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SATURDAY, NOV. 14

◆ The Assumption Auction and Wine Tasting, "An Enchanted Evening," begins at 6 p.m. with an open bar and catered food stations at the church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The live auction begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$40. For reservations, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 4. Proceeds benefit the Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center, the church and cultural center.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

◆ Henry Ford Cottage Hospital sponsors cabaret vocalist Joan Curto from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Tickets cost \$35 and include appetizers and beverages. For tickets, call (313) 881-9387.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts Chat with Commish Killeen from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.
 ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
 ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Woods Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

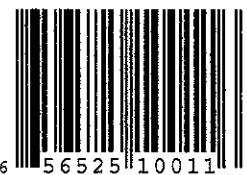
◆ Health Alliance Plan hosts the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Business Before Hours at 8 a.m. in the center front lobby of Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
 ◆ Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts "Menopause Support Circle: Sizzle or Fizzle... Sex and Menopause" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dr. Sachchidanand Kaveeshvar discusses the changes a body goes through during menopause, what is normal and what might be cause for concern. To register, visit henryford.com/hottopics. The lecture is free.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Historical

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Park's Arora ready to roll

Council newcomer prepares for job

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

It has barely been a week since new-

comer Laurie Arora won a seat on the Grosse Pointe Park city council, but what a week it has been.

She has already taken the oath of office, has been officially presented with the city's code book and has spoken with Mayor Palmer Heenan and city administrator Dale Krajniak.

"You definitely have to hit the ground running," she said with a laugh.

And that's exactly what Arora, 44, in-

tends to do, after what could only be described as a major upset in last Tuesday's election. Arora squared off against three incumbents, and not only won a seat, but came in first out of the four candidates. Incumbents James Robson and Dan Grano were re-elected, while the third incumbent, Shirley Kennedy was defeated.

"I can't tell you how pleased I was with the results," Arora said. "I worked

very hard during the campaign, I listened to the residents, and I think my message of accessible government and accountability was heard."

The first project Arora would like to undertake is to update the Park's master plan.

"We should have an idea of where we are going," said Arora. "The city's cur-

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Esteemed veterans

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe Farms honored veterans Sunday, Nov. 8. Attending were, front row from left, Harold and Helen Fick and Virgil Winfield; back row, from left, Ron Piekielek, Eric Miller, Matthew Franzen, Mike Zeller, Ken Boerner, Richard Firchau, Alan Huizinga and Tom Archinal. Left, Allison Mobley and Leigh Farquhar make cards to be sent to the Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Foundation, cities give a break on parking

Funding should entice shoppers to the Pointes

By Joe Warner
 Editor

Here comes Santa Claus, and he's bringing free parking for businesses the two weekends leading up to Christmas.

The Hill, the Village and Mack Avenue through Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods will have complimentary parking Dec. 12, 13, 19 and 20 in all municipal lots and structures as well as metered parking along Mack. Meters along Kercheval will still be in use for short-term parking.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, in cooperation with the cities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods, the Village Association, the Hill Association, and Trader Joe's, worked out a deal to provide parking in those areas free of charge. The Mack Avenue free parking also received support from the Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue, as it has in the past.

"We work to have a good relationship with the cities," said Chamber Director Mary Huebner. "One of the issues often discussed at association meetings is park-

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POINTERS OF INTEREST

Amy Cowan and Kim Ryszewski



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Family: Amy: husband, Mike; son, Dougie; daughter, Courtney; Kim: husband, Jim; daughters, Meghan, Madison and Molly.
Claim to fame: Began the Grosse Pointe Women's Hockey Club.
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Honored

Margie Nickell was recognized Oct. 9 with a Grosse Pointe Farms commemorative Pewabic tile for her 30-years service as an election inspector. Nickell is moving to North Carolina to be with her family. With Nickell at city hall are, from left, Farms City Manager Shane Reeside and Mayor James Farquhar.



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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **FALSE INFORMATION CHARGE:** A warrant charging a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy with giving police false information regarding the accidental shooting of his 16-year-old friend, was held in abeyance by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office pending the victim's release from the hospital.

The victim was shot in the shoulder with a .22 caliber rifle. Originally, the boys said the younger boy was shot by four teenagers riding in a car. Later the boys admitted they were shooting at bottle cap targets on the basement wall of one of the boy's houses. The shooting appeared to be accidental.

◆ **SHORES HOME DAMAGED:** A fire in a house on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores caused extensive damage to the house and furnishings.

The fire started in the library and was confined to that room, but caused \$10,000 damage to the floors, walls and windows. Damage done to furnishings, books and paintings has not been determined.

A cigarette is believed to be the cause of the fire.

◆ **PARKING POACHER:** An automobile belonging to a

Grosse Pointe High School student was impounded by City of Grosse Pointe police when it was reported parked illegally for the second straight day.

The car had been parked the previous day in a private lot and the boy was warned not to park there again, but the car reappeared the next day.

Police had the car towed to the station and issued a ticket to the owner. To regain possession of the auto, the youth had to pay the \$2 parking ticket fine and \$4.75 in towing fees. The fee for towing is usually \$5, but the boy, not prepared for such expensive parking fees, only had \$4.75 with him and the towing shop owner let it go at that.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **ONLY STUDENTS HAVE CHANGED AT BARNES:** While Barnes Elementary School closed as an elementary school last June, it has reopened as the home of community education.

◆ **NORTH BEATS SOUTH 3-0:** The North-South football game will be remembered by many as North's first win over South in three years. The record books will show the game was North's first home

win against South since 1974 and was the first shutout in the 16-year series. The game remained scoreless through regulation play. South won the overtime coin toss and elected to play defense. North scored a field goal during the possession and held South scoreless to win the game.

1999

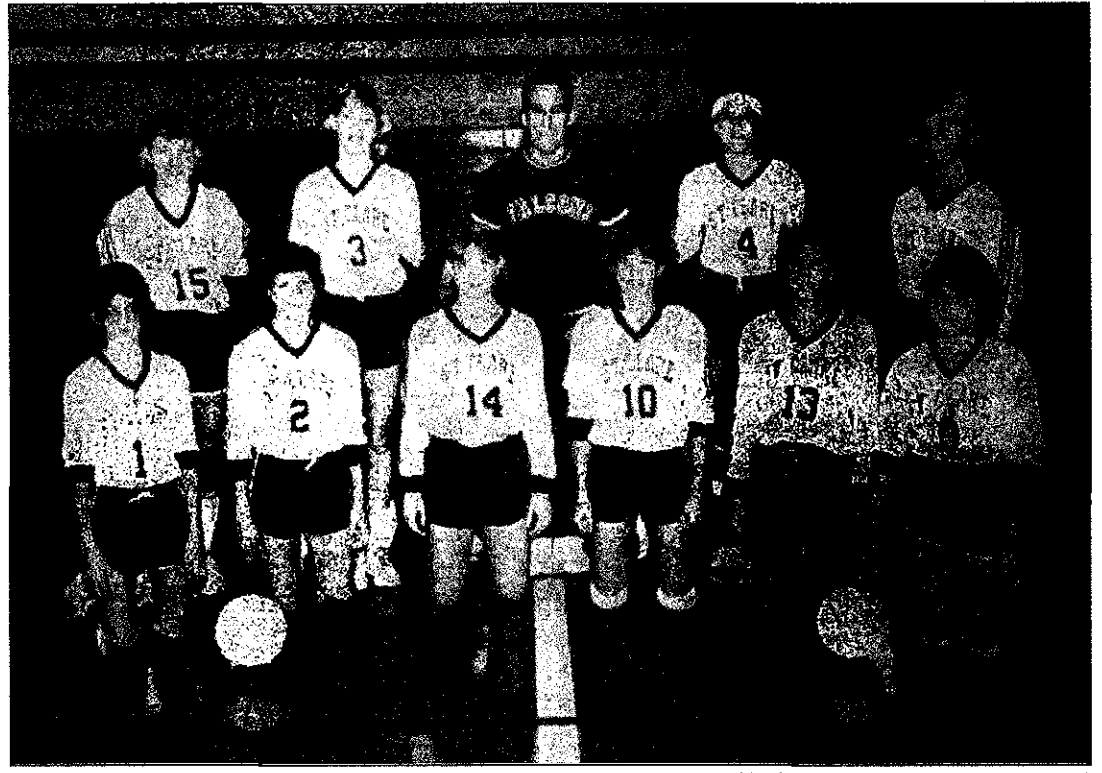
10 years ago this week

◆ **TEEN ASSIST:** Four teenage boys helped an elderly Grosse Pointe Farms woman who had fallen outside her house. The woman, who suffered a broken wrist and severely bruised back, was lying on the ground for about 90 minutes before she was able to make her way toward the street in the hope someone would see or hear her.

The boys happened to be walking by, helped the woman into her house and called 9-1-1.

◆ **WATER PLANT UPGRADES:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council voted to spend up to \$204,000 to purchase automatic switch gears for the water plant on Moross. The plant, built in 1929, has manual switch gears.

◆ **HARD TOP NEXT TIME?:** The owner of a rag top car heard strange sounds coming from near her auto-



FROM THE NOVEMBER 8, 1984 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1984: Champs again

The St. Clare girls' varsity volleyball team capped off a perfect 24-0 season by defending its Metro-Detroit CYO championship title, taking the city crown for the sixth time in the eight-year history of CYO volleyball. The team included, from left to right, (front row) Amy Wronikowski, Christy Wronikowski, Cece Rettig, Chris Schulte, Kristen Kasperczyk, Heather Wilson; (standing) Danielle Spehar, Anne Grosse, coach Larry Hines, Jenny Chesney and Julie Biernat.

mobile. She looked out the window of her residence on Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park to see two men running away.

The suspects entered the car after cutting a hole in the top. They also damaged the steering column in a failed attempt to steal the vehicle.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **NO LICENSES YET:** The process of choosing who may be eligible to receive any of the four newly available Class C liquor licenses in Grosse Pointe Woods will likely not begin until late January.

The city council charged its assistant city attorney to draft an ordinance spelling out guidelines applicants would have to adhere to to be considered by the council for one of the licenses.

◆ **ELECTION RESULTS:** Grosse Pointe Park was the only "blue" city among the five Pointes in last week's general election.

Park voters chose the Kerry/Edwards ticket, while the other four Pointes chose the Bush/Cheney ticket. In other election news, Christopher Cavanagh won his fifth two-year term to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and Ed Gaffney was elected to another two-year term as the Pointes' state representative.

◆ **BUSINESS LOCK BOXES:** To help reduce forced entries into businesses when fire or burglary alarms are triggered, the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department has teamed with a company to provide rapid-entry lock boxes for commercial buildings.

Building owners would have to purchase their own boxes and arrange for installation after registering with the Woods public safety department.

—Karen Fontanive



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Election Day toy sales a hint at holiday season

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Election Day not only settled campaigns for office, it gave local toy store owners an inkling of what products will be good sellers during the Christmas season.

"We sold a lot of Playmobil," said Ellen Durand, owner of Village Toy Company in the City of Grosse Pointe. "Japanese erasers are the hot thing. They're collectible erasers shaped like animals, hamster, fish, pandas and types of food. At 99 cents, kids can afford them. They're cute."

Schools were closed Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

After going to the polls, presumably, many parents occupied the afternoon taking their children shopping.

"We were busier on Election Day than any day during the last month," said Wendy Bacon of the family-owned Whistle Stop Hobby Shop in St. Clair Shores. "The week before Halloween was slow. Hopefully, Election Day was a good sign of the season to come."

Bacon hopes the day indicated a healthier-than-thought Christmas buying season.

"A lot of parents were in with their children making Christmas lists," she said. "Parents asked for paper and pen and made lists of things

children said they wanted for Christmas. One kid wanted a yo-yo. Some wanted WebKinz, of course, and Playmobil."

Durand generated demand by offering 15 percent discounts.

"We were pleasantly surprised with the turnout," she said.

Traditional gifts were popular.

"I just got in several large shipments of great, new arts and craft kits," Durand said. "Really cute stuff."

Bacon said parents were shopping for toys that occupy a child's imagination.

"We sold Tinker Toys and Lincoln Logs, classics from years ago," she said. "A parent

bought them because she was tired of her children being on Xbox and PlayStation. We sell a lot of wood blocks. Erector sets sell like crazy this time of year. LEGO always sells. Puzzles and classic board games are selling well this year because families are spending time together."

This year's toy selection might be smaller than last year as manufacturers cut back on production during the recession.

"We're not stocking as much and companies aren't making as much," Durand said. "Sales have been down for them, so they are not producing as much. It trickles down. For instance, LEGO

and Playmobil aren't coming in like they used to. I think people are starting to think earlier about gifts because they know stores are going to be out of stuff."

Bacon expects sales this season to be similar to last year, when people were careful about how much they bought.

"We're being careful in the buying process," she said. "We're offering some new things, but not as many as we usually do. We're being careful not to bring in too many new items this year. We're trying to go with ones that are already true sellers, ones we know kids will want instead of taking a chance on new items."

"The thing I've noticed selling more than last year are model kits," said Rick Claggett, Bacon's brother and Whistle Stop manager. "It's been very, very, very strong. Usually in summer, kits tail off. But, this year, they were steady and strong, more so than almost anything else in the store."

He said the trend is typical during economic down times when people get laid off or aren't working overtime.

"They want something to do that's not really expensive, but constructive," Claggett said. "Some people find model building relaxing and therapeutic. It takes their minds off other things."

Swearing in ceremonies

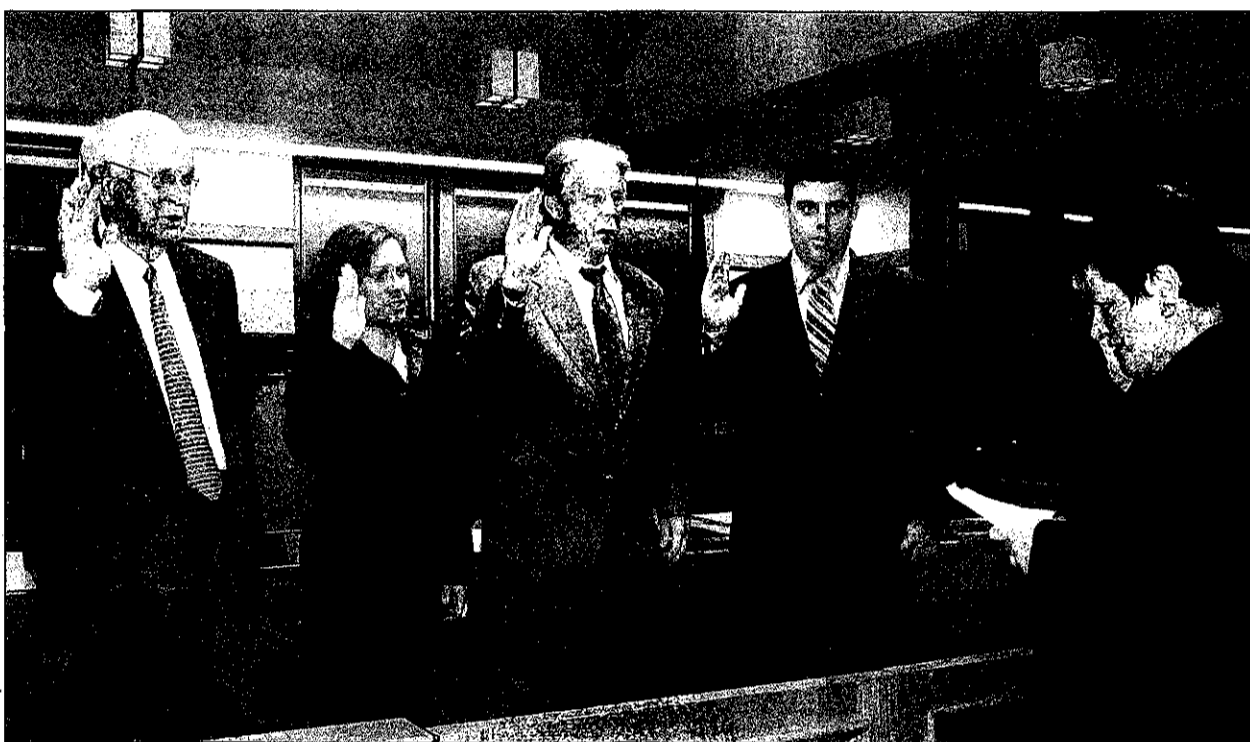


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Woods

Mayor Robert Novitke took the oath of office during a swearing-in ceremony Monday, Nov. 9. Below, from left, Grosse Pointe Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway administers the oath of office to councilmembers Vicki Granger, Gabriela Boddy and Todd McConaghy. Granger also serves as mayor pro tem.

Grosse Pointe Park

It isn't often a Michigan Supreme Court justice swears in city council members, however, Justice Maura Corrigan had a special reason to do so. Her son, Daniel Grano, won re-election to the Grosse Pointe Park City Council, so she said she was happy to do the honors. Joining Grano in taking the oath of office following their election are Mayor Palmer Heenan, newcomer Laurie Arora and incumbents James Robson and Grano.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Farms

Top, Grosse Pointe Farms City Clerk Matthew Tepper swears in councilmembers Peter Waldmeir, Terry Davis and Louis Theros. Above left, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar takes the oath of office from Tepper, at this week's city council meeting, the first since Farquhar and three councilmen won new terms in an uncontested election. Right, by unanimous vote of the council, council woman Therese Joseph was named mayor pro tem.

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POINTERS OF INTEREST

Sisters start women's hockey club

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It takes a lot of guts to go out of the box; the comfort zone we live within.

Sisters Amy Cowan and Kim Ryszewski did just that this summer after years of sitting in the stands, watching their husbands and children play ice hockey.

Ryszewski, 36, of Grosse Pointe Farms, decided to try skating and signed up with Jan Orr at the All-Pro Hockey learn to skate program and the instructional Grosse Pointe Hockey Association "I" League.

"I didn't know what to expect, but I went at it with an open mind and I instantly loved it," Ryszewski said. "After I was done with my first day, I called my sister and told her to get down here and sign up."

"If someone would have told me three years ago I would be playing hockey, I would have said, 'no.'"

"I trusted my sister's judgment, so I showed up with a camera and shortly after I signed up and gave it a try," said Cowan, a 35-year-old

Grosse Pointe Farms resident. "It is a lot of fun and I have been able to get into better shape since June."

The sisters loved ice hockey so much, they decided to begin their own league, the Grosse Pointe Women's Hockey Club.

At first, it was Cowan, Ryszewski and a couple friends skating for an hour with coach Mike Lucchese, learning how to skate and the basics of ice hockey.

"Mike is a great coach and he didn't baby us," Cowan said. "We have learned a lot in several months and now we have more than 30 women signed up for our club."

"It's great and I hope we can get more because it is so much fun and now we all have something we can share with our husbands and children who play hockey."

The duo skated twice a week during the eight-week course and have followed that routine throughout the fall at City Sports Arena in Detroit, which Orr helped set up.

"Sam down there gave us a great deal on the ice and he has been very flexible with times we can skate," Ryszewski said.

The club officially skates from 1 to 2:30 p.m. each Sunday with the first hour dedicated to instruction and the last 30 minutes is scrimmaging.

September 21 was the first time the new club members met to skate and seven showed up.

They made fliers and posted them around the Grosse Pointes. Every week a couple of women called, to their surprise.

"We wanted to get more people involved, but we never thought it would take off this much," Cowan said.

"I think it's great meeting new friends and these are friendships that can last a lifetime. We have a lot in common."

Grosse Pointer Brian Kean has also been a big help to Cowan and Ryszewski. Kean, the owner of a couple of Play It Again Sports stores, provided a big discount on equipment to club



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Sisters Amy Cowan, kneeling center left, and Kim Ryszewski, kneeling far left, started the Grosse Pointe Women's Hockey Club, which has grown to 34 members in a couple of months.

members.

"We are in full equipment, so the women who come out have to be in proper gear," Ryszewski said.

Kean is sponsoring the Grosse Pointe Chill and the team will don pink and black jerseys in the coming weeks.

"This has been a lot of fun and it's great to go home and talk hockey with my husband and kids," Cowan said.

Cowan and her husband, Mike, have a 5-year-old son, Dougie, who plays hockey, and a 1-year-old daughter, Courtney, who will be on skates in no time.

"I think the whole thing is fabulous," Mike Cowan said. "I'm really proud of her for growing this club from nothing. I got a huge kick out of watching the group play."

"They've come a long way from taking private hockey lessons last summer. I think my wife understands why I like hockey so much."

Ryszewski and her husband,

Jim, have three girls, Meghan, 10, Madison, 8, and Molly, 6, who play ice hockey.

"After years of watching our three girls skate and then transition into hockey, I am very happy Kim decided to 'lace em up' and join the rest of the family on the ice," Jim Ryszewski said. "Now, Kim enjoys going to the rink to assist on the ice with our girls and enjoys going to the hockey store with me. I am very proud to see that Kim took her idea of a Women's Hockey Club and implemented the idea."

Both Cowan and Ryszewski said playing hockey is a way to release the stress of working full-time jobs and being a mom.

Cowan works for Coca-Cola in outside sales and Ryszewski is a pharmaceutical representative.

"Most of the women in the club are working moms, so this is a great way for all of us to exercise and get rid of the stress," Ryszewski said.

Other members are Suzie Standish, Erika Combs, Amy Keenan Macey, Monica



Jan Orr, center, helped Amy Cowan, left, and Kim Ryszewski get ice time at City Sports Arena.



Kim Ryszewski practices during the hour-long instructional period before scrimmaging for 30 minutes.

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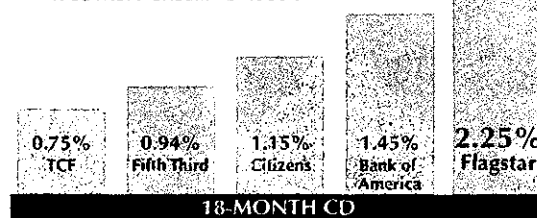


Amy Cowan practices hockey drills before getting ready to scrimmage the other members of the Grosse Pointe Women's Hockey Club.

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Victoria Constantini and Katie Sznawajs are also in the club and drive from Birmingham to play each Sunday at Detroit's City Arena.

For more information or to join, contact Ryszewski at (313) 402-0304 or Cowan at (313) 910-6530.

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Parking in the Pointes

Readers offer suggestions, tell of parking difficulties

We moved here three years ago and were welcomed by a parking ticket for parking in front of our own house. We have a corner lot. Silly, but the "rules" here are many. How about a few different parking tags sold in each city office, in increments of Annual (suggest \$20-25 - the most likely to sell the most), Permanent (could be \$150 or some such), All-Inclusive (permanent and for overnight or in front of your own house - maybe \$250) etc. The five Pointes would only have to agree on an amount. They all should be good in all the Pointes' many different parking areas, and a symbol which could be easily printed and laminated in the city offices (something that can't be too easily copied at home computers), and easily displayed on the car for which it is purchased (or allow an additional hanging option for switching

to whichever car you drive that day). Everyone I have spoken to would happily purchase at least an annual pass. Many of us don't actually spend over \$20 a year in drops into the meters, but one ticket gets you there, so a \$20 per year pass to forego the worry over "where's my quarter" would make money for the city (perhaps go into a fund to repair future parking issues) and take a load off of drivers. Not to mention the ease for the employers, (if you quit you give back the pass before you get your last check). They can even have a special designation or color for the "Hill" issues. You still can have the officers ticketed, but just pass on by the ones with the pass. Seems like a win-win to me, the city makes some money, it is optional, not a tax and saves time and money for those many of

Sound off

Do you have a story about parking in the Pointes? Share it with us by e-mail at jwarner@grossepointenews.com, by letter at: Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or by phone at (313) 343-5590. We welcome what you have to say.

Next week's Grosse Pointe News will feature comments from city officials and how they view parking in their municipalities.

us who hardly carry cash anymore. There is not much overhead, no retooling of the meters, restriping of parking spots, no new machines to install, nothing. The city would have to come up with some equitable way of dealing with the monies collected, but hey, that is what we do here. Cooperate for the good of the community, I think. If half the population drives and buys an annual pass for

\$20, that's \$550,000 in a year. How much do the meters make?

COLLEEN KELLEY

Thank you for addressing the parking issue in the Grosse Pointe News. Shop and eat in Grosse Pointe - that is certainly what my husband and I try very hard to do. Before we purchase anything elsewhere, we try to find it or something similar or like it in Grosse Pointe. We are grateful for the businesses in Grosse Pointe who remain here in spite of the difficult economy. Certainly your parking official who is acting under orders and is asked to issue as many tickets as possible is not promoting any good feeling for the community. Yesterday I dashed in a store to make an exchange. I wasn't there for three minutes when I realized I had forgotten to "feed the meter." I ran out to put money in the meter and found a \$10 ticket on my car. This was my second offense. The first one occurred when I was with my niece who is from out of town. She wanted to shop at Somerset but I encouraged her to first look in Grosse Pointe. We spent a little longer in the stores than we thought and when we came out there was a ticket on the windshield. That day there were very few cars on the street so it certainly was not that the official had to keep the cars moving and spaces available. Both these tickets were issued in the City of Grosse Pointe. I urge the Grosse Pointe city parking authority, the Grosse Pointe officials and the Grosse Pointe City Council to take a

look at their policies. There must be a better way to raise money than to harass the clientele trying to shop in Grosse Pointe. Maybe they might consider the idea of making Grosse Pointe a friendly place to shop rather than a hostile environment. Would a few more stores be rented if this were the case?
ELIZABETH BERG

It was 1999 when the "Great Grosse Pointe Garage Sale" was still going in the huge parking deck below Kercheval. Parking was a total impossibility after driving around the metered lots and spaces. After about 10 minutes of driving 'round and 'round I spotted an apparent just-vacated spot on Kercheval north of the shops which was an unmetered block near the residences. The parking spot was well clear of the crosswalk (where a car was parked). I grabbed the newly vacated spot, and where every other conceivable spot was already taken in that block.

Well, you know where this is going, except that I was going to go to court to get the ticket wiped out. Fat chance. I took the trouble of a half-day off work for the court date. Needless to say my premise was that there was virtually no parking available anywhere else and the "illegal block" had what appeared a viable space, just vacated. Apparently the judge would have none of it. He found it necessary to order a \$10 fine at the door before I left. I have not returned to Kercheval for shopping since - whose loss is this?
TOM DE BOEVER
Grosse Pointe Woods

PARKING: Stop and shop locally

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ing. All of the cities were fair and very willing to work with us on this issue. They want to help the business community." Huebner said the goal was to put the Pointes on a level playing field with other Metro Detroit shopping malls and communities where parking is free. "We want people to shop and dine locally and see what we

have to offer," Huebner said. "There are many reasons to shop here. Take advantage of the free parking and enjoy spending money locally." Huebner said supporting local businesses and the Chamber Shop Local Program fall in line with the goal of the foundation to improve the quality of life for residents and businesses in the Pointes. "I'm pleased it worked," she said. "The cities did what they could. It's not a great economic time for the cities or for the businesses. It's something to help our local merchants and restaurants." Huebner said shoppers will find special events, gift wrapping services and more at local businesses.

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The fence needed to be stripped to bare metal, primed and painted. Some of the original brick and ironwork from the house remains intact with its use on a number of Sycamore Lane houses.



State senate leader addresses club

The Eastside Republican Club forum begins at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sen. Michael D. Bishop, R-Rochester, Michigan Senate majority leader, is guest speaker at the fall event.

"We are delighted that Mike Bishop will discuss the state budget resolution and the budget outlook for 2010," said

John Chouinard, Eastside Republican Club chairman. "We also expect Mike to talk about his candidacy for Michigan Attorney General."

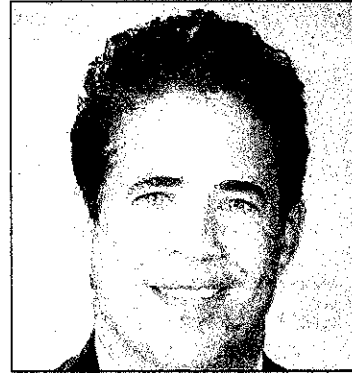
Bishop, a life-long Rochester resident, is in his final term representing Michigan's 12th Senate District.

Following the 2006 election, Bishop was nominated as Senate majority leader. As head of the Republican cau-

cus, Bishop directs the agenda, and is spokesman for GOP legislative policies.

In his role as Senate majority leader, Bishop chairs the Government Operations Committee, charged with recommending to the full Senate whether to accept the governor's appointments to agencies and commissions.

For more information, call Thomas R. McCleary Jr. at (313) 882-2709.



Sen. Michael D. Bishop

ARORA: Ready to serve

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rent master plan dates back to 1982. It needs to be updated, with a focus on economic development and what do with rental properties.

"I'm not saying the document is old," Arora added with a laugh, "but it was written with a typewriter."

Arora would like to focus on the four business areas in the Park, with an eye on development and making the Park a destination for dining and entertainment.

"There is so much we could do with these areas," she said, "especially the area along Kercheval. There's a real sense of community here and people enjoy the walkability of the area. People love living in the Park, and with good reason. We really have so much to offer, but I think we can do more."

Even though she ran a successful campaign, Arora still bristles when asked about hundreds of unsigned postcards that were mailed to Park residents on the weekend before the election, stating that Arora would bring Detroit-style politics to the Park, and featuring a picture of Arora with Detroit City Councilman Ken Cockrel Jr.

"The first I heard about the postcard was when I was going door to door on Saturday, and I received a call on my cell phone from a resident on Nottingham," she explained. "He told me that he had just received the worst racist mailing that he had ever seen and asked me to bring by one of my lawn signs. And that wasn't the



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Michelle Makowski and Donna Peters welcomed the Park's newest council woman, Laurie Arora, left, to Just Delicious on Kercheval in the Park. Arora invites residents to coffee hour in the restaurant, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1.

only call I received about it."

Arora has no idea who was responsible for the mailings, though she adds with a smile that the cards seemed to have the opposite effect of what the sender probably intended.

"It was difficult for me because I did not want to get into the gutter with these people," she said. "I was able to get a letter out in response, and it seemed to have a bigger impact on residents than the postcard did."

For now, Arora is putting the incident behind her and is looking forward to the next four years on the Park council and spending time with her family again. Her

two daughters, Simone and Erika, attend Grosse Pointe South, and her son, Evan, is in sixth grade at Pierce. Her husband, Shail, is an educational consultant.

Arora, who also ran on a message of transparency in government, will have a hand in updating the city's website, as Mayor Palmer Heenan made his first committee appointment of his new term by appointing Arora to the city's website committee, along with fellow councilmen Dan Grano and James Robson.

"I'm anxious to get started," said Arora. "I want to work for what's best for the residents of Grosse Pointe Park."

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WEEK AHEAD:

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Society hosts a free lecture, "Sanders Confectionary," presented by Greg Tasker at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 884-7010 or visit gphistorical.org.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods host "Kindergarten: Get Ready!" at 7 p.m. in the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. A question and answer session follows at 8 p.m.

◆ Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts "Every Changing Eyesight" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dr. Tina Turner discusses the reasons why eyesight changes, including understanding cataracts, glaucoma and the early signs of macular degeneration.

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I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

Baby Boomers set trends across nation



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making it hard for their children and grandchildren to find jobs. They just don't quit.

The Boomers have added new thoughts — lasik surgery, computers, Depends, recreational vehicles, Lever 2000, aerobics, IRAs and cosmetics galore.

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and change life as their parents knew it.

Our early founding mothers and fathers contributed to a Baby Boom in the 1700s. That's good company. From one country shaping generation to another, it's all good.

Stacy Evers writes in the Daughters of the American Revolution magazine about the Colonial Baby Boom when women were having an average of eight children.

In her article, Evers said, "At the peak of the post-World War II Baby Boom, the birthrate was 3.77 births per woman, or about half the

Colonial pace."

In Colonial times, the population doubled every 24 years.

That's easy when there are a scarce million souls chopping down trees and drinking tea.

Of course, times were different. Colonial parents needed help on the farm and in the store. They needed extra hands to build a strong New World. While Horatio and Hester of the 1700s tended the garden, milked the cows and watched over siblings; Larry and Linda of the 1950s had paper routes, mowed lawns and babysat. Each generation in their own way con-

tributing to the family finances.

Are the generations so different?

Evers points out one in four infants died before the first birthday cake could be baked and half of all children didn't live to their 10th birthday. Thus parents took to heart the "be fruitful and multiply" Biblical command.

In the 21st century, babies still die and children are still killed.

Didn't a mother in 1759 mourn the loss of her baby as much as the mother of an infant who died in 1959?

Wouldn't a 1752 father and a 20th century father laugh the same as they watched their namesake sons take the first faltering steps into toddlerhood? And wouldn't siblings poke, tease and pinch much the same in the two centuries of which we speak?

Twentieth century Boomers may be washing their hands more and taking vacations via any kind of transportation but they still are setting trends as the prior generations.

Like the Colonial children, the Boomers continue to make significant changes in their world.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Is it too soon for holiday decorations and music?

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



'No, Christmas is a happy time and you can plan ahead for the music you want. It's never too early for Christmas.'
RUTHIE IMPASTATO
City of Grosse Pointe



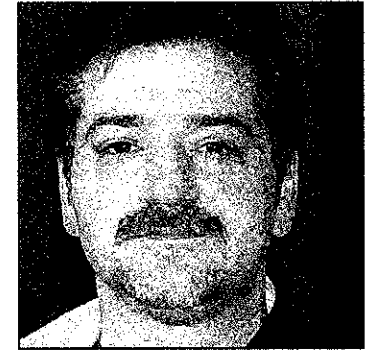
'I think it's too soon for music on the radio and we need to celebrate Thanksgiving first and remember to be thankful.'
GILLIAN GRAHAM
Grosse Pointe Park



'Even though it isn't Thanksgiving yet, you can decorate for both holidays. Early is OK, it's almost Christmas.'
ANIA LANE
City of Grosse Pointe



'If we start Christmas earlier than Thanksgiving then people might forget to be grateful for all they have.'
KATE MOLLISON
City of Grosse Pointe



'Yes, because you need to get to Thanksgiving first and remember what it's all about before Christmas.'
CRAIG IMPASTATO
City of Grosse Pointe

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

The true natives of Grosse Pointe



The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

The first of a three-part series.

The beautiful Lake St. Clair was always a great attraction to and beloved by Indians.

This district, densely wooded and bordering the lake, was for years the Indians hunting ground. Peche Island just off the Grosse Pointe shore was selected by the great chieftain Pontiac for his summer house. He there had a commendable view of the waterways.

An important incident dealing with Grosse Pointe was the battle at Windmill Pointe fought in 1712. "An army of Indians known as the Foxes came down from Green Bay to erase Detroit from the map. At the time of their arrival, the friendly Huron's and Ottawa's were on a hunting trip. Nut runners were sent out to notify them, and they returned and rallied to the defense of the post.

"The church of St. Anne was close to the stockade, and fearing that it might be set on fire by blazing arrows and endanger the other buildings, the rattled commandant Dubison burned it himself. The hostile built a long breastwork within 200 Indians feet of the fort, and fired hundreds of blazing arrows of pitch pins into the roofs of the building. But peltries in the warehouse were brought out and the roofs covered with wetted skins, so that danger from fire was greatly reduced.

"After making an unsuccessful attempt to capture the fort and failing also to fire it, the hostiles withdrew to the banks of Lake St. Clair and the commandant forthwith dispatched M'de Vincenes with a company of Frenchmen and an army of Indians to drive them away.

"The attacking party found the enemy entrenched behind fallen trees near the present Windmill Pointe. Instead of charging their breastwork and sacrificing many lives in the assault, the French and their allies erected high staging along the front of the works, and taking positions on these, they compelled the Foxes 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 fly. They returned to their encampment at Green Bay.

"Shortly, after one of the Indians' raids into Ohio, Mrs. Grant (wife of an early settler of Grosse Pointe, Commodore Grant), heard that a band of Indians had encamped at Belle Isle. They were to hold a 'pow-wow' to celebrate their exploits, and to torture and burn a young white captive whose mother they had killed.

"The commodore was away, but his wife's motherly instincts were aroused, and knowing the love and esteem of the Indians for her family, she determined to make an effort to save the poor boy from so terrible a fate. She was rowed to Belle Isle, made her way to the camp and asked the amount of the ransom for the child. The Indians, who were making preparations for their feast, would not at first listen to her. The courageous woman was not to be baffled and at last partly by lavish presents and partly by threats that the black gown (priest) would bring some calamity on them, she succeeded in her mission.

"The little boy was brought home and adopted by his deliverer, who already had a large family (10 daughters), of her own. On the commodore's return, his good wife describes to him her visit to the Indian encampment and its gratifying results.

"From the day when the English garrison settled in Detroit, Pontiac began to plot

for the elimination of the whites from this region. He was then in the prime of life. His was a dignified commanding figure, strongly built and rather simply dressed, but his face with strong regular features, large nose and flaming eyes, showed strong character. His air was that of one accustomed to being eyed, and a man who demanded respect from white men as well as Indians.

"The aim of Pontiac was the organization of all the Indians in an area of 200,000 square miles, into a compact federation for common offense and defense. He planned simultaneous attacks upon the forts at Mackinac, at St. Joseph on Lake Michigan, at Detroit, at Fort Pitt, renamed from Fort Du Quesne and now the site of Pittsburg, at Verango, Le Bveuf, Presque Isle, now Erie Pa. Sandusky Ohio, and Green Bay Wisconsin.

"Pontiac studied the local situation at every place and planned a stratagem by which each garrison could be deceived and then overwhelmed. The action was to be practically simultaneous so that one fort would be unable to lend support to another. His forces were to be distributed in bands of sufficient size to accomplish their appointed task and they were to stop at nothing that might clear the entire western country of the hated English. It was a scheme worthy of Napoleon and showed real military genius.

"An interesting account of an event influencing Pontiac and leading up to his 'conspiracy' is told by one who lived in Grosse Pointe and who, in childhood listened to many legends and tales of the Indians when they inhabited this district.

"The story deals with an unusual phenomenon which took place in the fall of 1762, when a great storm lashed the shores of Grosse Pointe and Isle au Peche. Everything was enveloped in darkness, so dense that the despairing moans of animals and howling of wolves was heard on every side. Man and beast were filled with terror.

"When the rain fell the drops were black as ink. Pontiac, viewing these signs as prophetic warnings, followed the ancient custom of the Indians who prepared themselves for

the great undertakings by fasting. He dismissed his squaws and returned to the Ottawa village on the eastern shore of Le Detroit, and went along to Isle au Peche to consult the Prophet whose bones lay beneath.

"There amid the calm and picturesque scenes of nature, and in that harmonious silence so eloquent in this muteness, he conceived the plan of that wonderful coup d'etat which blazoned his name on history's page. Brought up in the solemn grandeur of the primitive forests where no passing mood or fancy of the wind but had its image or echo in the wild world around, the autumn blast as it shrieked its discordant symphonies through the forest, poured its fierce energy into his heart.

"The sullen roar of the waves as they dashed against the beach in foaming rage inflamed his resentment; his fevered imagination saw the phantoms of his race urging him on to defend their resting place from the despoiling hand of the invader. In the moaning reeds, the voice of the prophet bade him gather his tribe; to rise up, to be strong as the whirlwind and to go forth like lightning and scatter the English like leaves before the autumn wind. The plan conceived on this small island gave satisfaction to the brave and silent warriors who, drawing their blankets over their heads, retired to their villages to await the signal which was to return to them the hunting grounds of their forefathers."

ROAR ZONE: Detroit Lions score

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could call it that. The Lions were on the eight-yard line of the Rams when quarterback Stafford threw a perfect pass, which went through the outstretched hands of the receiver into the hands of a Rams defender. The Rams player immediately attempted to run the ball out of the end zone but was tackled for a safety — two points for the Lions.

After marching down the field for a touchdown and six points or even a three-point field goal, we grudgingly took the two points. This was a play

none of us had ever witnessed. Leave it up to our Lions to come up with something bizarre!

◆ Ford Field, the home of the Lions has a promo called the "All You Can Eat Seat" which sells for \$57. My son and I calculated the price differential between our \$42 seats and the gastronomical seats, and decided we would pass on the \$15 difference.

We observed those who had bought this stomach-churning package as they wandered into their special section. Hot dogs were stacked like cords of wood and nachos, chips, popcorn, hamburgers, bratwurst and pizza were on tables resembling the midnight buffet on a cruise ship.

Frankly, most of the people in this section could be candidates for the television show "The

Biggest Loser" which features people weighing in at 300 pounds or more. Both of us were surprised a cardiologist with a defibrillator wasn't stationed at the exit to this section.

All in all, we had a great time despite the loss. It's always a special time when I bond with my son at these events.

And who knows, maybe next time we will purchase the All You Can Eat Seats and join the ranks of those at the feeding trough. Afterwards, we may have difficulty racing the Dunkin' Donuts around the field, but I'm confident in a race with some of the Detroit Lions players, we would win even laden with bulging stomachs.

Bill Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Jewelry missing

A man living in the 300 block of Fisher reported Wednesday, Nov. 4, that \$3,900 worth of men's jewelry was stolen from his house sometime after Oct. 21.

Missing items consist of \$400 Mont Blanc cufflinks, a \$3,200 diamond ring and a \$300 Bank One ring.

He provided police a list of people who have access to his residence.

Purses stolen

Two women reported their purses stolen last week on St. Clair. Both women were loading or unloading groceries to or from their vehicles when the

crimes occurred.

The incidents happened within minutes and a block of each other Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The first theft, reported at 12:22 p.m., occurred in the 600 block of St. Clair. A 77-year-old woman said she was loading groceries into her car when she realized her purse was missing. A contractor soon found it in a Dumpster on Kercheval Place.

The second happened in the 500 block of St. Clair between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. A 44-year-old woman was transferring groceries to her second-floor apartment when she noticed her purse missing from the vehicle's front seat.

—Brad Lindberg
If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at

(313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

B&E warrant

A 20-year-old Detroit man was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant at 9:02 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, while being driven to visit his girlfriend, who had recently given birth at an eastside Detroit hospital.

The man was wanted by Wayne County for breaking and entering. Sheriff's deputies instructed Farms officers to hold the man for pickup.

He was a passenger in a vehicle that a patrolman pulled over in the area of Mack and Moross for having a loud exhaust. Its driver, a 20-year-old Warren man, was arrested for

driving while suspended.

Sounding off

At 3:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, an officer driving the department's semi-marked Mustang GT patrol car was stopped at a blinking red light in the left turn lane on Lakeshore and Moross when a man in a van pulled up behind and began honking for the officer to proceed.

The officer did so, then pulled aside on northbound Moross to let the van pass.

"As (the van) passed, the driver again laid on its horn," said the officer.

The officer pulled over the van near Grosse Pointe Boulevard and cited the driver, a 44-year-old Eastpointe man, for excessive use of the horn. "(He) mentioned that he did

not know the Mustang was a police vehicle," said the officer.

Had enough

A Farms party store owner last week turned over to police more than a half-dozen bounced checks written by a Hill tavern owner to buy \$9,935.02 worth of liquor.

The tavern owner came forward with three cash payments totaling \$1,200, leaving a balance of \$8,735.02.

—Brad Lindberg
If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Attempted larceny

The lock on the driver's door of a 2009 Town & Country van was damaged sometime between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, while

parked on Mack Avenue.

Arrests

A routine traffic stop at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Bedford and Charlevoix resulted in the 17-year-old driver being arrested for driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and not acquiring a driver's license.

If you have information on these or any other crimes, please call the Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7200.

—Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

Shower alarm

Firefighters twice last week responded to false alarms at a house in the 800 block of Lakeshore. Both alarms were triggered by steam from a shower.

Leaf problem

A private contractor on Hawthorne was warned during the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 2 not to rake leaves to the curb for pickup by a public works crew.

Municipal curbside leaf pickup is for residents only. Contractors must dispose of leaves at their own expense.

Chickens

A Lochmoor resident has withdrawn a Sunday, Nov. 1, complaint against a rear-yard neighbor on Lochmoor for letting three chickens run around outside.

"He has spoken with the neighbor and was not aware the chickens were pets," said an officer.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.



Neff Park transformed into cemetery

Bad weather threatened to become the most frightful thing about the Halloween Park at Neff Park. Rain watered down attendance at this year's Halloween celebration in the City of Grosse Pointe, held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24, at the municipal park, sponsored by the recreation department.

"The numbers were a little low due to the rain, but overall pretty decent with all things considered," said Christopher Hardenbrook, recreation director. "Friday night it was raining sideways, and of-and-on drizzle throughout the entire day Saturday." Attendance over both days totaled 525, Hardenbrook said. "Most events were under cover or inside, so residents were able to manage the weather pretty well. We also had several warming fires between events and a warming room with fall treats. There were plenty of opportunities to warm up, grab a warm drink and a snack as the day's event went on."

At right, the Wacky Witch entertains children.

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Grosse Pointe Woods

Children injured

Three children walking along Mack at 3:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, were struck by a vehicle as the driver pulled out of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall complex. None of the children, ages 7 to 10, were seriously hurt.

The driver, after stopping to check on the children, drove off. The children were brought to the police station by a local merchant and treated by paramedics. The children were able to provide both a description of the driver and his car. On Friday, Nov. 6, the 86-year-old driver turned himself into police. His statement was taken, and police continue to investigate.

Just a little lost

A 38-year-old Milford woman told police she was lost when stopped for driving the wrong way on Mack at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7.

The woman said she was trying to find her way home from a party in Madison Heights. Police suspected she had been drinking. A Breathalyzer test confirmed their suspicion and a LEIN check revealed this was her third drunken driving incident. She was arrested and her car impounded.


He said, she said

A series of hang up calls to a 911 dispatcher led public safety officers to a house on Young Lane at 5:12 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7.

Police found the father of a 22-year-old woman waiting in his car in the driveway. He told police that his daughter had called him and said she had been threatened by her boyfriend, who was also in the house. Police questioned the woman and her boyfriend. She accused him of having a gun, which he denied. She also accused him of pulling a knife out of a drawer, which he also denied.

If you have information on these or any other crimes, please call the Grosse Pointe Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

—Kathy Ryan



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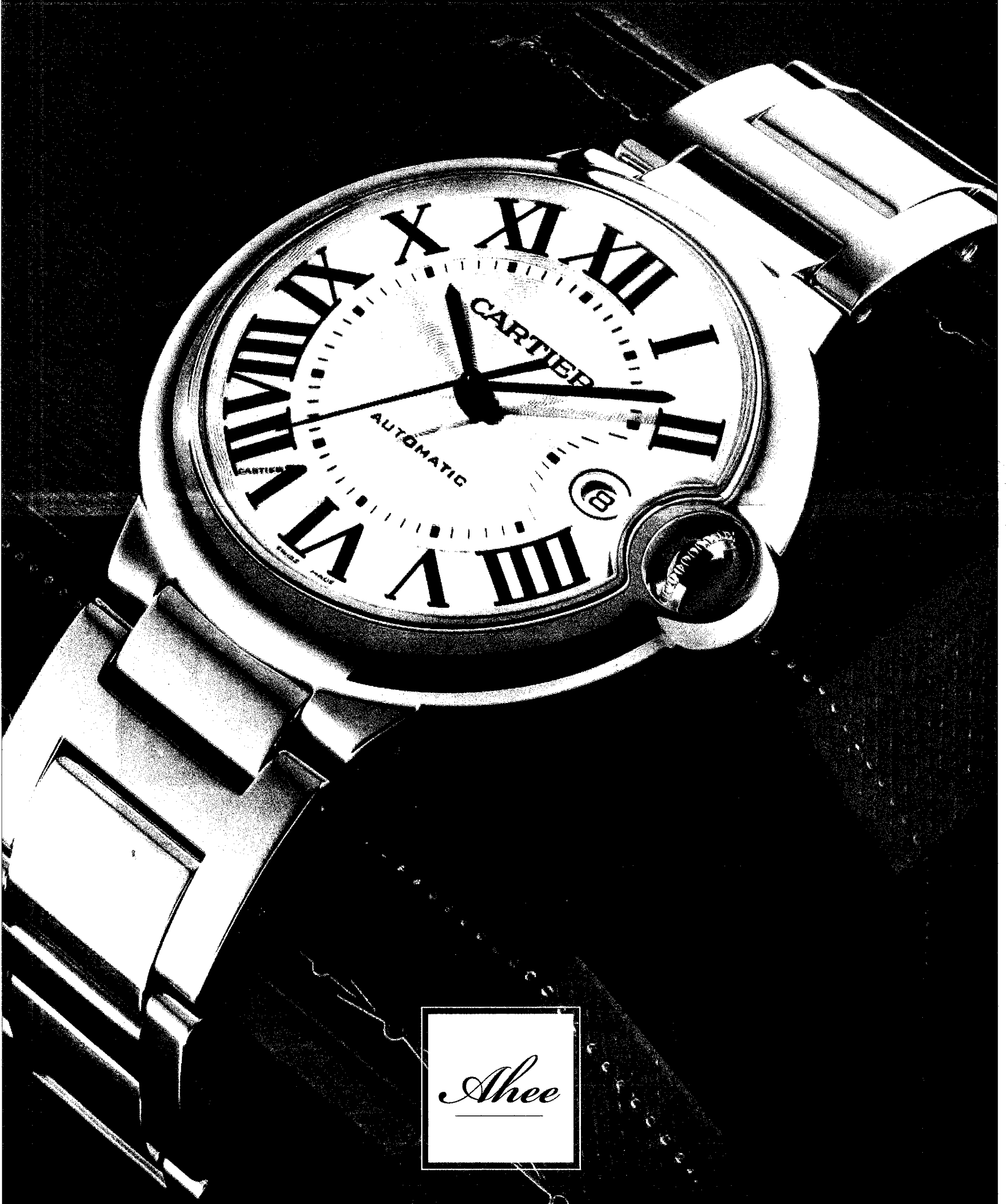


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Students jitterbug in 'Juliet'

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Move over Romeo. Meet your 1940s match, Ron Montague, the swaggering star of "Jitterbug Juliet," Parcels Middle School's musical parody of the age-old Shakespearean love story. The production, which includes 57 cast members and another 30 involved with lighting, sound and stage management, plays at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 through Saturday, Nov. 14, in the school auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Set in post-war Venice Beach, Calif., a feud erupts between two families — the Montagues and Capulets — when a Jitterbug dance contest and a play rehearsal are

double-booked in the same hall, the Verona Room. Star-crossed lovers, Ron — sixth-grader Andrew Nurmi — and Juliet Capulet — seventh-grader Maria Tsakos — must find a way to settle the grudge between their mothers so they can share the space. English teacher and drama club advisor/director Sean Kifer said the musical is one that stretches the student thespians. "I wanted something fun and upbeat and focused on dance. It's one thing the kids lack and it's an educational opportunity," he said. "They're pretty good actors and singers — and now they're pretty good dancers." Kifer added the basic premise for any of the shows the school puts on is its age-

appropriateness. He also looks for those that wouldn't conflict with any one the high schools could do, so students don't have a repeat experience. Past plays have included "Hansel and Gretel," "The Little Prince" and "A Thousand Cranes." Rehearsals for "Jitterbug Juliet" began in early September. The musical includes eight exuberant jitterbug, boogie-woogie and jump 'n' jive songs in big band spirit. Nurmi, who is also in choir, tried out for the show with no particular character in mind — and surprisingly, landed a key role. "I definitely love the fact that he can be comical at times," Nurmi said about his character. "It's definitely a

great play. There are so many funny parts of it. It's a great comedy." The humor plays out between the musical's two opposing characters: Mrs. Montague, played by eighth-grader Lexi Cook, has planned a swing dance fundraiser for the veterans in town, while Mrs. Capulet, played by seventh-grader Shannon McEnroe, is raising money with a performance of "Romeo and Juliet." "She's strict and yells a lot," McEnroe said of her character. "I think kids and older people will both like the dancing part. It's enjoyable." There are fawning assistants, a pair of slimy conspirators who share a tango and an




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energetic best friend always ready with a quip to set off those in charge. She is played by eighth-grader and drama club president Analisa Guido. *See JULIET, page 4A II*

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New website for all things Norsemen

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Norsemen news is now just a click away.

Grosse Pointe North High School recently launched an innovative website — courtesy of its student-run newspaper, North Pointe — designed to not only feature an online version of the biweekly publication, but also spotlight what doesn't make it onto the pages.

"It's more of a community website. We focus on North, but cover things going on in the community that students are involved in," explained junior Kara Bakowski, assistant online editor, such as volunteer undertakings and ongoing club activities.

"We wanted it to be an extension of the paper ... we want to represent all the students and faculty," added senior Hannah Colborn, deputy online editor. "There's lots to write about, but only so much can fit (in the paper)."

Online exclusives at myGPN.org range from packed photo galleries and polls — the latest asking which administrator would most likely dress up for Halloween — to comments, Twitter updates and game scores.

The three students monitoring the site — Bakowski, Colborn and deputy photo editor Amelia Flynn — say they are looking forward to upcoming features: student-submitted photos, stories from club outings and art fairs and competitions, panoramic photos and audio slideshows of choir and band concerts and sports events.

"I like the idea of getting other people involved outside our staff," said Colborn.

Flynn, who takes in excess of 500 photos at various assignments, is enjoying the photo galleries, whose leftover

occupants would otherwise be deleted.

"I love being able to put so much in there that I didn't dream about putting in the paper," she said. "I'm encouraging people on my staff to take more of things because it can go on the site."

Bakowski adds that myGPN.org helps keep former Norsemen — students, coaches and teachers — plugged in.

"I like being able to get involved with the community. Those who can't normally get the paper get to see what's going on online," she said.

North Pointe advisor and journalism teacher Andrew Taylor says the site was a long time coming. Staff waited two years for approval from North administrators and district officials, who initially were concerned about publishing student pictures and last names online.

But it appears it was worth the wait.

In the first two weeks of its launch, myGPN.org had close

to 8,000 hits, Taylor said. The most popular feature was the slideshows.

"It came further along faster than I thought. It's because of the quality of people we're working with," he said.

The site is run solely by North Pointe staff, with no technical support from the district.

"There's really no tool that professionals use that we can't get. We have as much space as we want, so it's only going to get better," Taylor said.

"People take us more seriously than I expected," said Colborn.

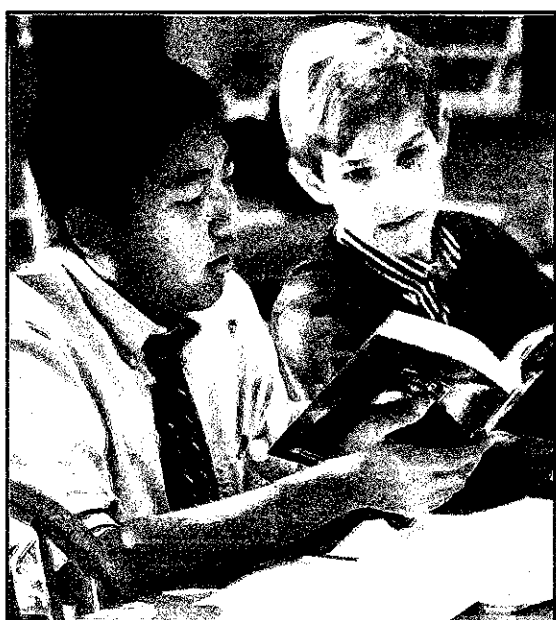
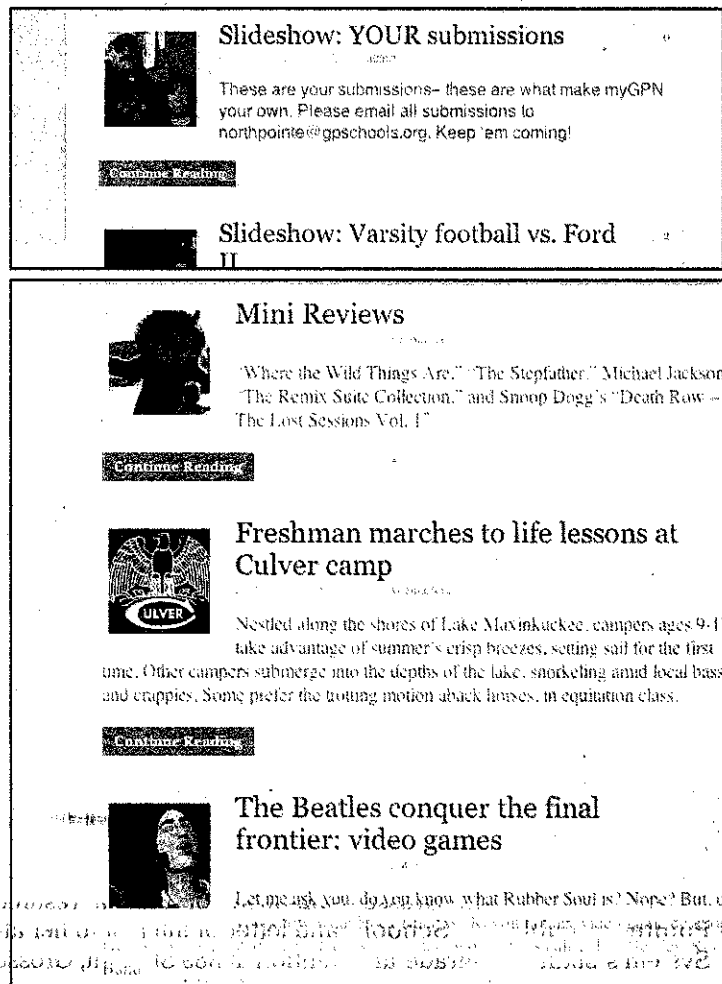
"I'm impressed with the quality of the comments. A lot of people realize it's not Facebook, it's serious," Bakowski said.

And it's just for them.

Above: Deputy online editor Hannah Colborn, assistant online editor Kara Bakowski and deputy photo editor Amelia Flynn, staff members of North Pointe, have launched a website that invites students to submit stories and photos about extracurricular activities. The site also includes extensive photo galleries, polls, news stories and Twitter updates.



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By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

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Maire Elementary first-grade teacher Emily Rennpage, left, and parent Bonnie Mellos worked together to help students create pledge patches for the Climate Quilt Campaign. Volunteers sewed the pieces together, and it was shipped off to be added to a large international quilt.

In a few weeks, a piece of Maire Elementary School will be halfway around the world.

More than 300 sewn-together fabric squares, decorated by kindergarten through fifth-grade students, join parallel patches from children across the globe in a thousands-wide Climate Quilt. The international project, aimed at raising environmental awareness among Earth's youngest dwellers, will be presented to world leaders in Copenhagen at the United Nations Climate Change

Conference in December. Maire students designed pledge patches made from colorful recycled fabric on which they promised to plant a tree, take shorter showers, ride their bikes more often, car pool when possible and protect endangered animals. With their pledge, children incorporated a drawing or picture with fabric markers and cloth scraps, from polar bears and pandas to fields of flowers and birds in a tree. "The idea was that each stu-

dent would make a pledge to do something positive for the environment, and then once they made a pledge, make a representation of that pledge on a quilt square," said Emily Rennpage, a first-grade teacher and student council advisor who initially worked to qualify Maire as a "green" school.

In late September, fifth-grade parent Bonnie Mellos saw the Climate Quilt introduced on "The Today Show" and shared the idea with Rennpage, who is now working on efforts to make Maire an "emerald" school, the next step up from being designated green.

The two worked together to launch the project. Students worked on their individual square throughout October, either in homeroom or art class. A group of parents then volunteered to sew the 300-plus pieces into one large quilt, which was mailed to New York to be added to a larger quilt from others around the country. From there, it will be sewn to a quilt with student squares from around the world. "It's going to be on display to show the commitment that

young people are making worldwide to make a positive impact on our environment," Rennpage said.

Leading up to Copenhagen, the quilt will be celebrated in countries on all six continents, including the United Kingdom, China, the Philippines and Australia. After the U.N. climate summit, the final quilt will travel back to the U.S. and be displayed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., for Earth Day 2010.

Rennpage noticed some students didn't understand how much the quilt would grow. "Some thought it would be as big as our school, some thought as big as our room," she said. "I was surprised by how many people in the community stepped up to help to put it together. It really was an amazing sight to see this quilt with pledges that I really think these students took to heart. They weren't just going along because I asked them to. They were really honest about it."

"I just love how excited the students at Maire get about being environmentally-conscious."

Review art curriculum

Parents and community members are needed to volunteer to serve on the Grosse Pointe Public School System's sixth-12th-grade art committee and review its new

curriculum. Those interested can call Sue Vogel at (313) 432-3043, or mail a resume and letter of interest to her attention at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, 48230.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



Players play out 'Tenor'

University Liggett School students perform Ken Ludwig's farce, "Lend Me a Tenor," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, through Saturday, Nov. 14, in the campus auditorium, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The production, under the direction of theater teacher Phill Moss, revolves around renowned tenor Tito Merelli, scheduled to sing the lead in "Otello," which is being produced as a gala fundraiser. Merelli's marriage, however, is in jeopardy and he takes too many tranquilizers to calm down. But the show must go on, and while Merelli is passed

out, an unknown takes the stage as Otello, setting off a chain reaction of plot twists, confusion, double entendres and innuendoes.

The Liggett Players cast is led by Ian Fitzgerald and features KC VanElslander, Katie Sheehy, Andrew Milenius, Jacob Goldberg, Devante Melton, Morgan Ellis and Emmanuelle Baker. The rating of the show is PG, as there are sexual situations and suggestive dialogue.

Tickets are \$8 for reserved seats and \$5 for general admission and are available at the door or by contacting Phill Moss at (313) 884-4444, ext. 312, or pmoss@uls.org.

DSO to work with ULS

University Liggett School has partnered with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to provide string instrument training to students in grades three through eight.

The program will be led by a DSO-sanctioned instructor and is designed to provide students entry to intermediate level string training in classical violin, viola and cello. Weekly group lessons will take place at Liggett after school and will be offered in two sessions: winter (January-March) and spring (April-June). Students will participate in one group

lesson per week, studying various string methods, music theory and music history, while they also develop skills in ear-training and sight-reading. As part of the training program, students will take part in inspiration days featuring DSO musicians at Liggett and semester performances in DSO's Orchestra Hall.

An information session is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. To reserve a spot, call the school at (313) 884-4444, ext. 312.

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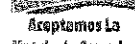
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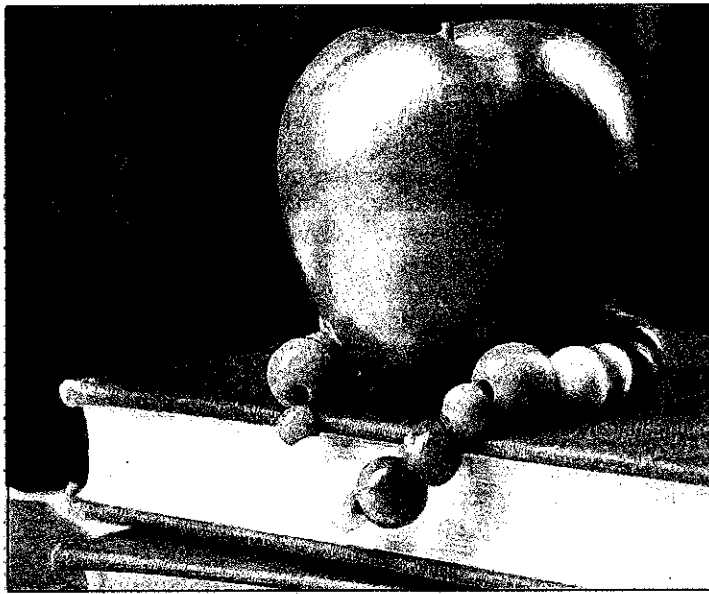
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Featured teachers will be entered into a monthly prize drawing. Call or e-mail the information to Amy Salvagno at (313) 343-5592 or asalvagno@grossepointenews.com.

Teacher of the Week

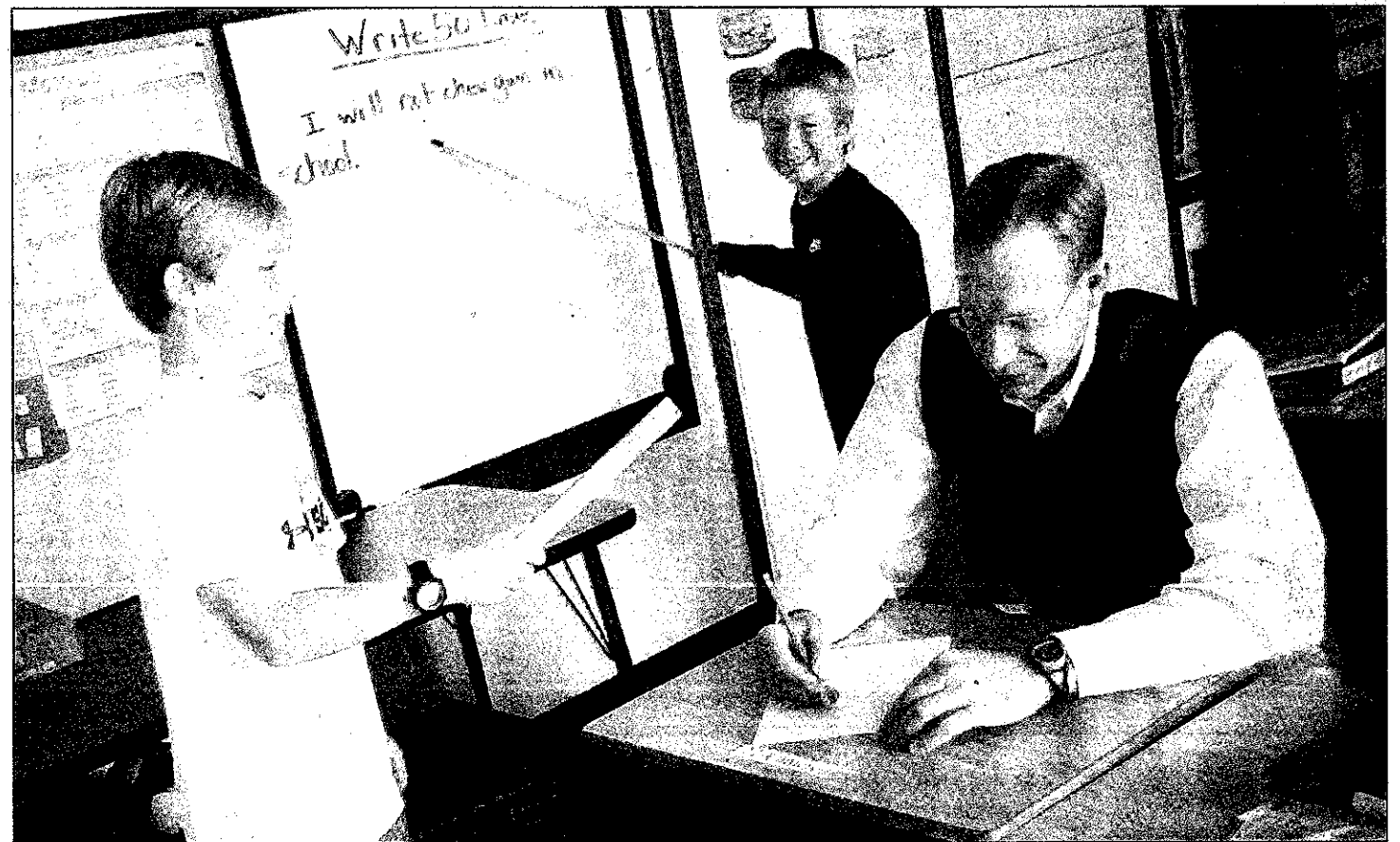


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They play a key role in every child's development and inspire excellence in and out of the classroom.

Here, students celebrate their favorite teacher.

This week, it's Maire Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Neal Gross.

He was nominated by two of his students, Alex Morrison and Joey Naporano.

Said Morrison, "He teaches my favorite subject, geography, and makes it fun to learn. He is also really funny and makes everyone laugh."

Added Naporano, "He is great at social studies. He is also very funny."

One instance of his humor: Above, Gross reverses roles as he writes 50 times "I will not chew gum in school," while Morrison, left, and Naporano, back, make sure he doesn't miss a line.

Years at the City of Grosse Pointe school: 10

Previous work:
Underwriter for Standard Federal Bank; accountant for

Lear Corporation.

Why did you become a teacher?

After college and eight years in the corporate environment, I reevaluated my career choice.

Besides personal relationships, our jobs play such a huge role in our happiness.

I decided that if I continued down the path I was on, at retirement I would not look back and feel like I had accomplished what I wanted to in life.

I thought about some of the happiest times in my life and elementary school was at the forefront.

I went to Mason and the staff there during those years contributed daily to building ideal childhoods. I still remember the TGIF announcement from our principal, Mr. Mestdagh, every Friday. There are so many memories that stand out from that time.

After much thought and help from some special people, I quit my job, went back to school and ended up being hired to join a great staff at Maire. I was hoping at the time to help make kids' days at

school both productive and fun.

How do you feel about being nominated?

It is a little overwhelming to think two students nominated me. Everyone appreciates someone who makes their day a little easier to get through with a gesture, word or a smile. I try to do that for my students, but I realize they do it for me as well.

When I tease or joke with them, they tease and joke right back. I can't imagine a better job than working with kids in this community.

Alex and Joey's nominations are special gestures that will make many of my days brighter.

Favorite children's book:

"Danny the Champion of the World" was the first book that pushed my interest in reading. I wasn't much of a reader when I was young. Ronald Dahl's story turned me. I've enjoyed reading it aloud to many of my classes.

— Amy Salvagno

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

South choir gala planned

The Grosse Pointe South High School Choir Boosters hosts its 2009 Membership Gala at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.

The evening features an open bar, strolling dinner and entertainment by the South Alumni "Hot 4" Band.

All South parents who have joined the choir boosters at the gala level or higher are invited to attend as a complimentary benefit of their membership. Other current members and non-members can join or upgrade their memberships and attend the gala at no cost. Gala membership is \$175 per couple

or \$87.50 for individuals. Membership fees are used to fund student scholarships, costumes, choreography expenses and much more. Visit gpsouthchoir.org for membership details or contact Mary Ann Bury, membership chair, at theburys@ameritech.net or (313) 886-2494.

South holiday walk nears

Preparations are in full swing for the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School's biannual Holiday Walk. Committee members have lined up six Grosse Pointe houses, which will be resplendent with seasonal decorations for the tour from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 6.

For information on becoming a sponsor or to buy tickets, call Kim (Poirer) Alle at (313) 882-1414.

JULIET: Parcels puts on a play

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"She's very spunky and likes to dance. I like that she's so out there. It's fun playing a fruitcake." Guido said of character Mercy O'Reilly, Ron's best friend and an adaptation of the original Mercutio. "I think people are going to like to see the little picks out of 'Romeo and Juliet,' especially with the jitterbug dances."

Tickets for "Jitterbug Juliet" are available at the door. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

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Several schools throughout the Grosse Pointe school district encouraged a love of reading with days-long book sales this fall. At Ferry Elementary School, local author and Channel 4 news anchor Devin Scillian read his books to students and their families during the opening night of their book fair, Monday, Nov. 9. Above left: Fourth-graders Alyssa Dall and Darcy Graham show off their new reads, which Scillian signed. Left and below: Students and parents peruse and purchase new hardcovers and paperbacks at Richard Elementary School, which held its book fair in mid-October.



From left, Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Players cast members Dante Wildern, Maggie Bickerstaff, Finn McComas and Charlie Magee rehearse for the upcoming presentation of "To Kill a Mockingbird."

South actors perform 'Mockingbird'

The Pointe Players of Grosse Pointe South High School present Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. The performances are held in the school auditorium.

Alabama lawyer who defends a black man accused of attacking and raping a poor white woman. The trial parallels the Scottsboro Trials, which took place in the 30s and involved charges of rape made by poor white women against nine black men. "To Kill a Mockingbird" is told through the eyes of 6-

year-old Jean Louise Finch, Atticus' daughter, known throughout the book as Scout. Lee's father was an attorney in the Alabama state legislature; she was 6 years old when the Scottsboro Trials occurred.

The book was turned into a screen adaptation and the film released in 1962. It went on to win three Academy Awards.

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Antonio Rimaneli

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods business owner Antonio Rimaneli, 81, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009. He was the founder of Rimaneli Custom Tailor and Fine Clothier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Rimaneli is survived by his wife, Edda (nee Pennes); children, Vince (Jennifer), Eddie (Marie), Anthony (Gina) and Jon Rimaneli; seven grandchildren and his brother Goise Rimaneli.

He was predeceased by his brother, Gino Rimaneli.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church, 41300 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township. He will lie in state beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entombment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780.

Share a memory at WujukCalcaterra.com.

Monica Schulte-Denktaş

Former Grosse Pointe resident Monica Schulte-Denktaş, 50, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, after an accident at her home in Romoland, Calif.

She was born Sept. 6, 1959, to Anna and Jerome Schulte and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and Michigan State University. She enjoyed going to the beach and being with her children. She will be remembered as a loving and caring mother.

Ms. Schulte-Denktaş is survived by her loving husband of 15 years, Matt Denktaş; twin daughters, Annica and Ashley and son, Drake. She also is survived by sisters, Mary Anne Burke and Suzanne Daudlin both of Grosse Pointe, Caroline

Wooten of Glendora, Calif., and Gabriella Turner of Blaine, Wash. and two brothers, Frank Schulte of Grosse Pointe and JJ Schulte of Wilmington, Ohio.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Oct. 5, 2009, at St. Dorothy Church in Glendora, Calif. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Peter Frederick Albrecht

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Peter Frederick Albrecht, 48, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009.

Mr. Albrecht was born May 25, 1961, in Detroit to Frederick and Christi Albrecht. He attended Albion College and Michigan State University and worked in various positions in the home improvement industry.

He was an avid reader who was very interested in science, history and aviation. A cat lover, he also enjoyed boat races.

Mr. Albrecht is survived by his sister, Heidi (Mike) Kramer; nieces, Megan and Lauren and nephew, Bradley.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A private service for the family will be held at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, with interment at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 296 Chalfonte Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Julian B. Alvarez M.D.

Former longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident Julian B. Alvarez M.D., 82, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, at Shorepointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

Dr. Alvarez was born March 31, 1927, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Julian and Amalia Alvarez. He graduated from Niagra College in New York and the University of Barcelona Medical School in Spain.



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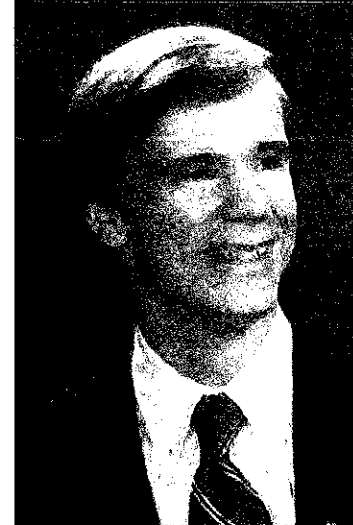
Monica Schulte-Denktaş

Dr. Alvarez was a captain in the U.S. Army and was stationed in France for two years. He then completed his radiology residency at Detroit Receiving Hospital. He was on the medical staff at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe for many years before retiring at age 65.

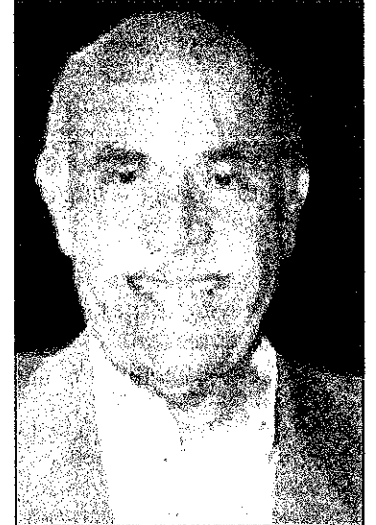
Dr. Alvarez enjoyed traveling and visiting countries throughout the world. All the while, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and loyal friend to many.

Dr. Alvarez is survived by his wife, Maria Rosa; son, Julian and daughter-in-law, Catherine; daughter, Carmen and son-in-law, James Stewart; grandchildren, Jimmy, Nicky, Alex, Eric and Cristina and his brother, Carlos Alvarez.

He was predeceased by his



Peter Frederick Albrecht



Julian B. Alvarez M.D.

brother, Lawrence Snyder.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 7 at St. Paul on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be

made to the American Lung Association, 2590 Greenfield, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237. Share a memory at ah-peters.com.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Courtney Alexander McRill has been awarded the William Beardsley International Business Scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year from Michigan State University. He is the son of Lannie and Sherry McRill of Grosse Pointe Park.

John Dahlinger of Grosse Pointe Park graduated May 2009 from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Heather Polk of Grosse Pointe graduated May 2009 from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in biology and pre-medicine.

Stephanie Elise Jerger, a student at Western Michigan University, has been accepted to Sigma Alpha Lambda, a na-

tional leadership and honors organization. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jerger of Grosse Pointe Woods.



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DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Contract 2 - Prestressed Concrete Tank

The work is generally described as follows:

Construction of a 500,000 gallon prestressed concrete ground level water storage tank and related appurtenances.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 after 1:00pm at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to cover postage and handling will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Plans and specifications are also on file for viewing at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397.

BID SECURITY

A certified check or the included Bid Bond, executed by the Bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the Bid, shall be submitted with each Bid.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the receipt of Bids. This time frame may be adjusted through mutual agreement between the Owner and Bidder(s).

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids and/or to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, payment, and maintenance and guarantee bonds and insurance certificates.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

The project will be financed with assistance from the State of Michigan Revolving Funds. Federal requirements for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) participation are applicable to this project.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, CITY CLERK

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Though delivered in a 1-inch shorter package than last year, the **2010 Subaru Outback 3.6R Limited**, features a wider exterior design, more interior space and a longer wheelbase.

2010 Subaru Outback 3.6R Limited



We recently drove Subaru's all-new fourth generation 2010 Outback — base price: \$30,995; price as tested: \$35,132.

Our initial experience following delivery of the new Outback came when I made a trip to an International Hot Rod Association drag racing event and three IHRA officials caught view of the all-new Outback.

"I haven't seen one of these yet, and it looks a lot better than the Outbacks I've come to know," said one of the officials, who is a South Carolina-bred Subaru Outback enthusiast.

I quickly explained it was a media test vehicle and spent the next 10 minutes showing everything about the car to the officials, along with several racers who were also gathering.

All were greatly impressed with Subaru's new, "larger yet shorter" design, and the expanded cargo, leg and head room. One official also pointed out it was nice to see a non-carpeted cargo area, as most times, the rug ends up getting dirty quickly. Our Subaru had the easy clean, \$69 all-weather cargo mat.

In summary, all those who viewed Subaru's new Outback at the IHRA race really liked it, especially the new looks and

its spacious 6 percent larger volume interior with leather appointed seats and buried wood trim.

Outside, a more aerodynamic front end accentuates new "hawk eye" headlamps that lead to a crisper side, top and rear design. The result is Outback's most attractive motif to date. There's also a segment first swing-out roof crossbar, a 2.8-inch longer wheelbase, and a two inch wider design that adds to passenger comfort.

Notable, too, is 8.7 inches of ground clearance and a total of 4 inches of additional rear seat legroom. The lack of front and rear overhangs result in Outback's 1-inch shorter stance, making everything easier when maneuvering, especially parallel parking. Well done Subaru!

Underneath, Outback features a brand new chassis design highlighted by an innovative engine cradle and new double wishbone rear suspension. This rear setup replaces last generation's multi-link design, resulting in a smoother ride, better handling and a stronger body.

Two powertrains are available, including the 2.5-liter, 4-cylinder Boxer engine that produces 170 horses and identical torque at 4,000 rpm, or the more powerful 3.6-liter Boxer 6-cylinder, which generates 256 horses and 247 pound-feet of torque at 4,400 rpm.

Our tester came with the Boxer 6-cylinder, which replaces last year's 3.0-liter six. Notable, too, is that last year's 3.0 six relied on premium fuel while producing 11 less horsepower while the new Outback

3.6R uses regular grade fuel and is more powerful.

As for transmissions, 4-cylinder Outback owners have a choice of either a standard 6-speed manual or a Subaru's new Lineartronic continuously variable transmission automatic. The 6-cylinder consumers will rely on a sophisticated 5-speed automatic, fitted with a manual gate for those who like more control or a fully automatic mode gate.

EPA fuel mileage ratings are 18/25 for Boxer 6-cylinder, 19/27 for the six speed 4-cylinder, and 21/27 for the CVT four.

It would be a mistake not to mention Subaru's famous Symmetrical four wheel drive system, standard on each and every Subaru that comes from the factory, and its excellent air bag safety systems, also standard fare.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 107.9, up to 71.3 cubic-feet of cargo space, 4-wheel ABS disc brakes, 18.5 gallon fuel tank, 3,000-pound tow capacity and 3,658-pound curb weight.

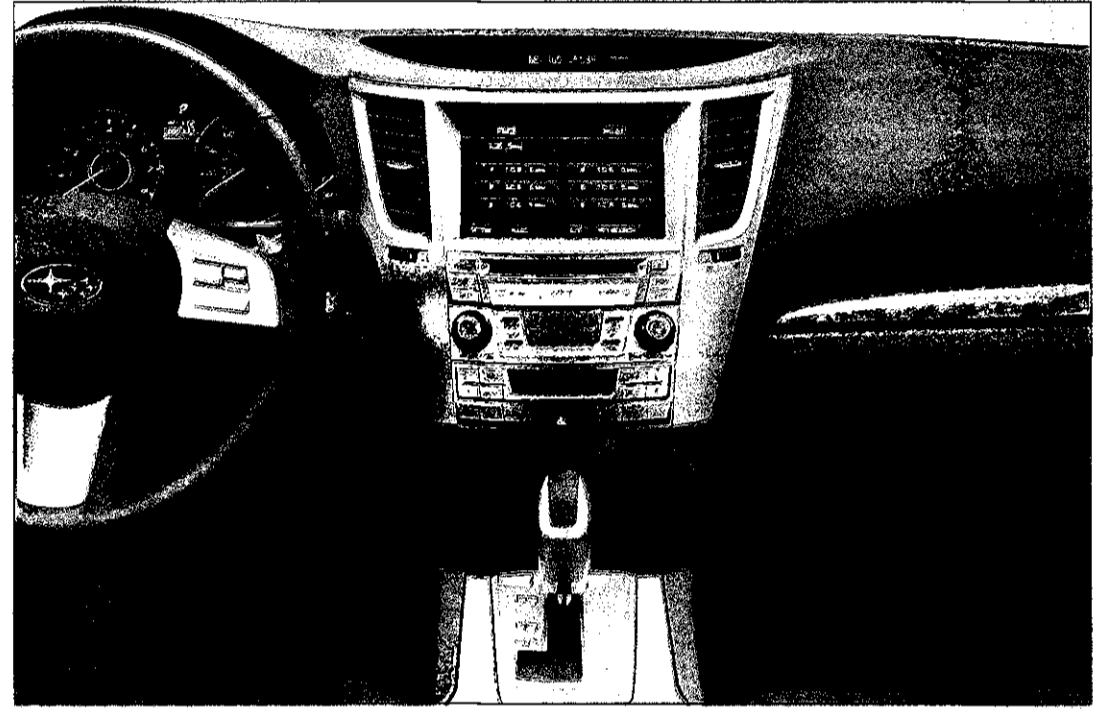
Options and destination pushed our tester's final tally to \$35,122 with \$695 destination, thanks to a \$2,995 Navigation DVD player stereo system with power moonroof package and a few other items. However, as for prices, you can park a 2.5 with a six speed manual in your driveway for just \$22,995, so there's a huge price difference between entry level Outbacks and our fully loaded Limited tester. Of course, dealer discounts are also available,

so stop by for an even better deal.

Overall, it's



2010 Subaru Outback 3.6R Limited



hard not to recommend the new 2010 Outback for a serious look if you're shopping this segment. This Outback is indeed "the real McCoy," it's all grown up, and deserves a 9.0 rating on a scale of one to 10.

If my high rating doesn't convince you, maybe this will: The base price of the 2010 3.6R Limited is \$3,000 less expensive than a similar 2009 3.0R Limited model. Likes: Design, AWD safety,

interior, pricing, bigger yet shorter design. Dislikes: Could use a few more cup holders for second row passengers. Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Complete with a tweaked exterior and new interior, Lexus continues to offer its higher demographic consumers the uppermost in technological sophistication and tops it off with the now legendary Lexus dose of opulence.

Redesigned 2010 Lexus RX 350 AWD



dubs as a safe and secure family transporter.

Even some off-road fun is out there if that's your desire, yet I feel most RX 350 owners are not of the "off-road" crowd and more into a trip to the golf course. Still, it's nice to know if you want some mountain adventures, RX 350 AWD delivers.

Inside, the Lexus cabin is ultra quiet and appointed with a bevy of standard luxury features, including Premium Audio with 6-disc CD; dual climate control with rear vents; 10-way power driver and front passenger seats; reclining/sliding 40/20/40 split rear seats; all the powers; Homelink receiver; rear privacy glass; genuine wood trim; LCD screen, for audio, climate and music settings; tonneau cover; carpeted floor mats and more.

The seating is comfortable as expected, and the ride is firm to our liking. The full-time active torque control AWD system is fully automatic and only affects the highway mileage versus the FWD model by one less, with 18 city and 24 highway the official AWD EPA numbers.

Safety is top priority at Lexus, and passengers will feel secure surrounded by a host of standard features, from all the air bags to reinforced roll cage body design. A 4-wheel disc antilock brake system with electronic brake force distribution stops RX with authority, and the 18-inch tires and beautiful alloy wheels add to the traction abilities and overall looks. There's even a tool kit and first-aid kit that comes



2010 Lexus RX 350

We recently were behind the wheel of the third generation 2010 Lexus RX 350 AWD, which is still one of the classiest mid-sized SUV's available today—base price: \$38,200; price as tested: \$48,061.

RX 350 is Lexus' answer to a 4-door, 5-passenger luxury SUV that comes in either front or all wheel drive dress. Our model came with AWD, although both front and AWD models receive power from the same 3.5-liter V6 that produces 275 horsepower and couples to a 6-speed automatic transmission with overdrive.

Redesigned for 2010, RX's outward appearance is a bit bolder up front than previous models. The grille is smaller, and the overall appearance has a more curved look. Although the front end protrudes a bit in my style book, Lexus artists don't sway too far from a successful blueprint, as the new shape is still easily recognized as a RX model, past or present.

Out and about, RX drives great, maneuvers well in heavy traffic and is easy to park, thanks to its mid size. When needed, RX 350 turns into a "sports minded" handler when facing sharper highway turns or, when weather turns bad or snow starts accumulating,

standard with the Lexus, a nice finishing touch.

Options and delivery push the base price up near \$10,000, with a \$2,400 Navigation System, which includes a hard disk drive, voice command, XM NavTraffic and more accounting for a big part of it. The second higher cost option is a Lexus Premium Package that includes leather trim, one touch open close moon roof, auto-dimming power heated outside mirrors, power rear door, and an MP3/USB plug in.

Our tester also featured a sport package for \$1,300, which adds 19-inch Sport Finish Alloy wheels with mud and snow tires, sport tuned suspension — thus the firmer ride — and Vehicle Dynamic Management for better overall control. If I were ordering, I'd check this option for sure.

A \$2,000 comfort package with B-Xenon headlamps, adaptive front lighting, intelligent high beams, rain sensing wipers and heated and venti-



lated driver passenger front seats costs an additional \$2,000. I'll pass on this one.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 107.9 inches, 4,343-pound curb weight, up to 80.3 cubic-feet of cargo room, 7.3 inch ground clearance, and

a 19.2 gallon fuel tank. Acceleration from 0-60 arrives in about 7.5 seconds.

It's hard to find fault with one of the best SUV's on the road today, and we give Lexus RX 350 a well deserved 9 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Handling, safety, design, interior, Lexus quality throughout.

Dislikes: Front end protrudes a bit, city fuel mileage suspect.

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2009 Toyota Venza AWD 4-Cylinder



2009 Venza AWD

Engine: 4-cylinder, 182 horsepower.
Transmission: six-speed automatic overdrive.
Torque: 2.7-liter 4-cylinder, 182 pound-feet.
Gas mileage: 20 city, 28 highway.
Wheelbase: 109.3 inches.
Curb weight: 3,945-pound.
Base price: \$27,425; price as tested: \$32,238.

This week, we're driving Toyota's 2009 Venza AWD, powered by a 182-horsepower 4-cylinder engine versus our last Venza test drive, which found a 268-horsepower V6 under the hood.

The major 4-cylinder advantage is, no surprise, fuel mileage. Although there is some loss in acceleration abilities, the 4-cylinder makes up for it by delivering 20 city and 28 highway EPA numbers while the V6 is listed at 18 city and 25 highway. As for torque, the 2.7-liter 4-cylinder produces 182 pound-feet, while the thirstier 3.5-liter V6 lists 246 as its torque number.

All things considered, the 4-cylinder generates enough horsepower at 182 for nearly every mode of driving. Additionally, the 28 highway EPA number is excellent, as Venza is not a small vehicle by any means. I also feel even more highway mileage is possible if the driver utilizes the "egg between the accelerator and your foot" method of driving. The V6 we tested earlier this year did not do well in city mileage situations, and I was suspect of the 25 highway number, too.

Outwardly, Venza offers a new, fresh, style that is catching on with the American car buyer. However, we still disagree with Toyota's labeling Venza as a "sedan," as it is, in reality, made up of crossover/wagon DNA. I feel the styling of Venza is a high point, and as nice as some of the more expensive competitors. Thus, be it Infiniti, Cadillac, Chevy, Ford, Lincoln,

Jeep, Dodge, Buick or what have you, these crossover style wagons are gaining in popularity and will continue to attract dealer showroom traffic.

The best Venza "buy," overall, may be its entry level 2WD 4-cylinder, which starts at \$25,975 and comes with all the necessities, sans some of the bells and whistles the higher priced models feature. The entry model achieves 21, city; and 29, highway EPA numbers — one better than the 4-cylinder AWD, thanks to its lighter drivetrain weight.

During the week-long test, I drove Venza more than 500 miles and enjoyed excellent comfort behind the wheel. The seats are perfect, it's roomy inside and all expected amenities are in place.

All Venzas feature six-speed automatic transmissions with overdrive as standard fare, making possible the good highway fuel mileage and perky performance. The AWD is an active torque control unit, and merges well with its car-style suspension. Thanks to standard 19-inch tires that attach to beautiful alloy wheels, our Venza drove extremely well on the numerous country and two-lane roads I traveled on during the fall foliage season.

On the freeways, Venza responds like a nimble family sedan, similar to its cousin Camry, which, not surprisingly, is constructed alongside Venza



2009 Toyota Venza

in Georgetown, Ky.

Venzas all come with driver and front-passenger front and side air bags, driver knee and side curtains for both rows. Traction control, stability control, four-wheel disc ABS and electronic brake force distribution are also standard fare.

I really liked the power door

rear hatch, which opens and closes with the press of a button. With the hatch up, owners can utilize from 30.7 cubic feet of cargo space that expands to 70.1 cubic feet with the second row seats down.

Options on our tester include a \$2,100 Comfort Package that adds leather, passenger seat

power, heated seats, beautiful satin mahogany wood trim, heated outside mirrors, and a windshield washer deicer. Additionally, an \$815 lighting package adds high intensity discharge headlights with an automatic high beam feature.

A convenience package for \$660 features smart key with

push button power start, power rear door with jam protection, and chrome accented door handles. The final options included floor and cargo mats for \$269 and a cargo net for \$49. With \$720 destination, the final tally came to \$32,238.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.3 inches, 3,945-pound curb weight, 8.1-inch ground clearance, 1,000 pound tow capacity that expands to 2,500 pounds with an optional tow package, 17.7-gallon fuel tank and 5-Star government crash ratings.

If you seek a "sedan" that is really a five-passenger crossover wagon, Kentucky-built Venza will deliver the goods. Toyota dealers are currently offering leftover incentives that might make your visit even more productive.

Likes: Economy, looks, interior, cargo room, comfort, build quality.

Dislikes: Venza price escalates quickly into Lexus price category.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

Little things to lengthen car's life

In the current economic climate, people are looking for ways to squeeze the most out of the dollars they spend.

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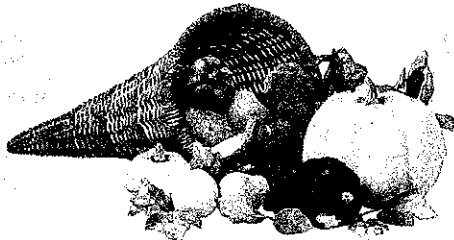
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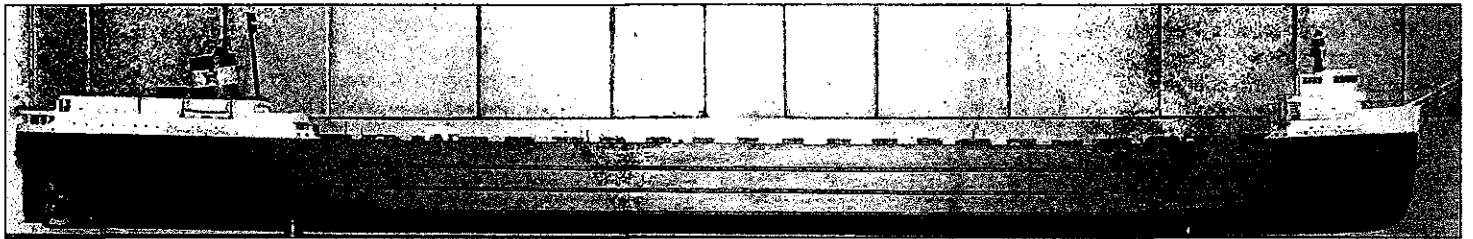


Requiem for a heavyweight

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

On a windless summer day at noon, when the sun has burned morning mist from overgrown bushes and trees that have replaced gantries and machine shops at the former Great Lakes Engineering Works in River Rouge, one can only imagine what this once vibrant and clamorous 85-acre shipyard must have been like two generations ago.

On a June day at noon, 1958, the high-water mark of the company's nearly 60 years of shipbuilding slid off the ways and the 729-foot freighter Edmund Fitzgerald became the largest man-made vessel at that time to sail on the Great Lakes.



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The main launch basin of the former Great Lakes Engineering Works, top, shows little of its once busy self. A second, smaller basin out of view to the left has become home to the Great Lakes Yacht Club. Insert, the 729-foot freighter Edmund Fitzgerald is ready for launching, June 7, 1958. Bottom, Rich Russell of Grosse Pointe Shores spent a couple of winters making a model of the Fitzgerald. Russell made the wood model from scratch using plans bought at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle.

She was the biggest of the big, the first maximum-sized freighter built as long and wide as possible and still fit through locks linking the inland seas.

Barbara Pennybacker was 18 and living near the shipyard when she and more than 10,000 people watched the 75-foot-wide ship launch sideways into a 140-foot-wide basin.

"The place was loaded with people — old women with babushkas and big, straw baskets," Pennybacker remembered. "The

ship made a big splash."

As the ship dived in, displaced water dove out.

"The main thing I remember is fish coming out with the water onto the land," Pennybacker said. "The old women picked them up and put them in their baskets."

Also at the launching was Raymond Ramsay, an Englishman employed at the engineering works.

"I'm probably the last remaining naval

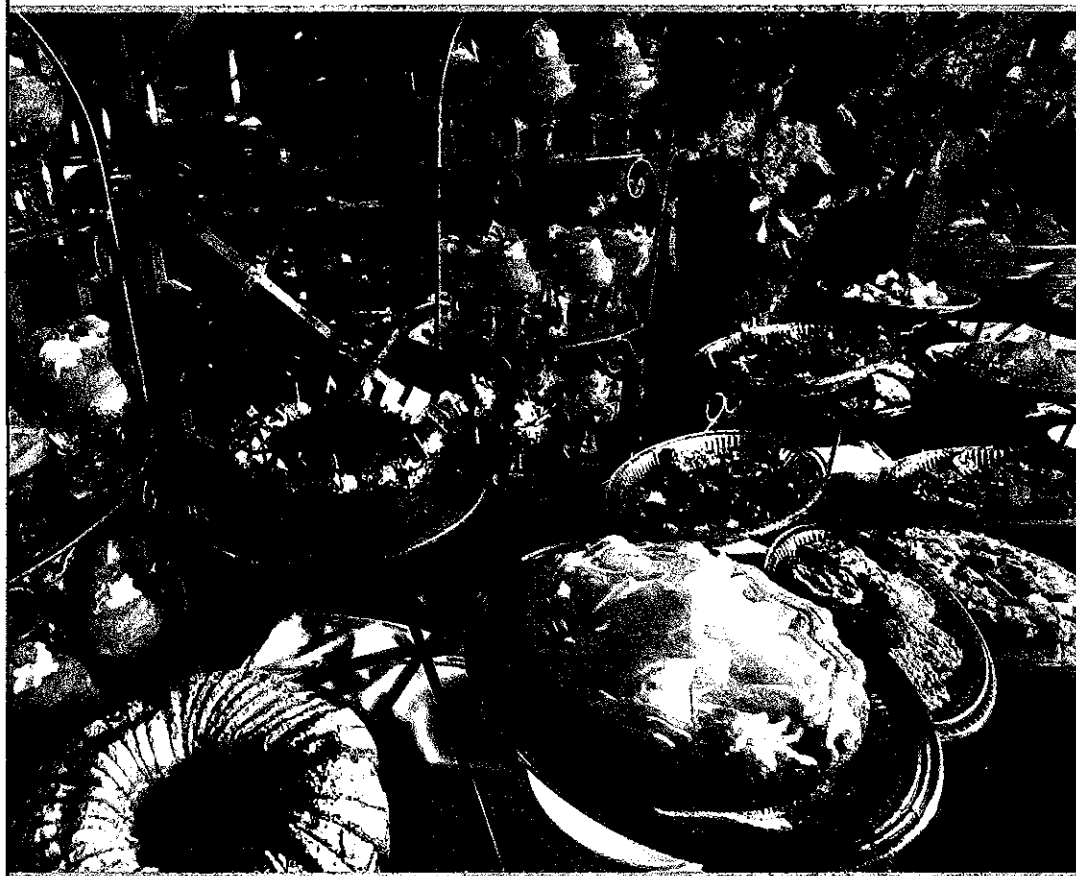
architect of the Fitzgerald's hull design group," said Ramsay, 78, retired and living in Maryland. "The ship became the fastest, longest and, at the time, the biggest-capacity carrying ship on the Great Lakes."

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No one knows what caused the sinking.

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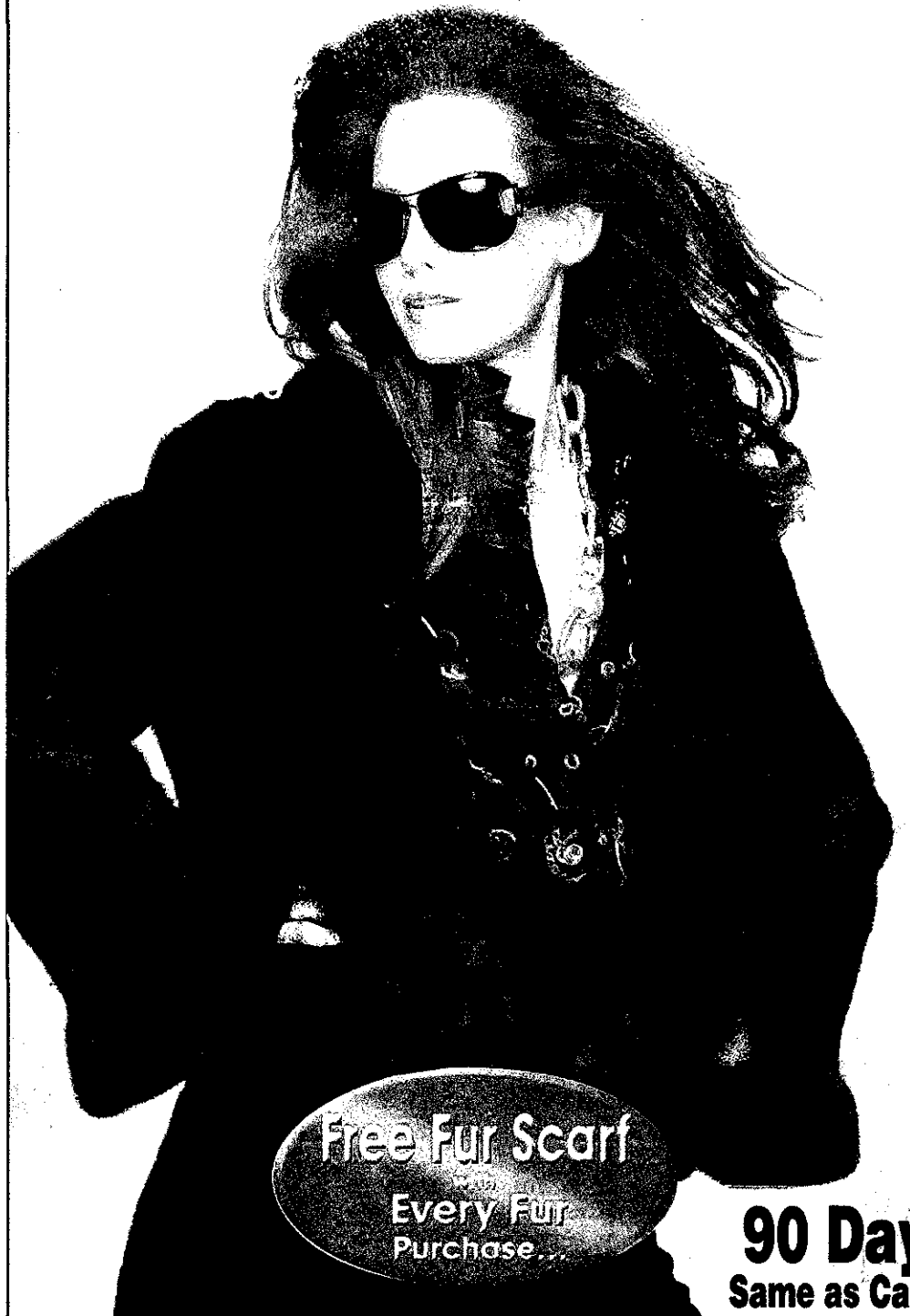
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FITZ: Weak hull doomed ship

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but Ramsay doubted the ship's strength early in the design stage.

"I was concerned all the way through how the ship was built and designed," he said. "I've been vindicated in many ways by what happened."

He was frustrated at not being allowed to make a loading diagram, an analytical tool showing the distribution and intensity of loads on the hull. Such diagrams weren't required by Coast Guard regulations.

"Why did I want to do that? I didn't want to bend the hull," Ramsay said. "My boss told me he'd put skids underneath me if I continued. He said if the Coast Guard doesn't want it and if the owner doesn't want it, we don't get paid for it. So, we're not going to work for free. I got very upset about that."

Ramsay recounts his experiences in "S.S. Fitzgerald: Requiem for the Toledo Express," published this year.

The 156-page book's title refers to the ship's record-setting, 16.3 mph hauls of iron ore from Lake Superior docks to Toledo.

Bending and twisting

Ships are designed to flex, but Ramsay and others said the Fitzgerald bent too much.

"The ship, when sitting bare-bones in the dock having just been launched, was bending 1 1/2 inches for every 100 feet of length," Ramsay said. "It was hogging: The center of the ship was higher than the ends of the ship."

He blamed design shortcomings on lax regulations that assumed Great Lakes vessels didn't need to be as stout as ocean-going counterparts.

"A commission in the mid-1930s said wave conditions on the lakes are not as severe as at sea," Ramsay said. "They said a laker only needs to have 50 percent of the transverse strength that the same ship would need if it went in the deep ocean. So, automatically, you have a piece of spaghetti on the drafting table."

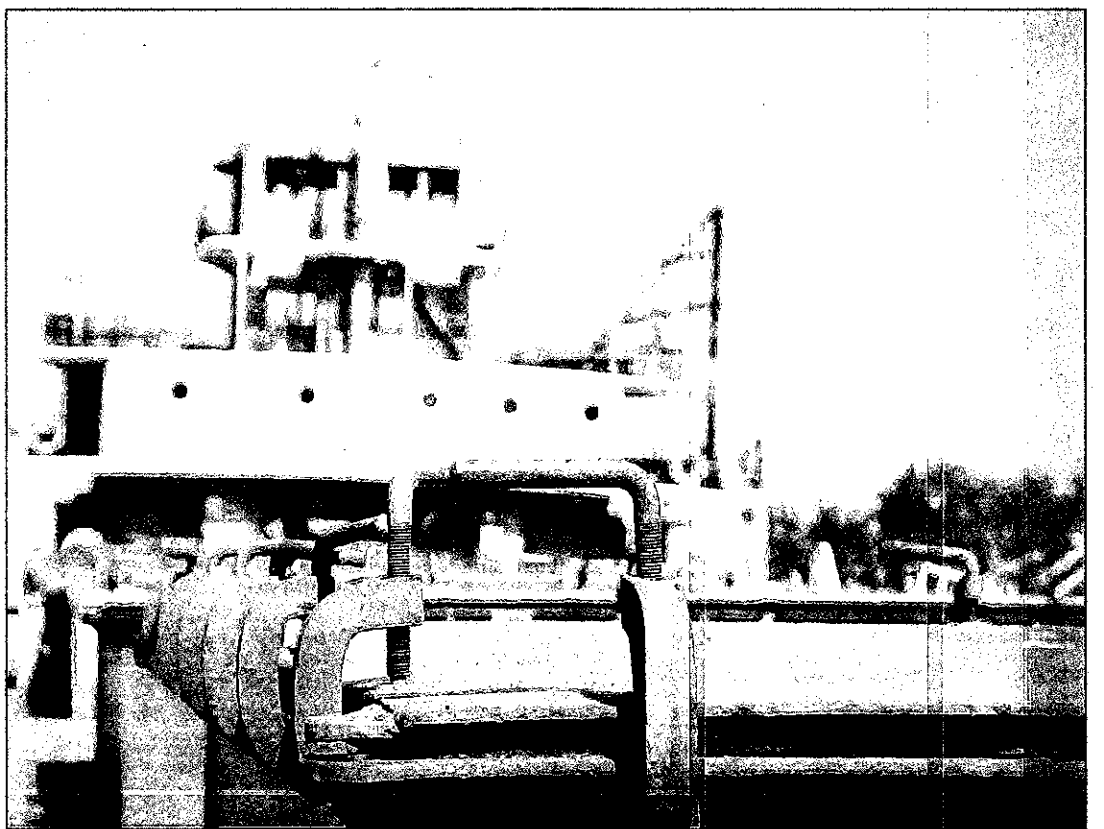
Ramsay sailed on the Fitzgerald during sea trials on Lake Erie.

"I witnessed bending and twisting of the ship," he said.

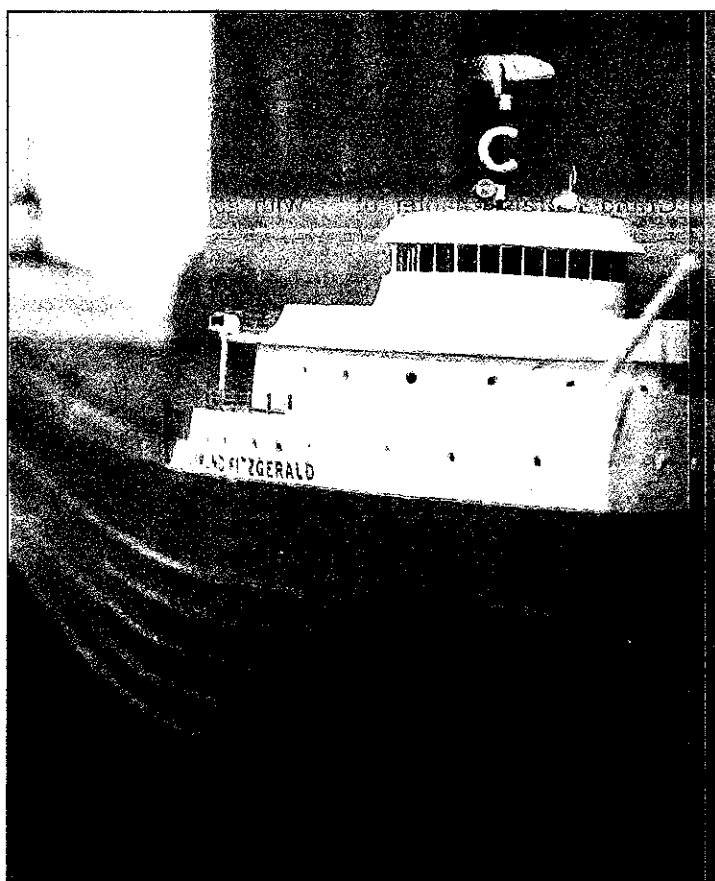
So did Richard Orgel, the Fitzgerald's third mate for a month in 1972, three years before the sinking.

After the wreck, Orgel testified to a U.S. Coast Guard board of inquiry about how the ship misbehaved in heavy weather. He recounted how Fitzgerald Capt. Ernest McSorley, lost in the sinking, worried about how the ship flexed, even in common 10-foot seas.

"That's not much of a wave," Orgel testified.



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Each of 1,428 clamps on the Edmund Fitzgerald's 21 hatch covers had to be secured by hand, as shown at top on the Willis S. Boyer, built at Great Lakes Engineering Works as the Col. James M. Schoonmaker, and now a museum in Toledo. The Fitz, 530 feet down and broken in two in a model at the Dossin Museum, middle, presented as though viewed through the porthole of a diving bell. At left, Russell's model.

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and operated by a division of Oglebay Norton, a company Ramsay called "very reputable."

"The ship's owner wanted to optimize the ship's cargo carrying capacity," Ramsay said. "This makes sense. They're in the business of hauling bulk cargo. So, a lot of our research and development money was spent to optimize the shape of the stern to make it efficient. That's how we got the 16.3 knots."

Final voyage

The Fitzgerald began her final voyage shortly after noon Nov. 9, departing Superior, Wisc., for a run southeast through the locks at Sault Ste. Marie.

Her three cargo holds, separated by screens, not watertight bulkheads, contained 26,116 tons of taconite. Delivery was scheduled to a steel mill on Zug Island, about three miles up the Detroit River from where she was launched 17 years earlier.

A winter storm from the northwest kicked up behind the freighter with nearly 60-mph winds. Waves reached 35 feet.

"She went into a monstrous wave system," Ramsay said. "You had a seiche, a one-directional flow from the northwest, unimpeded for 300 miles. Then, you had a swashing effect, where the wave system swashes back and forth up and down the lake. Another part people tend to overlook is a claponic wave."

The name hints at its definition, like clapping.

"Clap your hands under water in the bathtub and see the big, spewing wave that comes out," Ramsay said. "Coming from the northwest down to the Soo, with Canada on the left side and America on the right, there are tall, underwater

He testified to looking back from the forward superstructure seeing the deck ripple as a wave passed astern.

"You could look back through the chart room and see it go down the deck," Orgel said. "Just like you had a run-

ner like a rug and you flipped it. I said to (McSorley), she sure does bend a lot for 10-foot seas. While he was going to his room, he says, 'Sometimes it scares me.'"

Orgel blames the sinking on hull weakness, not bad seamanship or the crew's laziness to batten down the ship's 21 hatches in foul weather, as some people have proposed. He makes his case in the 2008 book, "The Fitzgerald Hull Failure." Excerpts of his Coast Guard testimony are recorded on the Internet at lakefury.com.

Years of hull bending, or deflection, can fatigue steel and make it weak, according to Ramsay.

The Fitzgerald was inherently susceptible to fatigue, seeing how its design was simply extrapolated from smaller bulk carriers before the keel was laid on the lubber line, a string of straight-and-level cement blocks at the shipyard.

"She was designed beyond the state of the art," Ramsay said. "The ship was not thoroughly researched and developed. After she was delivered, the Coast Guard authorized the ship to load about four feet deeper to carry more cargo. But they did not do any structural modifications. So, you had an already questionable hull compounded by carrying another 4,000 tons of cargo. Something had to give."

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AREA ACTIVITIES

La Societe des Jardinières

The La Societe des Jardinières meets at noon Thursday, Nov. 12, at the home of Phyllis Kerslake, who will provide lunch.

The topic is Buchart Gardens of British Columbia.

AAUW

American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, host "Giving Spree" at Circare, 23024 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, during business hours, Nov. 12-14.

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For more information, call Carolyn Barth at (313) 881-0409 or Marianne Schrader at (313) 885-8304.

Women's Connection

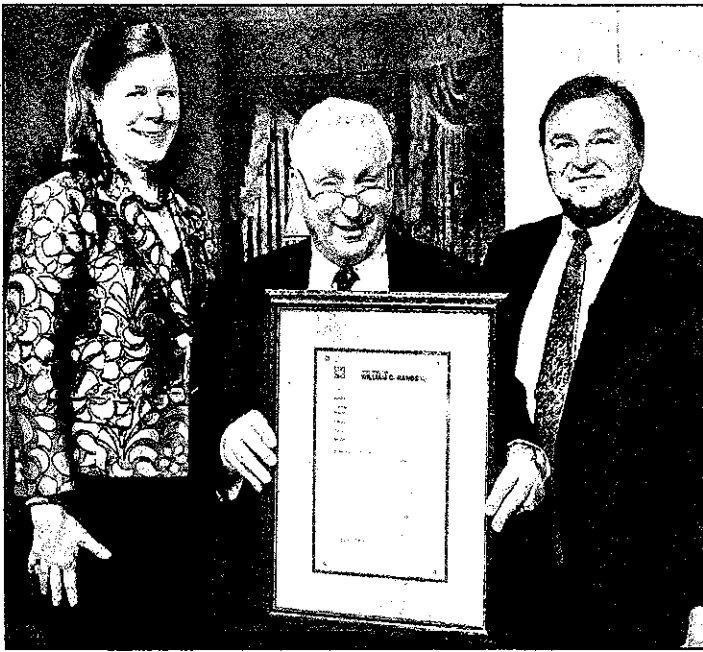
The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. The speaker is Cathy Thiecke whose topic is "The Bells Are Ringing, The Red Kettle's Clanking."

The cost is \$27 for members and \$29 for nonmembers.

For more information, call Marcia Piekielek at (313) 884-4201.

La Leche League

La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call Jennifer at



Library foundation

During an Oct. 22 fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe Public Library at Mr. and Mrs. John L. Booth's house, founding president of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, Bill Rands, was recognized for his six year of service to the organization. From left, foundation director Becky Booth, Rands and foundation president Don Day.

(313) 821-9196 or Elizabeth at (313) 640-9438.

Grosse Pointe Questers

Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the back of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall parking lot. Mary Kaye Ferry discusses the history and significance of one-room schoolhouses, including the Cook School.

Organizers of the event are Therese Dow and Lisa Gandelot.

Grand Marais Questers

Grand Marais Chapter of

Questers No. 215 meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Margaret Thompson's house. Speaker Judith Colbey discusses "Black Light and its use in Evaluating Antiques."

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at noon Monday, Nov. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

M.L. Elrick of the Free Press and 2009 Pulitzer Prize winner for coverage of the Kwame Kilpatrick scandal is the speaker.

Coin collecting

With gold and silver at, or



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Troop assistance

The La Societe des Jardinières Garden Club collected items for the United States service men and women during its October meeting. They collected soap, shampoo, toothpaste, razors, microwave food, wipes, lotion, dry snacks, antibiotic cream, cards and cash. The items were delivered to a local beauty salon and sent to Team Selfridge Family Relief Fund. From left are, Shirley Zambiasi,

Joann Niederoest, Sandy Magreta, Kathie Smith, Karen Kolp, Helena Thurber, Pat Hays, Mary Dennehy, Phyllis Kerslake, Cheryl Nelson and Sharon Lutz.

near, all-time record prices, coins may make a good investment as well as a fun hobby.

Those interested in discovering the world of coin collecting and coin investing can attend "Coin Collecting for Fun and Profit," from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Presenter Bill Ewald discusses how, for some collectors, coins may make a good investment. Participants can find out what their own coins are worth, how to determine value, different ways to form a collection, which coins have a good chance to increase in value, pit-

falls to collecting, mistakes people make selling their coins, storage methods and the future of this hobby.

The cost of the program is \$22.

To register and for more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Vision support group

The Friends of Vision support group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, and Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-

4710, ext. 225.

Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Alger House of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms for bridge.

Members observe Thanksgiving with a special luncheon.

To make or cancel reservations, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566 before Monday, Nov. 16.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

LTA
 "Everything You Wanted to Know About Islam, But Never had a Chance to Ask" is the topic of speaker Najah Bazzy at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at Christ Church Episcopal Grosse Pointe, 251 Lincoln, City of Grosse Pointe.

She is CEO of Diversity Specialists and Transcultural Health Care Solutions and the executive director and founder of Zaman International, a nonprofit humanitarian organization which provides hope for humanity.

Ecumenical breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, in the Fellowship Hall of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is the Rev. Ben Van Arragon of the First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Pasta for the Poor

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its annual spaghetti dinner at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. Adult tickets cost \$12, senior tickets are \$10, children 6 to 12 \$5 and children under 6 get in

free.

Rummage sale

The United Methodist Church, 24036 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14. Everything is half off on Saturday.

Willy Wonka

The Laughter and Inspiration at First English PLAYERS present the musical, "Willy Wonka," Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 13-15, in The Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The show starts at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m.

Admission for dinner and the play is \$18 and \$13 for students.

Tickets for just the play cost \$10 or \$7 for students.

Advanced tickets can be purchased by calling the church office at (313) 884-5040.

Music in the Woods

Glenn Burdette, director of music ministries at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham, presents a harpsichord concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at St.

Michael's Episcopal Church, 20745 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

This is the second event in the Music in the Woods series to benefit the church.

Burdette is adjunct assistant professor in music history and harpsichord at Wayne State University. He earned a Bachelor of Music in organ performance and music history from Oberlin College and a Master of Music and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Cincinnati.

His performance music is to include "Fanasia in C Minor, S 906a" by Bach, "Sonata No. & in D Major" by Hayden and variations on "Ah! Vous dirai-je, maman, K. 265" by Mozart.

For more information, call (313) 884-4820 or (586) 465-8166.

Requiem

A program of choral music for the month of All Souls is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe, Detroit.

Bob Barnhart directs "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure. Soloists are soprano Gail Mitchen and baritone Davis Gloff. A freewill offering will be taken.

For more information, call (313) 961-8711.

Eastside Take Control

Eastside Take Control: The

Ecumenical Career Networking Group meets at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

The topic is resume pointers from the pros. For more information, call Sarah Sharp at (313) 822-2817.

St. Sabbas

St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods, sponsors The Royal Eagle Fine Dining restaurant from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 and 19, with a full menu of food from around the world.

The Russian Tea House is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17. Donation is \$20.

For reservations, call (313) 521-1894.

Feast and Thanksgiving

The Board of Fellowship at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, sponsors a Thanksgiving Eve gathering at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25.

The first "Liturgy of Feast and Thanksgiving" begins with stew, bread, butter, pumpkin pie and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. A worship service follows.

Admission is free and attendees are asked to bring canned goods for the church's food pantry.

Reservations are needed by Sunday, Nov. 22, and may be made by calling (313) 884-5040.

Organization brings 'God's word' into marketplace

By Sally A. Schuman
 Special Writer

Relevant: bearing upon or connecting to the matter at hand; logical, precise; having striking appropriateness, pertinent: to the point and opportune.

From the fullness of this definition came the vision of Point of Relevance, a grassroots non-profit Christian organization that sponsors lectures, seminars and workshops on timely and controversial subjects.

"We are bringing the truth of God's word to real issues," Point of Relevance President Alison Lorkowski said. "We take what is relevant for today, connect it to the word of God and bring it into today's marketplace." Lorkowski, a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident, along with husband, Mark, incorporate those ideals in their lives with children Morgan, 15, Alana, 13 and Chad, 9.

The impetus for the group came from Lorkowski's involvement with revamping the Grosse Pointe School System's health education program. "It caused me to pay attention to what was being taught to our children in the school system and gave me the idea to start an alternative source of teaching. Everywhere we go we're be-

ing bombarded with the secular viewpoint and leaving God out. I wanted to approach these same subjects and more, but connect them to the word of God," she explained.

Lorkowski sought someone to bring her plan to fruition and came to learn from a friend in her Bible study group she was the one to do it.

"I had no experience in this, no speakers, no resources, but God spoke to my heart, 'Just do it.' It's a calling. It's something you don't pick. When God calls, you either say 'yes' or 'no.' I said 'yes.'"

Lorkowski's preparation had been many years of deep study of the word of God. "I'm a real seeker of truth," she said.

Point of Relevance hosted its first speaker in 2007 and is entering its third year.

"God has just provided everything we have needed, from mentors and covering speakers, lawyers and graphic designers. They've all come forward and offered their services."

Subjects have included: relationships, finances, parental rights and maintaining freedom, creationism, nutrition, contemporary paganism and spirituality amid competing world views.

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 Nov. 15 - Fall Cantata, 9 & 11 a.m.
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MORE FITZ: Designer speaks out

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cliff faces on both sides of the waterway. When water from the northwest, with the seiche and sloshing, gets there, there's nowhere for it to go because it's at the end of the lake, like in a bathtub. So, the clapnet wave system strikes the cliff surfaces and merges its energy with that which is already coming downstream and you can double the average height of a wave."

That meant nearly 80-foot waves could have broken over a deck sliced by 21 hatches measuring 48-by-11 feet.

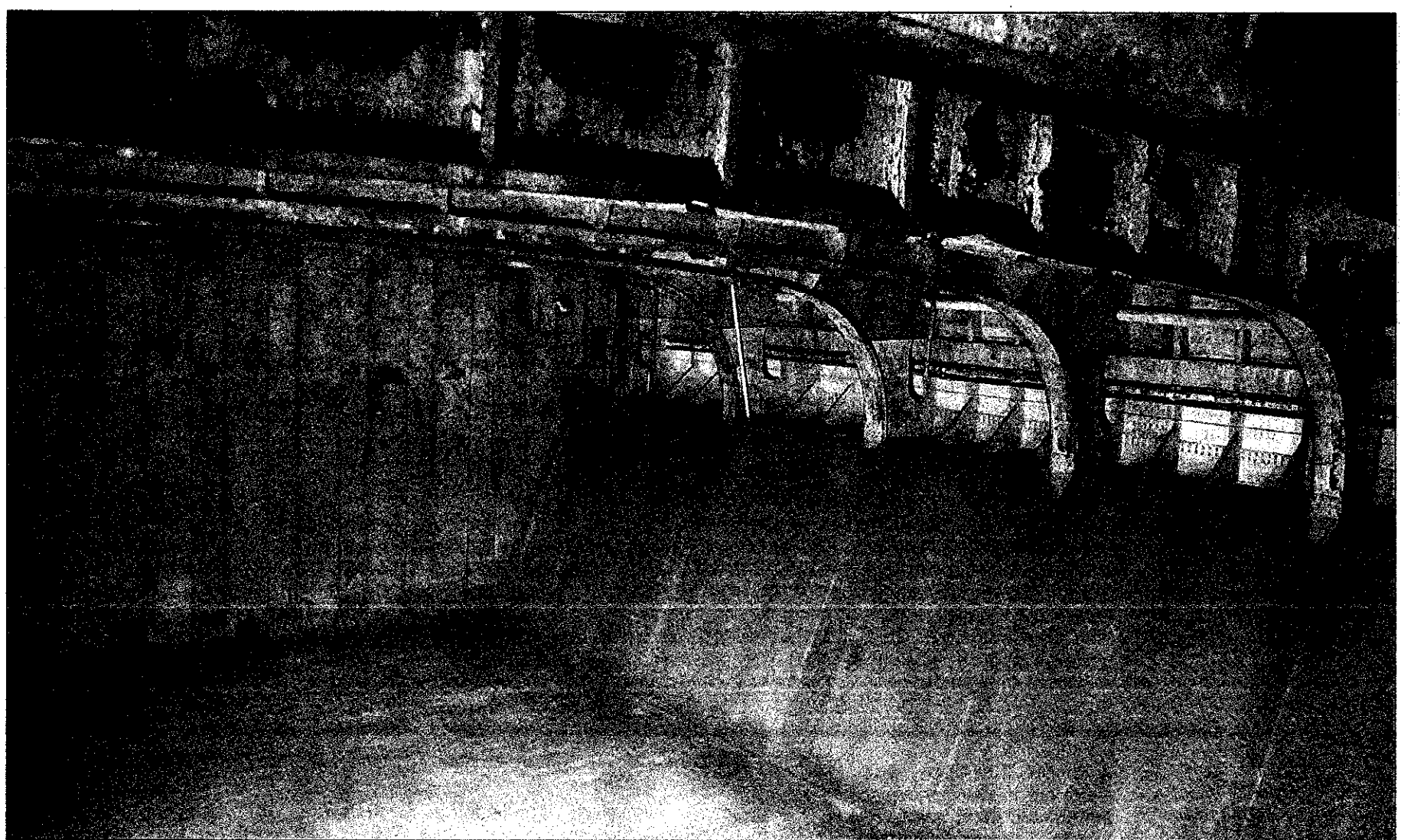
Each hatch was topped by a 5/16-inch-thick steel cover. Each cover was secured by 68 clamps, for a total of 1,428 clamps that had to be tightened by hand.

The covers were designed to withstand a four-foot waterhead, the weight of water breaking four feet over the deck.

"An 80-foot wave coming down, kerplunk, on a deck with a four-foot waterhead hatch cover means you're looking at almost a 40-foot waterhead rather than four feet," Ramsay said.

Waves compounded stress to the hull.

"Keep in mind, this was not just a standing ship," Ramsay said. "It's pitching at the stern and at the bow. You get water over the stern forcing it lower



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Fitzgerald had three cargo holds similar to the center hold of the Willis S. Boyer, built in 1911. Unlike the Boyer's three holds, which are separated by solid bulkhead's, the Fitzgerald's holds were divided by screens.

in the water, causing the wave system to go over the aft deckhouse and fall down onto hatch No. 21 or 20, the immediate aft ones. My theory is you stave in those hatch covers with a 40-foot head, and you get instantaneous failure. The cargo hold could flood in seven seconds, at the most 14. The

energy has to go somewhere."

Shortly after 7 p.m. the next night, the Fitzgerald broke in two and sank in 530 feet of water.

Ramsay went on to work for the U.S. Navy designing attack submarines made by General Dynamics in Connecticut.

"With submarines, you don't

get a second chance to make your first mistake," he said. "The research and development that goes into submarines, you're looking at about 25 years of development. A lot of lab work and sea work. That is not done in the merchant marine. They don't have the time and money."

His credibility is driving sales of his book, according to Don Hermanson, publisher of Keweenaw Media Press. Hermanson specializes in maritime books and videos.

"Mr. Ramsey knows every rivet and weld of the Edmund Fitzgerald," Hermanson said. "We printed 2,500 books in the

first run and are ready to go to press again. Several stores have reordered it four times."

Ramsay lives in suburban Washington D.C., where anything west of the beltway is considered Indian territory.

"Where I live in Maryland, they don't even know the Great Lakes exist," Ramsay said.

Optimists honor students

Marcella Wilson, CEO of Matrix Human Services, is the featured speaker when the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe honors 16 high school seniors from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, Harper Woods High School and University Liggett School at the 28th annual Youth Appreciation Awards Program.

The event is 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The students are being honored for their volunteer commitments to school and community, as well as their academic, athletic and arts accomplishments.

The 2009-10 award winners are:

Grosse Pointe North — Lauren Bradley, Adam Devine, Dayana Moss and Julia Vanderbilt.

Grosse Pointe South — Catherine Fox, John Maniaci, Rose Pawlowski and Daree Shannon.

Harper Woods — Daemon Carter, Mabelle Fagoaga, Jie Hemphill and Chelsea Wagner.

University Liggett — Benjamin Gellman, Mary Grech, Sophie Mair and Warren Damman.

Wilson is a life-long Michigan resident with more than 25 years experience in health care and social work services. She has experience in not-for-profit management, managed care systems, behavioral health, criminal justice and the public sector.

In memory of a former Optimist member, the club awards \$500 George Kappaz Memorial College Scholarships to four of the honorees.

The club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information about the club, call President Jeff Graham at (313) 647-9830.

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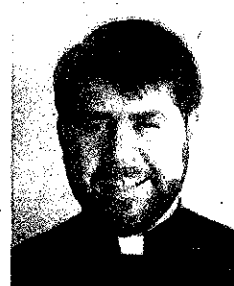
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11:30 am Senior Men's Club
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Who's In The Kitchen?

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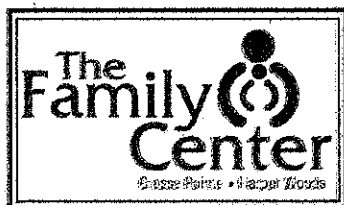
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Deb Kraft, Dorothy Heitjan and Linda Whitman

Preschool years build foundation for later years



It is vital in the preschool years to provide your child with experiences that build the foundation for later success in school.

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 - ◆ Unstructured time to move and use the body — play on the playground, jump, swing, run
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 - ◆ Limit screen time — TV, computer, hand-held devices
 - ◆ Establish a good routine — healthy meals and snacks, set bedtimes
- Kindergarten is your child's first experience in a formal education setting. It bridges working one-on-one with parents with working together with peers in small and large groups. Programs address the social and emotional as well

Save The Date:

- ◆ "Kindergarten: Get Ready!"
- ◆ 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, Nov. 19
- ◆ Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System presenters: Deb Kraft, kindergarten teacher; Dorothy Heitjan, early childhood program teacher and speech pathologist; and Linda Whitman, teacher assistant.
- ◆ Fee \$5 per family
- ◆ Register by calling The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or visiting info@familycenterweb.org.

as the academic needs of your child. They provide opportunities for your child to play and

learn in structured and unstructured situations. Kindergarten provides hands-on experiences to enable your child to connect what they already know to their new learning. However, kindergarten has changed drastically in the last 10 years. Expectations include many former first-grade skills. Michigan Kindergarten State Guidelines and Expectations now include reading and writing. Sight words as well as emergent spelling skills are included. Knowing what a word and even what a sentence looks like in a story as well as reading and writing their own words and thoughts are expected. These skills are at the

emergent or beginning level. There are also new expectations for math, social studies and science. Students will recognize characteristics and patterns, know numerals to 100, count by twos and fives to 30, and express story equations with drawings and numbers. Enroll your child at the school district's administrative offices and bring along a birth certificate, immunization records and physical examination forms (in September), and proof of residency. Enroll your child as early as possible so you are placed on the public school mailing list and receive important information by mail. When enrolling your child,

you may have to choose between the traditional half-day program, all-day programs or extended day programs. Until then, enjoy talking, playing, riding, cooking, building and exploring with your child every day.

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WORD: Organization brings out truth

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Most recently, Julie Hintz spoke on "Truth About Living 'Happily Ever After,'" a message to teens and parents about teenage dating and sexuality, its consequences and the relevance of God's word regarding abstinence.

"It's our responsibility as parents (to teach this to children) and we only have a short time to do it," Lorkowski said.

"We consider very carefully the speakers we invite for our presentations. The Bible says 'Let not many become teachers knowing they will receive a stricter judgment.' Everyone we ask to speak has studied their topic at great length and has a richness of understanding about what they present. We take this responsibility very seriously," Lorkowski explained. "It's not about entertaining people; it's about alternatively educating people to God's word."

Lorkowski expounded on the Point of Relevance mis-

sion: "As Christians, when we're out in the marketplace we should stand apart. The word of God is truth; we need to move outside of the walls of our churches with it. We may all come from different churches, but we are all the body of Christ. We should come together in the world as light in darkness and move as one body. It's not just going to church on Sunday. In II Chronicles 7:14 God says 'My people' can make an impact on this world and he keeps his promises. His word does not return void.

"We are called within Grosse Pointe. Grosse Pointe is an influential community. If Grosse Pointe can work together as a community and bring God's voice into the marketplace, if we can establish it here, then we'll have the resources to bring it elsewhere. We need to do it and we need to do it quickly. There's not a lot of time out there for Christians. The bottom line is bringing people into the kingdom of God," Lorkowski said.

Point of Relevance is open to people in all communities. For more information, e-mail alison@pointofrelevance.com or visit pointofrelevance.com or call (313) 670-8405.



Assistance league card party

More than 100 women played cards Oct. 8 at the Beaumont Assistance League, Group IV, fundraiser with the proceeds benefitting Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. The Beaumont Assistance League, founded in 1948, is comprised of 450 women who organize such fundraisers as garage, book and uniform sales and host dinner parties in their houses. Group IV committee members are standing, left to right, Nancy Coles, Arlene Connell, Patty Marantette, Laura Tassopoulos, Connie Lucchese, Donna Imesch and Aurelie Saigh and seated, left to right, Karen Kinsley and Suzanne Clem.

X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish

Look who's still not talking

We recently took Andrew, 8, on our annual pilgrimage to visit Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, one of the world's leading researchers on Fragile X. Kravis sees patients on days when she is not working on

numerous basic science and clinical Fragile X research projects at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Lots of questions were asked and answered about Andrew's medications, health, behavior, academic progress, social skills and so forth. The big question finally came up when

I asked: "Will he ever talk?" After a short pause, Kravis said what every parent of a child with special needs fears to hear: "Anything's possible, but it is unlikely he will develop language skills at this point." It's a point worth repeating: "Unlikely."



Yes, there is hope. Kravis mentioned a boy who started talking for the first time at age 19. "Anything's possible," she repeated.

But there is reality. And our reality is Andrew is "unlikely" to talk.

We need to begin to prepare for this reality. How would you handle it? What would you do if you were told your child is "unlikely" to ever speak? How would you communicate?

What if you were to never hear those special words sometimes taken for granted by parents, such as "I love you, Mommy," "Happy Father's Day," or "I miss you."

On the bright side, Andrew is "unlikely" to ask us for the keys to our car, swear, or say the mean things some children tell their parents. It is also "unlikely" we will need to tell him to stop talking too much.

Fragile X Syndrome affects Andrew in a big way, including a severe level of apraxia. Andrew wants to talk, but cannot organize himself to so. Getting the thoughts in his brain to translate to the spoken word is nearly impossible.

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Senior Spotlight

Betty Rudd

Grosse Pointe Park Volunteering since the 1960s

"I took it to heart when JFK said 'ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country,' so I began to look for ways I could help. I volunteer now more than I did when I was working because I have schedule flexibility since retiring."

Rudd's list of volunteer work includes being a Big Sister in the 1960s; working with Wayne County domestic violence programs; assisting on personal protection orders; and agencies including Wayne Council Against Family Violence; Child Help; The Mayor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; Grosse Pointe Park's Kids Talk; Detroit Exchange Club; Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters; Grosse Pointe Artist Association; Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library; St. Paul Lutheran Church Sunday school teacher; and



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Betty Rudd's command center is her kitchen where she keeps her busy schedule up to date on a large calendar.

Pointe Park Homeowners Association.

Rudd also spent 30 years with the Wayne County Clerk's

office, the last five as chief deputy county clerk.

Editor's note: If you know a

senior who volunteers for multiple organizations, e-mail afouty@grossepointenews.com.



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Moon walker

Marilyn Reilly of St. Clair Shores dressed as Michael Jackson for the Services for Older Citizens Halloween party. She moonwalked across the floor.

X-TRA: Son unlikely to speak

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Today, Andrew speaks about 10 words and all start with the letter B or P, spoken softly and in approximation to the actual words. Other words, like "mom," are said when he is excited, but cannot be repeated on request.

Spontaneous sounds come easily; words on demand are much more difficult and often could not be understood by a stranger.

Andrew may be "unlikely" to say he loves us, but we will tell him we love him every day.

Andrew may be "unlikely" to speak many words, but we will be grateful for the ones he does.

Andrew may be "unlikely" to tell us how he feels with the spoken word, but we will continue to learn new and better ways to communicate with him.

Most of us take expressive language for granted. We did, too, until reality hit us in the face.

It's "unlikely" we will ever be the same.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coultish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (fragilex.org). Send questions or comments to mblangan@hotmail.com.

Open enrollment for Medicare

Those enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan can reevaluate their current plan and investigate others during open enrollment from Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.

A one hour appointment with a volunteer to assist those seeking additional information can be made through Services for Older Citizens by calling (313) 882-9600.

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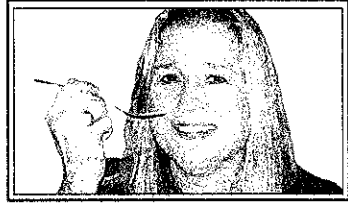
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Slow cooker makes best meals for cold days



I'm happy to say I use my slow cooker on a semi-regular basis. With cold weather swiftly approaching, I suggest you pull your crock pot from the closet and dust it off.

My recipe for "crock" pot roast will make it worth your while. A rich wine sauce comes together with tomato, herbes de Provence and fresh garlic. It's rich enough for a dinner party. Really. (This is not your mother's pot roast. Sorry, mom.)

"Crock" Pot Roast A la Annie

1 3 to 3 1/2-lb. chuck pot roast
2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil salt and pepper
8 to 10 garlic cloves, peeled and halved
2 to 4 small onions, halved



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Slow cook a pot roast for a perfect fall meal which will quickly disappear.

and quartered
4 carrots, peeled and halved (optional)
4 to 5 small potatoes, halved (optional)
1 6-oz. can tomato paste
1 cup full bodied red wine
1 tablespoon herbes de Provence
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Heat a large no-stick grill pan or large skillet over medium-high heat.

Rub meat with olive oil and generously season both sides with salt and pepper. Place meat in the hot skillet and sear for 7 to 10 minutes, depending on thickness. Flip over and sear the other side. Look for a deep sear that is dark in color.

Transfer the seared meat to a large, greased crock pot. Arrange the garlic, onion, carrots and potatoes around the meat.

In a small bowl, whisk together tomato paste, red wine, herbes de Provence and Worcestershire sauce. Pour mixture over the meat. Slow cook for 4 hours on high or 6 hours on low. Taste the sauce after cooking to see if additional seasoning is needed.

Your house will be filled with a yummy flavor that will have your family running to the dinner table.

If you don't have herbes de Provence on hand, any combination of dried basil, sage, rosemary, fennel seed, thyme or marjoram will do.

If your crock pot is really old you made want to invest in a new one that has an auto stop cooking devise. The investment will pay off quickly.

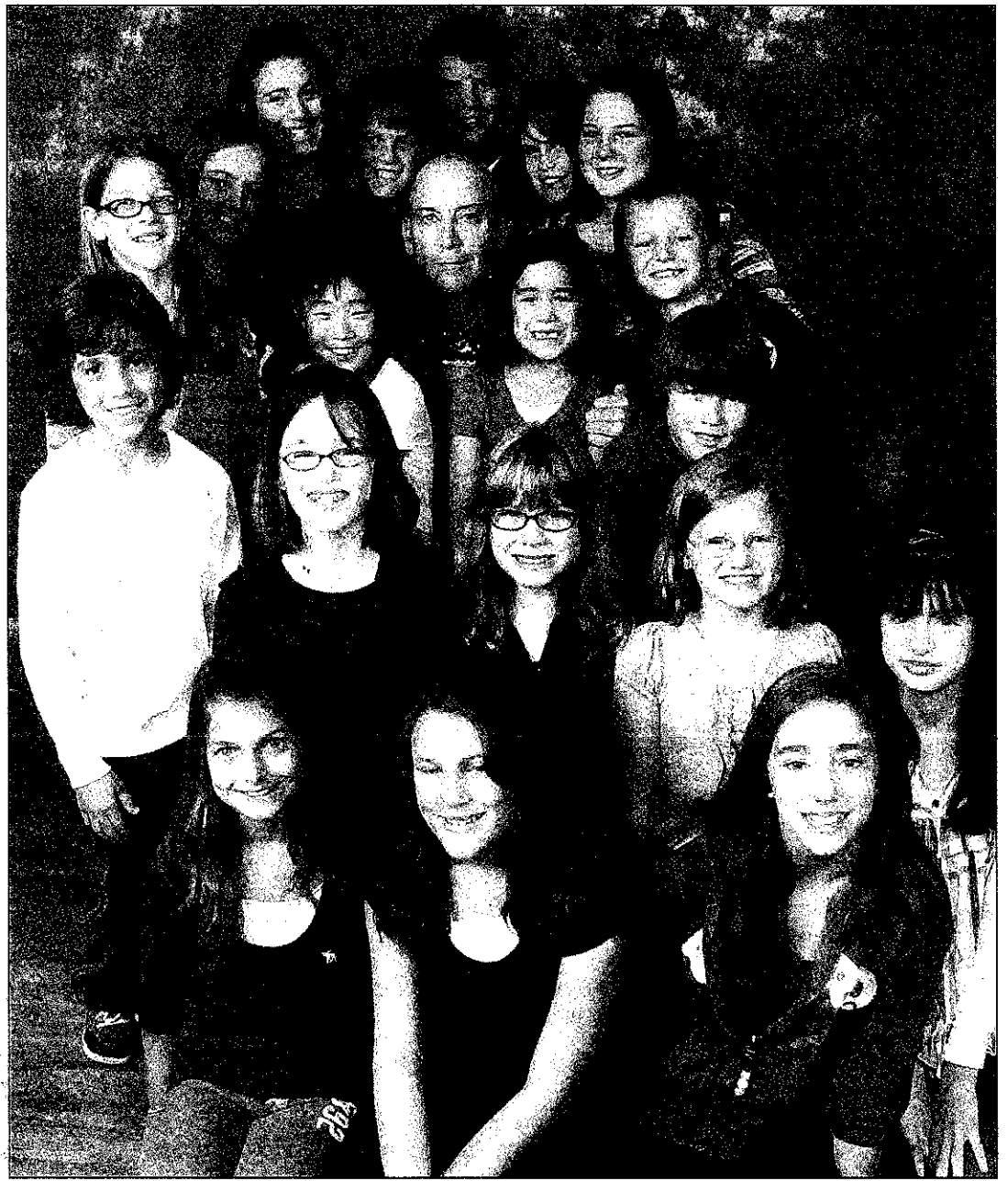


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Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The King and I" features local children and Grosse Pointe Park resident, Mike Trudel at the king.

Grosse Pointe youngsters in "The King and I"

The Grosse Pointe Theatre's "The King and I" ensemble includes many local youngsters from kindergarten through high school, many with family ties.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Mike Trudel, who plays The King, shares the stage with daughter, Elizabeth, and son, David. Trudel's mother, Barbara Bentley, is the makeup chairwoman. Also from the Park are four members of the Calisi family.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lisa Johnson, who plays Lady Thiang, has two children in the show, Greta and William. Siblings from the City of Grosse Pointe include Emma and Charles Kruse and

Mia and Emma Turco. Siblings Sophie and Ian Leszczynski are the children of lighting chairman Erik Leszczynski.

Many children in the presentation were students in Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage program and have had experience performing in smaller children's productions.

Others involved in the show include Grosse Pointe Woods residents Christina Amato and Becky Foglesong; City of Grosse Pointe residents Patricia Allen, Catherine Hartz, Avery Platt and Olivia Baratta; Grosse Pointe Park residents Deidre McKeever, Claire Zimmeth and Jimmy

Menchi; Grosse Pointe Farms residents Naphat Pewnorm and Alexandra Miller; Grosse Pointe Shores residents Leslie Jacobs and Joanna Harr; and Harper Woods resident Sydney Yonkus.

Upcoming performances of "The King and I" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, are 8 p.m. Nov. 12-14; 2 p.m. Nov. 15; 8 p.m. Nov. 18-20; and 2 p.m. Nov. 21. Call (313) 881-4004 for tickets, or visit the ticket office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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ACTIVITIES: Take part in a local event

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Soroptimist

Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe features the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on a blue Christmas ornament. This is the first in an annual series.

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Registration should be done 15 minutes prior to the presentation.

Toastmaster advance communicator Mary Comfort demonstrates presentation

and communication techniques.

For more information, call (313) 525-0369 or e-mail GrossePointeToastmasters@gmail.com.

Kindergarten: Get Ready!

Barnes Early Childhood Center hosts Kindergarten: Get Ready! at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at Barnes, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Deb Kraft, Grosse Pointe Public School System kindergarten teacher; Dorothy Heitjan, early childhood teacher and speech pathologist for the public school system; and Linda Whitman, a public school teacher assistant, are featured speakers. The presentation is from 7 to 8 p.m. in Barnes gym followed by a question and answer time from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

The event is presented by

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Deadlines

Deadlines for the Grosse Pointe News issue of Thursday, Nov. 26, will be adjusted for the holiday. All information for the feature section must be in by noon Thursday, Nov. 19.

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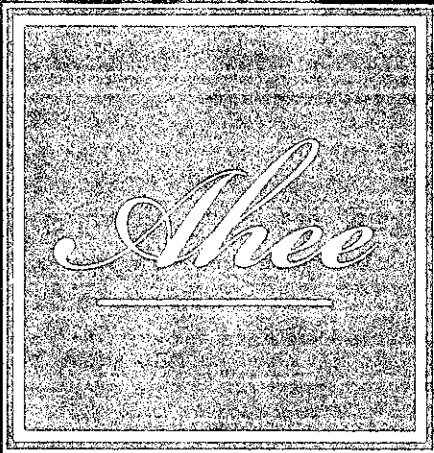
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VOLLEYBALL

Norsemen cruise to district title

Team beats Lake Shore in finals

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Playing a brutal division schedule paid big dividends last week for Grosse Pointe North's girls' volleyball team.

The host Norsemen dominated St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 25-13, 25-20, 25-9 to win another Class A district championship.

"We have played our division opponents tough and lost in five games in most of them, so we knew we would play with some very good teams," head coach Kim Lockhart said after one of the Norsemen's home division matches. "We will be a better team because of the competition we play."

She was right, Lake Shore isn't in the same caliber with L'Anse Creuse, Marysville and

Fraser, and when it came time to play well with a district title on the line, the Norsemen responded in a big way.

Senior Maggie Tignanelli had 13 kills and 14 digs, while freshman Breann Reveley had five aces and seven kills.

Senior Ariel Braker had 11 kills and junior Micaela Liddane had three aces and 19 digs.

Other standouts were senior Chelsea Prush with five kills and 12 digs and junior Andrew Matthew with 42 assists.

The Norsemen dominated the first and third games, but they had to work hard to capture the middle game.

When it came time for a key point, Matthew would set up Braker, Tignanelli or Reveley for a kill.

In the district semifinals, the Norsemen destroyed Detroit Finney, winning 25-2, 25-6, 25-6 as Braker set a school record with 18 aces.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 16-16-4 overall.

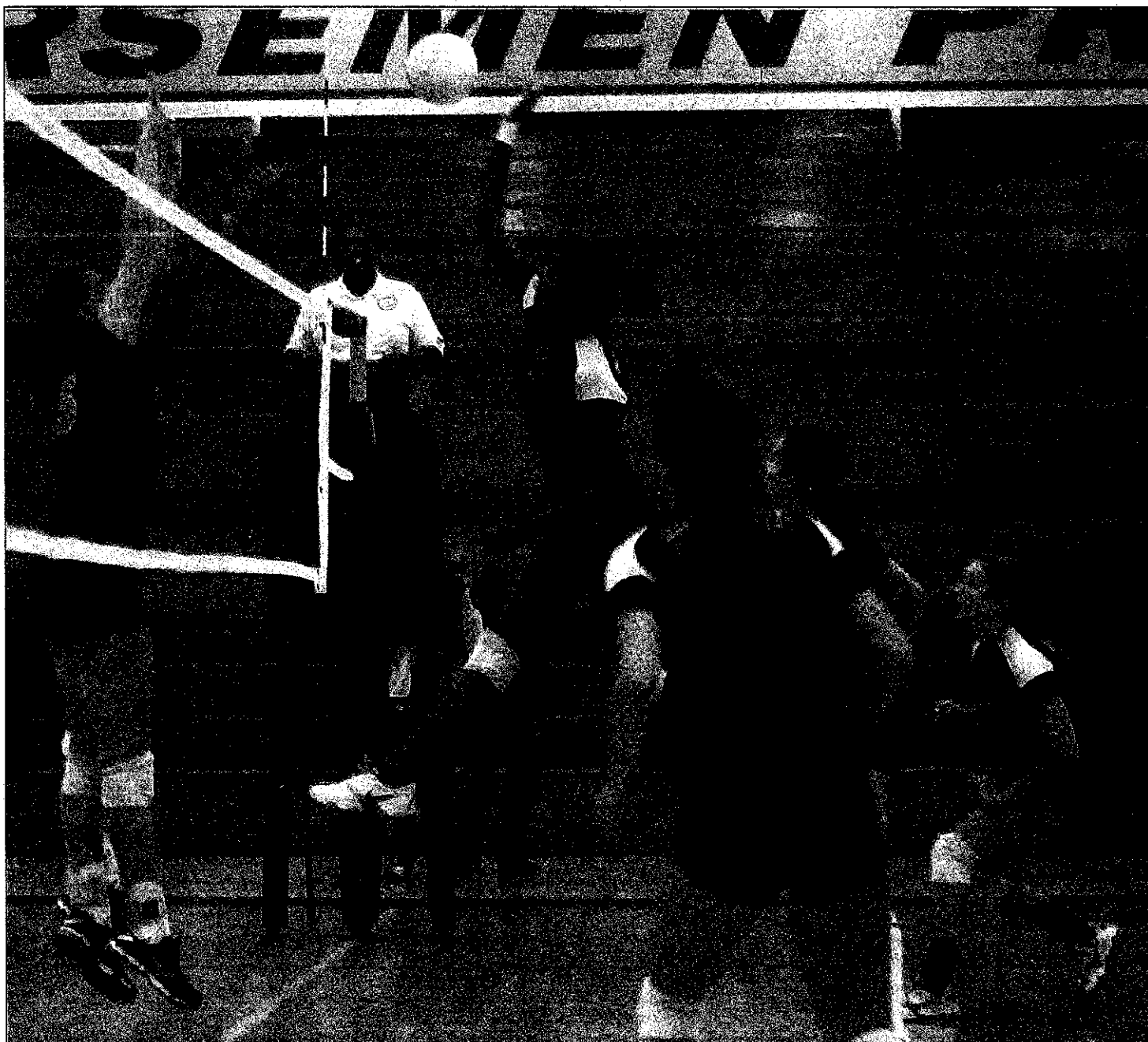


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Grosse Pointe North senior Ariel Braker, center, shown here against Grosse Pointe South in the first round of the district tournament; had 11 kills to help the Norsemen beat Lake Shore in the district title match.

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Girls swimming

South wins division meet, North second

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Led by the league's most valuable player, Grosse Pointe South's girls' swim team easily won last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championship Meet at Grosse Pointe North.

South finished with 453 points, followed by North with 236, Chippewa Valley with 209, Utica Eisenhower with 189 and Utica Henry Ford II with 112.

Sophomore Ali DeLoof earned the meet's MVP honors with her first-place finishes in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke with times of 53.25 and 58.94, respectively.

She was also on the gold-medal winning 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams.

Her teammates in the medley event were senior Molly DeWald, sophomore Jessie Kaminski and senior Kacey Murphy, with a time of 1:53.51, and those on the freestyle relay were senior Lindsay Phillips, junior Caroline Wilkinson and sophomore Laurel Johnson, with a time of 3:52.96.

"We had a good meet overall with mostly solid swims," South head coach Eric Gunderson said. "We had some nice performances and I was surprised at how much we won by because we didn't have our best swims in some of the events."

Right from the opening



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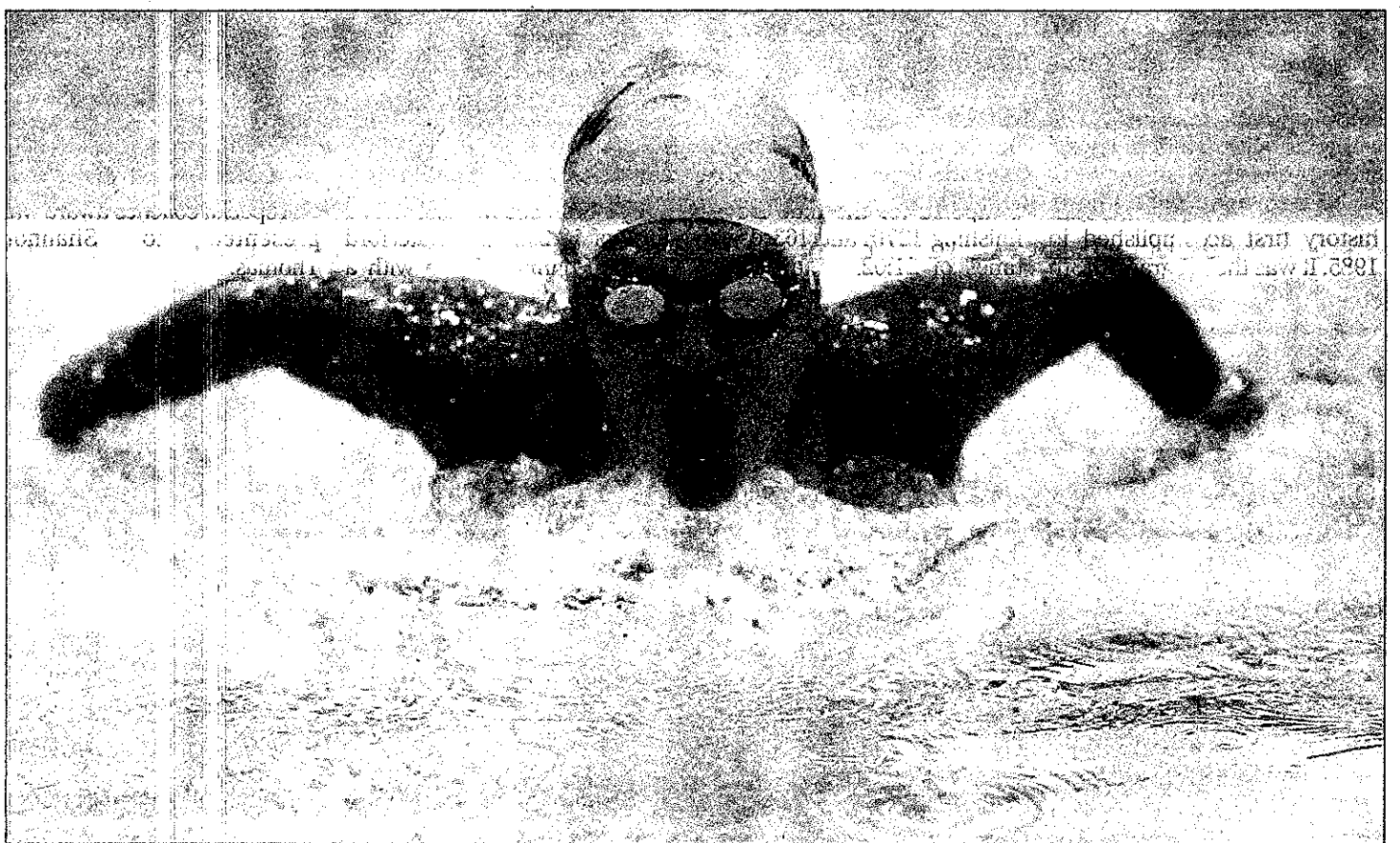
Grosse Pointe South swimmers and coaches celebrate after running away with the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championship Meet last weekend.



Grosse Pointe South sophomore Ali DeLoof earned the most valuable swimmer honor after winning four events in the MAC Red Division Championship Meet.

event, the favored Blue Devils showed it was their meet to win as the 200-medley relay won by nearly six seconds. North was second as junior

Emily Turnbull, senior Jacqueline Shea, senior Hannah Everett and freshman Emma Mathews had a time of 1:59.21.



Grosse Pointe North's Hannah Everett earned her share of points in the MAC Red Division Championship Meet.

Phillips and Wilkinson finished first and second in the 200-yard freestyle for South, posting times of 2:03.02 and 2:03.68.

Sophomore Allyson O'Connell was fifth for South and senior Maresa Leto was sixth for North with times of 2:09.51 and 2:11.71, respectively.

Freshman Lilly Boggs was fifth in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:25.05

and Shea for North was sixth at 2:26.32. This was one of the few events the Grosse Pointe teams didn't dominate.

South and North earned each of the top six spots in the 50-yard freestyle with DeWald winning with a time of 25.48.

Johnson was second at 26.47, followed by Mathews at 26.58, Murphy at 26.78, South freshman Ellen Neveux at 27.06 and North senior Gianna Marx at 27.16.

In the 1-meter diving event, South sophomore Madi Kaiser and South senior Katie LeVan finished second and third with 270.65 and 219.65 points, respectively.

North sophomore Alyson Delaney was fourth with 217.70 points, followed by South senior Lily Parker with 211.10, South freshman Elizabeth Clevenger with 209.15 and North junior Alyssa Mammen with 203.70.

Kaminski was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:05.54, while senior Eleanor Stafford and junior Carrie Condino took fifth and sixth for the Blue Devils with times of 1:07.83 and 1:08.60.

The Blue Devils followed DeLoof's top placement in the 100-freestyle with a second and third, too, with Phillips and Johnson turning in times of 56.41 and 58.66, respectively.

Leto and Mathews helped North earn key points by finishing fourth and fifth with times of 58.99 and 59.27.

South had three of the top six finishes in the 500-yard freestyle, led by Wilkinson's silver medal performance of 5:28.11.

Neveux was fourth and O'Connell was fifth with times of 5:46.49 and 5:47.91, respectively.

North head coach Mike O'Connor watched his 200-yard freestyle relay team of Mathews, Marx, Leto and Shea win with a time of 1:45.84.

South was second as Neveux, Johnson, Phillips and

Murphy had a time of 1:46.25.

North's Turnbull was third in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.52 and Boggs finished in fifth at 1:05.80.

DeWald helped the Blue Devils sweep the 100-yard breaststroke by winning with a time of 1:06.48.

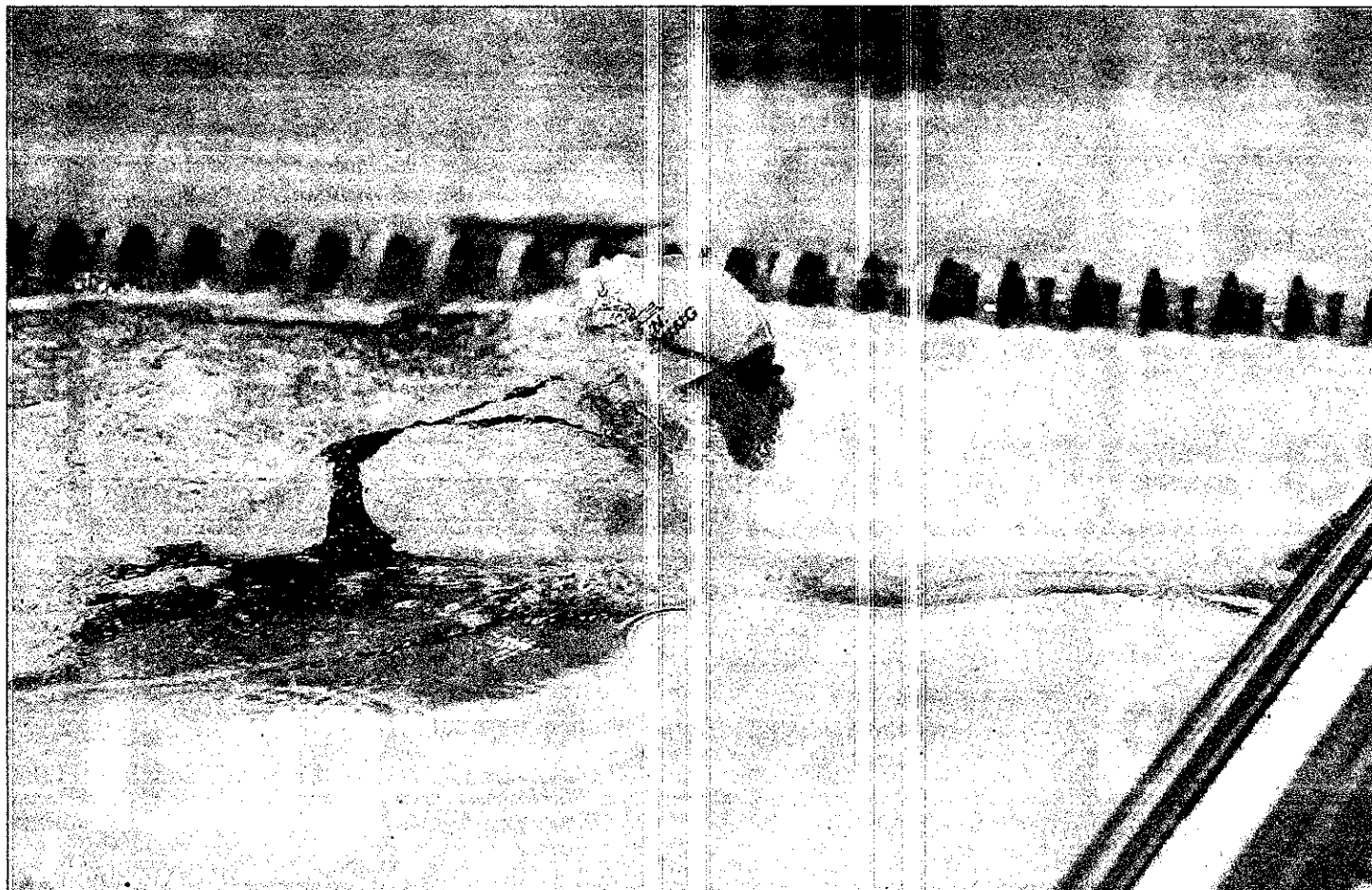
Senior Abby Constant was second and sophomore Megan Brooks third with times of 1:09.63 and 1:13.12, respectively.

North's Shea and Everett placed fifth and sixth with times of 1:16.34 and 1:18.28 to earn the Norsemen 19 points.

The Norsemen earned their final points of the meet in the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Leto, Marx, sophomore Devon McKinley and junior Courtney Rusch took fourth with a time of 4:05.00.

O'Connor also pointed out season-best times were turned in by Mathews, Marx, Bradley, McKinley, Delores Sinistaj and Kara Toma in the 50-yard freestyle; Leto, Mathews, Rusch and Rachel Brennan in the 100-yard freestyle; Leto, Rusch and Toma in the 200-yard freestyle; Kathryn Hartzell and Carolyn Tripp in the 500-yard freestyle; Turnbull in the 100-yard butterfly; Shea and Blake Moncur in the 200-yard IM; and Delaney and Mammen in diving.

Next for some of the swimmers from North and South is the Division 2 state championship meet Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, at Oakland University.



Grosse Pointe North senior Jacqueline Shea had a nice MAC division meet, which helped the Norsemen finish second.

YOUTH HOCKEY

Ice Hawks beat foe in 'awareness' game

The Michigan Ice Hawks Pee-Wee A team packed Liggett's McCann Arena for the first annual "Breast Cancer Awareness" game Saturday, Oct. 24, against the Saginaw Badgers.

The charged atmosphere surrounding the event fueled both teams.

The Ice Hawks scoring started when Nick DiCresce and Howie Hinkle lit the lamp in the first period.

The second period became more physical and scoreless, setting the tone for what would be a frantic third period.

The Badgers struck early in the third, but the Ice Hawks answered minutes later when defenseman Kurt Solak scored on a "coast-to-coast" run.

Ice Hawks scoring was rounded out by a goal from Kyle Banks late in the game as they beat the Badgers 4-3.

Goaltender Shaun Brown played the entire game and was stellar between the pipes.

"I know this game meant a lot to the team, and I tried as hard as I could," Brown said.

Brown's mother, Laura Brown, is a breast cancer survivor.

"Breast Cancer or any unforeseen illness can be really hard on a family," said Brown's father, Jason.

The boys wore customized pink ribbons on their helmets, pink tape on their sticks and the building was decorated with handmade ribbons and posters honoring loved ones who have suffered from breast cancer.

More than 80 family members and parents from the Saginaw players filled the stands for this unique event.

"This was a game to raise awareness, not money," said Ice Hawks Hockey Club President Myke Nevin. "The boys realize how fortunate they are and it was a nice way for them to say 'I love you, mom.'"

Following the victory, the team and their families traveled to hockey headquarters at Grosse Pointe Park's Marge's Bar for a spaghetti luncheon.

There were a lot of smiles and emotion as Ice Hawks fans cheered on their team, but most of all, all involved cheered on someone they know in their life that has been touched by breast cancer.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Michigan Ice Hawks hockey team, based in Grosse Pointe, played a game Oct. 24 at Liggett's McCann Arena to honor breast cancer awareness month. The players had pink breast cancer symbols on the top of their helmet and pink tape on their sticks to support the women and men who have breast cancer, have died of the disease and who are cancer survivors.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Parcells knocks off Brownell in overtime

Parcells Middle School beat city rival Brownell 27-25 in overtime last week.

A full house watched another classic battle between the host Panthers, 10-0, and the Broncos, 6-4.

Brownell came out strong in

the first half with very aggressive play and had its way with the Panthers, leading 11-6 at the half.

Parcells came out in the third quarter with more intensity and better defense. Tri-captain Lindsay Ireland, who

finished with eight points, hit back to back three-point shots to tie the game at the end of the third stanza.

Paulina Perakis, who scored a game-high 11 points for Brownell, was a difference-maker in the second half, us-

ing good court vision and intensity that allowed the Broncos maintain a slim lead throughout most of the fourth quarter.

Brownell had a two-point lead with 10 seconds to play before Parcells tri-captain Katie Kohler, who scored seven points, found Lindsay Ireland off a ball reversal who

was fouled taking a three-point shot.

Ireland went to the free-throw line with two seconds to play. The pressure was on and she was able to sink the first to send the game to overtime, tied at 21.

In overtime, the excitement continued with Brownell scoring off the jump ball to take a

23-21 lead.

Both teams traded baskets and then Brigitte Smith made two huge free throws to tie the game.

Parcells made a steal and got the ball to the third captain, Christy Tech, who scored the winning basket. She scored four points in the game.



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Players from both teams try to get a handle of a rebound during the annual city rivalry game between Parcells and Brownell.

GROSSE POINTE SKATING CLUB



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Halloween fun

Participants in the Grosse Pointe Skating Club enjoyed their annual Halloween party on ice Oct. 31 at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. They dressed up in costumes, skated to spooky music and consumed candy during the festivities. Some of the participants were, from left, Julia Barnes of Grosse Pointe Farms, Katie Marschner of Grosse Pointe Farms and Isabelle Backman of the City of Grosse Pointe. The club is accepting registrations for the next session, beginning the week after Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Gehrke at (586) 775-4642 or send her an e-mail to grossepointeskatingclub@hotmail.com.

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