children and role model for the youth. I want to be someone the children can talk to outside of school," Smith adds.

"As I get to know the families, I'll talk to them and find out what we (the church) can

do as a family to help strengthen their faith in God. We'll do some service projects. We'll provide ways for parents to share their faith with their children. We'll talk about how to incorporate it during the day or evening when the family is together. It may be suggesting that each family picks a time during the day for family devotions."

Smith brings her own personal experience to the job. She is the mother of three children: Nora, 8, Kristen, 6, and Evan, 2. She grew up in an Evangelical Lutheran Christian Association (ELCA) church in Wisconsin. "I was really active in my home church's youth group and remember it as one of the key aspects of my development," Smith said.

"I've been in youth ministry since 1993. I've worked at churches in Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan in both paid and volunteer capacities."

Smith, who received her Bachelor of Art degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in English and Spanish and an associates degree in Business Administration Management from the American Institute of Commerce in Cedar Falls, Iowa, is certified in youth ministry. She earned this certification at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. "I was in the first graduating class in 1994 for this program. It's interesting to note that when I started



PHOTO BY PATTI THEROS

From left, Charlie Bonton, Noah Humphries, Hailey Martin, Nora Smith, Sandi Smith, Evan Smith, Kristen Smith, Anna and Emmelyn Simpson, who are involved in Sandi Smith's goal of strengthening and growing St. James Lutheran Church congregation into a sense of family, so they will ultimately grow into future church leaders.

the program, the majority of my classmates were volunteers. When I went back to be recertified in 2004, the majority of people in the class were now paid professionals," says

Smith. In addition, She believes this is just an indication of how families and churches are looking for help in forming strong, healthy, and godly relationships within the

family unit. And while she will focus on the entire family, her job is primarily to provide leadership to the youth in the congregation. One program she will be

overseeing is "Godly Play" on Sunday morning.

"This style of Sunday School program is rooted in ancient

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October 9, 2008

Dear Friends,

All candidates have doorstep "pitches" — the ten-second statement that starts a conversation. Mine goes something like this: "I'm running a clean-money campaign taking no contributions from lobbyists so I can go to Lansing and work to change the culture there."

This usually elicits a smile or even a chuckle. Often the voter responds, "Do you REALLY think you can change the culture in Lansing?" I say, "We have to start somewhere, and where better to start than in the First House District?"

Occasionally a voter asks, "What 'culture' do you want to change?" "The pay-to-play culture," I answer, "whereby lobbyists give generous contributions to candidates and legislators grant lobbyists special favors."

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Woods church debuts new piano with concert

by Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Indrek Laul, owner of the world-renowned Estonia Piano Company, will help dedicate the new concert grand piano his company recently delivered to the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. He will perform a concert at the church on Saturday, Oct. 18 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Believed to be the only concert grand piano at a church on the eastside, the piano is 9 feet long and made of spruce and hard-rock maple. It was made by hand by craftsmen who continue a tradition of excellence that dates back well over 100 years. It was purchased with the assistance of Jim Evola, owner of Evola Music.

Classical music is the centerpiece of Laul's concert, but he will also speak about his company, which endured despite the rise and fall with the political and economic systems within the Soviet Union.



Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church will dedicate its grand piano Sunday, Oct. 18.

A native of Estonia, Laul holds a doctorate from the Julliard School. While studying in the United States, he became a distributor for Estonia Pianos in America, then went on to buy the company in 1995.

Along with members of his family he set about rebuilding and improving the business. The pianos mechanical inards are now made in Germany, and the soundboard is made from Siberian white

spruce, but all carry with them that tradition of excellence.

With only 400 pianos made each year, Estonia pianos are designed to produce music that has what is described as an old-fashioned tone. In an interview a few years ago, Laul compared it to winemaking, where each piano has its own characteristics.

"Laul performs whenever his company delivers a concert grand," said Andrew Herbruck, music director for the church. "We have been in contact with him throughout the process, and we're looking forward to having him here."

Estonia pianos are still fairly rare in the United States, but not necessarily to Grosse Pointe. While living in Grosse Pointe Farms, Detroit Symphony Orchestra conductor Neeme Jarvi, a native of Estonia, owned one.

A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for children. For more information, call (313) 886-4301.

SMITH: Recognizing the demands

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story telling. They tell biblical stories to appeal to 3 year olds through third grade," says Smith.

The program helps teach children how to listen to such storytelling and to be active in the learning and interpretations of the scriptures and worship for their lives. She also will oversee the the "Middle Matters" for fourth through sixth grades and "Youth Forum" for seventh through 12th grades. All classes meet during the education hour,

which is at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Also on Sunday mornings, Smith will provide a children's message during the Sunday morning liturgy each week.

Starting in October, Smith will be working with the confirmation class program, which is primarily for sixth through eighth graders. She is also making plans to jump start the Lutheran Youth Organization activities for junior and senior high youth before the end of the year. These activities will contain more of a social or service aspect for the youth and will meet monthly or as schedules allow.

One of her primary challenges will be how to reach and communicate with different families of the congregation and the different intergen-

erational groups. Since many families communicate electronically via the internet, she plans to communicate through email and by writing monthly or even weekly newsletters aimed at parents.

Smith says family ministry work is very rewarding. She admits however, that it's something she never thought of doing as a career.

"I had done youth ministry work for years and then took a break. I was thinking I was too old for this type of profession, but when I went to my recertification class, I was surprised to find that at 34 years old, I was the second youngest in the class.

"Just before accepting the position at St. James Lutheran, I was working at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Taylor

on a part-time basis and was volunteering as a member at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Taylor with their Christian Education and Youth programs."

She noted that the the ELCA and PC(USA) have been in full communion partnership for the past 11 years, allowing each to recognize the other's clergy and worship practices, as well as collaborate on other ecumenical efforts.

Smith's focus in her new position at St. James will be to incorporate spirituality in and outside of the church. For her first year, she plans to do her research and find out what programs are currently in place at St. James.

In the summer (2009) she'll focus on an upcoming national youth gathering for high schoolers in New Orleans. Some 36,000 ELCA youth will attend. "I think it's important to tie into the larger church so that young people can see that they are not the only ones who are part of this type of community."

She added, "If a teenager can see that there are other kids who are also involved in this "church thing", than it may not be that bad.

"I'm hoping that I can encourage our high schoolers to attend. The national gathering rotates locations. This year it's in New Orleans. The previous gatherings have provided an opportunity for service projects. "I like to see rotational programs. For example, one year it's a mission trip, the following year it's a national youth gathering and then after that it's just a fun trip.

"This provides an opportunity to appeal to different types of kids and interests. Once you form these relationships, it's all about who is going to be at the event more than what we will be doing. "I don't want any youth in our church to think they're not part of the youth group just because they can't attend all the activities.

"Today you have to think outside the box. In today's world you have to think How can I reach the children? Is it through the Internet? My goal is to develop healthy and spiritual relationships.

"I'm excited about this position, because I have a family and the things I do here, I pass on to my family."

St. James Lutheran has had a long tradition in the Grosse Pointe community.

It began as a mission congregation in 1940. The congregation's first worship service was held in the library of the Grosse Pointe High School (now Grosse Pointe South High School).

In 1948, the church building was dedicated and in 1955 the church was completed with the addition of the two wings providing room for educational, fellowship, and administration facilities.

Today Rev. Gerald Spice is the minister at St. James Lutheran. The congregation is currently conducting a "Building on Blessings" capital campaign.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Festival of Tables

The sixth annual Festival of Tables has two viewings on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The first viewing with a gift boutique is from 2 to 4 p.m. and costs \$10. Proceeds go to the Liggett Breast Center.

The second viewing begins at 4:30 p.m. and costs \$50. This includes a 6 p.m. dinner, fashion show and silent auction.

Tickets may be purchased at artée Spa & Café, 20559 Mack and at La Moda International Hair Design, 20091 Mack. For more information, call Natalie Simon at (313) 824-6721.

Dames with Brains

"Dames with Brains" is a three-week seminar presenting survival tips for this economy begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the artée Spa & Café, 20559 Mack. The cost is \$25. Other sessions will also be at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 and 27.

The session includes a complimentary ticket to the two-hour viewing of the Festival of Tables on Oct. 26 and survival tips for this economy. Bring personal business cards to distribute to attendees.

To make reservations, call (313) 423-0087.

Bingo party

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital hosts a bingo party from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Lakeland Manor, 26211 Harper, St. Clair

Shores. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Admission is \$35 and includes pizza, salad, coney-style hot dogs, beer, soft drinks and bingo cards for 11 games.

Proceeds benefit the Lymphoma Clinic and Research Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. For more information and reservations, call (313) 343-3675.

The co-chairs are Adel Amerman of Grosse Pointe Farms, Debra Arnone of Grosse Pointe Woods and Jean L. Azar of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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For sponsorship and ticket information, call (313) 885-8855 or e-mail greg@littlestonepartners.com.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, will be 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15445 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais Chapter of the Questers No. 215 meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at the home of Crit Leibbrand.

The speaker will be Marine Ramsey who will discuss Hermes scraves.

GPN Deadlines

Feature deadlines for the Thursday, Oct. 23, issue are 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Seminars

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms is offering seminars for youth and parents.

The Power of Words for boys and girls aged 6-9 presented by Girls Empowered, is offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10.

G. P. Rotary Club

Grosse Pointe Rotary president is Marv Asmus; first vice president is Bob Bashara; second vice president is Mark Wilson; treasurer is Tony Zoia and Bill Scott is executive secretary. In addition, there are seven board members and a nine-member foundation board.

Gail Warden of the Detroit Zoo is the Oct. 13 speaker.

Debbie Moffett of the Foundation for Exceptional Children will be the Oct. 20

speaker.

The club approved foundation money to support prison training and education in a program through U of M Dearborn.

The funds will help train counselors to interact with the prisoners and make transition back into the community positive and successful.

Contact Asmus at Marv80@comcast.net to submit a program for funding. For more info about the club, call Asmus at (313) 515-7086.

Interact Club, the Grosse Pointe South High School

Rotary Club, has 70 members and is led by President John Conway. The group meets in room 297, every Thursday at 3:05 p.m. with faculty advisor in Kevin Cox.

Youth Exchange is an international program that allows high school juniors or seniors, to attend Grosse Pointe South and American students to go abroad for 10 months.

Kamilia Wisniewska, 16, from Pruszkow, Poland is this year's exchange student.

For more information about the program visit rotary6400.org.



Classic music league

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League seated its board of directors for the 2008-09 year. They are, in the front row from left, Sandy Magreta and Pam Bawden, back row, from left, Kiki Herfert, president Helena Thurber, Marel Thomas, Kathie Smith, Mary Ellen Tyszka and Gerry Leone. On the board but not pictured are Catherine Tocco, Ben Stanczyk, Nancy Milewski and Mary Lou Moser. The organization brings in professional musicians to play during its meetings. A musical event is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the Country Club of Detroit. For more information, call Bawden at (313) 318-8836.

Participants, who will be divided between girls and boys, will learn how words can flatter or insult and how they impact the user. The workshop will also cover gossip, teasing and put downs.

The fee is \$22 per person and participants will make a Power of Words Kit.

In the adult seminar Mean Girls Grown Up, Girls Empowered explores bullying behavior in adults from 7 to

8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14. This workshop teaches women how to be assertive and deal with conflict so they can stop trying to fit in. The fee is \$26 and reservations may be made by calling (313) 881-7511.

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11:30 am Tech Pointes

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 pm The SOC Show
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4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm Positively Positive
5:30 pm The SOC Show
6:00 pm The Legal Insider
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
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9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture
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GPHS conducts tour of community churches

Architectural legacy celebrated

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society will host a tour of three Grosse Pointe churches at 9:15 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18. Traveling by bus, guests will visit St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, and the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores, where lunch will be served.

The tours will be led by local historians and church do-

cents. The tour leaves the Grosse Pointe Historical Society Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval. Guests should arrive at 9 a.m. The tour returns at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for society members; \$30 for non-members and includes bus transportation to the churches and lunch.

The first church on tour is St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Founded in 1947 as a mission chapel by Christ Episcopal Church Grosse Pointe, the first service was held in the old caddy house of

the Renmore Golf Club. The building had been converted into an attractive chapel which the mission congregation used for four years. The property where St. Michael's now stands was a gift from Christ Church. Ground was broken in October 1950 for the church and a small wing. Further additions came in 1954 and 1960. The docent will explain the architecture and art of this Gothic-style church.

The second church on the tour is Christ Episcopal Church Grosse Pointe which was the chapel mission of Christ Episcopal Church

Detroit. Christ Church is one of the last Gothic churches designed by Mayers, Murray and Phillips, of Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue Associates in New York, who designed Christ Church Cranbrook. This tour includes a discussion of the stained glass windows, stone work and history of the church in the community. A short concert by Scott Hanoian, music director and the choirs of Christ Church is included in the tour.

The tour closes with a visit to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair

Shores. Assumption Church began meeting in homes in 1928 and was established in 1930 with services held in a rented building on the corner of Hillger and Kercheval, then in the Odd Fellows Hall and in 1933, its own church building on Beniteau and Vernor. In 1953, the church moved to a new edifice at 11000 Charlevoix, which served the Assumption family for nearly 25 years. In 1972, 10 acres were purchased in St. Clair Shores/Grosse Pointe Woods as the site of its current home.

Formal ground breaking in 1976 marked the beginning of

a new cultural center. During the 1990s the iconography was completed.

In December 2002, a fire caused more than \$3.5 million in damage. The interior with its iconography was destroyed. In December 2003, almost one year from the date of the fire, the Assumption parish moved back into its old, yet "new," church. The tour will focus on the history of this church family and the restorations of the interior and the iconography.

For more information or to make reservations, call (313) 884-7010.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Blood drive

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For information and appointment, call (313) 882-4522. Walk-ins are welcome after 2 p.m. Bring a photo I.D.

Refreshments and a program will take place in the lounge. The evening's speaker, Rebecca Marchetti, a State of Michigan Child Protective Services investigator, will discuss "What is Child Abuse: How to Find It, Define It and Eliminate It."

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St. Peter also will have a Visiting Nurse Association flu and pneumonia clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medicare Part B and other insurances will be accepted. Cash

and checks will be accepted. Participants should bring their health insurance and personal I.D. This is open, regardless of age.

For more information, call (586) 776-2471 or (313) 343-0771.

St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, will hold a free puppet show from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

For more information, call (586) 777-0215.

Rummage sale

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, is having a fall rummage sale from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, and from 9

a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Admission is free.

First English

The Holiday Mart, Crafts and Bake Sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the

Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Admission is \$1.50. Children 12 and under are free.

Lunch may be purchased between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the lounge.

NEW ARRIVALS

Nathan Gary Northey

Timothy and Jennifer Northey of Harper Woods are the parents of a son, Nathan Gary Northey, born June 21, 2008.

Gary and Patricia Jensen of Grosse Pointe Woods are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Donald and Elvira Northey of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Charles David Zink

Drs. David and Wendy Zink of Holland are the parents of a son, Charles David Zink, born Aug. 22, 2008.

Richard and Bonnie Pytlak of Sanford are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Dr. Robert and Nancy Zink of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By David Votruba, Ph.D.

Monitor reaction during college transition



Q My daughter is a college freshman and she hasn't been herself lately. She doesn't call as much as she did when she first got to college, and when she does call, she seems stressed. I'm concerned about her and don't know what to do. Do you have any ideas?

A Most college students find the transition to college involves acclimating to a new living environment, new relationships, new choices, and new identities. Although these changes may feel exciting,

they also may feel overwhelming. While college students often enjoy the freedom that college brings, they also may feel confused and anxious as they face new challenges without the ready aid of their existing support systems.

Just as the new college student faces important adjustments, parents often find that their roles and relationships shift during this transition. Parents should monitor their own reactions and proactively address any difficulties that arise at home or in the parent-college student relationship.

Parents can minimize difficulties by engaging their college students in collaborative discussions about how this transition will affect their rela-

tionship.

For example, parents can express their need to maintain regular contact with their students and negotiate a flexible schedule of phone, email, and in-person contacts. Like all meaningful conversations, this conversation should occur in-person and during a period of relative calm, preferably several weeks before the students leave.

Such discussions are important because they communicate the message that the parents are still there for their students, albeit in new and different ways.

Once a flexible schedule of contacts is established, any significant variations from it should be discussed. The origi-

nal schedule may have been too frequent or infrequent and may no longer be working. If this is true, then a collaborative discussion of the problem and any new expectations should help.

Alternatively, significant changes may be indicative of more serious adjustment problems.

If this is the case, then the parent's nonjudgmental and direct expression of concern is likely to elicit a positive response from the student.

College students usually begin to adjust to campus life approximately six to eight weeks after enrollment. If your student's emotional, social, or academic problems persist, or if she exhibits unusual, danger-

ous, or dysfunctional behaviors, you should secure a commitment from her to seek a mental health consultation. Follow-up with her to be sure that this commitment is kept. If necessary, you also may solicit additional help from your student's academic or residence hall advisors.

Despite the challenges posed by college adjustment, most students and families navigate it successfully.

While you should expect changes in your student's thoughts, feelings and behavior during this transition, collaborative communication can help to keep these changes positive.

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and psychotherapist in private practice in Ann Arbor, MI. A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Dr. Votruba also works for both the University of Michigan Division of Student Affairs and the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute Treatment Clinic in Ann Arbor. He may be reached by phone at 734-929-3700, by email at votruba@gmail.com, or by visiting his website: votruba.googlepages.com

For questions, contact The Family Center is located at 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Questions may be e-mailed to info@familycenterweb.org. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay



Spouse accused of being an alcoholic

Dear Jeff and Debra: My wife thinks I'm an alcoholic. I don't agree. It has been a point of contention in our marriage for the last three or four years. Yes, I like to drink, but that doesn't mean I have a problem. I have 3 or 4 beers on week nights and a little more on weekends, which I consider my time to relax and enjoy myself. But even then, I rarely drink more than a six-pack on any given day.

I think that's pretty normal for a lot of people. My wife sees things differently. She tells me that drinking every day is abnormal, and she doesn't like being around me after I've had a second beer. She accuses me of putting my drinking before the family. She challenged me to contact you and ask what

you think.
Am I an alcoholic?

-JOE SIXPACK

Dear Joe:

If your drinking is causing ongoing marital problems, then your relationship with alcohol is problematic. From your letter, we know your drinking exceeds recommended limits. You would be classified as a heavy drinker, not a moderate drinker. However, you didn't give us enough information to determine whether you are an abuser or an alcoholic. We suggest you and your wife sit down and answer the following questions. If you answer yes to 3 or more questions, it's a sign that you could be alcoholic and should get a professional assessment at a local alcohol treatment center.

- ◆ Is drinking making your home life unhappy?
- ◆ Have you ever felt re-

morseful for something you did or said while drinking?

- ◆ Does drinking take precedence over other activities?
- ◆ Are you less motivated at home or work due to your drinking?
- ◆ Do you crave a drink at certain times of the day?
- ◆ Are you preoccupied with thoughts of having your next drink?
- ◆ Do you avoid or resent involvement in sober activities?
- ◆ Do you ever have a drink in the morning?
- ◆ Do you suffer from hangovers or low energy after drinking?
- ◆ Do you suffer from insomnia?
- ◆ Are you less productive at home or work after drinking?
- ◆ Does drinking get in the way of achieving goals?
- ◆ Do you drink to escape worries or troubles?

- ◆ Do you ever have 4 or more drinks in one day?
- ◆ Do you drink alone?
- ◆ Have you ever had a memory lapse when drinking?
- ◆ Has your physician told you to cut back or quit drinking?
- ◆ Do you become irritable if you cannot have a drink?
- ◆ Does your personality change while drinking?
- ◆ Has your reputation suffered because of your drinking?
- ◆ Have you been involved in arguments with family or friends when drinking?
- ◆ Do you drive after drinking?
- ◆ Have you ever tried to cut down, but were unable to do so consistently?
- ◆ Have you ever lied to family, friends or employers about how much you drink?
- ◆ Do family members or

friends avoid you when you've been drinking?

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is

the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction."

They may be contacted at 313-882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

2008 Holiday Mart opens Oct. 16

The 2008 Holiday Mart begins with a Gala Patron Party from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Nearly 30 vendors from around the United States will showcase their merchandise at the event which benefits prenatal health and community-based education programs of Southeast Michigan. The gala evening features hors

d'oeuvres and beverages.

Doors open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18 and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19. The cost is \$5.

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Mark provides advice during Senior Expo

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Stop trying to act your age. This is the advice Florine Mark, president and CEO of The Weight Watchers Group, Inc. gave to those who attended the Senior Expo last week at the Assumption Cultural Center. More than 1,000 people attended the speech, workshops, viewed exhibits and took advantage of on-site screenings.

"It is a day set aside for the senior adult to learn what is available as they live longer and hopefully, a healthier happier lifestyle," said Joan De Ronne, administrator of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Mark echoed De Ronne's comment.

"Your age is what you want it to be," said Mark, a twice-widowed, mother of seven. "You are responsible to make the best of every day."

She continued to say people must enjoy every day and place a high priority on health and attitudes. Walking, eating healthy meals, cutting back on alcohol consumption and having a positive attitude are ingredients for a healthy life style, she said.

"How you start out in the morning affects your day. If you say it will be bad, it will be bad. If you say it's going to be a great day, it will be," she said.

Mark told the audience how she took control of her life in the 1970s by borrowing \$5,000 to purchase a Weight Watchers franchise and building it into a model business.

In addition to Mark's appearance, seniors could visit Anne MacIntyre of Community Central Bank, who was there to assist seniors in investing their money for income during retirement so they won't outlive their money, but rather enjoy it.

In the health and screening area, Henry Ford Health System pharmacy coordinator Richard G. Roos said he was there to help seniors sort out Medicare Care Part B as well as offer hints on keeping medication straight and understand doctor's orders.

The social and leisure portion of a senior's life is important to keep them active and making a difference in someone's life, said Connie Teschler, the volunteer coordinator for the Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers.

Working through churches,



Committee and local dignitaries greet Florine Mark, who was the main speaker at the Senior Expo last week. From left, Dawn Zsalako of ShorePointe Nursing Center and Village, St. Clair Shores Mayor Robert Hison, associate priest of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Anthony Cook, parish council president George Petrouleas, Grosse Pointe Woods city councilman Pete Waldmeir, Lea Anne Ivory of St. John Health, Mark, Janette Treuter of the Henry Ford Health System, administrator of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center Joan De Ronne and Olga Cardasis of the cultural center.

volunteers help seniors by taking them to the grocery store and doctor appointments and visits are an effort to keep more seniors in their homes.

Kathleen Graham represent-

ed the Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan and said her office is seeing an increase in senior home foreclosures and elder abuse complaints, both physical and financial.

Graham and her staff offer legal planning for landlord-tenant disputes, Medicare, wills, trusts, guardianships and power of attorney situations.

The Senior Expo Committee worked a year to put on the informational event and produced a Resource Guide, which may be obtained by calling (586) 779-6111, ext. 4.

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Changes coming to senior centers



The first of the 78 million baby boomers started receiving Social Security retirement benefits this year. The Census Bureau estimates almost 8,000 of them are turning 60 every day.

Such megafigures are going to mean radical changes to our senior society. It may be years before we experience all these

changes, but senior community centers are already thinking about how to become relevant for these new additions to their client.

A National Council on Aging online discussion group for senior center directors showed their common concerns about serving boomers.

One concern is about offering programs to fit the schedules of boomers working well into their 60s and making them more diverse and intellectually appealing, and ensuring that longtime older visitors aren't alienated by the changes.

All agree it won't be easy since baby boomers will be un-

like any generation that has ever passed through senior centers.

At the Enfield Senior Center in Connecticut such traditional activities as bingo and cribbage, blood pressure clinics and bereavement support, are joined by high-energy Zumba exercise classes, Nintendo Wii video game tournaments and investment clubs.

The Enfield Senior Center director says she may even launch a motorcycle club for the many "young" seniors arriving at the center on two wheels. "We're a pretty hip senior center. We like it when people say 'I feel young here.'" Some changes will take a great deal of planning. These include coordinating exotic vacation trips or scheduling appointments with Social Security representatives to help "young" seniors make the transition from working life to retirement.

In West Virginia, where 15 percent of the state population

is 65 and older, some centers are offering seminars to younger seniors on caring for their aging parents with whom many of the boomers will be sharing the centers.

One center in West Virginia is expanding its gym, offers an Internet café and expanded its hours to attract younger seniors after work.

It's not surprising that not everyone at the senior centers is excited about the changes. Some seniors tend to ignore the newer activities in favor of bingo, daily meals and other sedate offerings.

That is a problem that has to be addressed. The manager of the aging office in St. Petersburg says there actually are three parts to the senior population: the G.I. generation of the World War II era, the "silent generation" shaped largely by the 50s and early 60s, and the boomers.

"We have to recognize each generation has its unique characteristics. We must recognize

the value of the G.I. generation, and the silent generation and not just kick them out the door. But at the same time, we have to recognize the impact of the baby boomer generation and make changes to accommodate them," said the manager.

He predicts that will mean more grab-and-go meals, sports leagues, and the most up to date recreation and social offerings.

The thought of removing the senior name from Senior Community Centers does have some support from baby boomers. More than two-thirds of directors polled in a 2005 survey by the National Institute for Senior Centers said they thought boomers and those just a few years older could not relate to being called "seniors."

One woman who has attended the Enfield center regularly for about seven years said she

first thought the centers were just for old people and that wasn't her. The image she had was that they were more like a convalescent home.

She began attending the senior center when she discovered it offered crafts lessons.

Other fellow-crafts enthusiasts said they too thought senior centers offered nothing that would appeal to them until they were well into their 70s or 80s.

The manager of an aging office in St. Petersburg, however, said that he's dubious about removing senior from community center names.

"I'm from the old school of calling it what it is. I think my fellow baby boomers need to get over themselves. When they're 70, the word senior won't seem so bad."

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Mexican heaven with stuffed poblano peppers



Chilies rellenos is one of my favorite Mexican dishes. Poblano peppers are stuffed with cheese, dipped in a wet batter and then deep fried. I found a Martha Stewart recipe that lightens up the stuffed peppers. With a little bit of prep, you'll have a flavorful Mexican dish that's classy enough for a special occasion.

Stuffed Poblano Peppers

- 1 28-oz. can whole tomatoes with juice
 - 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
 - 1 cup finely chopped onion, divided
 - 3 garlic cloves, minced, divided
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 1 15-oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
 - 1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
 - 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 3/4 cup water
 - 4 poblano chilies, halved lengthwise and seeded (keep stems intact)
- Place the tomatoes with juice, jalapeno, 1/2 cup chopped onions and two of the minced garlic cloves in a food processor or blender. Pulse until smooth. Season with salt and pepper and pour the sauce

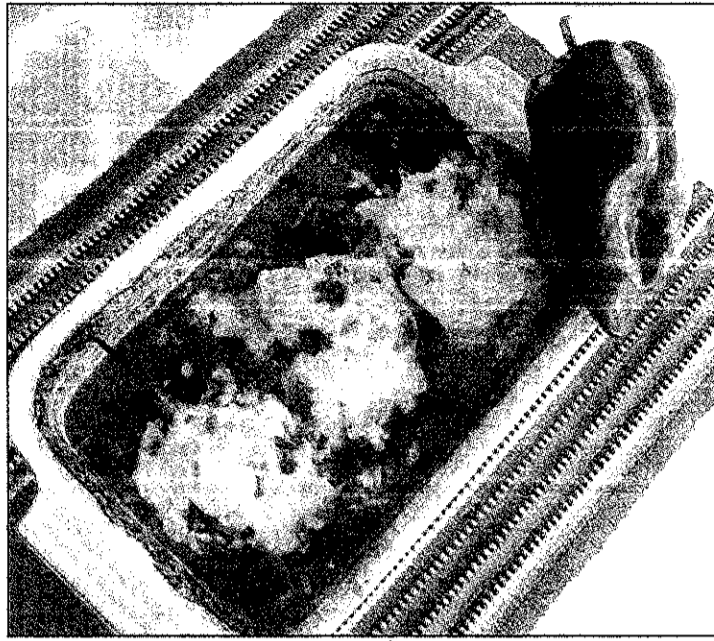


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Try one of Annie's favorite Mexican dishes — stuffed poblano peppers.

into a greased 9 by 13 inch baking dish. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

In a medium bowl combine the beans, cornmeal, 1/2 cup cheese, remaining 1/2 cup chopped onion, remaining minced garlic clove, cumin and water. Toss and stir until well blended. Season the mixture with salt and pepper.

Divide the bean mixture among the halved poblanos (about 1/4 cup of the mixture in each) and place each pepper on top of the sauce in the baking dish. Cover tightly with foil and bake at 425 for 45 minutes. Remove from oven. Carefully remove the foil and top each pepper with two tablespoons of the remaining shredded cheese. Return to the oven and cook for just 10 more minutes

until the cheese melts and begins to brown. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before serving.

Vegetarians will say hurrah to these yummy stuffed peppers that boast just enough heat from the jalapeno to make the dish spicy. (The recipe actually called for hot pepper jack cheese.) The tomato sauce sits perfectly with the black bean and cheese filling. Meat lovers can throw on a side car of grilled chorizo. You'll be in Mexican heaven. Really. Cool down the stuffed poblanos with a dollop of sour cream.

Poblano peppers look like elongated bell peppers with a dark green skin. The flavor is mild while sharp and crisp at the same time. I found poblano chilies at Kroger's in the village.



Movie palace

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society presents a lecture on Detroit's movie palaces at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. Michael Hauser will present the program relating to his book, "Downtown Detroit's Movie Palaces." In the first half of the 20th century downtown Detroit was the place Grosse Pointers went to attend first run movies on the big screen. At its peak, the area surrounding Grand Circus Park boasted a dozen palatial movie houses containing 26,000 seats. Hauser, marketing manager for the Detroit Opera House, is also the co-author of "Hudson's: Detroit's Legendary Department Store."

Detroit Institute of Arts dresses for Halloween

Tour the Detroit Institute of Arts galleries with costumed guides, who tell tales and mysterious secrets about the artists whose work haunts the historic American wing this Halloween. Guests will be led through eerily-lit galleries and hear sounds in the dark during the

tours beginning every 15 minutes from 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 17, 24, and 31. In addition to the Museum Mystery Tours, visitors may pick up a "Yikes!" gallery guide to seek out some of the DIA's most bone-chilling images. Collect "spook-tacular" art sup-

plies at each stop and use them to create a Halloween mask in a drop-in workshop. All activities are free with museum admission, which is \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$4 for youth ages 6-17. For more information, call (313) 833-7900 or visit dia.org.

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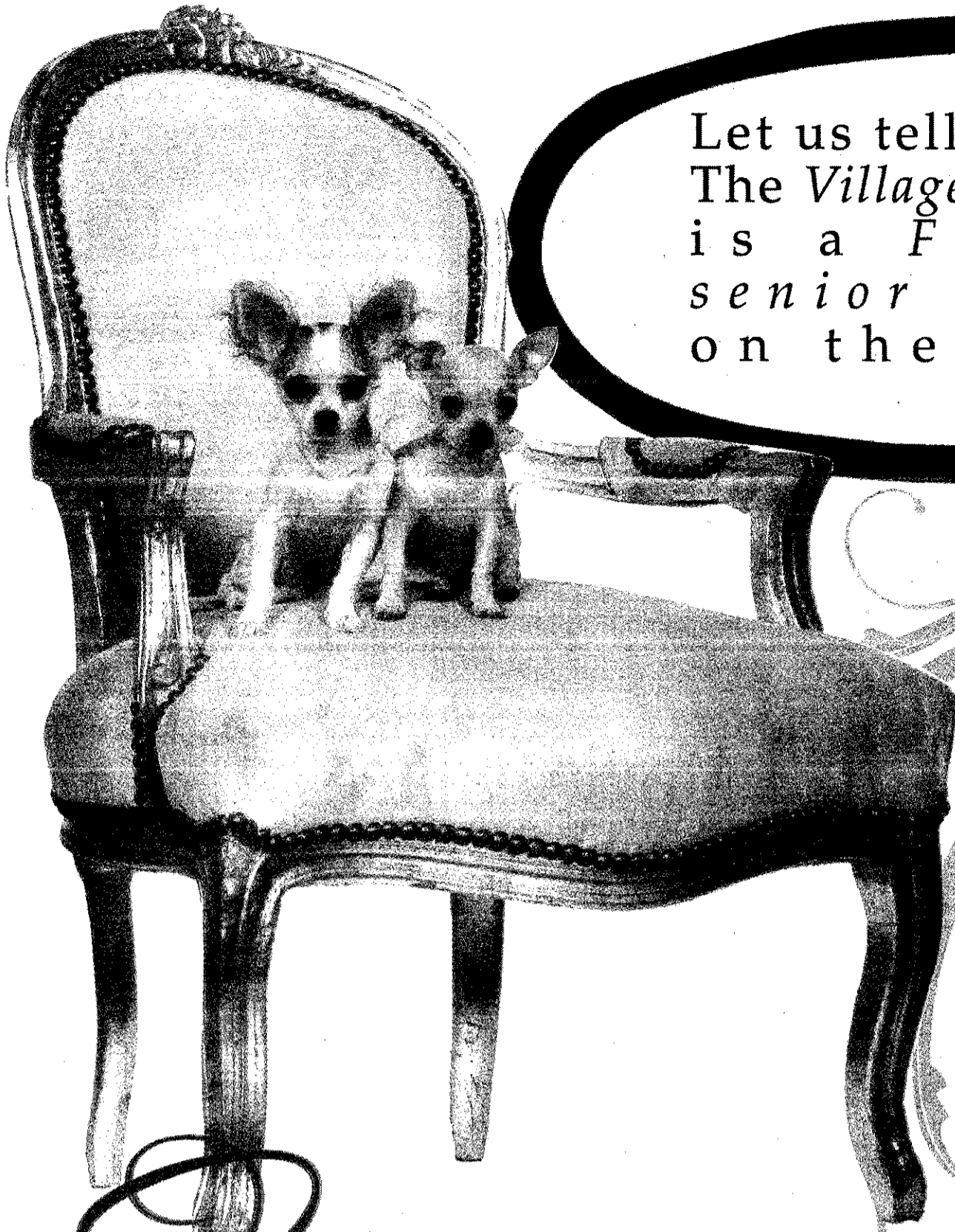
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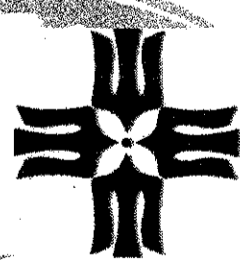
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ULS boots Hamtramck in quarterfinal

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Exactly one week later, University Liggett School's boys soccer team got revenge on Hamtramck.

This time, the Knights won a stunning 2-1 shootout game in the first round of the Metro Conference playoffs.

"The guys remember last year when we went into Hamtramck and beat an undefeated Cosmos squad, so they knew they could win this game," head coach David Backhurst said. "The crowd was raucous but we were able to prevail and win a big game."

"I thought we played a little better than Hamtramck a week ago, but didn't get the job done. We got the job done the second time around."

In a classic playoff game, the Knights won with an extra shooter in the shootout in the rain.

"It was quite the atmosphere for this pressure-packed play-off game," Backhurst said. "I'm glad we won because now we get to move on in the conference tournament."

The Cosmos scored in the opening five minutes to give their fans a lot to cheer about. Neither team mustered much of an offense in the first 40 minutes, but that changed early in the second half.

The Knights tied it 1-1 when senior Jack Fisher sent a pass



Defender Andrew Callawaert, right, had an outstanding play-off game, helping ULS beat Hamtramck.

to junior Noah Saganski, who one-timed it into the back of the net.

"It was nice to get another goal scorer other than Fisher," Backhurst said. "We need our other forwards to get in on the goal-scoring."

The score remained 1-1 at the end of the regulation and at the end of two 10-minute over-

time sessions.

In the first five rounds of the shootout, junior Dan Zukas, sophomore Dominic Jamett, Fisher and Saganski scored. Saganski had to score on his shot or else Hamtramck would have won the game.

"Noah buried a pressure shot," Backhurst said. "There was no question about it."

Junior goalkeeper Mark Ghafari made a diving stop of the Cosmos' sixth shot attempt in the shootout, leaving the outcome of the game in the hands of the Knights.

"I went over to the bench and asked who wanted to take the shot," Backhurst said. "Rory (Deane) said he wanted to take it. He did and he delivered."

Deane converted the shot to send the Knights storming on to the field in the rain, victorious.

Backhurst applauded the efforts of his defense, led by Ghafari, Jimmy Palmer, Joey Shannon, Deane, Jamett and Andrew Callewaert.

Earlier in the week, ULS tied Southfield Christian 2-2.

"I feel we let this get away from us," Backhurst said. "It was not one of our finest outings."

In the 21st minute of the first half, Jamett sent a long ball up the sidelines to Fisher, who buried the shot to score his 20th tally of the season.

Southfield Christian tied it with 11 minutes left in the game, but Fisher made it a 2-1 game with his 21st goal of the season, which is one more than he had last season. Zukas assisted on the goal.

The lead lasted until the 10-minute mark when Southfield Christian tied it.

ULS improved to 4-4 in the Metro Conference and 8-5-1 overall.



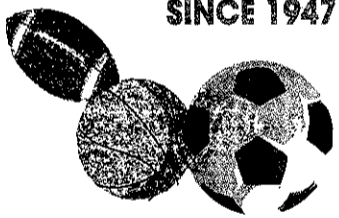
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Forward Dan Zukas, No. 10, shown here in a game against Livonia Clarenceville, played well in the ULS' conference play-off quarterfinal win over host Hamtramck.

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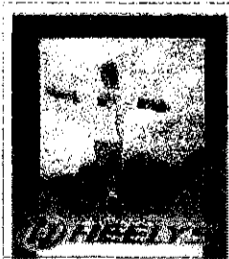
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GIRLS GOLF

South wins Red Division tournament

North ties for fourth

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls golf team made it a clean sweep after winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Tournament last week.

The Lady Blue Devils finished a perfect 10-0 to win the dual meet title and now they add a tournament title, finishing with a team score of 337. The tournament was held at Fore Lakes Golf Club in Gratiot Township, near Port Huron.

Placing a distant second was Sterling Heights Stevenson with a 373, followed by Port Huron Northern at 376, Grosse Pointe North and Utica Eisenhower at 424, Romeo at 451 and Chippewa Valley at 455.

Leading the way for the Lady Blue Devils was junior Carey Farley, who won the championship with a 78.

South's other scorers were senior Charlotte Park with an 81, senior Kelsey Burgess with an 85, freshman Claire Boyle with a 93 and junior E.A. Kennedy with a 97.

Head coach James Cooper announced six of his Lady Blue Devils earned All-League honors. They are freshman Ella Pendy, Park, Farley, Burgess, Boyle and senior Killeen Lang.



Kaitlin O'Shea was one of Grosse Pointe North's top scorers in the MAC Red Division Tournament.

"The team now focuses its attention on the regional tournament this week where they

hope to win a birth in the state finals," said South assistant coach Chris Bouda.

PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT



Kelsey Burgess of Grosse Pointe South earned All-League honors this season and posted a solid score at the MAC Red Division Tournament.

South is one of the favorites to reach the state finals, along with Rochester and Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

North was led by Nikki Radulovich, who shot a 103. Other top scorers for the Lady Norsemen were Adriana Badalamenti with a 105, Kaitlin O'Shea with a 106 and Courtney Wickham with a 110.

"The girls showed a lot of character playing in such bru-

tal conditions," North head coach Brian Stackpole said. "The girls see this as the start of something good, not the end."

"We made progress and the girls are anxious to improve and play more golf."

Coming up for Grosse Pointe South and North is a Division I regional tournament Friday, Oct. 10, at Twin Lakes Golf Club near Rochester.

Other teams competing are Birmingham Groves, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, Detroit Martin Luther King, Detroit Northwestern, Detroit Southeastern, Fraser, which won the MAC White Division tournament, Macomb Dakota, Rochester Adams, Utica Eisenhower, Utica Ford, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Southfield, Southfield-Lathrup, Troy, Troy Athens and Utica.

BOYS TENNIS

South takes 2nd, North 3rd in tourney

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North finished second and third in last week's Macomb Area Conference Red Division Tournament.

Port Huron Northern, winner of the dual meet slate, also won the tournament, but official point totals weren't available because rain cancelled several matches.

"We couldn't get in all of the matches due to the rain; so we had to play the championship matches instead," North head coach Drew Mascarin said.

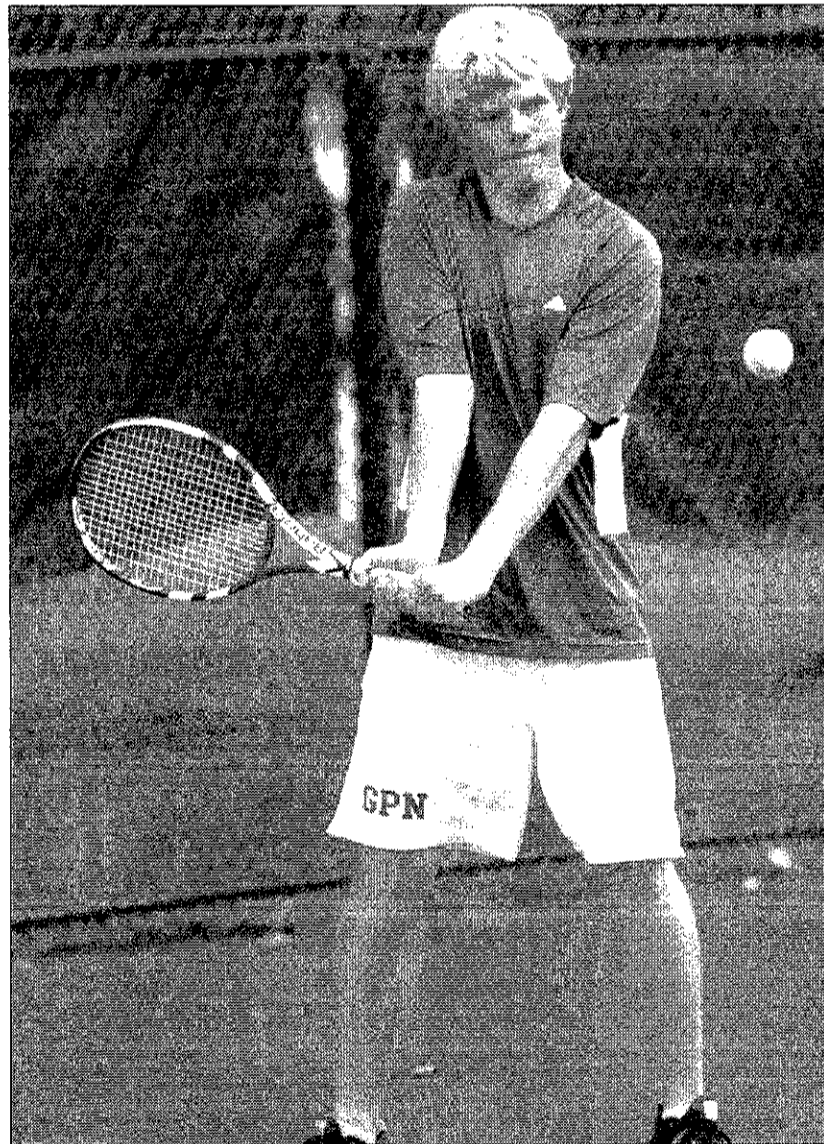
"It's the best we could do due to the circumstances."

Northern won four of the eight flights, while South won three and North won one to round out the tournament results.

"I thought our kids played some good tennis, despite the weather delays," South head coach Tom Berschback said.

The Blue Devils won No. 1, No. 2 and No. 4 doubles, while the Norsemen's Joe Scott won the No. 4 singles title, beating his Northern foe 6-1, 6-0.

Scott's toughest match was his 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over South's John Willard.



Grosse Pointe North's Joe Scott won the MAC Red Division tournament title at No. 4 singles. He was the Norsemen's top performer.

PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

"Joe played a great tournament and it was nice to see him beat Willard after losing to him in straight sets in the Liggett Tournament a few days before," Mascarin said.

At No. 1 doubles for South were senior Matt Halso and junior Robert Montgomery; No. 2 doubles was senior Reid Dixon and sophomore Charlie Miller; and No. 4 doubles was senior Adam Brewster and junior Weston Kalogeridis.

Port Huron Northern won No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 singles, plus No. 4 doubles.

In other action last week, North beat U-D Jesuit 7-1 and placed second in the Midland Invitational. South battled Birmingham Brother Rice last week and lost 5-3.

"Beating U-D is great for our confidence," Mascarin said. "Our kids are playing some good tennis at the right time with regionals right around the corner."

The Norsemen singles players who won were Doug Zade, back from an injury, David Ryda and Scott.

They also swept the four doubles matches with Kevin Zak and David Adelman winning at No. 1; Jimmy Coon and Kevin Irving winning at No. 2; Ryan Mann and Eric Kiska winning at No. 3; and Dan Amato and Michael Maas winning at No. 4.

South battled No. 2-ranked Brother Rice in an annual match that prepares both squads for the upcoming state regionals.

"I feel great about our outcome with Rice," Berschback said. "To win three of the eight matches against a very good Rice squad means we're making progress."

Alex Parker won at No. 1 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Miller and Dixon was victorious.

The best match of the day was at No. 1 doubles where Halso and Montgomery gutted out a 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 win. The match took more than two hours to complete.

South finished 4-1 in dual matches in the Red Division and stands 7-5-1 overall; North was 3-2 in Red Division dual matches and improved to 7-2 overall.

Last weekend, North won the Holly Invitational. It was the sixth time in the last seven years the Norsemen took home the first-place trophy.

"We always enjoy going to Holly because it gives us good competition right before the regionals," Mascarin said.

"We had a lot of success this year."

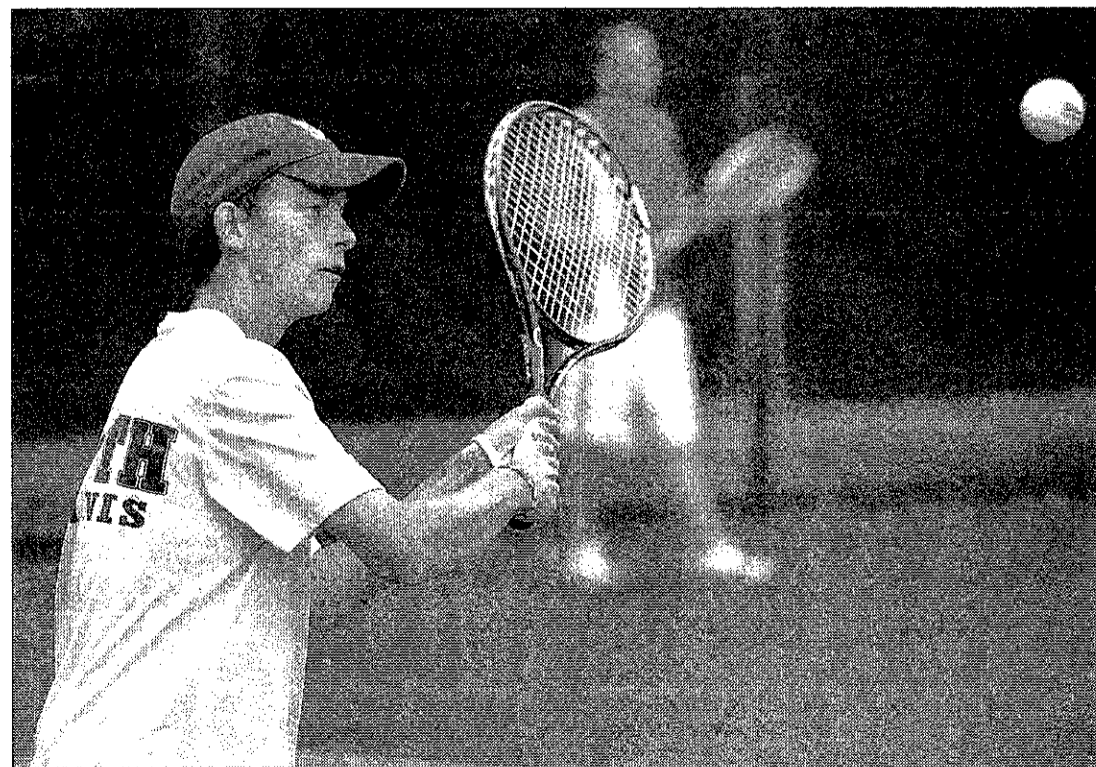
Ryda won the No. 2 singles flight, beating Mike Rabideau in the title match. Dean Butts won the No. 3 and Scott took first in the No. 4 singles flights to help the Norsemen.

In addition, Coon and Irving won the No. 2 doubles flight and Mann and Kiska won at No. 3 doubles.

Zade also made it to the finals at No. 1 singles, but lost to Christian Roehmert.

Correction

During the ULS Invitational Saturday, Sept. 27, South's Alex Parker competed in the championship match at No. 1 singles and was not eliminated in the first round, as reported.



Grosse Pointe South senior Adam Brewster has played consistent tennis at No. 4 doubles for head coach Tom Berschback.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

South's consistent running leads to title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South won the second Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree race held at Sterling Heights' Delia Park last week.

Grosse Pointe North improved a spot from the first jamboree race, taking second to finish 9-3 in the Red Division this season, compared to a perfect 12-0 for South.

The wins extended South's dual meet winning streak to 38.

"We had an extremely spirited race with several new kids stepping up to help out," North head coach Dan Quinn said.

Macomb Dakota was third at 4-2, followed by Sterling Heights Stevenson at 3-3, Utica at 2-4, Utica Eisenhower at 1-5 and L'Anse Creuse North at 0-6.

Edwin Gay once again led the Blue Devils, winning with a time of 16:25. He was followed closely by teammate Jack Davies, who finished at 16:44.

Dan Holley's sixth-place



PHOTO BY BOB MACKKOO

Grosse Pointe South's Pat Rennell, left, and Grosse Pointe North's David Mackkool, right, compete in last week's MAC Red Division jamboree race at Delia Park.

time of 17:11 also was instrumental in the Blue Devils winning the second jamboree meet.

"I thought they may be running tired, but they looked like they had fresh legs," South head coach Tom Wise said.

Other standouts for the Blue Devils were Conor Buckley, Karl Juergens, Eric Huebner and Cameron Davies.

Leading the way for the Norsemen were Matt VanEgmond and Mark Balle, who finished fourth and fifth with times of 16:55 and 17:08, respectively.

"Matt actually bested his time from three days earlier on the same course by five seconds, while Balle hung on for a strong race," Quinn said. "Matt has been our leader all season and now Mark is making a move to run with Matt, which is a good sign for our team."

The top 10 were:

1. Gay, South
2. Davies, South
3. Joey Burrelle, Stevenson
4. VanEgmond, North
5. Balle, North
6. Holley, South
7. Vince Ferranti, Dakota
8. Nick Culbertson, Dakota
9. Joe Chmielewski, Eisenhower
10. Kyle Roeber, Eisenhower

Quinn also noted the efforts of Mike Seago and Kyle Lacey, who each recorded course best

times and moved into the Norsemen's top five. North's other top runners were Andrew Charnesky and David Padalino.

"Mike has been a much improved runner and is starting to help us out," Quinn said. "This is the third big race in a row for him. Kyle, on the other hand, was one of our fastest returning runners, and has recently reasserted himself among our leaders. I think he's here to stay for the rest of the season."

Paul Joseph also ran well for North, as did Jon Gryniwicz.

The Blue Devils and Norsemen also competed last weekend, running in separate meets.

South was in the Wayne County Championship as Gay won the event with a course-record time of 15:53 to earn All-County First Team.

Dan Holley made the All-County Second Team with a 10th-place finish and Jack Davies made Honorable Mention.

Wise also had solid perfor-

mances from Daniel Dickson, Mike Bellovich and Colin Nugent, who helped the Blue Devils take third place.

Zach Langeburg, Tom Hoffman, Cody Shrader, Jacob Carolan and Adam Bolton had stellar races, according to Wise.

North ran in the Portage Invitational at Portage Central High School. It is the largest meet in the Midwest that includes 41 teams from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois competing against some of Michigan's best.

"Our goal is to take advantage of the tough competition, get used to running in a large field and get ready for the state finals," Quinn said.

"Running in a large invite gives the guys something to experience before heading to MIS (Michigan International Speedway for the finalists) in November."

South improved to 12-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and North is 9-3, which tied for second with Dakota.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

South, North finish behind champ Stevenson

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For a second straight time, Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team finished 5-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree held Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Sterling Heights' Delia Park.

Sterling Heights Stevenson won the meet and finished 12-0, while South was 5-1 and 10-2 to take runner-up in the dual meet competition.

Grosse Pointe North improved its 2-4 mark to finish third in the second jamboree with a 4-2 record. North was tied for third at 6-6 with Utica Eisenhower and Utica in the final standings.

"We gave Stevenson a very good race and came within four points," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "In the JV race, we dominated. While North girls took the top two spots, we came in with the next 10 straight. We also took 40 of the top 60 spots."

Lady Blue Devil Katie Steen was second overall and beat Stevenson with a time of 19:31. Natalie Gay and Ivana Kakos were South's next two runners, finishing with times under 21 minutes.

Jane Harness, Margaret Levasseur, Katie Lanza and Kelly Langton round out the Lady Blue Devils' top seven varsity runners.

"We were very pleased that we placed ahead of some very good teams like North, Eisenhower and Utica," Zaranek said. "We also did show improvement over the first jamboree by coming within four points of Stevenson."

"We've been very consistent and have steadily improved over the past month. We will use this momentum to focus on the state regional, and hopefully, the state finals in the coming weeks."

South has qualified for the state finals for the past 28 years and has won 18 of the past 20 state regional meets.

For the Lady Norsemen, Kailey Sickmiller and Cristina Bruno had times of 21:00 and 21:10, while Zyanya Wright-Servais was next at 21:21.

"We have had a great week," North head coach Scott Cooper said. "Going into the season, I was expecting to possibly finish fifth. It is one of the strongest conferences in the area. We are actually a blue-sized school but play up two divisions in the red."

"Sickmiller has been our steady No. 1 all year. She developed a great focus and is extremely motivated to keep that spot. Cristina Bruno is coming on and pushing her harder every race and this has made them both better runners because of it."

Katy VanEgmond and Asia Frazier also scored for North,

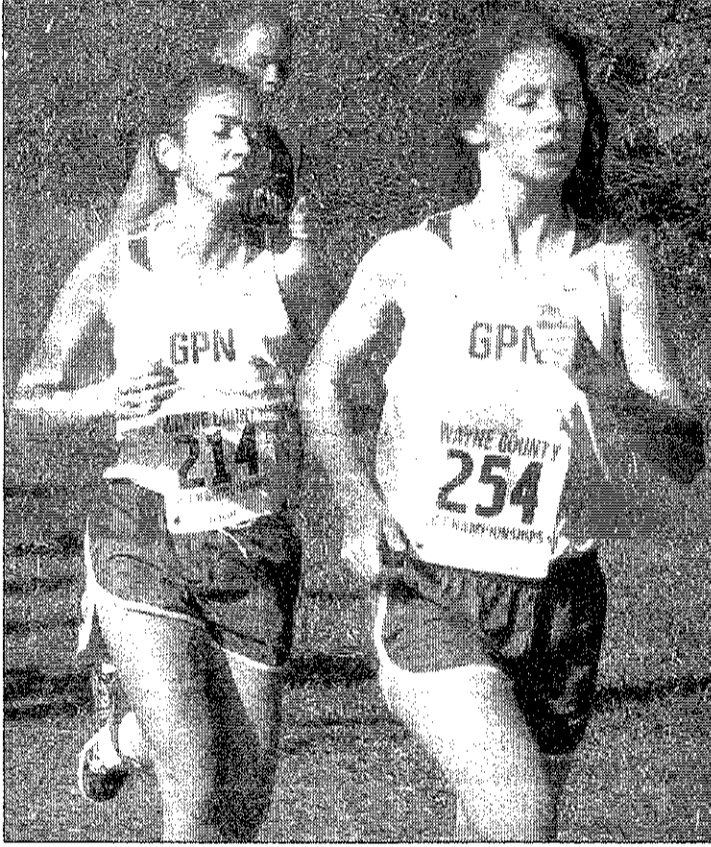


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Grosse Pointe North's Kailey Sickmiller and Cristina Bruno, far right and second from right, have been the Lady Norsemen's top runners this season.

finishing with times of 23:32 and 22:35, respectively. Rachel Gimpert also scored for the Lady Norsemen.

South's junior varsity run-

ners won the MAC Red with a 12-0 record. Their top 10 point scorers in order from third to 12th were Hannah Wheeler, Nanette Motschall, Carolyn

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South head coach

Sullivan, Hayley Martin, Jessi Aboukasm, Jordan Salley, Sarah Flowers, Maura Walkowski, Torie Palffy and Colleen Martin.

For North in the junior varsity race, Sam Patterson won it

by almost a minute. Kamille Hamzey was second overall for North.

Cooper said 33 of his girls ran a personal record, which is a season best for the Lady Norsemen.

The Lady Norsemen varsity squad finished 11th out of 27 teams in last weekend's Wayne County Championships at Willow Metro Park.

Cooper's top finishers were Sickmiller, Cristina Bruno, Patterson, Wright-Servais, VanEgmond, Francesca Bruno and Gimpert.

The leading girls in the junior varsity race were Hamzey, Kelly Seago, Steffi Shenouda, Christina Embree, Kelsey Richards, Rachel Brock and Julia SantaLucia.

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Grosse Pointe South

FOOTBALL

Homecoming is victorious

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South kicked off its 2008 homecoming festivities in style last weekend, beating Port Huron Northern 21-13 in front of a standing-room only crowd.

"Our defense was outstanding through the second half," head coach Tim Brandon said. "We moved the ball pretty well, but couldn't punch it in more than we did."

"All in all, it was a big win on homecoming; so everyone is happy."

Both offenses moved the ball at will throughout the first half.

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 7-0 lead less than four minutes into the first quarter when senior running back Alex Koski scored on a 6-yard run. Senior Mike Cunningham kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

The score was set up by Mitch Makos' interception on the first play from scrimmage. Makos was a standout on de-

fense, finishing with 11 tackles, one quarterback sack and the interception, which was one of four by the Blue Devils.

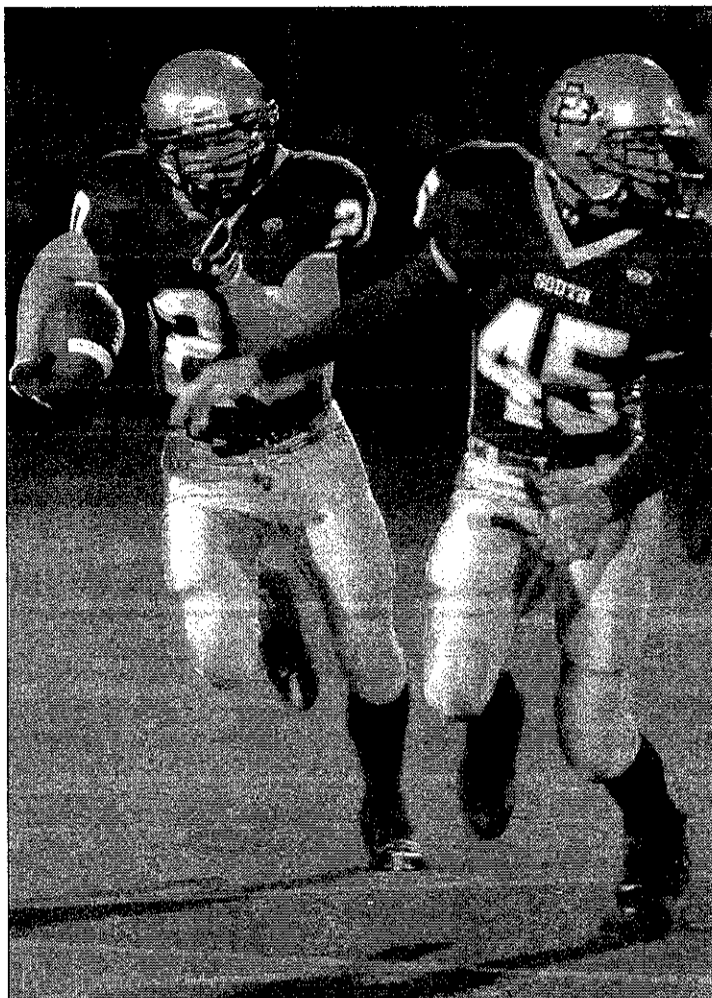
The Huskies scored on the ensuing possession on a 25-yard pass from quarterback Tyler Thomas.

Koski returned the next kickoff to the Huskies' 46-yard line and drove to the 33-yard line before quarterback Pat Kennedy threw an interception.

The home team went up 13-7 in the second quarter when full back Spencer Ray scored on a 2-yard run. Once again, Cunningham converted the extra point to make it 14-7.

For a second straight time, the Huskies stormed right back to score as Thomas ran in from 15 yards out with only 1:45 left before halftime. However, the extra point was wide, leaving South ahead 14-13.

Koski used another long kickoff return to give the Blue Devils possession at its own 36-yard line.



PHOTOS BY KERRY W. PYTEL
Grosse Pointe South running back Alex Koski, left, returns this punt during the Blue Devils' thrilling homecoming win over Port Huron Northern.

Kennedy hit three big passes on the drive, including a 32-yard strike to Charlie Getz with

ball on the 36-yard line and failed to gain a yard on a third run.

Thomas' fourth play of the drive was an intercepted pass by Ben Williamson, sealing the homecoming victory.

"Coach (Rob) Wozniak made an adjustment after Northern's opening touchdown, which worked pretty well as our defense was dominant after that," Brandon said. "It was a nice team win and it keeps us in contention for the division title with two games left."

Koski had 77 yards rushing on 19 carries with one touchdown and Maurice Bunting had 41 yards rushing on 10 carries before leaving with an injury with 2:08 left in the final quarter.

Kennedy had one of his best games of the season, going 7-of-15 for 110 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Stanley Scott chipped in with 10 tackles, including three for losses.

Grosse Pointe South evened its record at 3-3 and improved to 2-1 (third place) in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division, one game behind co-leaders Port Huron and Sterling Heights.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a 7 p.m. home game Friday, Oct. 10, against Fraser.

"It's another big game and one we need to win to stay in the title chase and keep our playoff hopes alive," Brandon said.

34.8 seconds left before the intermission. A breakdown in the Huskies' defensive backfield allowed Getz to get wide open on the scoring play.

Cunningham kicked the PAT to round out the scoring.

Ryan Miller intercepted a Thomas pass on the Huskies' opening possession of the third quarter and Bobby Peltz intercepted another pass to thwart a Northern possession.

The Blue Devils drove to the Huskies' 19-yard line late in the fourth quarter, but a lost fumble gave Northern one last shot to tie the game.

Thomas gained 17 yards on two consecutive runs to put the

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Welser's squad on quite a roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls volleyball team is playing with confidence that hasn't been present in years.

Head coach Ryan Welser guided his Lady Blue Devils to a perfect 3-0 mark in a four-team tournament held at South Monday night.

They beat Armada 25-14, 25-17; St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 26-24, 25-15; and Marine City 25-17, 25-11, 25-19.

"The girls played very well tonight and beating Marine City was a nice match for us," Welser said.

Senior Nikki Stratelek set a school record in the Marine City match, collecting 18 kills on 28 attempts with zero errors for a 65 percent clip.

"Nikki was amazing and it's nice to see (senior) Kate

(Graham-McNeil) getting comfortable with her setting," Welser said. "Everyone is contributing."

Graham-McNeil had 22 assists, while sophomore Mary Kate Kramer had 19 service points, four aces and nine digs.

Against Lake Shore, all of the girls played and contributed a point or two to the victory.

Earlier in the week, South beat visiting Sterling Heights 28-30, 25-22, 26-24, 25-16 to stay tied for first in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division with Sterling Heights Stevenson at 5-1.

Stratelek had 22 kills and four blocks, while Sally Dixon had nine kills.

The Lady Blue Devils finished 3-1 in another tournament they hosted Monday, Sept. 29 to improve to 22-8-1 overall.

BOYS SOCCER

South loses showdown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys soccer team lost its first-place showdown with Utica last week, falling 4-2.

"I think Utica wanted a little more than we did," head coach Gene Harkins said. "We played well at times, but overall we didn't play up to our potential."

The host Chieftains were led by brothers Bobby and Jeff Adkins, who scored all four goals.

The Blue Devils' two goals were scored by senior Brian Auty.

Harkins' squad rebounded two days later to beat visiting Macomb Dakota 3-0. It was the makeup of the game postponed by lightning and heavy rains Monday, Sept. 29.

"Our kids played much bet-

ter against Dakota than against Utica," Harkins said. "We're playing pretty well right now and we're preparing for the final week of the season and the upcoming state playoffs."

Senior Marsen Kocllari scored twice and Auty tallied a goal to lead the Blue Devils to the home victory.

South sits in second place in the Macomb Area Conference White Division at 7-1-2 with Utica at 8-1. South is 10-2-3 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is their regular season finale Friday, Oct. 10, at Fraser, followed by a district first-round playoff game Monday, Oct. 13, at home against Eastpointe East Detroit.

If they beat East Detroit, the Blue Devils will play U-D Jesuit in a district semifinal Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The title game is Oct. 17.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

South drops 2 to A.A. Huron

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls field hockey team played a home-and-home series against Ann Arbor Huron.

The Lady Blue Devils lost both games, falling 3-1 on the road and 4-1 at home Monday evening.

"We played better at home than we did at Huron," head coach Meg Atwood said. "Huron is a very good, skilled field hockey team."

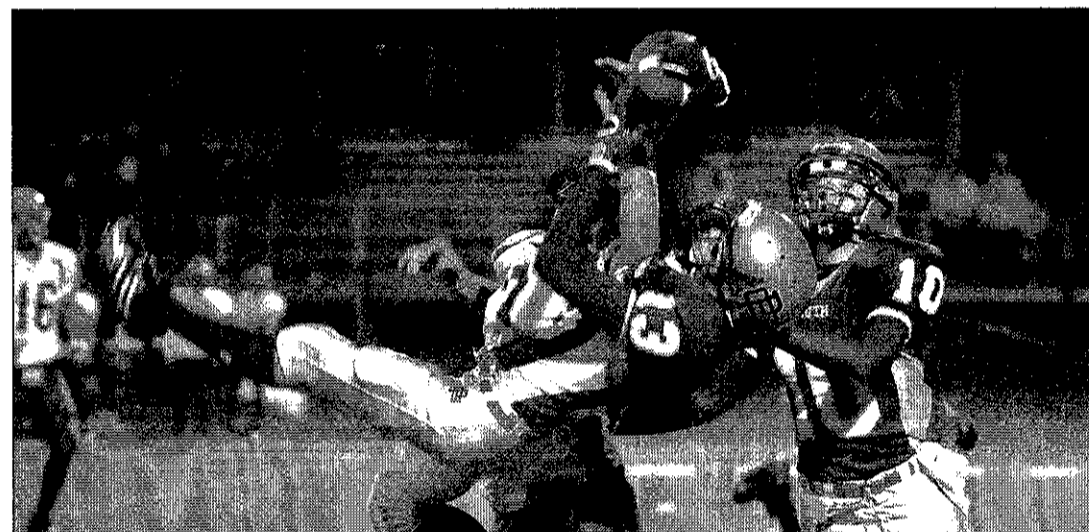
In the second game, all of the scoring occurred in the first

half. Whitney Miller tallied the Blue Devils' lone goal.

"I wish we played the first half the way we did in the second half," Atwood said. "We played with some emotion in the second half and had some scoring opportunities. We didn't play with that same emotion in the first half and Huron did."

In the first game, Huron dictated the tempo and showed why it is one of the best teams in the state.

South dropped to 1-3 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division I standings and 7-3 overall.



Defensive back Ryan Miller makes an acrobatic interception of a pass late in the game to help solidify South's win over Port Huron Northern.

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Port Huron	3	0	5	1
Sterling Heights	3	0	3	3
Grosse Pointe South	2	1	3	3
Fraser	1	2	1	5
Port Huron Northern	0	3	2	4
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Grosse Pointe North

FOOTBALL

Friday night oops

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team dropped its first game of the season last weekend, losing 28-7 to two-time defending Division I state champ Macomb Dakota.

"We didn't play very well in that first quarter, which made a huge difference in the outcome," head coach Frank Sumbera said.

The host Norsemen forced a Dakota punt on the opening possession and then drove down to the Cougars' 16-yard line before turning the ball over.

A 60-yard pass play set up Dakota's first touchdown and a 45-yard punt return for a score, plus the two-point conversion, made it 15-0 with 2:30 left in the first quarter.

Senior quarterback Aaron Cisco hit senior running back Darin Willis with a 47-yard touchdown pass and senior Andrew Doetsch kicked the extra point to bring the Norsemen within two scores, 21-7, at the half.

Dakota scored late in the fourth quarter to round out the scoring.

"We held our own statistically with Dakota and we were able to move the ball, but we made too many mistakes inside their territory," Sumbera said. "We couldn't commit those mistakes to beat this team."

Junior fullback Tommie Watkins had 130 yards rushing on 13 carries to lead the offense, which racked up 212 rushing yards and 89 passing for 301 total yards.

Defensively, senior linebacker John Neveux had 12 tackles, two for losses and two quarterback sacks.

Dakota had 196 yards passing and 109 rushing for 305 total yards.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 5-1 overall and stands 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

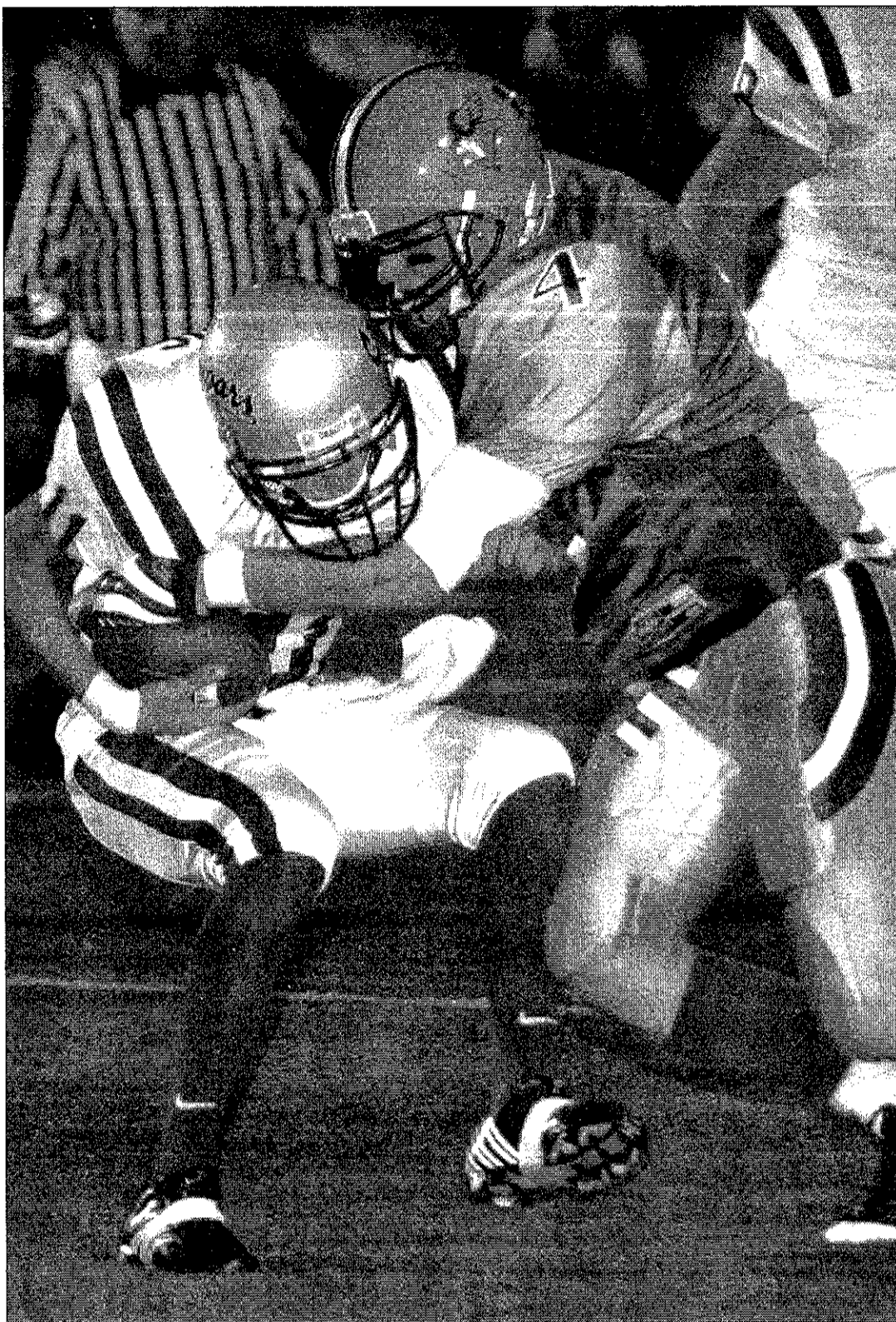


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North linebacker John Neveux, No. 4, led the team with 12 tackles and two quarterback sacks, but it wasn't enough to prevent a 28-7 loss to state power Macomb Dakota.

Next up for the Norsemen is a first-place showdown with White Division co-leader Warren Mott at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Mott.

"We're in a tough division and this is another tough game on our schedule," Sumbera said. "We have to contain Mott's quarterback because he is a very good athlete."

North ends its league schedule with a road game at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, against Anchor Bay.

The Norsemen's regular season finale is Friday, Oct. 24, against Utica Ford at Sterling Heights Stevenson.

MAC WHITE DIVISION				
School	Standings		Overall	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
Grosse Pointe North	3	0	5	1
Warren Mott	3	0	4	2
Anchor Bay	2	1	2	4
Warren Cousino	1	2	2	4
L'Anse Creuse North	0	3	1	5
Utica	0	3	0	6

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Country Day ends streak

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The streak is history. Grosse Pointe North's girls field hockey team beat Farmington Unified 5-0 early last week to run its winning and shutout streak to seven straight games.

The last time the Lady Norsemen didn't win was Sept. 9 in a 1-1 tie with Saline.

Head coach Jennifer Nadeau saw the streak end Friday, Oct. 3, losing 2-0 to Birmingham Detroit Country Day at Ferry Elementary.

The home team couldn't get its potent offense on track and the defense played well with the exception of a 10 minute stretch in the opening half when the Yellowjackets scored both goals.

Sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Strickland was unable to get a pad or stick on either shot as they rolled to the back of the net.

In the win over Farmington, seniors Alexa Quinlan and Sarah Hilu, two of the three captains, led the way, scoring three and two goals, respectively.

"The girls are playing very well at both ends of the field," Nadeau said. "The offense is generating a lot of scoring chances and our defense has been rock solid in front of Strickland."



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

Sophomore Nicole Strickland and her teammates put together a streak of seven straight shutout victories.

"It's amazing how much confidence the girls have right now."

Sophomore Katie Case has been effective at midfield throughout the season, but

Country Day was able to limit the offensive explosiveness.

North is still in first place in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division IV standings with a 6-0-1 mark (19

points) and it is 7-4-1 overall.

The Lady Norsemen end their regular season with home games Tuesday, Oct. 14, and Thursday, Oct. 16, against Saline and Novi.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Win leaves North tied for first

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls volleyball team ended its modest two-game losing streak last week, beating Port Huron Northern 25-22, 25-19, 25-23.

"They were much improved since the first time we played them and it was reflected in the closer scores," head coach Kim Lockhart said. "Losing the past couple of division matches was tough, but I told the girls they had to stay focused because the title is still up for grabs and we just need to play our game."

Each game was close until the midway point when the host Lady Norsemen would take command.

Game one was 15-15, but Lockhart's squad used an 8-0 run to win and they held a 12-11 lead in the second game before putting on the afterburners to cruise to the six-point victory.

Game three was tight until a late run put North ahead 24-19. Lockhart had to call a timeout when the Huskies rallied to make it 24-22. It was 24-23 when the final point was scored on a Northern serve that was too long.

"I tried to get everyone some playing time," Lockhart said.

"It was nice to get back into the winning mode because from now on, we can't afford another division defeat if we want to win the title."

As of Friday, Oct. 3, North and Fraser are tied for first in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division at 4-2, followed by Marysville, L'Anse Creuse and Macomb Dakota at 3-3.

While North beat Northern, Dakota upset Fraser in five sets and L'Anse Creuse rallied from a 2-0 deficit to shock Marysville, winning 16-14 in game five.

Senior Madie Kent led the Lady Norsemen with 17 kills, 7 digs and five blocks, and senior Teresa Nagel added seven kills and seven digs.

Senior Jillian Kulka had 35 service receptions and 26 digs, while seniors Jasmine Kennedy and Allison Liddane chipped in with five blocks and 35 assists, respectively.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 21-5 overall.

Next up for the Lady Norsemen is an away match Thursday, Oct. 9, against Red Division co-leader Fraser.

"The girls will be up for Fraser and it's going to be a big match," Lockhart said. "I feel confident we can go in there and come away with a win."

BOYS SOCCER

North battles down the stretch

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys soccer team finished its division schedule with a 1-3 mark last week.

The Norsemen lost games to Sterling Heights Stevenson 1-0, L'Anse Creuse North 2-1 and Chippewa Valley 6-3, and beat Anchor Bay 4-2.

The leading scorers in the four games were Brett Reardon and Kyle Nadeau, who recorded a hat trick, netting all three in the loss to

Chippewa Valley.

Head coach Chip Stencel's squad finished 4-5-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Chippewa Valley, 7-3 mark, and Utica Ford, 6-1-3, tied for first with 21 points, followed by Stevenson, North, Eisenhower and Anchor Bay.

The Norsemen ended its regular season 7-7-2.

Coming up for the Norsemen is a district first-round game at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at Warren Mott, a member of the MAC Blue.

GIRLS SWIMMING

North competes against No. 1

The Grosse Pointe North girls swimming and diving team lost 129-57 to No. 1 ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer last week.

Senior Jenny Rusch was the only winner for the Lady Norsemen as she placed first in the 50 and 100-yard freestyles.

Season-best times were posted by Samanta Scoggin and Laura Bradley in the 100-yard freestyle; Scoggin in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle; Delores Sinistaj in the 500-freestyle and 100-yard butterfly; Emily Turnbull in the 100-yard backstroke; Jackie Shea and Carly Mellos in the 100-yard breaststroke; Ellen Schaber in the 100-butterfly; and Hannah Everett in the 100-yard individual medley.

Head coach Mike O'Connor and his Lady Norsemen dropped to 3-4 overall.

South

Head coach Todd Briggs announced more than a dozen of his swimmers have qualified for the MISCA meet Saturday,

Oct. 11, at Eastern Michigan University.

They are:

◆ Seniors Jackie Stevens, 100-butterfly, 200-medley relay and 200-free relay; Kendall Effinger, 100-butterfly, 200-medley relay and 400-free relay; and Michelle Champane, 400-free relay.

◆ Juniors Molly DeWald, 100-breaststroke, 50-freestyle and 200-medley relay; Kacey Murphy, 50-freestyle and 200-free relay; Tori Bruce, 100-freestyle, 100-backstroke and 400-free relay; Bailey Powell, 200-IM and 100-butterfly; Lindsey Phillips, 200-freestyle, 500-freestyle and 400-free relay; Nora Oliver, 200-freestyle and 500-freestyle; and Abby Contant, 100-breaststroke.

◆ Sophomores Ellen Henrichs, 50-freestyle and 200-free relay; and Caroline Wilkinson, 200-freestyle and 500-freestyle.

◆ Freshmen Ali DeLoof, 100-freestyle, 100-backstroke and 200-medley relay; and Megan Brooks, 200-IM and 200-free relay.

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University Liggett School

BOYS TENNIS

ULS ready

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys tennis team evened its record at 5-5 last week, beating Royal Oak Shrine 5-3.

It was also a preview of what could possibly be a state regional matchup this week since both squads play in a Division IV regional at Almont.

"This is a nice win for us," head coach Chuck Wright said. "I'm sure some of our guys will play Shrine sometime during the regional; so it was nice to get a chance to see our competition."

The best match of the day was at No. 1 singles, but for the Knights it was a defeat as junior Skippy Faber lost 5-7, 6-1, 7-5 in a match that took nearly three hours to complete.

Senior Billy Costello and sophomore Garrett Redding also lost their singles matches, falling in straight sets.

Freshman Peter Eckrich won his No. 4 singles match, 6-2, 7-6, to give the home team one point in the four singles flights.

Wright's squad dominated the doubles matches, winning eight of nine sets, including sophomores Ian Quinlan and George Park who won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4.

Seniors Christian Redding and Blake Chouinard won 6-2, 7-6 at No. 3 doubles and the No. 2 doubles squad of seniors Mike McLaughlin and Andrew Malaski cruised to an easy 6-1, 6-0 victory.

The No. 1 doubles team of seniors Drew Amato and Aziz

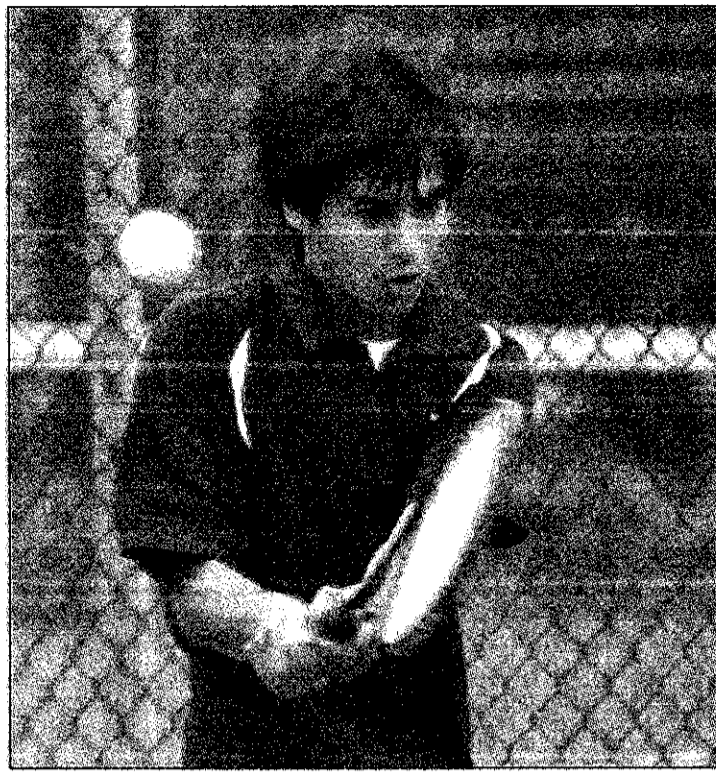


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School senior Aziz Jan and his doubles partner, Drew Amato, are ready to play well at the upcoming regional tournament.

Jan shrugged off a slew of unforced errors to pull out a 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 win.

Earlier in the week, the Knights traveled to Riverview Gabriel Richard and beat the Catholic League member 8-0. Every flight won their match in straight sets.

"Our schedule was pretty tough during the first half of the season; so our guys had the chance to see what playing these top-notch opponents was like," Wright said. "Now, we're playing schools our size and playing pretty well, building confidence with the regionals right around the corner."

Last weekend, ULS competed in the Dearborn Invitational, finishing first with 19 points, followed by Dearborn Fordson with 16. Other teams competing were Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Wyandotte Roosevelt, Taylor Kennedy, Dearborn

Heights Robichaud, and Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

"All of our kids played some nice tennis and it was nice to win the title," Wright said. "We're playing pretty well as the regional tournament approaches."

McLaughlin and Malaski won the No. 2 doubles flight, winning the finals 7-6, 6-2 over Fordson, while Quinlan and Park won the No. 4 doubles title, beating their Fordson foe 7-5, 6-3 in the finals.

The No. 3 doubles team of brothers, Robert and Matt Stanley, substituted for the regular squad. They came away with a first-place medal, winning 6-1, 6-4 in the championship match.

Each of the Knights' other flights won two of three matches, including several others who lost in the title match.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Lady Knights battling for division title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls' field hockey team is in the thick of a division title chase.

The Lady Knights beat the host Washtenaw Whippets 5-2 last weekend to improve to 4-0-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division II standings.

"The girls are really doing the little things it takes to win, such as passing better and playing good defense," head coach Tamara Fobare said. "We know we have some tough division games ahead of us, but the girls are looking forward to the challenge."

After hosting Bloomfield

Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (the game was played Tuesday, Oct. 7) the Lady Knights face the team that is step-for-step with them in the standings, Farmington Hills Mercy.

Behind senior goalkeeper Janaya Gripper, Fobare's squad is ready to battle the Marlins for the top spot.

"Janaya has played very well in net and we know she gives us a great chance to win every game if we play smart defense in front of her," Fobare said.

Senior Charlotte Waldmeir is a key defender who has the experience to step up and be the "stopper" in front of Gripper.

In what should be low scoring games with Mercy, Fobare's squad might have the

edge due to an offense that can score a lot of goals, led by senior Whitney Baubie and sophomore Paige Counsman.

Others who have scored goals in recent games are Nozomi Yamasaki and Natalie Peracchio.

Earlier last week, ULS played a home-and-home series against Ottawa Hills out of Toledo, Ohio, losing 5-0 and 2-0.

"Ottawa Hills is a step above our better teams, so we play them every fall to give our girls a chance to face some outstanding competition," Fobare said.

"We didn't do too well in the first meeting, but the girls played much better at home." ULS stands 6-4-2 overall.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Coach happy with team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls volleyball team won a moral victory last week during its 25-9, 25-9, 25-19 loss to Lutheran Westland, ranked No. 3 in Division IV.

"The girls did a little bit of everything tonight against a very, very good volleyball team," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "My girls played with a lot of heart."

"They were diving for loose balls, digging out spike attempts and playing with a lot of

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DAN SULLIVAN,
Volleyball head coach

hustle. I was proud of the girls for their effort."

Junior Maggie Zinkel and sophomores Sarah Altimore and Mariah Passalacqua led the Lady Knights' efforts.

However, Sullivan pointed out it was a total team effort and he received solid efforts,

too, from senior Kristin Peterson, senior Megan Amicucci, senior Jill Tines, junior Mary Grech, sophomore Medea Shanidze and sophomore Grace Edmonds.

The loss dropped ULS to 0-3 in the Metro Conference and 3-13-2 overall.

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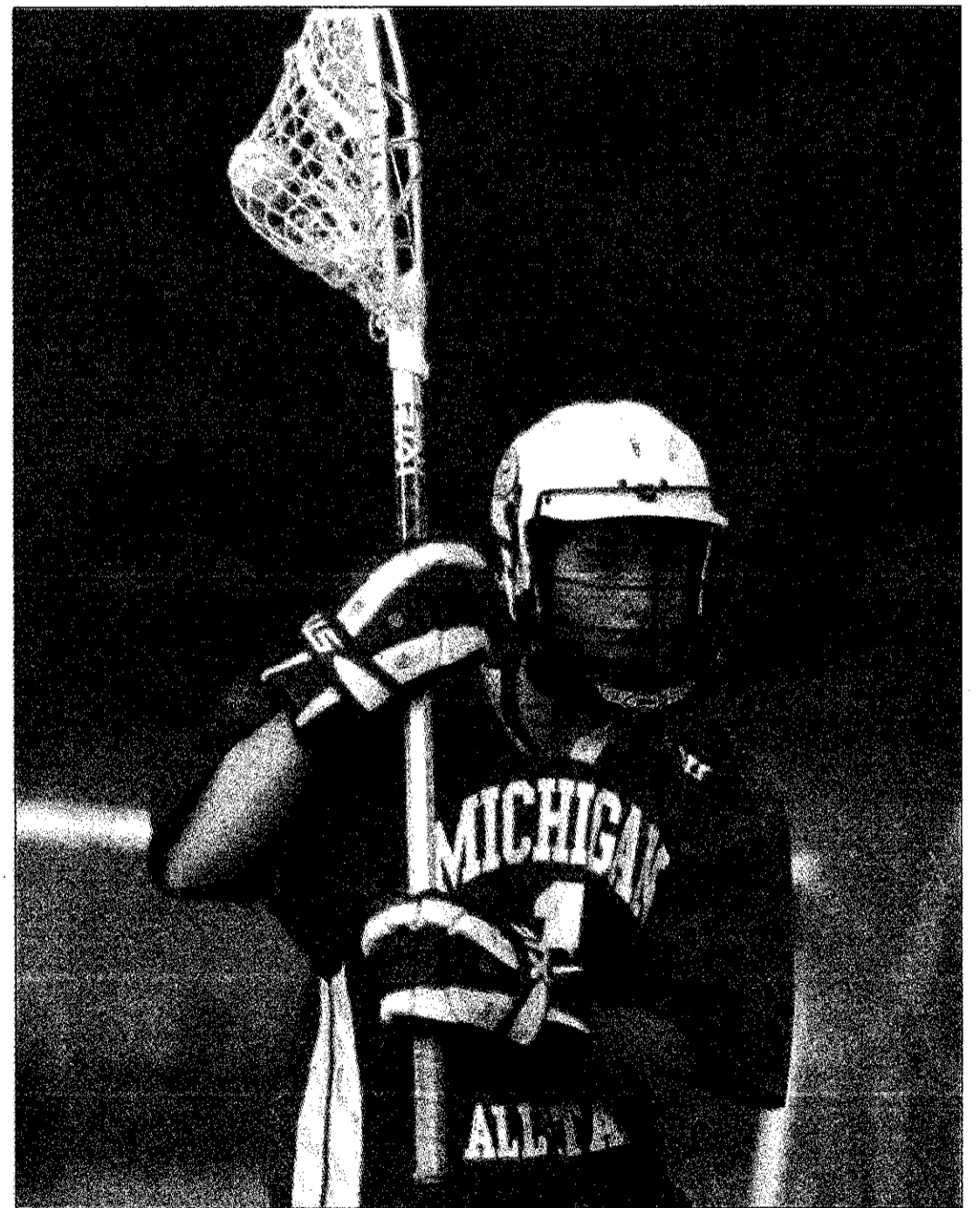


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Selected to elite team

David Trudel of Grosse Pointe Park was selected to the U-15 Michigan All Stars, a team of eighth-grade boy's lacrosse players, to play in the United States Lacrosse Festival in Lake George, N.Y. this past June. The team held a number of tryouts in Auburn Hills, Lansing and Grand Rapids to select a team representative of the state's top middle school lacrosse players. Trudel was one of 23 selected. They played five games at the festival and finished with an impressive 4-1 record, playing some of the top lacrosse programs in the country from Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. Trudel was one of two goalies on the Michigan U-15 All Stars and split time equally. He has played the past three seasons for the Grosse Pointe Lacrosse middle school program under the tutelage of Bob MacKool and Ken Brubaker. Trudel is a freshman at Grosse Pointe South.

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TENNIS

Lochmoor's Sobieralski in 'dream' job

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Can life get any better for Grosse Pointe's Mark Sobieralski?

The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity tennis head coach who guided the Lady Blue Devils to a 2008 state championship was named the head tennis pro at the Lochmoor Club in early September.

He takes over for Joe Shaheen.

"It's definitely my dream job," Sobieralski, 48, said. "Lochmoor is one of the few clubs in the state that has an indoor facility; so our mem-

bers can play tennis year-round.

"This opportunity came at the right time in my career."

He came to Lochmoor after spending 15 years as the head pro at Eastside Tennis and Fitness and prior to that, he spent four years as the head pro at Wimbledon.

"I have the opportunity to run the entire tennis program here at Lochmoor," Sobieralski said. "It's my show and I plan to make this the best tennis club in the state.

"With a little adjusting here and there, it will be top notch for our members."

There are 280 tennis mem-

bers and dozens more who have full club membership that includes golf and social privileges.

Sobieralski is U.S.P.T.A. certified, on the Prince Elite Team Advisory Staff, has a 5.0+ player ranking and was inducted into the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004.

His application was approved by Lochmoor's tennis pro search committee members Chris Hastings, Courtenay Kotas, Bob Nichols, Debbie Pavle and Emily Scupholm, along with club board members Terry Olson, Dan Bretz and Mark

Zmyslowski.

Sobieralski is on a one-year contract.

"So far, I'm spending more than half of my time with more administrative duties than actual teaching," he said. "That will change once I get this place the way I want it."

His staff consists of McCall Monte, a 2006 Grosse Pointe South graduate who won a 2004 state title at No. 1 doubles with Priscila Paula, and Gary Hoslet.

"I have a great staff who makes it a point to give our members the best we have to offer, which includes a full-service pro shop," Sobieralski

said.

"We're having fun and we know our members are having fun playing a great sport."

Sobieralski grew up in Warren and used his 6-foot, 4-inch frame to excel in basketball for Fitzgerald High School under head coach Dick Snyder.

"Hoops was my best sport growing up, but then I fell in love with tennis the summer before high school," Sobieralski said.

He also was a standout tennis player at Fitzgerald, winning No. 1 singles titles. He also won a state championship in 1980 playing collegiate tennis.

Sobieralski eventually moved into the Grosse Pointes where he resides with his wife,

Robin.

He has three step-children, Courtney, 31; Casey, 28; and Lindsay, 25; as well as two grandchildren, Sydney, 3; and Bailey, 1 month.

"Life can't get much better than this," Sobieralski said. "I work a dream job that is right down the street from my home and I get to spend a lot of time with my wife and grandkids."

Sobieralski's big project is preparing for the annual Checker Sedan Pro Tennis Challenge, which Lochmoor will host in April or May.

"This tournament brings in some of the top players from around the United States and even abroad," Sobieralski said.

"It's going to be a big deal and the tournament has \$10,000 in total prize money."



Mark Sobieralski, standing center, guided the Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team to a state championship last spring. Now, he is the tennis head professional at Lochmoor Club.

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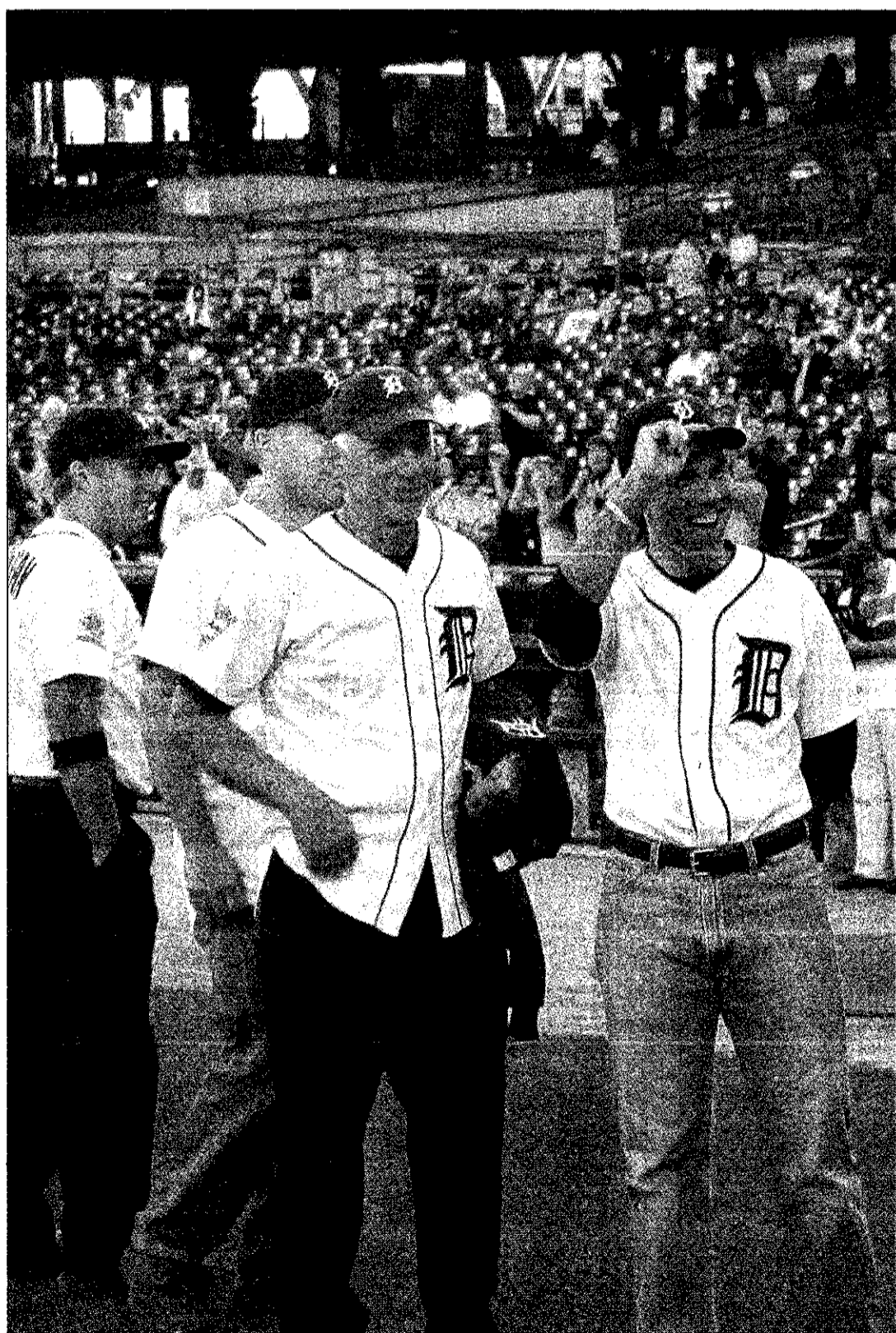


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Tigers campers

Grosse Pointe Park resident Dave Landuyt, right, tips his cap when his name was called during the Detroit Tiger Fantasy Camp the week of Sept. 8 at Comerica Park. Landuyt and fellow Grosse Pointer Jim Stano began their Tigers Fantasy Camp tour last winter in Lakeland during the annual spring training that the Major League Baseball players endure.

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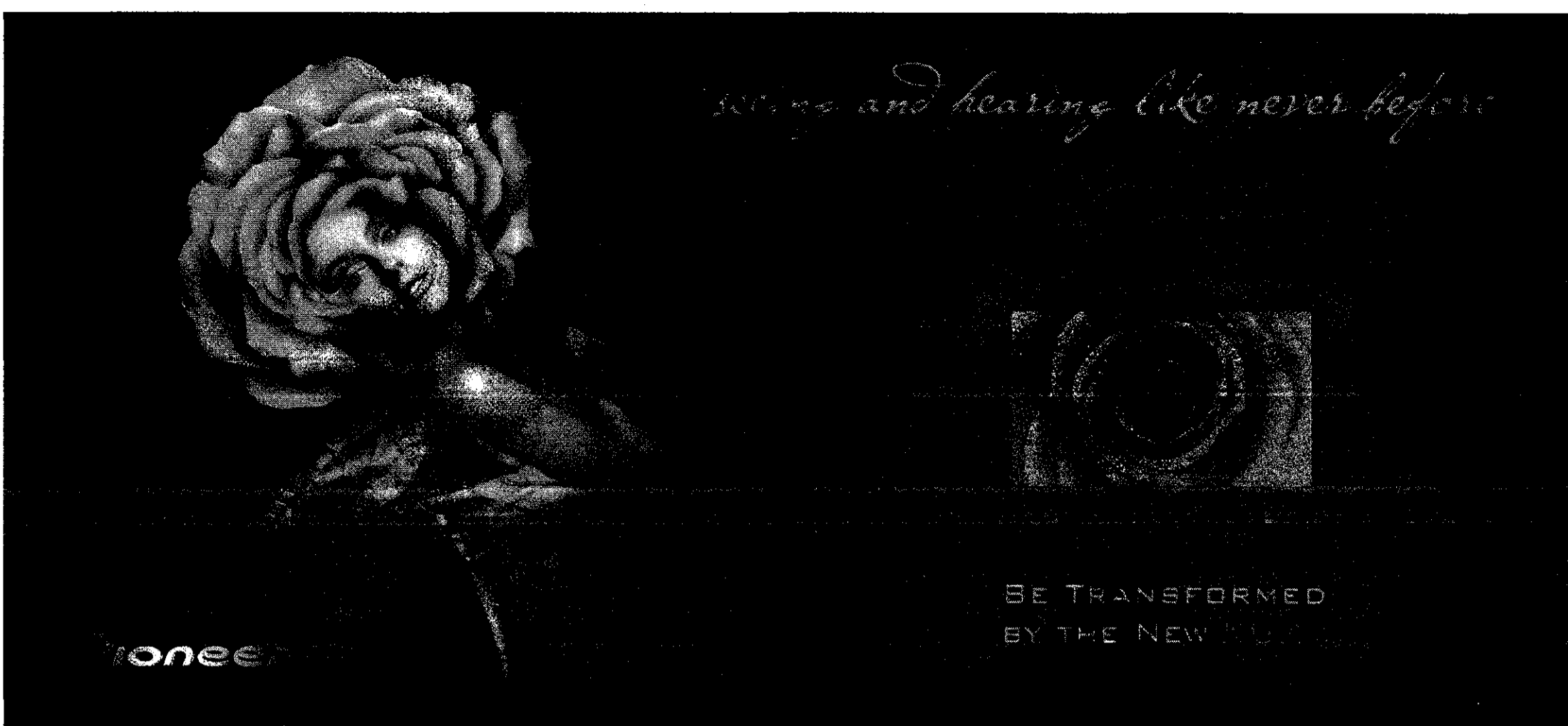
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