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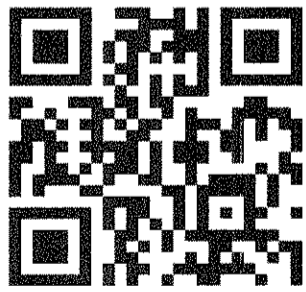
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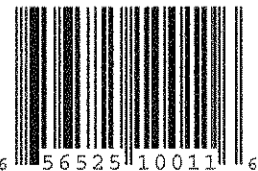
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Animal trick or treat

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

ROYAL OAK — Animals went ape for pumpkin treats a few days before Halloween.

When zookeepers tossed a pumpkin into the Arctic Ring of Life swimming pool, a female polar named Talini did a belly flop after it.

Talini landed with a splat-pawoomph, her buoyantly graceful bulk floating over visitors watching from inside a 70-foot-long, transparent underwater observation tunnel.

She grabbed the pumpkin in her

mouth and dogpaddled to shore.

Halloween was an excuse rather than a reason for Detroit Zoo keepers to liven the animals' day with unusual treats.

"Enrichment is a great way to keep animals engaged in their environment," said Betsie Meister, mammal supervisor for the Detroit Zoo's Arctic Ring of Life. "We try to give them choices and options so they can interact with their environments and objects, like a pumpkin."

Animals given pumpkins included vultures, bison, rhinos, gorillas, snow monkeys, wolverines and anteaters.

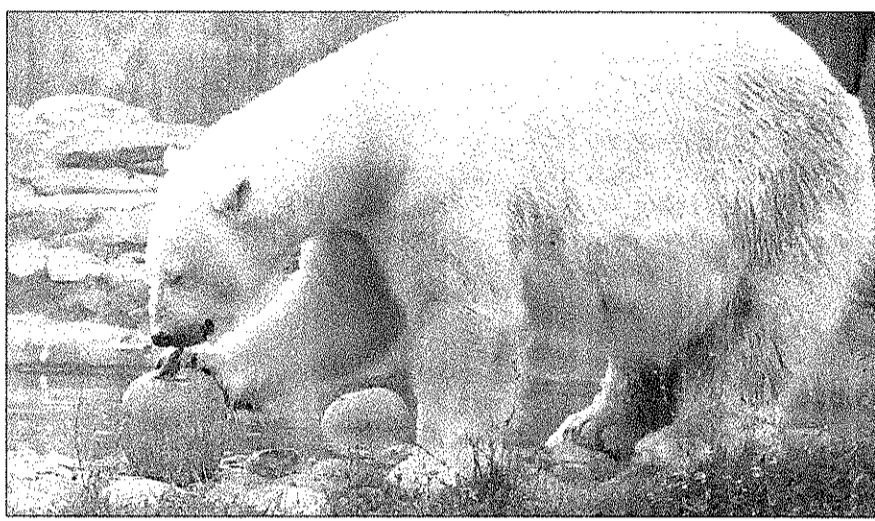


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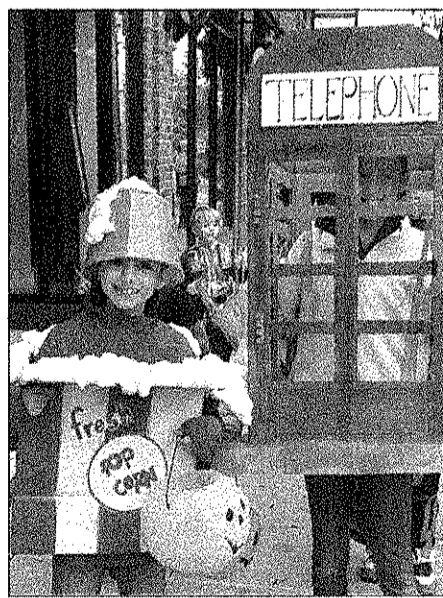
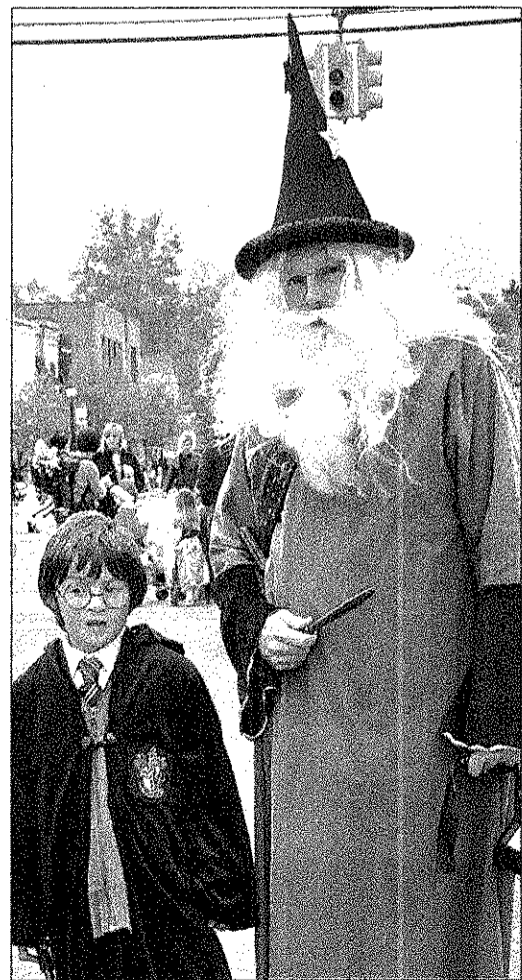
See ANIMAL, page 10A Akila, a male polar bear, inspects a pumpkin coated with fish oil.



Village-style Halloween

Where bananas go, gorillas follow in the Halloween Trick or Treat in The Village costume contest. From left are Ava Noecker, Maria Cavalcanti, Dany Noecker, Nick Noecker, Bebe Noecker, Marshall Farrah and dogs, Stinky and Scout. Below right, Paloma Beacham is fresh popcorn.

Her sister, Maria Beacham, is a British telephone booth. Below, Tristan Davis is Harry Potter. His dad, Charly Davis, is Wizard Albus Dumbledore.



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Celeste Fellberg, a beautiful butterfly.

Thrift Shop now on Mack

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop is operating at 17888 Mack, between Rivard and Washington.

The thrift shop shares commercial property with the Michigan Works! Grosse Pointe Career Center.

"(The shop) will be occupying 60 percent of the building, said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

A separate entrance is located toward the rear of the building on the side closest to Washington. Ample parking isn't expected to be a problem.

"There's parking close by, in the lot behind," said John

Jackson, city planning consultant.

Dame said the lot is "virtually empty all the time."

Although the shop is no longer located within club headquarters, being rebuilt at the corner of Waterloo and St. Clair in the Village, it remains a club operation.

"Plans in the Village do not include a thrift shop," Dame said. "They don't have enough room."

Municipal officials recently approved the installation of a wall sign on Mack marking the enterprise.

"We have encouraged the club to add external lighting on the sign and the side of the building the sign is located on," Jackson said.

Auditor is upbeat

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Things are starting to add up in Grosse Pointe Shores, according to its auditor.

The city is building reserves, holding down expenses and doing the right thing by starting work on financial forecasts, said Aaron Stevens, of the accounting firm Abraham & Gaffney.

Stevens summarized high points of the city's annual audit at this month's city council meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

He cited "a substantial improvement" in the city's general fund.

The unreserved, undesignated general fund balance was \$472,023, with a total fund balance of \$669,513, as of June 30. The latter is nearly 2 1/2 times greater than a year prior.

This year's figure represented 9 percent of annual expenditures, a three-fold increase from last year.

Such funds are essentially

cash on hand, available as a cushion or for emergencies.

Stevens recommended city officials aim for a 20 percent cushion.

Given the Shores' total annual expenditures of \$5.2 million, 20 percent is slightly more than \$1 million.

Yet, Stevens was encouraged by the increase from last year. "Twenty percent is harder and harder to meet today with economic conditions, but you're moving in the right direction," he told the council.

The cushion could be considered 12 percent of expenses if augmented by \$140,000 in unrestricted funds from the sanitation fund, Stevens said.

"You've got a lot of positive things here," he said.

The city's main source of revenue, property tax, generates 82 percent of municipal income.

The largest outlay, 48 percent, is for public safety. General government opera-

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Santa train almost ready

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Backers of the latest addition to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade have gone from, "I think I can I think I can" to "I thought I could I thought I could."

With the addition this year of the Grosse Pointe Express steam locomotive pulling the Grosse Pointe Wellness Train, the parade next month on Kercheval has all the bells and whistles.

The locomotive actually is a parade float. A steam engine body is attached to a gasoline-fueled golf cart bought as surplus after the Country Club of Detroit fire.

The cart is strong enough to tug three cars and a sleigh, the

later loaded with donations for Toys for Tots, a charity founded shortly after World War II by members of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

The train is the creation of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade, a charitable organization separate from the group that presents the parade itself.

"The cart was converted into a locomotive," said Friends board member John Stevens, of the City of Grosse Pointe. "The locomotive became the express train for Toys for Tots."

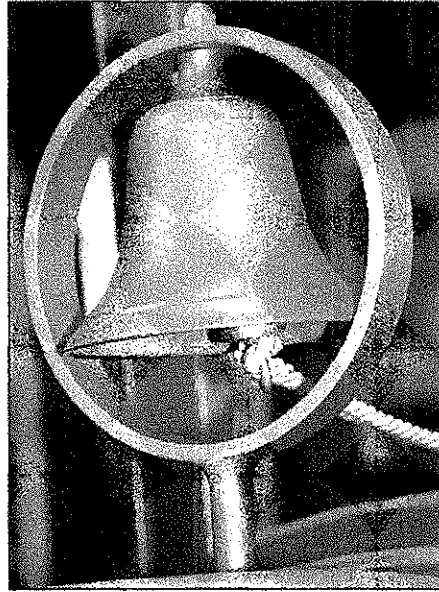
Main sponsor is Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe. Members of the Friends previously funded the design, construction and maintenance of the parade's Santa Claus float, Rudolph the reindeer and sleigh to hold donated toys.

Construction of the Express is in the final stages at Prop Art Studio in Detroit. Work so far totals 160 hours, according to studio owner, Mike Stapleton, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

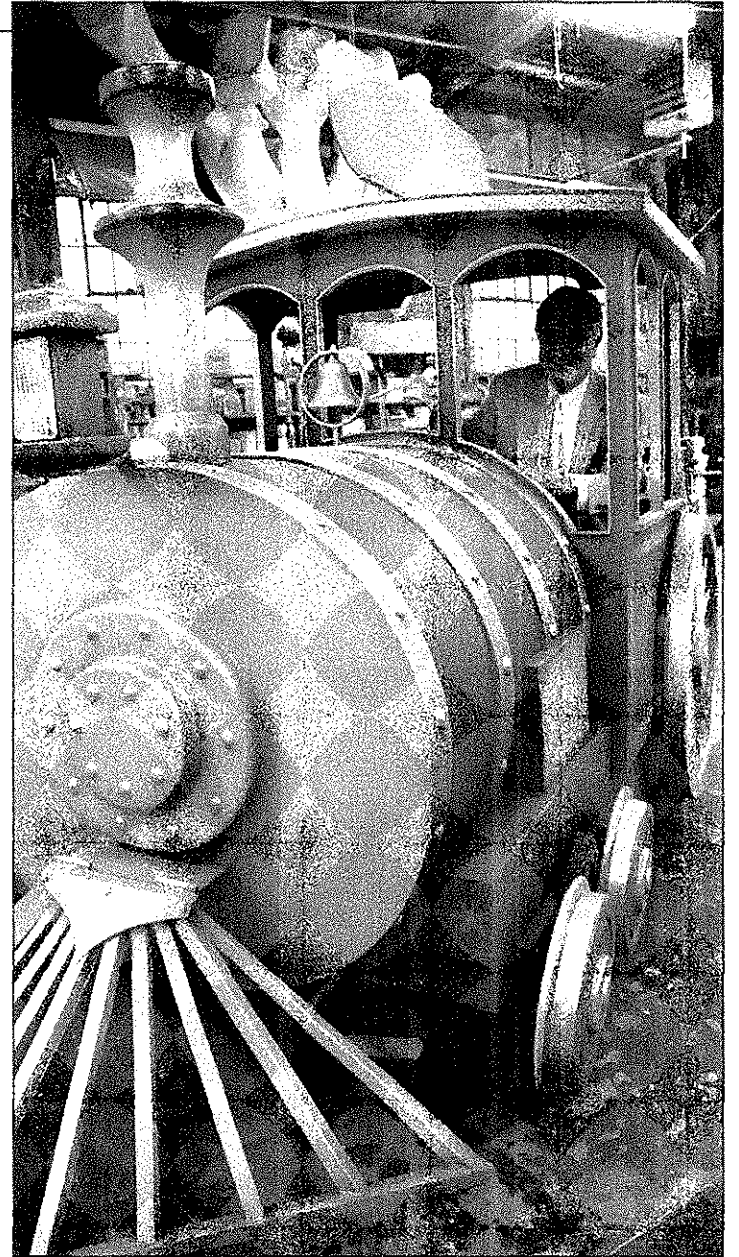
"The engine is made of plywood and Styrofoam," Stapleton said. "The whole thing is covered in urethane plastic, similar to car bumpers."

The train is painted in holiday colors of red, gold, silver and green.

Details and subtleties abound. Molded-on rivets and bolts on the



catcher and simulated smoke boiler casing. The same with



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Above left, the bell on the Santa Express. Above, Santa Express parade float with John Stevens as engineer. Below, Santa Express on the Prop Art Shop floor with, clockwise from left, studio owner Mike Stapleton, John Stevens, Bill Demeter and Christine Schulte, one of the Friends' helpers.



contoured spokes. The engineer looks out crescent frame windows past a funnel smoke-stack. The light and bell atop the boiler operate.

"We'll put a whistle on it," Stevens said.

"Kids will love it," Stapleton said.

He painted the engine "Red Wing Red," the brightest he has.

"That is a very vibrant red," Stapleton said.

He knows about the Red Wings because he made the octopus hanging from the ceiling at the Joe Lewis Arena.

Black airbrushing on the locomotive's body shadows some of the red, highlights textures, outlines snow flakes and gives the float a sense of weathering and well-earned pedigree.

"This is a joint effort," Stevens said. "I and Dick Ruzzin (a retired automotive designer from Grosse Pointe Park) discussed the design and passed it on to Mike. He interprets what we say and says, this is what we're going to do."

The engine is under the lift-up driver seat in the cab.

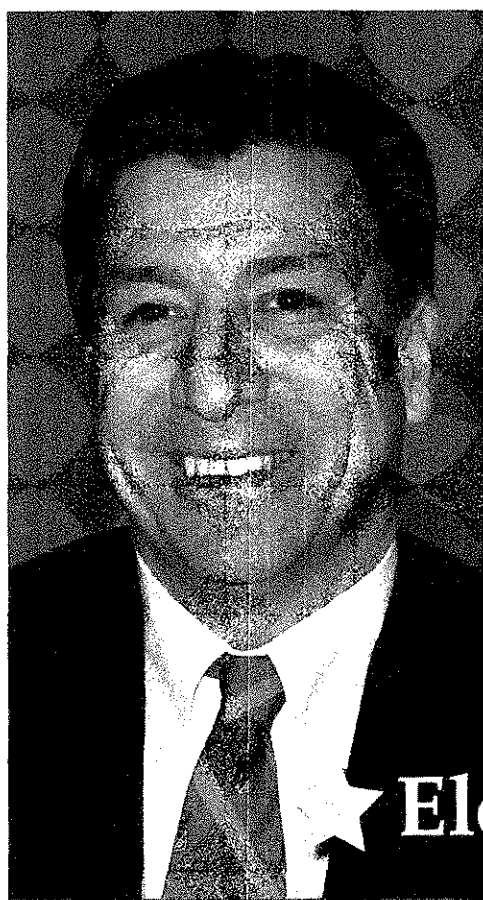
"There's no key," said Bill Demeter, Friends member and float engineer. "You just press on the accelerator and the motor starts."

An unveiling and fundraiser is planned for the evening of Nov. 16 at Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

"The unveiling is catering to the children of Grosse Pointe," Stevens said. "We don't want to make it a business party. We want to make it a family party. That has been our goal all along."



A wheel on the Santa Express.



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Snake is a charmer

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An 18-foot female python at the Detroit Zoo has keepers wrapped around her little finger.

First, they rescued her last year from a private owner.

Second, they're coddling her in a new enclosure complete with swimming pool, landscaping and art.

Third, she feasts on rabbits and other treats.

"Every now and then, we'll give her a rat," said Jeff Jundt, curator of reptiles. "Rats are small snacks. We don't feed her anything alive."

A snake her size could swal-

low a young deer.

"Her neck is about 3 inches across," Jundt said. "She could stretch that to well over a foot. A deer wouldn't be a problem."

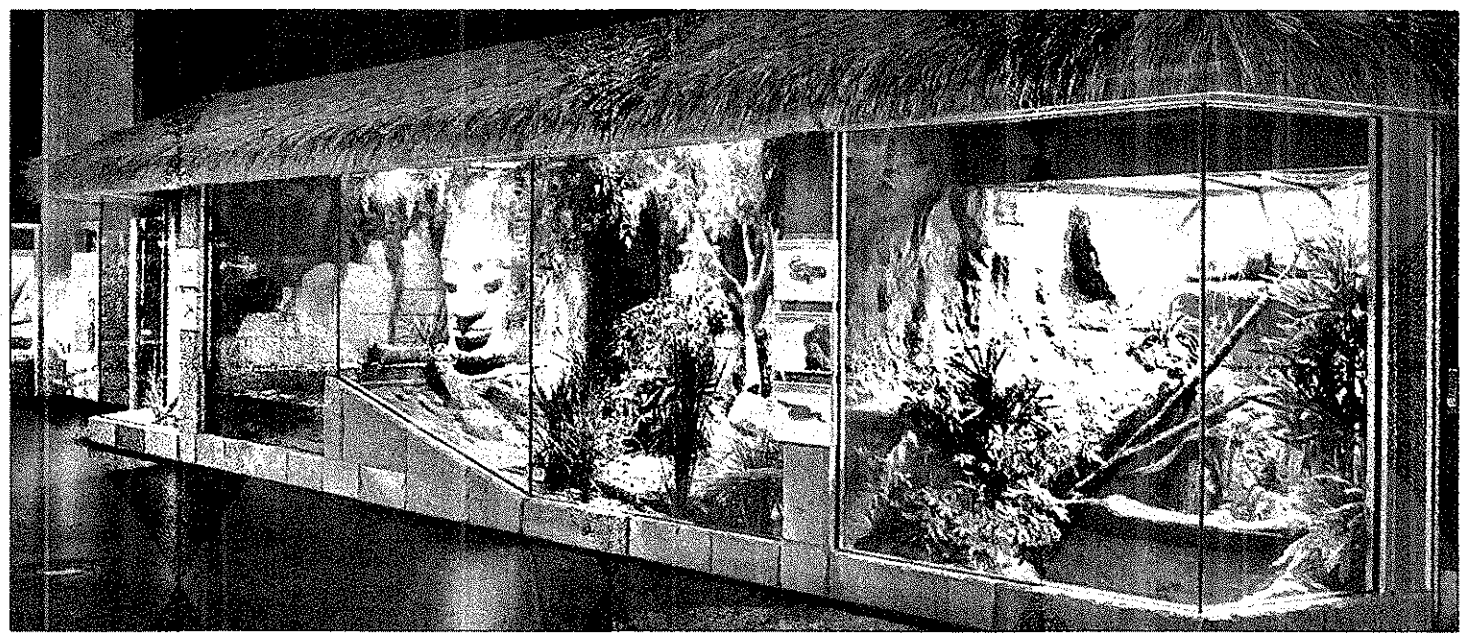
Pythons are among the oldest group of snakes. Fossils date back 45 million years. Despite a brain that registers little more than eat and sleep, pythons outlasted other species that came and went.

"Sometimes, the basic will to survive is all you need," Jundt said.

The zoo's snake weighs 85 pounds. It's estimated to be 17 years old.

"She's growing pretty well," Jundt said.

She's also of the reticulated



The python enclosure is a 20-foot centerpiece of a 30-foot-long exhibit.

variety.

Reticulated pythons are so named by the black crisscross pattern on their gray, brown and tan camouflaged bodies.

"She looks like she's going through a shed right now," Jundt said. "After she sheds her skin, and new, shiny skin is un-

derneath, she'll have an iridescence sheen. It kind of reflects all the colors of the rainbow, if you look at it in a certain light. It's absolutely beautiful."

She isn't named.

"We don't name our reptiles," Jundt said. "That differs between us and the mammal people."

The cold-blooded snake has warmed up to its enclosure, which opened recently after eight months of construction in Holden Museum of Living Reptiles.

"This python ate four days after we put her on exhibit," Jundt said. "That is unusual for an animal in a new environment."

Acclimation usually takes longer.

"The enclosure's environment is so in tune with what the animal would have in the wild, once we put them in there, they pretty much feel at home," Jundt said. "They're quite relaxed."

If the snake wasn't happy, keepers probably would know.

"Understanding what animals are feeling is an emerging science," said Ron Kagan, zoo director. "Until we have systematic data, you have to use your experience to see if they

appear comfortable."

The python's exhibit is 20 feet long, big enough for her to stretch out. Except, pythons don't stretch out.

"Snakes almost always coil up," Jundt said. "There's only a couple species that won't lay around coiled. They're really heavy-bodied snakes, like Japanese pythons and rhinoceros vipers. They're so large, it's probably uncomfortable for them to coil."

Pythons generally coil unless moving from one place to another.

The Holden building contains more than 85 species of snakes, lizards, turtles and other reptiles.

Jundt said the python exhibit is a "thing of beauty; a show piece."

Visitors stand before a nearly seamless glass wall encasing a replica of the animal's natural habitat.

Plants, vines, rocks and water evoke rain forests and woodlands of Southeast Asia and the Philippines. On the wall is a nearly 8-foot stone sculpture of a Cambodian deity.

Plants and trees give the snake places to hide.

"It is important for animals

to have some degree of movement and privacy," Kagan said. "The more comfortable the environment is, the more natural the animal is."

A shallow pool abutting the glass allows underwater viewing.

"Pythons are exceptional swimmers," Jundt said. "We can tell in the mornings she'd been in the pool at night."

A few days ago, the snake lay coiled next to the glass wall. She moved her head back and forth, looking at people looking at her.

It was a rare show of daytime vitality from a species that mainly is active at night.

"When we have evening events and are open late at night, that's the best night to come to the reptile house," Jundt said.

The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$12 for adults 15 to 61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, \$8 for children 2 to 14 and free for children under 2.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroit-zoo.org.



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As pythons go, this one is supposed to be good-looking.

Exotic animal owners are on their own

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Jeff Jundt fields more than 100 requests each year from people hoping he'll take exotic, and often dangerous, reptiles off their hands.

"It's always the same story," said Jundt, curator of reptiles at the Detroit Zoo. "Either the kids got tired of it or the kids are going off to college and don't want to take it with them. Some say it's outgrowing the tank."

Excuses are many. Options are few.

Sometimes, Jundt can help.

Most times he can't.

He's sympathetic to responsible owners. They don't want to give up their well-cared-for snake or turtle, but feel there's no option. Especially if the animal is outgrowing its enclosure.

"They feel bad that they can't keep the water clean and stuff like that," said Jundt, who said he took his pet snakes with him to college.

"Once I tell people what to do and how to set up their tank, they're so grateful and end up keeping it. But, it's with very few people I get a chance to do that."



The only chance tropical snakes have for survival are in controlled climates. Exposed to cold, they'll catch cold and die.

Many owners of exotic reptiles are careless. They don't think ahead. They don't realize the animal gets bigger as it grows older, can't be tamed and, in the case of some large or poisonous varieties, can kill.

The zoo's reticulated python came from such an environment. The zoo rescued it in July 2010 from a private owner.

A python population explosion bedeviling the Florida Everglades is believed caused

by people releasing pets they can no longer dominate.

"A large female Burmese python can lay 60 to 100 eggs," Jundt said. "You figure 80 percent of those hatch out. You've got a lot of snakes."

Wild pythons aren't due for Michigan.

"It gets cold just north of Florida," Jundt said. "There's no way those snakes can survive. They're tropical snakes. If there's a cold snap, they can literally get a cold, just like you or I. They get sick and succumb."

Shores won't back denial

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Shores officials are giving themselves until after next week's election to grant or deny a request for evidence they haven't overcharged the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for water purchases nearly 10 years straight.

City Manager Brian Vick cited state law allowing the city an extra 10 business days to answer, yes or no, to the Grosse Pointe News' Freedom of Information Act request for billing data and relevant written communication between city and club representatives.

Vick said at a Shores council meeting last week the "club has not provided a credible claim."

He also revealed, under persistent questioning by residents attending the meeting, a roughly 1 1/2-year-old agreement with the club waiving

municipal liability under the statute of limitations.

Shores Mayor James Cooper added after the meeting, "The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club water usage is a matter between the Shores and its customer."

Responding to the FOIA, Vick gave three reasons for extending the deadline to Monday, Nov. 14, nearly one week past the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election for mayor and all six council members:

"(T)he size of your request, staffing reductions in the city's administrative staff, and the need for administrative staff to prepare for a municipal election Nov. 8," Vick wrote Thursday, Oct. 27.

On or before the extended deadline, Vick will "issue a letter granting your request, denying your request or granting the request in part of denying it in part," he wrote.

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Life imitates art

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Listening to students speak about Phillip Moss, his classroom or play rehearsal interactions are reminiscent of "Boy Meets World" principal and educator, George Feeny, teaching Cory, Shawn or Eric — a passion for students shone through important life lessons subtly embedded in each shared moment.

"I think it's really cool to see (former students) who have

been in our program, who have gone out in the world and used the lessons they've learned in school," University Liggett School junior Stella Gatzke said of the Grosse Pointe Park resident. "They come back and tell us what Dr. Moss is telling you, it really applies to everyday life. It's not just something he's saying."

According to Moss, Liggett's upper and middle school drama teacher of 27 years and its creative and performing arts

department chair, "every moment is a teaching moment." And in leading the Liggett Players, the school's drama club, through two to three productions each year, he often emphasizes it's not always about theater, rather, sometimes it's about life.

"We recently lost a member of the Liggett family, and Morgan (Hutson), Janine (Puleo) and Alec (Josaitis) sang (at the funeral)," said Moss, a graduate of Wayne State University in 1981, '86 and '97, earning a doctorate of education in theater direction his last year.

"We had a discussion about, sometimes the arts are really hard. You're asked to perform,

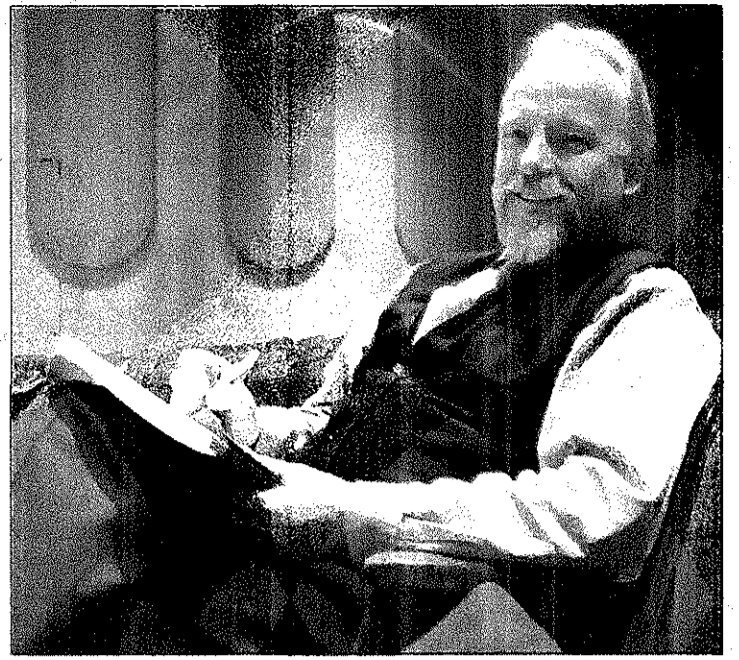
asked to be a professional, asked to sing at a high level at a time when your emotions are preventing you from being a professional.

"You learn the life lessons that, no matter what's going on outside the world, you still have a job sometimes that you're forced to do. So, how do you deal with that?"

During the difficult times or teaching moments, like Feeny, Moss relies on his amassed abundance of experience and connections, sharing them to benefit his students. He acted and directed at the Hillberry Theatre, a graduate repertory theater company located on WSU's campus, attended and adjudicated at state and national festivals and headed the Educational Theatre Association chapter for Michigan.

A majority of his former students achieved successful careers in and outside of theater and, oftentimes, they return to Moss' classroom for student workshops and lectures. Former students, such as Leonard Sullivan, a stage actor who toured with "Hairspray"; T.J. Corbett, who recently finished performing in Mitch Albom's play, "Ernie"; Harvard Business School graduate Aaron Montgomery; and Harvard Divinity School graduate Howard Fauntroy, all have lectured or participated in workshops.

"Having Leonard Sullivan come back, he taught me original choreography for Tracy and it took my breath away," senior Janine Puleo said of learning from Sullivan



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University Liggett School upper and middle school drama teacher and creative and performing arts department chair Phillip Moss. In 2008, Moss was named Educational Theatre Association chapter director for Michigan.

prior to Liggett's performance of "Hairspray" last year.

"It's really cool because you can see almost what you can be in 10 years ... It makes you want to work harder."

But Moss' impact isn't restricted to his experiences or connections. It's also felt in his interactions with students in and outside the classroom; the way he pays attention to the intricate details of their daily lives.

"Dr. Moss deserves a lot of credit," Puleo said. "He does a lot and won't take credit for it.

I don't think any other director would stop me in the hallway and ask me how my (college) applications are going.

"Furthermore, I don't think they'd ask how they could help. He's kind of the unspoken genius behind it all."

Added senior Harley Dixon: "He understands we have lives outside the theater. Whether it be good or bad stuff going on in our lives

at that time, he's always there, always asking, 'how can I help?' To have that support, when it seems sometimes no one's really giving you that support, it's amazing."

For Moss, it was never about becoming famous or turning to professional acting. It's always been about the students — teaching them, watching their progress, their development, their engagement in each performance. And after 30 years, sharing those subtle life lessons, the teaching moments, provide more excitement for him than anything else ever could, he said.

"To have the experience at this end, where you see people moving up, and you have that opportunity to do no harm," Moss said. "You don't mess them up, but you also provide the opportunity for them to move forward, that's one of the coolest things I think any artist can do.

"And after 30 years of doing it, and you can still be excited to come in and work every day, and work every Saturday and be here on Sundays. I look at that kind of stuff, and to have the energy 30 years into your career, that's a gift. And it's a gift most people don't get."



Left: Moss with members of Liggett's 1984 and 2009 casts of the production of "Godspell."

Below: From a 2010 luncheon, Moss accepts a gift from Liggett Head of School Joseph Healey. The school recognized Moss for 25 years of service.



You learn the life lessons that, no matter what's going on outside the world, you still have a job sometimes that you're forced to do.

PHILLIP MOSS,
ULS teacher

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for 'Jekyll and Hyde'

Auditions for Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Jekyll and Hyde, The Musical" are 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, and 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Scripts and music are available for a \$20 refundable deposit. Call (313) 881-4004 for more information.

Those auditioning may be taught additional song selections at auditions. Everyone must be prepared to move. Those without dance training are welcome.

Characters:

◆ Chorus — This show requires high tenor and soprano voices.

◆ Henry Jekyll / Edward Hyde — Mid-30s. The audition song is "This Is The Moment" and "Take Me As I Am."

◆ Lucy — 20s. A prostitute, dancer/singer in the London pub. The audition songs are

"Someone Like You" and "In His Eyes."

◆ Emma Carew — 20s. Jekyll's fiancé. The audition songs are "Take Me, As I Am" and "In His Eyes."

◆ John Utterson — 40s. Jekyll's friend. The audition songs are "His Work" and "Nothing More."

◆ Sir Danvers Carew — 50s. Emma's father.

◆ Nellie — exotic, streetwise, a prostitute and a "hook" to bring customers into the pub. The audition song is "Façade."

◆ Board of governors — The Bishop of Basingstoke; Lady Beaconsfield, a well-dressed older woman; Sir Archibald Proops, the queen's counsel, all business; Lord Savage, man-about-town, would rather be elsewhere; General Lord Glossop, older, formidable, cruel-looking; Simon Stride, 30-40. In love with Emma, but bitter and malicious. Audition

songs are: "Façade," "His Work" and "Nothing More."

Actors must come with personal calendars.

Show rehearsals may begin Nov. 7 or 8. Technical rehearsals begin Jan. 8. Actors rehearse Monday through Friday evenings that week.

The show opens at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15, and closes Saturday, Jan. 28. Thursday through Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, is scheduled at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information, call director Bev Dickinson at (248) 398-0673 or music director John Dickinson (248) 398-0673.

To work on the technical staff or stage crew, contact producers Emmajeane Evans at (313) 881-4004 or Cyndy Nehr at (313) 378-2242.

For additional information about Grosse Pointe Theatre, visit gpt.org or call (313) 881-4004.



Fundraising dog

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society has this rotund bulldog, created by sculptor Todd Warner, helping with fundraising. This week, the sculpture is at The League Shop on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, just one of the stops he makes around the Grosse Pointes before being auctioned off in December. For those interested in a live dog or cat, the society holds an adoption fair from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Camp BowWow Training Center, 23720 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (313) 884-1551.

Solar panel regulations

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The plug is pulled on solar panels.

A 90-day moratorium on installation in Grosse Pointe Shores was effective Oct. 18. It can be extended in January.

The moratorium gives members of the planning commission time to finish drafting an

ordinance regulating panels.

"Currently there is no regulation of solar panels under our municipal building code," said Mark McInerney, city attorney.

Commissioners believe controls are needed.

"There's a home that has panels," said Mary Matuja, commission chair. "They're not as attractive as we'd like them to be."

The halt has no impact on

panels already installed. They're grandfathered.

Matuja said commissioners are seeking direction from ordinances in St. Clair Shores, Birmingham, Novi and other suburbs.

"I saw that in California, neighbors were able to sue neighbors to take the tree down so they get sun," said Councilman Brian Geraghty. "I hope that doesn't happen here. It should be in the ordinance that they don't have the right to infringe on other people's trees."

"Hopefully, no," Matuja said. "A 90-day moratorium gives us an opportunity to look at everything before we write the rest of the ordinance."

Stephen Poloni, director of public safety, supported the moratorium.

"There are some issues with firefighting with solar panels," he said. "It's a safety concern for us."

Although the forthcoming ordinance can't recommend solar panel manufacturers or products, it can specify aesthetic elements.

"We continue studying this," Matuja said. "Dow Chemical is bringing some new solar systems that are efficient and more attractive. We're waiting for that. It would look more like shingles than panels."

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING 19617 HARPER HARPER WOODS, MI 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods City Council will be holding a public hearing on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., in the Municipal Building City Council Chambers located at 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan, 48225, for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from American Community Developers to use residentially zoned property adjacent to 20250 Harper for an off street parking area as provided for in Section 10-149(11), of the Harper Woods Zoning Ordinance. Said parking area is to be used in conjunction with the existing building at 20250 Harper.

Plans for the proposed rezoning are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Notice of this hearing has been sent to all property owners within 300 feet of the area in question. Residents, property owners and other interested persons who are unable to attend the hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office prior to November 21, 2011.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

LESLIE M. FRANK
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City of Grosse Pointe

E-mail scam

A scammer posing as an AT&T representative recently conned a 73-year-old City man into revealing his account password and list of e-mail contacts.

"He started getting messages (and) phone calls (last week) from friends concerned for his welfare," said a public safety officer. "E-mails stated he was injured in a fight in London, England, and to send money to an address he never heard of."

Police advised the man to close his At&T and bank accounts.

28 suspensions

A 29-year-old Detroit man with 28 driving suspensions was caught at 7:35 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, operating a vehicle on northbound Cadieux at Kercheval.

The man's car had a burned out headlight. He was wanted on traffic warrants from 36th District Court totaling \$1,400.

—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

Threats

Police are giving special attention to a business in the 18500 block of Mack.

The proprietor reported being threatened at about 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, by a former landlord trying to collect \$500 past-due rent on property in Royal Oak.

The landlord, from Royal Oak, reportedly wants the money by the end of this week.

If the deadline isn't met, the landlord told the Farms businessmen to expect a visit from a tattooed Las Vegas man. The visitor will "tear up the business," the Farms man told police.

Mail fraud

A Farms woman told hometown police last week that

none of three envelopes containing \$10 she mailed recently to her children in Coldwater arrived with the money included.

B&E attempt

Shortly after mid-day Tuesday, Oct. 25, a resident of the first block of Lakeshore discovered someone tried to break into his house through a side door.

"Unknown persons used some type of pry tool in an attempt to open the locked door," said a public safety officer. "It is unknown when the crime was committed because the door is used infrequently."

Fake check

An employee of Chase Bank on Moross near Mack spotted a fake payroll check presented by a 24-year-old man from Detroit shortly before 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25.

The \$982.63 check was one of three stolen from Wise Trucking in Detroit, according to police.

Stumbling

A 38-year-old New Baltimore man in a 2008 Ford Taurus was arrested at 3:02 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, for drunken driving.

An officer made the arrest at a service station at Mack and Moross.

"(He) stumbled when he exited the vehicle," said the arresting officer.

The suspect had a .197 percent blood alcohol level, officers said.

Flipped out

A 33-year-old Mount Clemens woman, driving under the influence of at least three narcotics, crashed into two parked cars on eastbound Mack short of Colonial Court, according to police.

The woman's blue Ford landed upside down.

"(She) admitted to taking Celexa, Soma and heroin prior to the accident," said a public safety officer.

The wreck occurred minutes before 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

"The vehicle that caused the accident was driven by (the woman)," said a patrolman. "(She) admitted driving the vehicle, but didn't know how the accident occurred."

She appeared disoriented and lethargic, police said.

"When she closed her eyes, her eyelids fluttered uncontrollably," said an officer. "(I) believed (she) was under the influence of some type of narcotic."

Medics took her to St. John Hospital for observation.

A male passenger from St. Clair Shores was arrested for possession of controlled substances. Officers reported finding five pills in his socks.

The two damaged parked cars belonged to residents of Grosse Pointe Park and St. Clair Shores.

—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 Shores

Gas leak

A gas leak was found at 3:10

p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, by officers investigating a burglar alarm at a house in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

"(I) did note a strong odor of natural gas near an outdoor barbecue," said an officer. "(I) disconnected the gas hook-up to the house, and noticed there were chew marks."

Officers also disconnected the barbecue.

The burglar alarm was false.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

House fire

A Beaconsfield resident returned home at 12:47 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, to find fire in the basement that quickly moved to the first floor. The cause appears to be the furnace. There were no injuries.

Arrests

Two males were arrested in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Oct. 25, following an attempted car theft in the 1300 block of Maryland.

Police searching for suspects spotted one man attempting to flee in a stolen 2007 Dodge Caravan. The other was found hiding in a backyard.

Larceny from auto

A small amount of change was taken overnight Sunday, Oct. 23, from an unlocked car parked in the backyard of a house on Maryland.

A canvas bag and a small amount of change was taken overnight Tuesday, Oct. 25, from an unlocked minivan parked in the driveway of a house on Bedford.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

The party's over

Twenty-five teens ranging from 14 to 17 years old, were ticketed for possession of alcohol after police broke up a house party at 10:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, on Coventry Lane.

When police arrived, several teens milling around outside either ran inside or fled. When police gained entry into the house, they found several teens and open beer and liquor containers in the basement. Police also found a 17-year-old boy passed out on the floor. He was transported to St. John Hospital.

The teens were ticketed for being a minor in possession and released to their parents. The homeowner was home during the party and was issued a citation and ordered to appear in court Monday, Dec. 19.

Free tow

A tow truck driver called police at 7:20 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, to report a 47-year-old Bournemouth resident refused to pay the \$95 fee to tow his car from Wayne State University to his house.

According to the tow truck driver, WSU police ordered the resident to remove his car from an on-campus location. The resident assured the officer he would pay the fee for the tow. Once the car was at his house, he refused. Police advised the driver to seek payment at a later date.

—Kathy Ryan

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

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Three Grosse Pointe attorneys are among nine Butzel Long lawyers recognized in the "Chambers USA - American's Leading Lawyers for Business 2011 The Client's Guild."

They were Robert G. Buydens, of Grosse Pointe Shores, specializing in employee benefits and executive compensation; John P. Hancock Jr., of Grosse Pointe Park, specializ-

ing in labor and employment; and Justin G. Klimko, of Grosse Pointe Woods, specializing in corporate mergers and acquisitions.

Promotion

Molly Brieden, of Grosse Pointe Park, is the assistant manager shift supervision at Beaumont Hospital - Grosse Pointe.

For two years she was as an orthopedics floor nurse.

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WEEK AHEAD:

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SUNDAY, NOV. 6

Daylight Savings Time. Set clocks back one hour.
◆ Grosse Pointe South High

School's Fall Follies begins at 3 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Balcony tickets cost \$10 and general admission is \$15.

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The Trip to Bountiful" is at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets cost \$18 and can be purchased by calling (313) 881-4004 or visiting gpt.org.

MONDAY, NOV. 7

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city

council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

General election
◆ Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
◆ All Grosse Pointe Public School System schools are closed for staff development.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

◆ Soroptimists of Grosse Pointe meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. For more information, call Marya at (313) 310-6683 or visit grossepointesoroptimist.org.

Elect Councilman Brian Geraghty

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

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- Maintain the high level of safety and services that are important to our residents
- Control the costs of these services by continuing to monitor them in detail and in open meetings
- Continue to look into future years to see what budget, legacy and infrastructure risks and opportunities will impact the City Budget
- Continue to build on existing and new opportunities to cooperate with other municipalities for mutual benefit of services or cost
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OUR VIEW

Tough decisions face officials after election

In the past, we have limited letters to the editor at election time. This year is no different. In our Oct. 20 issue, we forewarned the next week's edition would be the last to submit letters to the editor regarding the election or candidates.

We received several regarding the election after the listed Oct. 24 deadline. We're sorry, we aren't able to print those letters.

The "cooling off" period a week before the election doesn't allow for new issues to surface on the letters page without a chance for rebuttal.

This year's elections seem to be overshadowed by everything going on in Grosse Pointe Shores.

To say it's been an up and down year is an understatement.

The Shores started the consolidation process with dispatch.

The police chief retired, only to announce he was taking the City of Grosse Pointe's top cop spot. The latest audit shows the city is on the right track financially, yet a group formed because there's a lack of trust in the election process.

The Shores celebrated 100 years, paid for by private donations. It's been trying, both good and bad.

There are questions we have that we'll continue to ask — no matter who wins the election.

While the Grosse Pointe News has asked for public records and documents about a possible water billing issue between the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Shores, it's important to remember there is no proof of any special deals made or cover-ups.

We just want to know for sure. We'd be happy to report there is no issue between the club and the city. But we don't know.

A story in this issue tells readers the answer to our Freedom of Information Request. The city — by rights afforded under FOIA laws — has extended the deadline to answer our requests.

We asked for 10 years of water bills the city has collected from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. We also asked for any correspondence, including e-mails, regarding any overcharges by the city to the club.

Residents in the Grosse Pointes have never demanded more from public officials. Gone are the days where tax monies rolled in and services went without a hitch. Consolidation was once an evil word, but is now a reality when it comes to services.

There is a quality of life people expect when they purchase a house here. Officials are hearing more from residents. Whether it's the alleged water bill issue in the Shores, or the very real flooding in the Farms, residents want answers. They're holding their public officials accountable now more than ever.

Make an informed decision. The media has put a ton of information out there.

The League of Women Voters and the Eastside Republicans held special forums to get candidates in front of the voters.

Talk to your neighbors and talk to the candidates. There's less than a week left and they're out on the streets fighting for your votes.

Ask them about transparency, consolidation, services and flooding.

Find out what they will do to ensure a bright future for Grosse Pointe.

We'll continue to ask questions and share what we learn.

There is no doubt every candidate cares about their community and wants to make Grosse Pointe a better place to live and work. It's not about money or fame. Elected officials take a ton of grief, but they are also happy to share in the victories.

On Nov. 8, residents of the Grosse Pointes have their chance.

And Nov. 9 it's time to move forward, no matter who is elected.

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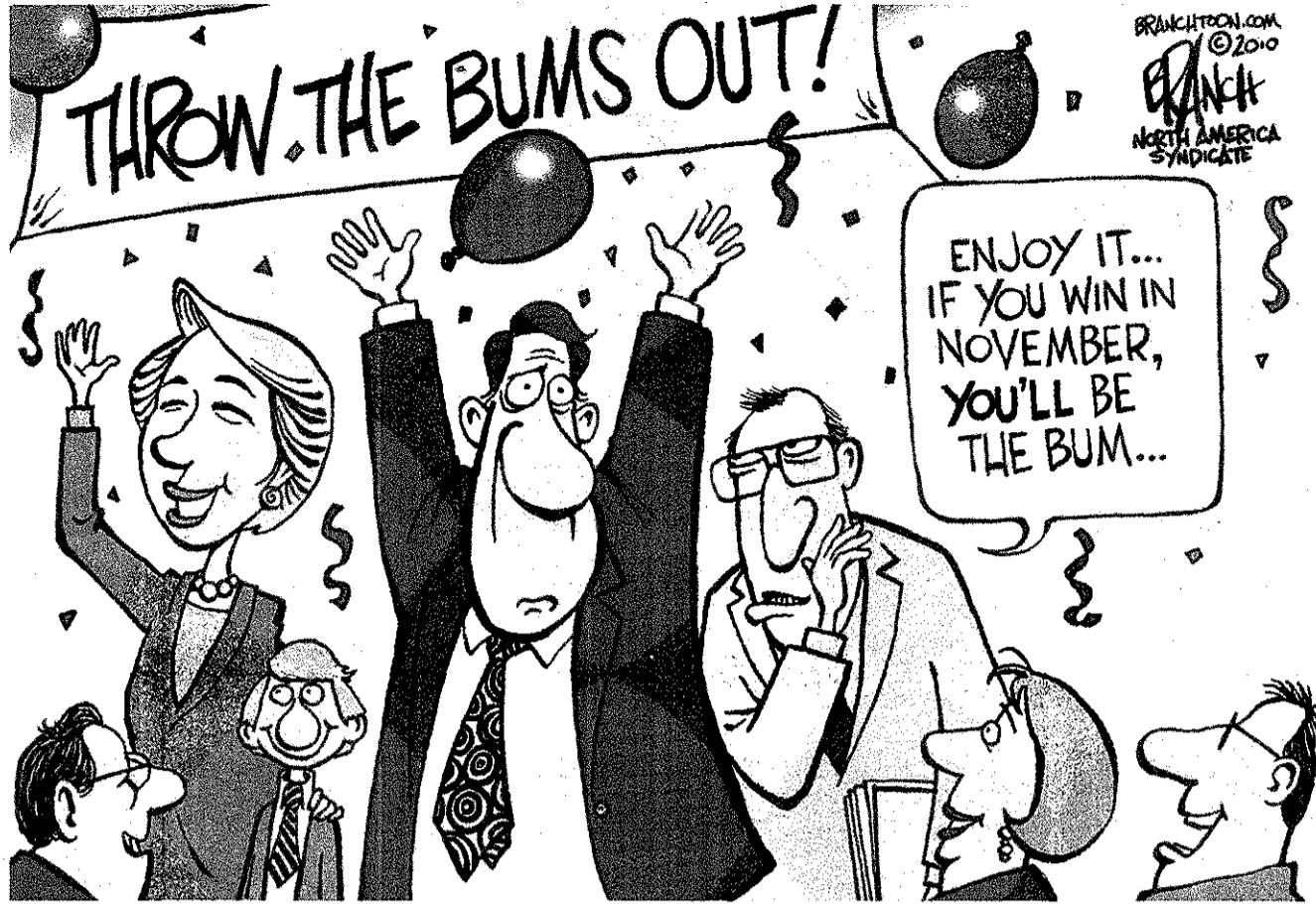
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Political agenda

To the Editor:

Congratulations for publishing Russ Harding's comments, "Gore, a Great Lakes expert," Oct. 27 Grosse Pointe News.

As a college freshman, I recall a business correspondence class stressing communications should be "clear, concise and complete." Harding's comments are a perfect example of that admonition and should be used in every such class.

I have never heard or read any comments on "Global Warming" as astute and cogent as those in the Grosse Pointe News Guest Opinion.

The very fact man-made climate change is blamed on any aberration in our weather, air or water, cold or warm, is indisputable evidence of the purely political agenda of Al Gore and his ilk.

JOSEPH GORMLEY
City of Grosse Pointe

Group on guard

To the Editor:

As president of Grosse Pointe Shores Advocates for Fair Elections, I was disappointed the Grosse Pointe News published council candidate Brian Geraghty's letter to the editor attacking our organization, "Attack against integrity," Oct. 27 Grosse Pointe News, yet didn't provide us coverage even though we sent a

press release.

GPSAFE is a group of Grosse Pointe Shores citizens interested in preserving the purity of elections and guarding against the abuse of the elective franchise. Our group formed after a series of improprieties and potential abuses were observed by a number of residents in recent Shores elections.

Michigan law allows election challengers to monitor the election process as a safeguard against election fraud. Residents have the right to observe the election process and present a challenge if it appears election law is not being followed.

Our letter requesting authority to appoint challengers cited nine issues that occurred in recent elections. A copy is available by e-mailing gpsafe@comcast.net.

Geraghty, as a Shores election commissioner, bears responsibility for some problems noted at the May 2010 recall election. As the Grosse Pointe News reported, Wayne County officials could not complete a recount because the number of voters listed in the poll books did not align with ballots cast.

State law clearly defines how poll workers should address this problem — and that procedure was not followed.

Voter confidence is shattered when a recount can't be completed due to something as ba-

sic as a missing ballot or inaccurate tally. It is the goal of GPSAFE to prevent this.

The Shores also barred citizen attendance during the vote count last election. This is in clear conflict with state law, which says elections may be observed by anyone interested. This kind of suspicious activity cannot continue.

Geraghty's call for candidates to denounce GPSAFE shows he has little insight into the importance of election challengers in safeguarding the outcome of the electoral process.

When citizens see election challengers present at the polls, they should know the goal of GPSAFE is to ensure a fair elections process while operating in full compliance with Michigan law.

VITO P. CUSENZA
Attorney
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Waterfowl hunting

To the Editor:

On Oct. 24, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council passed a ban on waterfowl hunting within a half-mile of the city's waterfront parks.

The council failed to mention voting on this ordinance on the meeting agenda published Oct. 21. This makes me question how much thought and deliberation was expended in this process.

It also raises serious questions about transparency in the local governing process.

What concerns me most is this ordinance is most likely unenforceable — municipalities have questionable authority over waterways. Under state law, they cannot regulate hunting or fishing on state waters.

By passing this ordinance, the city is inviting legal battles over its authority to regulate

adjacent waterways which can cost a considerable amount in attorney fees at a time of anemic economic growth.

As an avid waterfowl hunter, I am biased to liberal interpretation of hunting laws. However, I was completely unaware of any public safety threat posed by the responsible and law-abiding actions of waterfowl hunters.

Consequently, we now have an unenforceable and unneeded law that serves no purpose other than to deter law-abiding citizens from enjoying the lake for hunting.

Given council's exuberance to fight state laws, I suggest all Grosse Pointe city councils pool resources and create a committee to determine how to fight the influx of students into our school system.

Last year, the district reported it received \$108.9 million in total revenue, of which \$56.3 million came from the state and \$30 million from property taxes. The remaining funds came from federal grants and other sources.

There are currently 8,139 students enrolled in the school system. Can we really afford to subsidize nonresident students?

This unfair burden is having a negative impact on our school rankings which eventually can negatively affect property values.

If preventing our taxpayers from being an AIM to subsidize failing and mismanaged schools is too extreme, council could recruit those working for Quicken Loans in Detroit to live in Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe's health is tied to the public schools and overall vibrancy of Southeast Michigan's economy. We simply cannot afford these two drivers to struggle at once.

JACK WHEELER
Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY By Bob St. John

Skip NBA, support high school ball



The National Basketball Association's lengthy holdout has left fans in the dark when or if the 2011-12 season will begin.

Owners and players are squabbling about which side should get a bigger piece of the multi-billion dollar pie. Does anyone really care in this market?

Do we really want to pay top dollar to watch the Detroit Pistons struggle to win 33 percent of its games? I don't. New head coach Lawrence Frank is a nice replacement, but the poor guy inherits a horrible roster with not very talented NBA players.

There are many other better options than driving to the Palace of Auburn Hills.

If you love the college game, it's not too far to catch a good

men's or women's U-M or MSU squad play. Their schedules contain some of the toughest non-conference competition in the nation and the Big Ten slate is always close.

Even closer to home is the local girls and boys basketball teams. The girls begin play at the end of this month and the boys, the first week of December.

All six teams feature good athletes and fantastic coaches. You can't beat supporting the local high schools and the level of play is awesome.

University Liggett's girls' team, under head coach Wayne Gigante, made it to the Class C state championship game last spring before losing to St. Ignace.

The Knights feature All-State guard Madison Ristovski, who will play college ball at University of Michigan next winter, as well as her sister, junior Haleigh Ristovski, who has a great chance of also playing Division 1 hoops in 2013-14.

Sophomore Bre Andrews is also an all-state caliber guard, giving the Knights quite a starting crew. Joining the team is

freshman Lola Ristovski, a point guard who puts the Knights at the top of the pre-season rankings in Class C and even throughout the state.

Grosse Pointe North has Gary Bennett at the helm. The Norsemen have been one of the best Class A teams the past several years. The Norsemen shocked everyone last year, upsetting favored Grosse Pointe South to win yet another district championship.

Bennett always has players prepared for any challenge on the schedule. He has exciting players Taryn Kiah, Anajai Gutierrez and Anna Giordano.

Grosse Pointe South features standouts Caitlin Moore and Claire DeBoer. Newcomers Cierra Rice and Aliezza Brown add talent and depth to an all-ready solid club. Head coach Kevin Richards has a crew ready to battle for not just a league title, but maybe even a district and regional crown, too.

They must get past nemesis Grosse Pointe North for the state playoff magic to materialize. Easier said than done.

As for the boys at South, sec-

ond-year head coach Dave Grauzer will be more comfortable with his squad and it should be a nice winter.

Watch for a hard-nosed group of players, such as seniors Joe Srebernak, Tim Kramer and Kevin Reck to set the tone.

North is always fun to watch as head coach Matt Lockhart gets the most out of his players, including Jamal Williams, Adam Andrzejczak, Derrick Morris, William Ritchie, Dondre Young and Justin Kennedy.

Liggett, with head coach Sidney Johnson, was upset last year in the district playoffs, but that was just the fuel players needed to put in a great off-season.

The junior-dominated roster includes Eric Ewing, Drew Jerome, Stephen Benard, KeVaughn Jackson, Andrew Zinkel and Connor Fannon.

These young men and women will put forth a great effort and play the game the way it is supposed to be played.

Enjoy the concessions at North, South and Liggett and sit back and enjoy.



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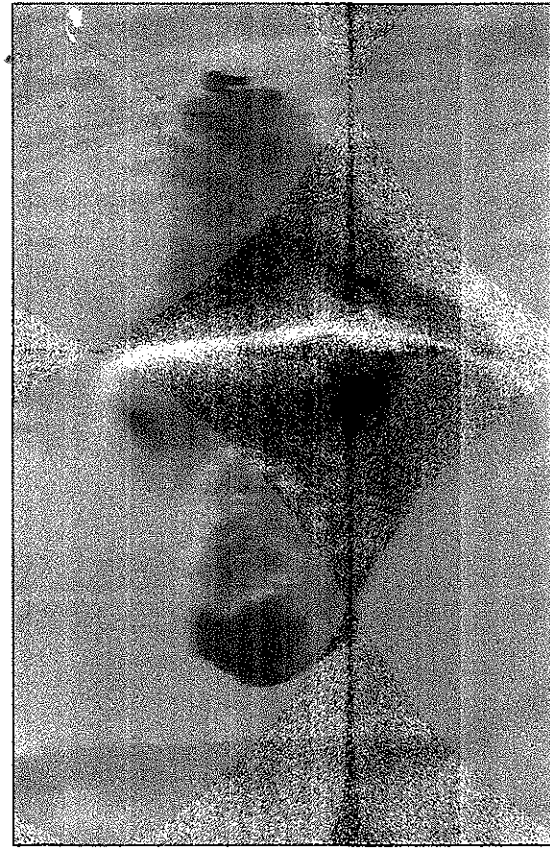
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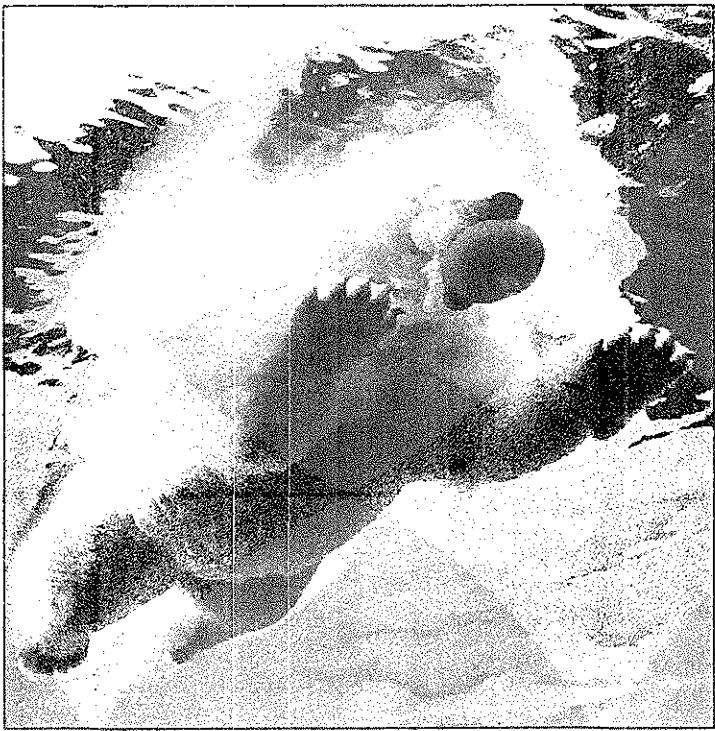
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At far left, anteaters get nosy. At left, a polar bear looks underwater for a pumpkin. Below left, Talini's moment of entry. Below, a grizzly bear watches zookeeper Betsie Meister toss a pumpkin.

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ANIMALS: Halloween fun for animals at Detroit Zoo

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Anteaters used strong claws,

evolved to rip apart anthills and logs, to bore holes in pumpkins. They stuck their long, narrow snouts inside.

"They have a 2-foot long tongue that's really sticky," said Brett Kipley, mammal department keeper. "They shoot it down holes. That's how they get bugs and grubs."

Anteaters don't have teeth. Their normal zoo diet is a formula of insects and bugs.

"They also like melons and gourds," Kipley said. "They'll

lick up the seeds."

The zoo's bears — polar, grizzly, brown and black — used claws and teeth to open treats.

"It is their instinct to investigate things, to rip them open," Meister said.

Pumpkins and polar bears go well together.

"Polar bears are omnivores, even though they mainly eat seal in the wild," Meister said.

The daily diet of one of the zoo's large male polar bears is

14 pounds of meat, up to seven pounds of fish, plus extras.

"One of his favorites is pears," Meister said. "Polar bears also get a chow. It's like a dried biscuit made with vitamins and minerals."

A pair of grizzlies, one weighing 800 pounds, was given pumpkins with spaghetti and catsup sauce, plus a paper bag containing apples, carrots and lamb fat.

"That's a yummy, special treat," Meister said.

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Halloween carnival



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Our Lady Star of the Sea catholic school celebrated Halloween with a spookfest carnival for its elementary students. Held in the school gymnasium, kindergarten through fifth-graders dressed in their costumes and were treated to candy and carnival games, such as "Pumpkin Putt Putt," "Shoot the Ghost" and "Halloween Bag Toss," all created by middle school students. Students also donated canned or boxed non-perishable foods for distribution during Thanksgiving to local parishes with people in need. Left, Michael Jackson, aka Brian Bessert, made an appearance at the Pumpkin Putt Putt greens.

Above, each student donated canned or boxed non-perishable food for distribution to local parishes for people in need during Thanksgiving. From left, Paige Francis, Megan Michelutti, Kayla Gallant and Tessa Ulrich were in charge of building a mini castle out of all the donated food. Right, from left, Colin Duffy, Kate Bessert, Joe Paluzzi, Timo Lenhard and Owen Rossman. Far right, Emmy Desnoyer attempts a bean bag toss, as Annabel Chlachler, middle, and Zoë Bessert look on awaiting their turn.



AUDITOR: Report shows positive swing for Grosse Pointe Shores

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tions account for 23 percent of expenses.

"This is typical," Stevens said.

General fund revenue for fiscal year 2011 was \$5,487,000, a 1.3 percent reduction from 2010.

Expenses for 2011 totaled \$5,253,000, a less than 1 percent decline from the year before.

At the finance committee (consisting of the entire council)

meeting immediately preceding the council session, elected officials instructed City Manager Brian Vick to research a multi-year, financial outlook for the city.

Stevens thought it was the right thing to do.

"When I was a city treasurer, we did a five-year projection," he said. "It's a management tool. It helps you plan better."

He cautioned about declining reserves in the marina, water and sewer funds.

"The (water and sewer) fund causes me more concern than

the marina fund," Stevens said. "At this point in time, it's in good shape. But, you've got to watch the downward trend. Total net assets have declined in the last three years."

Vick explained recent water rate increases, effective after the audit date, are evidence "we are addressing some of these long-term concerns."

Marina rental rates also are subject to increase.

"Every year, those rates are addressed, looking at the appropriate increase with regard to the market as well as our

obligations for expenses," Vick said.

"The auditors confirmed that our responsible fiscal management and cost saving efforts are working," Mayor James Cooper said after the meeting.

"General fund balances have increased since 2009 to \$670,000 and continue trending higher. I also am confident that Grosse Pointe Shores will remain a premier community and able to maintain our superior services for present and future residents."

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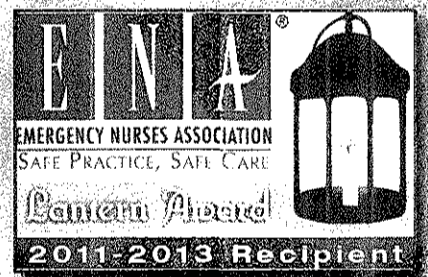
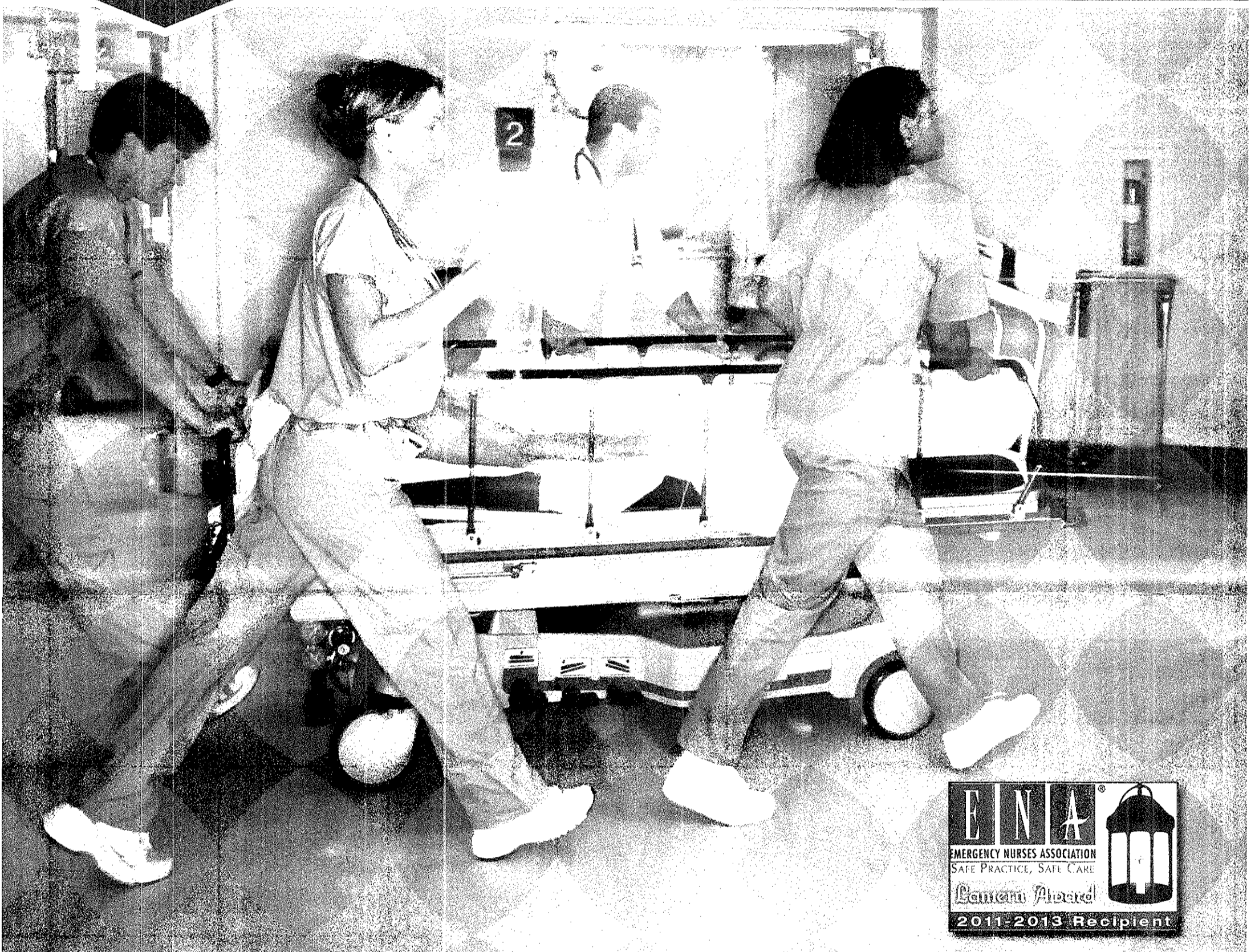
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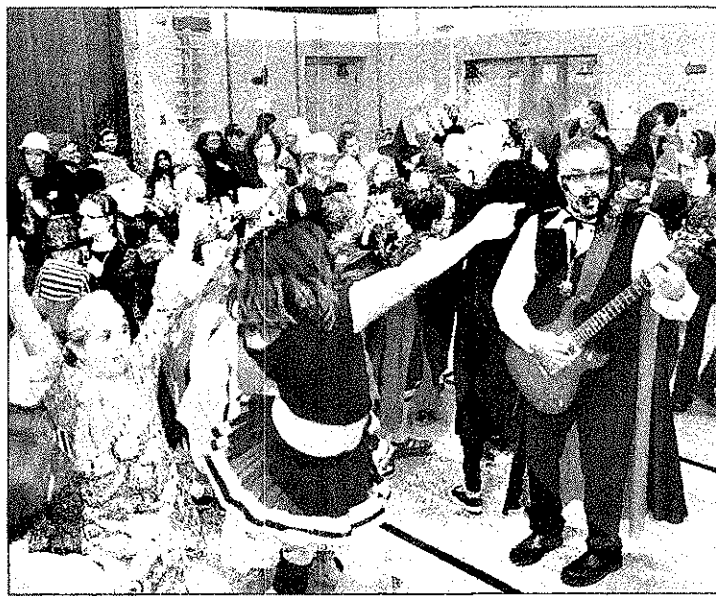
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Schools embrace Halloween spirit



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Elementary schools district-wide held Halloween parades and morning assemblies before sending children home early for trick-or-treating. Above left, at Defer, determined to give their teacher a better costume, students wrapped Jason Senska in toilet paper, dressing him as a mummy.

Left, students at Ferry danced to the Halloween tunes from a dracula-attired Guy Louis.

Above, Richard teacher Jacqueline Rabaut's kindergarten class — dressed as pirates, ninjas and witches — lines up for the school assembly.

Two shows, one weekend

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

For the first time in its fall repertory program, University Liggett School's Liggett Players Board, made up of a select group of students, voted to produce two shows during the same weekend.

A welcomed task for the 20 or so juniors and seniors producing, acting, designing, choreographing and stage managing Ken Ludwig's slapstick comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo" and Lorraine Hansberry's classic racism-centered play, "A Raisin in the Sun."

"We had a large number of committed juniors and seniors, about 20 to 25 students interested in the fall show," drama teacher and creative and performing arts department chair Phillip Moss said. "And we had a large population of African American students interested. So, the board came up with three to four possibilities for fall and winter and decided on a comedy and drama and to do them in the same weekend."

The performances lack the repertory feel similar to Moss' past experiences at the Hillberry Theatre, as no overlapping exists between actors

in the two shows. But, difficulties lie in that students produce all their own work — from set design and lighting to choreography and stage managing — amid academic rigors of school and other added stressors.

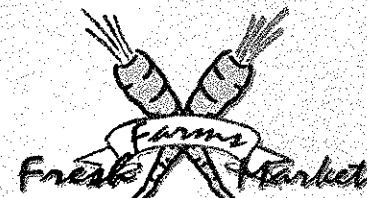
The result is a group of focused and chemistry-driven students working together toward common goals, those established by the player board based on previous years' data, performance feedback and show debriefings. One of this year's main goals is to become one of 10 shows selected to the National Theatre Festival at the University of Nebraska.

"We don't waste opportunities to perform," senior Mariah Patrick said. "It's not just pushing each other in rehearsal, it's pushing each other every chance we get."

"Being in a show here is a more personal investment than in other schools," senior Janine Puleo added about the extra research and other efforts each student adds to his performance.

"Once you go in, you have this goal you want to reach and you do everything in your power. It becomes a thing where it's a mentality, a

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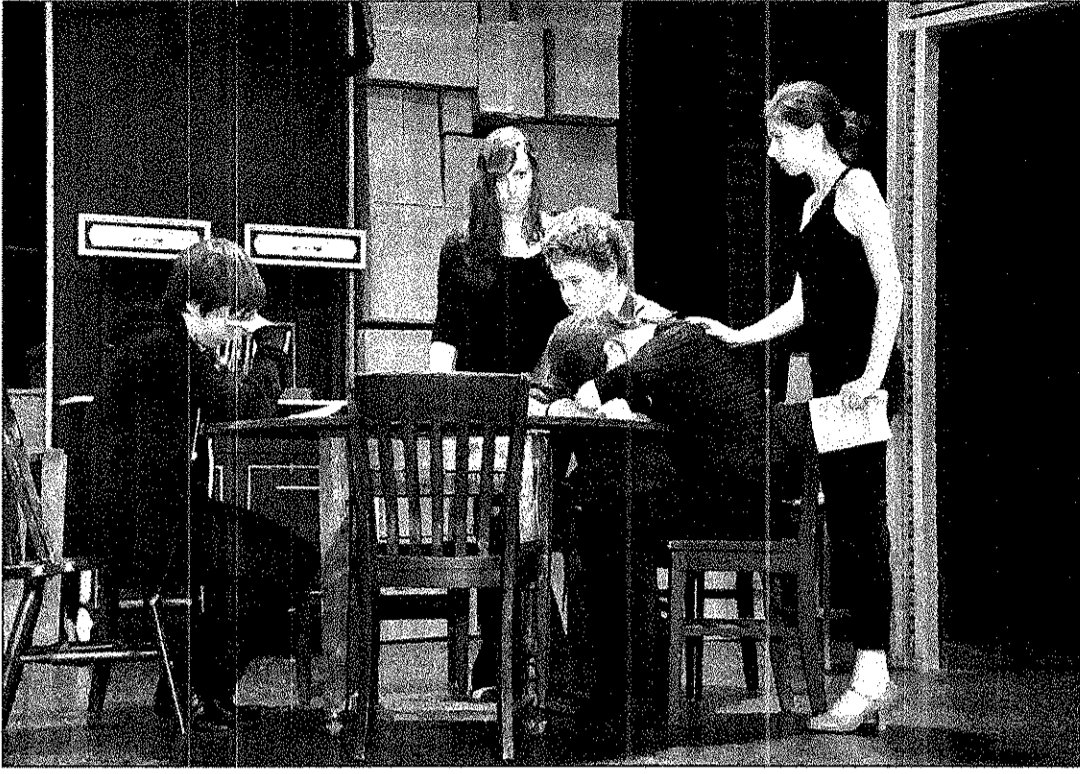


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Grosse Pointe South's Pointe Players rehearse for its fall production, an adaptation of Anne Frank's "The Diary of a Young Girl." Juniors Maggie Bickerstaff (Anne Frank) and Dante Wildern (Otto Frank) and senior Caroline Alan (Edith Frank) perform the lead roles.

Inherent in each Grosse Pointe South Pointe Players theater group's productions are social issues Lois Bendler deems educationally relevant.

Currently in her eighth year directing at South, Bendler selects each play, regardless of genre, hoping it challenges both students and audiences.

"We try to vary," Bendler said. "Last year we did a comedy. We'd been doing some serious work, and that was kind of a change of pace for us for a while, and we'll do that from time to time because the kids love it so much. "It dealt with what I thought was an important subject, which is the need for public support of the arts in this country."

This year's fall production

is an adaptation of Anne Frank's "The Diary of a Young Girl."

"We'd been contemplating on doing plays that have real value educationally since we are a high school group," Bendler said. "This came up because it deals with the Holocaust.

"It's certainly an example of the terrible consequences of prejudice, and I thought it was important people see it and the kids work with it."

The show, set in World War II-era Netherlands and translated from Frank's diary, tells the story of a mother, father and their two daughters, along with four others, hiding from Nazis for two years in the upper rooms of the father's office.

It consists of a 13-student cast, with juniors Maggie Bickerstaff (Anne Frank) and Dante Wildern (Otto Frank) and senior Caroline Alan (Edith Frank) portraying the lead roles.

Ten other students work production, sound, lighting, stage decoration, ushering and ticket collecting.

Performances are 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, in Grosse Pointe South's auditorium.

Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating and \$10 for students and seniors and available at Posterity: A Gallery or seatourselves.biz/pointeplayers. All proceeds benefit the Pointe Players.

—A.J. Hakim



Grosse Pointe North's orchestra prepares for its annual Pops and Pastries concert. This year's concert features a Broadway theme, with the symphony orchestra and jazz, concert and symphony bands performing music from such musicals as "My Fair Lady," "The Music Man" and "Spider-Man."

Pops and Pastries concert brings Broadway to North

Ushering the spotlight from Broadway Avenue to Vernier Road, the Grosse Pointe North Band and Orchestra presents its annual Pops and Pastries Concert in the ilk of classic and modern Broadway musicals.

The event — scheduled from 7:30 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, inside North's gymnasium — features about 200 students in the concert and symphony orchestras and jazz, concert and symphony bands performing music from such musicals as "My Fair Lady," "The Music Man," and "The Lion King."

North's drumline and concert band percussion ensemble performs pre-concert music before the chamber orchestra opens the show with

music from Stephen Schwartz's "Wicked." Concert and symphony orchestra strings follow with selections from Claude-Michel Schönberg's "Les Misérables" and Jerry Bock's "Fiddler on the Roof."

The full orchestra then highlights music from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" and the concert band performs music from Frederick Loewe's "My Fair Lady," Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" and Paul Francis Webster's theme song from "Spider-Man."

The symphony and jazz bands are the final two performers, with the symphony band playing music from Jim Jacob's "Grease!" and Elton John's "The Lion King" and,

along with North's chorale group, celebrate Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical career.

While the jazz band, with flute choir member, Molly Lupo, ends the show with selections unknown as of press time.

"It's amazing the quality of instrumental music they perform now," publicity spokeswoman Pam Marek said. "They reach a level above anything we did before when I grew up. It just makes it enjoyable to hear live music."

Concert tickets are \$8, and food, beverage and dessert tickets are available, with all proceeds benefiting the school's instrumental program.

—A.J. Hakim



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South's fall follies salute America and World War II



A selection from each of South's chorale groups, this year's Fall Follies is both a salute to America and homage to World War II-era music. The show features performances from South's freshmen, advanced women's, South Singers and Pointe Singers.

Encompassed in two acts, the Grosse Pointe South Performance Choir and Jazz Band's Fall Follies Concert is both a salute to America and an homage to World War II-era music.

The freshmen, advanced women's, South Singers and Pointe Singers chorale groups perform Sinatra's "New York, New York," Neil Diamond's "America," and Green Day's "American Idiot" during the first act, before fading in time to Benny Goodman and His Orchestra's "It's Only a Paper Moon," Nat King Cole's "(Get Your Kicks on) Route 66," and the Big Band swing music of the 1940s for the second act.

"The first act follows the

theme from "That's Entertainment," South choir booster president Bernadette Dennehy said of its connection to South's summer workshop finale show. "It's more of a musical salute to America, more contemporary musical theater, and the second act is World War II and Big Band."

Staged against a backdrop and lighting designed by technical director Dan Vickery and his production crew, the 153-student chorale groups not only sing, but dance routines created by guest choreographers Christopher Spaulding, April James, Damon Brown, Ron Morgan and 2001 South alum Melissa Peters.

South's jazz band and vocal perform during the show, which is at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5, and 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at Grosse Pointe North's Performing Arts Center.

"People watch 'America's Got Talent' and they watch dance competition shows and 'American Idol,'" Dennehy said.

"We've got all that talent live from our high school students at this show. There's something for everyone." Tickets are \$15 for floor seats and \$10 for balcony and available at Posterity: A Gallery or gpsouthchoir.org.

—A.J. Hakim

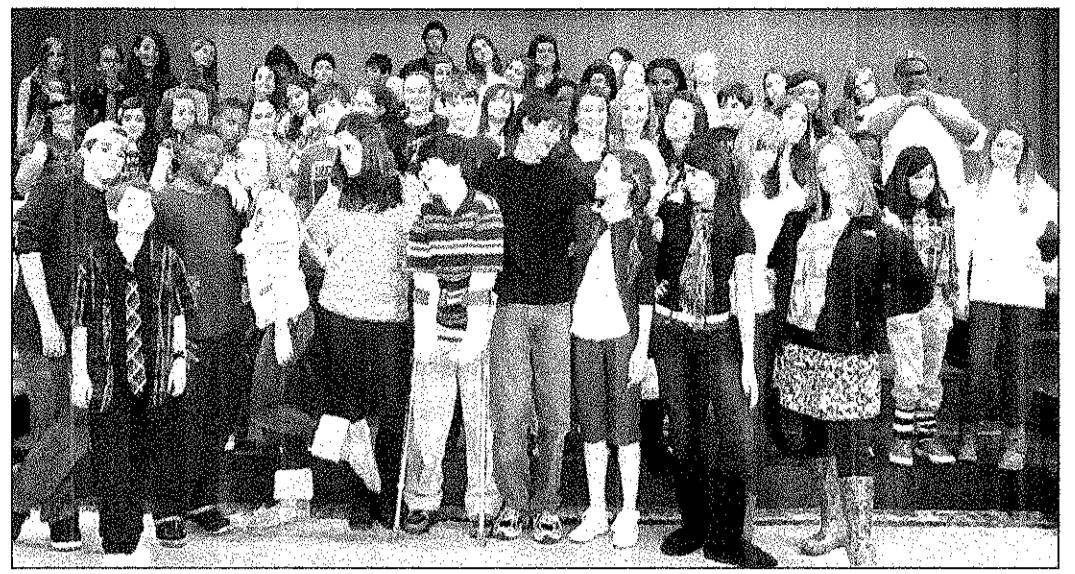


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The cast and crew of Parcels Middle School's upcoming performance of Jason Robert Brown's "13."

Inspired students set to act

After witnessing a performance of Jason Robert Brown's "13" during last spring's Junior Thespian Festival in Bexley, Ohio, inspired Parcels Middle School drama students begged teacher Sean Kifer to stage it locally.

He agreed. And more than 75 students signed on for production, making it one of the largest shows in school history.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 10 through 12, inside the school

auditorium.

The two-act musical, based on a book co-authored by Brown and Dan Elish, is about 12-year-old Evan Goldman coping with his parents' divorce, making new friends in the move from New York to Indiana and turning 13.

Josh Lupo plays Evan. Also portraying main roles: Andrew Nurmi (Archie), Olivia Hoover (Patrice), Lolly Duus (Lucy), Nicole Stein (Kendra), Jeffery Redd (Brett), Joe Xerri (Malcolm), Joseph Florance (Eddie), Niki Nezeritis (Charlotte), Lindsey

Hoshaw (Cassie), Emmy Puglia (Molly), Jarrell Cunningham (Richie), Bill Dombrowski (Simon) and William Fishwick (Rabbi).

Kifer is the director; Cori Callahan-Vokal choreographer; Leslie Saroli music director; Dan Vickery technical director; and Nikki Haggerty and North freshman Peter Gritsas are student directors.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors and available at the door 30 minutes prior to show time.

—A.J. Hakim

School briefs

North, South host eighth-grade orientation night

For parents of eighth-graders interested in attending Grosse Pointe North or South next fall, the schools are hosting a special information night focusing on the ninth-grade curriculum.

North's meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the school's Performing Arts Center.

South's is from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5, at South's auditorium.

During both presentations, administrators and counselors highlight the schools' curriculum with a video and short presentation emphasizing scheduling procedures, class

selections and graduation requirements.

For more information on North, contact assistant principal Tom Beach at (313) 432-3215.

For more information on South's event, contact the counseling center at (313) 432-3519.

South band and orchestra hold fruit sale

Grosse Pointe South Band and Orchestra students are holding their annual PeeJay's Fruit Sale.

Orders are taken now through Monday, Nov. 14, with delivery Friday, Dec. 2.

For more information or to place an order, contact

Margaret Biglin at (313) 303-2038, or visit gpsbo.org for a brochure.

District seeking human sexuality advisory members

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's Human Sexuality Advisory Board is seeking new members to serve three-year terms.

Parents, clergy, students and teachers are needed for the group, which meets three times per year.

Send letters of interest to Susan Vogel at the administration building, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, by Dec. 1.

For more information, contact Vogel at (313) 432-3043.

PLAYERS: 'This group does a great job of support and celebration together'

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lifestyle, and until the show's over, you don't stop."

Performers typically rehearse from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. daily, while the technical crew builds Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Though, because of their commitment to national excellence, as indicated by the players' mission statement, most students extend rehearsals beyond the designated time frame.

"There's a lot of extra effort we put in," junior Alec Josaitis said.

"Not only are we expected to know lines or remember blocking, we've had several days rehearsals aren't scheduled, but we stay. And every Friday night, we've made it a point to stay later.

"We took this challenge. We didn't think about it as division, we thought about it as a supported goal. We'll be back stage for each other, watch the

shows and be able to celebrate it together. This group does a great job of support and celebration together."

Show dates for "Moon Over Buffalo" are 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13. "A Raisin in the Sun" dates are 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 12.

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Ribbon cutting

Nursing Unlimited opened its office at 21131 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by, from left, Nancy Piatek, community liaison; Darlene Thorpe, office administrator; Valerie Minty, R.N. and nursing supervisor; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke; Carolyn Van Dorn, human resources consultant; Pamela Boos, director; Jennifer Dill, R.N. and director of nursing; Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Al Fincham; and MaryJo Harris of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. The business provides companionship, meal preparation, medication set-up and management, transportation, household chores and access to registered and licensed practical nurses.

People in business

Goodfellows board

Frank J. Brady Jr., of the City of Grosse Pointe, is second vice president of the Old Newsboy's Goodfellows Fund of Detroit.

He has been a member since 1975 and served as president in 1983.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Peter W. Waldmeir, is secretary of the Goodfellows and has been a member since 1985.

Joined

Suzanne M. Antonelli, of the City of Grosse Pointe, is a se-

nior portfolio manager for Sigma Investment Counselors, of Southfield.

She has more than 20 years experience in fixed income research, portfolio development, asset and investment allocation and tax and retirement planning. Antonelli graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

In 2009, she earned the certified financial planner professional designation and is a member of the Financial Planning Association of North America.

Ribbon cutting



Catherine Sonaglia, M.D. has opened Alternative Gynecology, 19557 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Born and raised in Marquette, she trained at Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her residency at Sinai Hospital. Sonaglia practices traditional gynecology and offers alternative treatment methods and in-office laser bladder correction procedures. From left, the doctor's sister-in-law and brother Elizabeth and James Sonaglia, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Sonaglia, officer personnel Heather Hughes, Woods city administrator Al Fincham and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher.

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Scion tC a surprising sport coupe

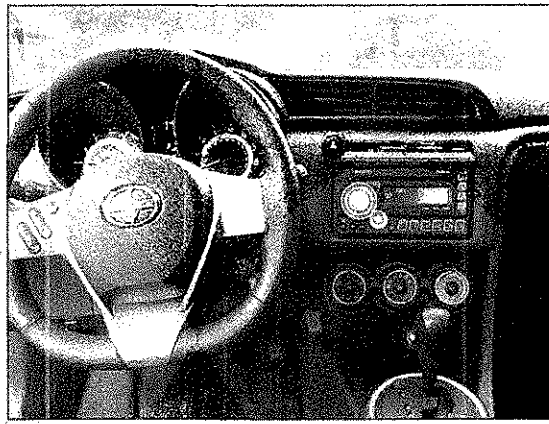


An unexpected feature is the driver's seat track and seat back memory. Once slid forward to access the rear, the seat returns to its original position. And that rear seat, better for two than three, is spacious. There is headroom and space, but what's missing is fresh air: the rear windows do not open.

Sequels — at least in the movie-making business — are frequently not as good as the originals. We found the same to be true with the exterior lines of the second-generation Scion tC from Toyota.

It's not nearly as attractive, but this two-door hatchback has many surprises; its roomier than expected, has a power sunroof as standard and is pleasing to drive.

The basic Scion tC comes well-equipped with loads of extras available. All are powered by a 180-horsepower 2.5-liter four mated to a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission. Antilock brakes are standard and part of Toyota's Star Safety System, which includes vehicle stability and traction control, electronic brake force distribution and brake assist for panic stops.



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Toyota's Scion tC sport coupe is user-friendly and features a roomy back seat and standard power sunroof. It's powered by a 180-horsepower four-cylinder engine.



The air bag set up includes knee bags for both driver and front passenger.

Eighteen-inch wheels are standard; 19-inch are available. The Pioneer sound system offers the usual AM/FM/CD options and eight speakers. The standard instrument panel appeared somewhat dated, but straightforward and easy to use. And the driver's seat has a height adjustment feature.

Imported from Japan, the tC is priced at around \$19,000.

tC Release Series bows

The 2012 tC Release Series 7.0 is now available and limited to 2,200 vehicles. The bright-yellow coupe offers a new Pioneer audio system featuring Bluetooth hands-free, Bluetooth streaming audio and HD Radio technology.

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High Voltage yellow accents the black interior; there's a leather-wrapped steering wheel with yellow stitching and an individually numbered

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Jenny King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

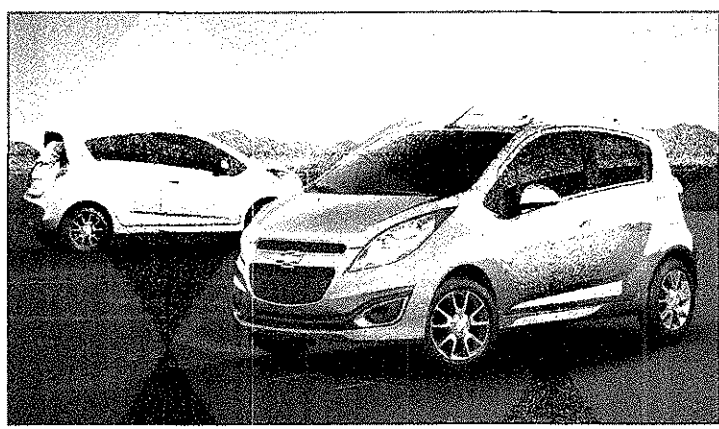


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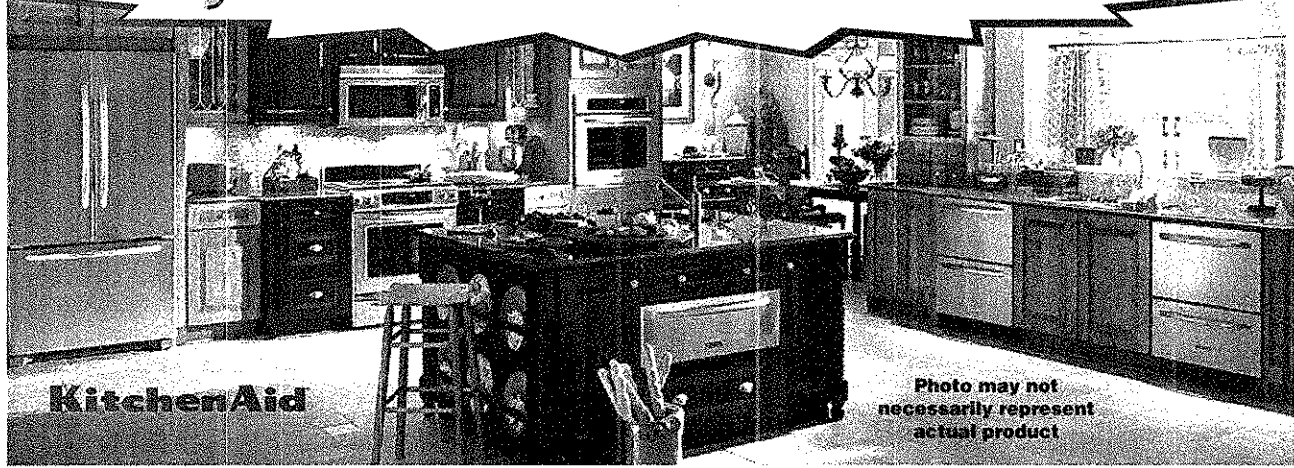


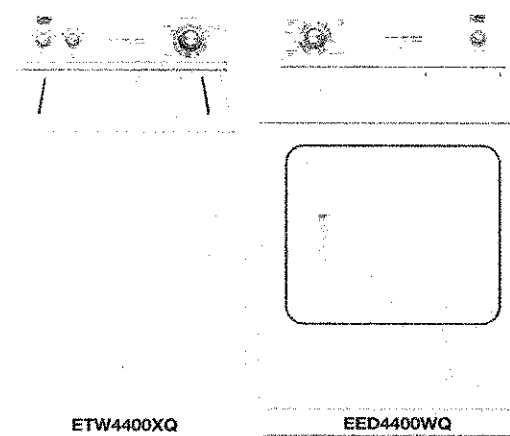
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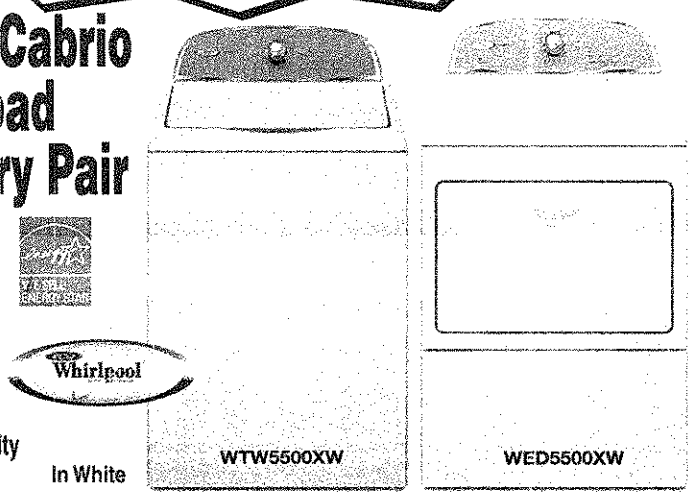
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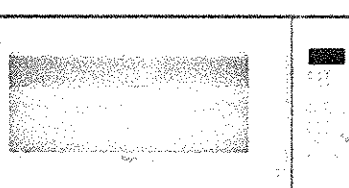
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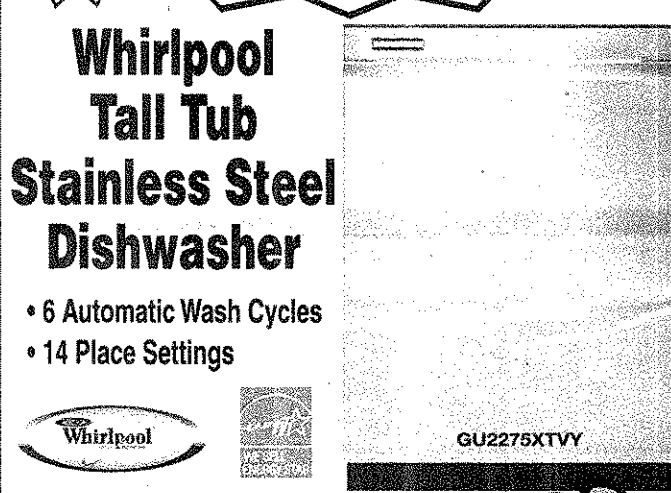
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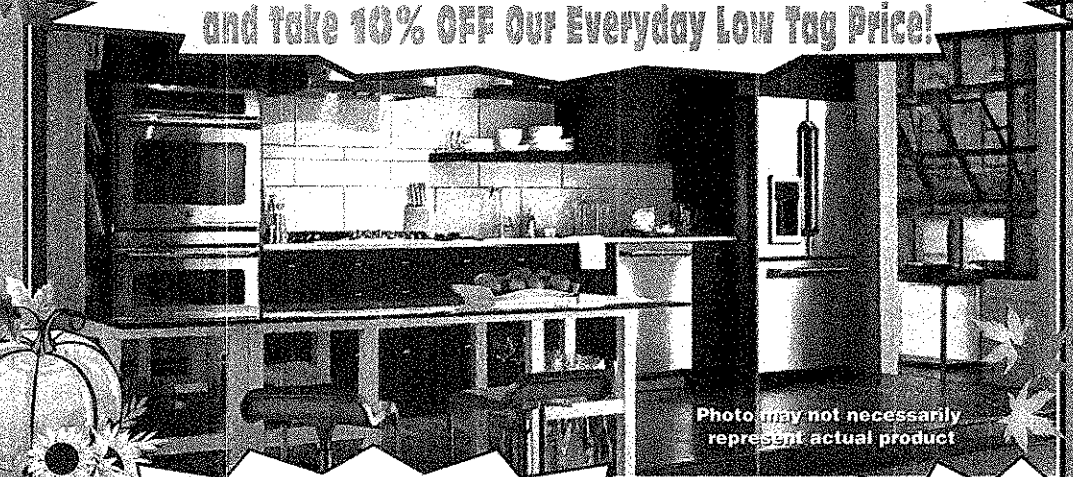


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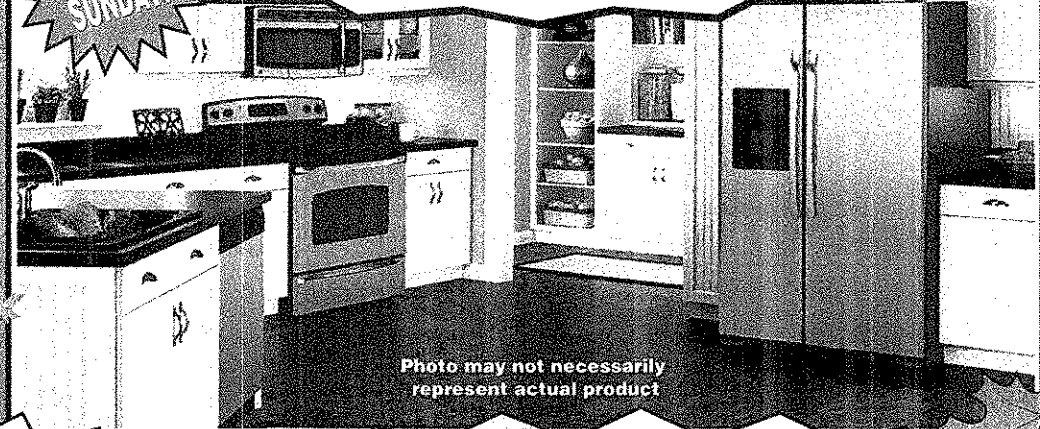


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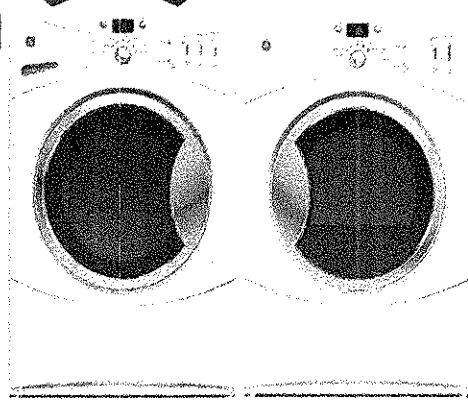
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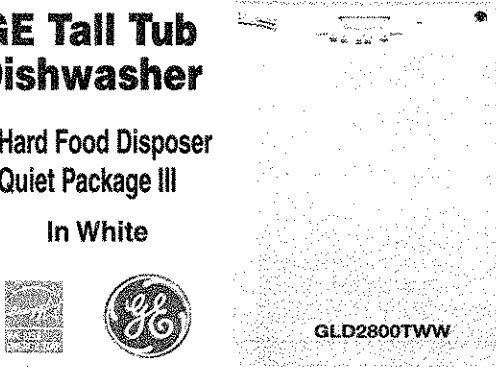
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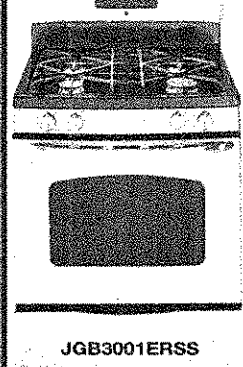
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Following a pattern

Ava Mitchell, of Grosse Pointe Park, couldn't stop smiling.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

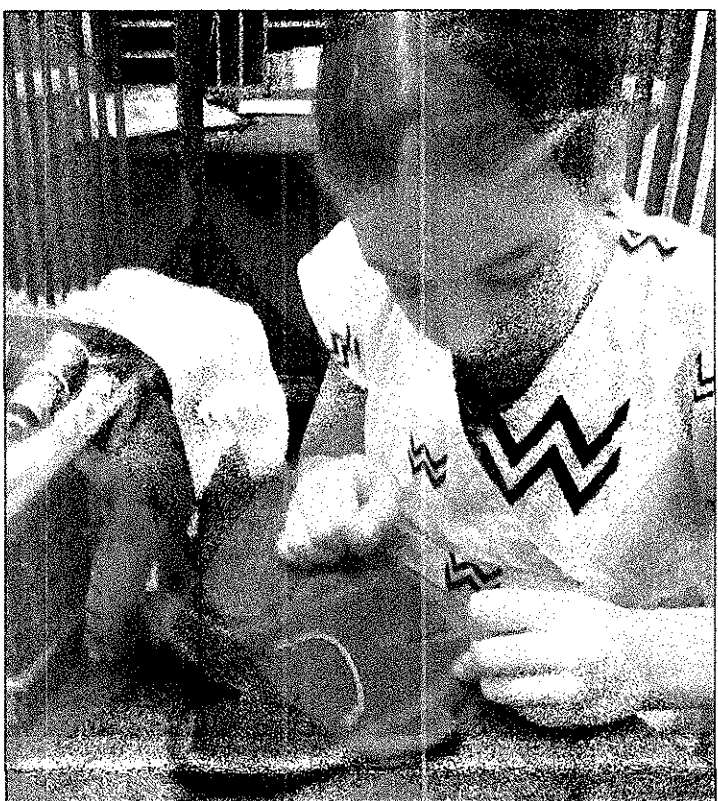
The 9-year-old has reason to grin. She is the winner of the 8 to 11 age group category of the Innovation Generation Fashion Show Competition at the 18th annual American Sewing Expo for her three-piece casual outfit.

To top it off, it was Mitchell's first attempt at the contest, held this year in Novi.

"I was very shocked. I couldn't stop smiling. My mouth hurt," she said of the announcement. "Mom and Grandma were going crazy. We were just

so excited."

Mitchell was the first of four contestants on the runway in her age category. She said her stiffest competition came from a girl who made a four-piece outfit, wrote an essay about the project and had her sister as the model.



Far right, Ava Mitchell won first place in Innovation Generation Fashion Show Competition at the 18th annual America Sewing Expo with her three-piece outfit in black, white and silver.

Right, Mitchell is making an ugly doll of felt. Stuffed and hand stitched, she creates a happy face on one side and a grumpy face on the opposite side.

PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY



Seeing that outfit, the Defer Elementary fourth grader admitted, "I was nervous."

In the audience, Mitchell's mother, Laurie, and her grandmother, Michelle Mitchell, were feeling the same sensation.

"She (Michelle) was more nervous for Ava than her own competition," Laurie Mitchell said.

Michelle Mitchell is not only her granddaughter's sewing teacher, but a competitive seamstress and quilter.

Surrounded by "tons of fabric" in her grandmother's Clinton Township sewing room, Mitchell said the two spent four sessions cutting and stitching the black and white gingham tank top and silver leggings. The black and white geometric linen outer blouse had been sewn the previous summer.

"I had to do all the sewing myself," Mitchell said.

Learning about the contest in August, time for the September competition was of the essence.

The completed entry had to be mailed to the judges before school started in September, Laurie Mitchell said. The project began with a trip to a fabric store.

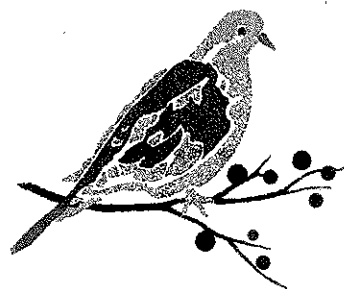
"We walked into the fabric store and Ava immediately saw the leggings material," she said.

It was silver swimsuit material and Mitchell declared it would "pop on the runway."

To her daughter's credit, Laurie Mitchell said, "She always looks good, pulling pieces together."

With a McCall's pattern, Mitchell and her grandmother set about making the leggings. The most challenging part, Mitchell said, was

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Grannie Nannies

The Grannie Nannies meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Services for Older Citizens, third floor, south wing, Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grandparents who babysit their grandchildren exchange ideas.

Rotary club

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, Nov. 7, at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch costs \$13 and the public is invited. The program is dedicated to Veterans' Day.

The club continues its literacy book drive from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, and 23, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Entrance is at the rear of the church. For more information about Rotary, visit grossepointerotary.org.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. A meeting is also held from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Monday, Nov. 7, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call



Italian harvest

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Cardello annually host the Italian Heritage Society at their Romeo house for a harvest dinner. Among those attending the afternoon event were Elaina Cracchiolo, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and her grandfather, Raymond Cracchiolo, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

Lifelong Learning

Wayne State University student pharmacists and their director, Gerallynn B. Smith, discuss safe use of medications at home and in the hospital at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the

Center of Lifelong Learning, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

For more information, call (313) 885-8063.

Senior Men's

Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Speaker Leon Labrecque discusses the global economy. Lunch is served at noon. For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

Herb society

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe unit meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The society hosts its annual Herbs & Holly Boutique from 9



Rotary club

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe observed World Polio Day, Oct. 24, noting polio has been eradicated from all but four countries. Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are donating more than \$500 million. Pictured in the back row from left, Bob Bashara, Steve McMillan, Jane Kronner, Amy Gennaro, Bill Scott, Ron Vitale and Mexican exchange student Daniel Perez; front row from left, Diane Strickler, Mike Carmody, John Kronner, Italian exchange student Daiana Contini, South African exchange student Dimpho Rapotu, Kim Towar and Paul Rentenbach.

a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

The event features hand-crafted wreaths, lavender products, herbal holiday decorations, culinary creations, homemade pet gifts, demonstrations and samples.

For more information, call (586) 773-6682.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts University of Michigan professor George Bornstein who discusses his latest book, "The Colors of Zion: Black, Jews and Irish 1845 - 1945" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Grosse Pointe South High School library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is \$10.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe hosts art historian Michael Farrell at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The art history professor's lecture is "Come to the Fair: The Art and Architecture of the Paris World Fairs."

The cost is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for students.

For more information, call (313) 881-8844.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens hosts "A Cup of Gratitude," tea from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Refreshments and entertainment are provided by BrightStar Care of Grosse Pointe/Macomb. Entertainment is by the local talent of Twice Delivered features 11-year-old triplets and 9-year-old twins.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. The cost is \$5.

Parking is in the city lot behind St. James. Enter through the double doors facing the lot. The parking ticket is stamped at the tea.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection meets Thursday, Nov. 10, at City Kitchen, 16844 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Speaker Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe Chaplain Catherine Herron discusses her experiences.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

For reservations or information, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikeleek at (313) 884-4201.

Lake House

The Lake House hosts a fundraiser, Waves of Hope, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Lakeland Manor, 26211 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

Tickets range from \$50 to \$100 and include a buffet, entertainment, live and silent auctions and a raffle.

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds orientations at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7; 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9; and 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, and Nov. 10.

The organization provides support to help people live quality lives during their cancer journeys.

Grosse Pointe Woods

An adaptation of the Charlotte Bronte novel, "Jane Eyre," is the featured film for "Lunch and a Movie" at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Lunch is served at noon, the movie follows lunch.

The cost is \$9 for Woods residents and non-residents pay \$11. Reservations must be made by Monday, Nov. 7.

◆ Passengers on The Polar

Express (heated Grosse Pointe Woods park buses) depart from the community center at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. from Saturday, Dec. 17, through Wednesday, Dec. 21, to tour decorated houses throughout the Grosse Pointes, while listening to "The Polar Express" story.

Santa Claus is at the end of the route, with hot cocoa and cookies.

Children can wear pajamas. Registration forms are available at the community center. The cost is \$4.

For more information, call the community center at (313) 343-2408.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club Annual Scholarship Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lunch is served at noon, followed by a fashion show by Christopher Banks.

Proceeds benefit scholarships for two local high school students.

Tickets cost \$37 and reservations must be in by Saturday, Nov. 12, by calling Marie-Mainwaring at (313) 881-2441.

For more information, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 881-1324.

GPT

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "The Trip to Bountiful" from Sunday, Nov. 6 through Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The show is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, and Nov. 13, and 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 17, 18 and 19. Tickets cost \$18 and can be purchased by calling (313) 881-4004 or visiting gpt.org.

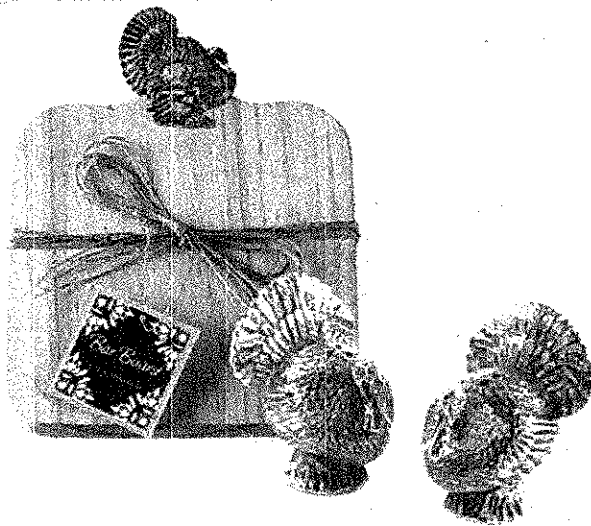
The story focuses on Carrie Watts, a widow who longs to escape the cramped Houston apartment she shares with her son and daughter-in-law. She wants to visit her hometown of Bountiful one last time. Thwarted by her family who believes she is too frail for the trip, Carrie finally breaks away to the train station. In her travels, she turns to strangers to help make her dream come true.

The cast includes Pat Bickley, of St. Clair Shores, as Carrie Watts; Jerry Nehr, of Grosse Pointe Woods, who plays Carrie's son, Ludie; and Jenni Carmichael Clark, of Royal Oak, as Jessie Mae, Carrie's daughter-in-law. The rest of the cast includes Lucy Ament, of Grosse Pointe Park; Mike Evans, of the City of Grosse Pointe; Geoff Proven, Jim Arnold, Kate Bernas and Eleanor Bernas, of Grosse Pointe Woods; Eddie and Jessie Tujaka, of Grosse Pointe Farms; Eric Vreeland, of St.

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Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, with coffee at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake shore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver, of Grosse Pointe Congregation Church. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

St. Paul

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 175 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, to benefit St. Paul's June Haiti mission trip.

Adult tickets cost \$10 and children pay \$8.

Congregational church

The Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Women's Fellowship holds its fall rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Proceeds benefit local and national charities.

St. Margaret

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 13

Mile, St. Clair Shores, hosts an arts and craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. Admission is \$1.

For more information, call (586) 296-2745.

St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds jazz services at 9 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. The service was written by church member, Chris Kauffold.

Christ church

The Choir of Men and Girls perform a requiem service at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe,



Christmas fair

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds a mini Christmas fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. Items for sale include decorated Christmas trees, Christian cross stitch tree ornaments, knitted hats and scarves, clothes to fit 18-inch dolls and hand-painted bird houses.

61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

First Christian Reformed

The First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts the Eastside Take Control group from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Job seeker success stories are discussed.

Dig Deeper

Dig Deeper meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at First Christian Reform Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. Facilitator is the Rev. Ben VanArragon.

Star of the Sea

The group explores emotional and spiritual issues related to job transition.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish hosts a concert, "American Heroes: A Musical Salute to the Armed Forces," from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11.

This is not a religious service and is open to the public.

The concert features organ, other instruments and the parish choir. Among the patriotic songs, an armed forces medley and verbal tributes honoring all branches is scheduled.

Admission is free and attendees can make a freewill offering.

The church is located at 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

First English

The Laughter and Inspiration at First English Players present "The Secret Garden" Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11-13, in The Luther Center, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The musical is based on a children's novel.

Dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The show begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13.

Admission for dinner and the musical costs \$18; students pay \$13.

The cost for the play only is \$10 and students pay \$7.

Tickets must be ordered and prepaid by calling the church office at (313) 884-5050.



Starring in the First English Lutheran's production of "The Secret Garden" are, from left, Devon LaMugno as Colin; Jeremy Har; as Dickon; and Madeline Arkison as Mary Lennox.

NEW ARRIVALS

Annette Alia Apess

Armando and Monica Apess, of St. Clair Shores, are the parents of a daughter, Annette Alia Apess, born Sept. 13, 2011.

Maternal grandparents are Armando and Isaura Blanco, of Harlingen, Texas.

Armando and Helen Apess, of Grosse Pointe Woods, are the paternal grandparents.

Sara Abdulhai, of Santa Clarita, Calif., is the great-grandmother.

Elizabeth Anna Jerabek

Marc and Lindsay Jerabek, of the City of Grosse Pointe, are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Anna Jerabek, born Aug. 15, 2011.

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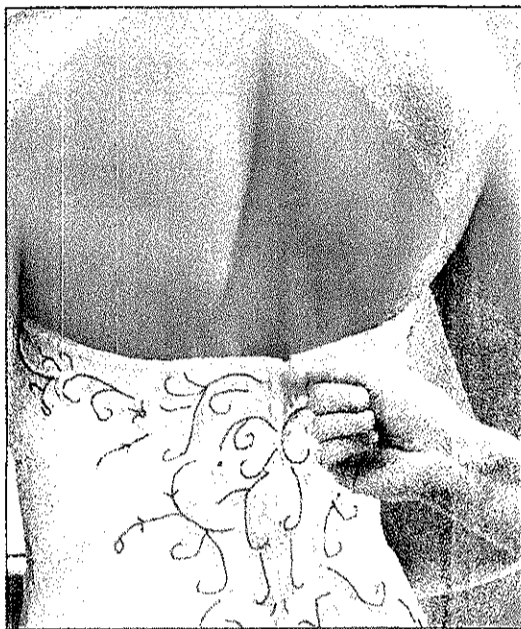


Colorful accents for this year's gowns

Almost as long as there have been bridal gowns, white or ivory have been the colors of choice for first-time brides.

These light hues represent the purity and innocence of the bride. Although a few brides-to-be choose to forego wedding white for something a bit more flashy — such as pink or yellow — a popular trend today is to wear gowns with accents of black or other deep colors to add dimension

to the white canvas. Considering the groom and groomsmen will be dressed in



Consider black stitching in the appliques of a gown for some drama. Many gowns come with colorful accents or they can be added later by a seamstress.

black tuxedos, black accents on a wedding gown have been growing in popularity and add a formal, regal look to a wedding.

Darker color embellishments can add drama to a gown. Another advantage is they can call out pattern or adornments not easily seen on a white-on-white gown. Deep colors against the white backdrop of the gown show well in photography, particularly the trendy black and white journalistic style.

Women shopping for bridal gowns considering colored accents should

be careful these embellishments are subtle and do not overwhelm the gown — or the person wearing it. Popular enhancements include appliques on the bodice or the train.

Another idea is to select a white gown and tie a black bow or sash around the waist or put a lace shrug over bare shoulders. Black-and-white lace gloves are also an option for

those who want to add a little splash of dimension.

The same concept can be applied to any accent color. Burgundy or plum colors also work well to add the contrast of dark against light and aren't as extreme as black.

Some brides can also opt for a paler, more pastel shade to serve as an accompaniment to the white gown. Many times

the accent colors chosen are replicated in the hue of the bridesmaids' gowns, so the entire wedding party looks cohesive.

Because the spectacle will be the beauty of the gown, it's best to carry a neutral-colored bouquet in a small size. Or, a black-and-white gown can be accented with a small nosegay of red flowers or roses.

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Flavorful wedding cakes

Today's brides and grooms are experimenting with cake flavors and designs to make theirs an unique representation of their persona as a couple.

It's no longer necessary to stick with a white cake with buttercream frosting for your wedding day. Think about exploring other flavor and filling combinations to tempt the guests' taste buds. For those who can't settle on just one flavor, how about having a different flavor for each layer?

Couples getting married in the fall may want to consider a spice cake evoking sipping a mug of spiced cider. Cream cheese frosting is often a pairing with spice cake, or add a layer of caramel.

A hummingbird cake may fit the bill for a spring wedding. Made with mashed bananas, pineapples and chopped pecans, it is often paired with cream cheese frosting.

Yellow or white cake are universal favorites for weddings. Some pizzazz can be added through the use of creative fillings. Consider something citrusy and summery for a summer wedding. Raspberry preserves or lemon curd are tart and sweet. For a tropical flair, mangoes or passion fruit can be mixed with touches of coconut.

A winter wedding can be accented with rich flavors, like a decadent chocolate cake filled with chocolate ganache and black cherries — in a black

forest style. Those toasting to the good life may want an almond cake enhanced with some fine liqueur and simple chocolate buttercream.

Couples should sit down with their baker and sample a number of flavor combinations to determine a recipe that works for them.

Pastry companies may also create a cake encompassing the couple's favorite flavors or symbolizes a special moment in their lives. A Boston cream pie-inspired cake may liven up the wedding of a couple who became engaged in Boston. Maybe a cannoli cream filled cake will usher in memories of a trip to Italy.

Whatever the case, couples can use their cake as a center-

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Yesterday's Headlines

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **STATE ASKED FOR CONTROLS AT LAKESHORE CURVE:** The Shores and the Wayne County Road Commission have petitioned the Michigan Highway Department to locate flasher-light signals and adequate road signs at the potentially dangerous curve at 1100 and 1040 Lakeshore Road.

◆ **FARMS HOUSEWIFE BOUND AND ROBBED BY TWO MEN:** Farms police are seeking two men who forced

their way into a Farms home and took about \$215 after blindfolding and binding a housewife with tape and slapping her about the face to make her reveal where the money was kept.

◆ **MAILMAN BITTEN; DOG OWNER FINED:** A City of Grosse Pointe resident was ticketed by police for harboring a nuisance.

The resident's dog bit a mail-

Spooky

Little Eric Truesch has some fun folks in his family. Eric's grandmother, Gay Shuert, and her daughter-in-law, Jackie Shuert, designed the scary scene above where Eric found a comfortable seat near the pumpkins and hay in front of his Rivard home.



FROM THE OCT. 30, 1986, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

man on the right leg, breaking the skin. The mailman refused doctor's treatment. The dog was impounded at Dr. Moore's Veterinary Hospital and the board of health was notified.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **PARK ADOPTS TAX PLAN FOR WESTERN BORDER:** A public hearing to consider establishing a special tax district for the western end of Grosse Pointe Park drew about 200 residents to the Pierce

Middle School auditorium. Following 2 1/2 hours of discussion and audience participation, the four members present of the seven-member council voted to create a Tax Increment Financing Authority for the area.

The designated area lies roughly between Mack and Jefferson and Wayburn and Somerset. With the special district, the city will be able to "capture" taxes from the new development within the area plus the portion of taxes in excess of what existed on Dec. 31, 1985.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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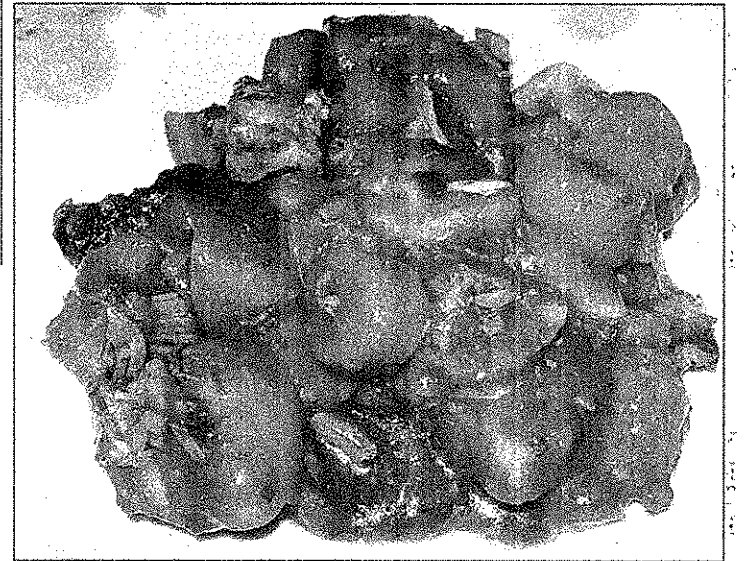
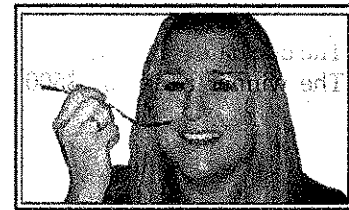


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Fill the house with aroma and soup bowls with a heart-warming French stew.

Change in weather calls for hearty stew



The weather is turning and it's time for a hearty stew with class and distinction — French stew. The recipe comes from the

kitchen of Helen McCoy, of Ionia. I started making the stew nearly seven years ago, not altering the recipe at all. Whether slow cooked in the oven or left to "stew" in a crock pot, this one dish wonder has been one of my most asked for recipes.

French Stew

- 4 to 5 celery ribs, washed and chopped to bite-sized pieces
 - 4 to 5 carrots, peeled and sliced into 1/2 inch rounds
 - 4 to 5 potatoes, peeled and diced into bite-sized pieces
 - 2 to 3 onions, peeled and chopped
 - 2 lbs. stew meat
 - 4 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons instant tapioca
 - 1 1/2 cups tomato juice
 - 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons sugar
 - 3/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper
- Spray a 3 quart (oven safe) Dutch oven with no-stick spray. Set aside. Begin by preparing all vegetables and placing them in separate bowls. Cube stew meat to 1 inch pieces and place in Dutch oven. Toss meat with just a bit of olive oil and a touch of salt. Arrange meat over bottom of pot. Top meat with prepared celery followed by carrots, potatoes and last, onions. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a small bowl, whisk tapioca with tomato juice, sugar, salt and pepper. Pour evenly over vegetables in pot. Cover and place in oven for 30 minutes. Lower oven heat to 300 degrees and continue to cook another four hours. Remove from oven and gently stir before serving. The tomato juice mixture turns into a silky glaze as your house fills with the aroma of warmth and flavor. This recipe is a clip and save for sure. To prepare stew in a crock pot (slow cooker) start with carrots on bottom of a greased crock pot followed by celery, onions, potatoes and meat. When using the slow cooker, I toss the meat with a bit of olive oil and salt before placing over potatoes. Pour tomato juice mixture evenly over meat. Cover and cook on low setting for six to eight hours. Stir gently and serve.

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• **"School Spirit" Middle School Dance** — Friday, Nov. 4

7 to 10 p.m. Open to all students in grades 6-8 who reside in or attend school in Grosse Pointe. Students can wear their school colors. The cost is \$14 and students must present a War Memorial ID card. Tickets are not sold at the door.

• **Mom to Mom Sale** — 9 a.m.

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• **The United States Naval Academy Men's Glee Club** — 9:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 11. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.; no admittance after 9 a.m.

• **Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"** — 1 to 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 1, at the Fox Theatre. The cost is \$88 and includes bus transportation and

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ACTIVITIES: Unveiling art work, awards

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Clair Shores; and Elisha Kranz, of Westland.

Grosse Pointe Park

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• **Women's Opportunity Award** — To be eligible, the woman must be head of household, enrolled in a vocational or educational program beyond high school and have

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vertically adding a 3-inch piece of elastic at the bottom of each leg gathering it slightly at the back of the ankle.

"It was a good skill to show off," Laurie Mitchell said.

Mitchell created the tank top pattern. Because there was insufficient material available, she added black lace inserts on both side seams.

The two-section back is loosely held together with three tabs secured with silver buttons. The tank's hem is trimmed with black lace and the neck accented with black binding.

The overblouse, with cap sleeves, was "itchy" and the reason why Mitchell added the tank with flannel backing.

"She got good feedback from the judges," Laurie Mitchell said. "They liked the V-neck shirt and the pants. The judges loved the lace on the tank."

The judges also commented on the good use of scrap legging material. Mitchell wrapped a strip around her dark brown hair pulled into a bun.

Scoring high marks in nine categories, Mitchell earned 8.3 out of a possible 10 points on her project.

To top off the day, Suede S. Baum, who has a Simplicity pattern line, asked to meet the winners of each category. Known as Suede, he was on season five of the television show, "Project Runway," a program Mitchell and her mother have been watching for years, Laurie Mitchell said.

He wanted to check out what the winners created.

Now it's on to next year's competition using a talent which can be traced to her paternal great-grandfather who made leather purses, wallets and briefcases in his native Belgium. Mitchell will use her prize of two gift certificates to fabric stores to create next year's casual wear entry. The specifics are top secret.

"I love to sew. I love clothes. I love fashion. Maybe I'll be a fashion designer," she said, dreamily.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Boomers not poster children for aging



The 77 million Americans who had their 47th through 65th birthdays this year (the famed Baby Boomers), have no intention of symbolizing the aging of America.

A poll taken by the Associated Press-Life-Goes Strong.com shows that three-quarters of all boomers interviewed consider themselves middle-aged or younger. That includes most of the boomers aged 57-65.

Most of those polled say old age begins at 70, a quarter say it starts at 80. A third feel confident about growing older, and about half say they're highly excited about retirement.

Only about 16 percent describe getting older as frustrating or sad.

Among top worries: physical ailments that may reduce independence (deeply worrisome to 45 percent); losing memory (44 percent); and being unable to pay medical bills (43 percent). Forty-one percent fret about running out of money.

Although most rated themselves in good or excellent health overall, a third say their health declined in recent years. Less than one in 10 reported themselves as seriously doing poorly.

Only 12 percent reported looking older as bothering them. The majority say they wouldn't get plastic surgery. Of the one in five who have had or would consider cosmetic surgery, about half might improve their tummy or eyes. Nearly 40 percent would consider getting their sagging chins fixed.

But boomers do try to look younger. Some 55 percent of the women regularly dye their hair. Only 5 percent of the men admit to it.

What was the best thing about getting older? The wis-

dom they've accumulated over the years.

Once I reached 80, I liked being older. I don't know if I'm getting smarter, but the breadth of my experiences make it possible to make better decisions and to accept life as it comes, good and bad. But I do agree with the respondent who said, "The physical part of getting older is the pits."

Oct. 31 was a historic date, which most of us were unaware. That was the birth date of the hundreds of thousands born this year throughout the world, who helped our world reach the seven billion mark.

It took us 123 years to reach this population since 1804 when world population stood at one billion.

Estimates state it will take only 14 years to reach eight billion (in 2025), and 18 years more to attain nine billion (in 2043).

Of the 10 most populated countries, China is the leader with 2.3 billion, and India second with 1.2 billion. The United

States is a distant third with 3.1 billion.

Space is not a problem, that is if you could redistribute people around the world. If you packed the world's population in at New York City's density, they would fit inside the state of Texas.

Population experts say sufficient food would also not be a problem; it's a matter of access to food in Third World countries that creates starvation.

Global fertility rates are worrisome. The global fertility rate has fallen by nearly half, but remains high in less developed countries. Increases in life span will also create problems.

There were 12 working-age people for every person over 65 in 1960. By 2050, there will be three.

The economic crisis is believed to have pushed an additional 64 million people into extreme poverty. One in 8 people is undernourished, 1 in 3 people lack a hygienic toilet, and 1 in 3 city dwellers live in a slum.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Ted Kasper

Accountability equation



Editor's Note: This is part one of a two-part series.

Q Our son is five years old and our daughter is three. When they go out on their own, I want our efforts as parents to result in responsible, capable and confident people. Do you have any tips?

A I have three words for you: "Opportunity equals responsibility," also known as the Accountability Equation.

These three words can be the cornerstone of your family discipline policy.

Those using this equation develop the capacity to make good choices and learn the relationship between cause and effect.

Through consistent use, your children can feel a degree of control over their lives and provides parents a way to hold children accountable in a loving and respectful manner.

Through the Accountability Equation, parents can verbalize "Opportunity equals responsibility" on a consistent basis in a calm, clear, respectful manner.

The Accountability Equation gives children the opportunity to demonstrate responsible behavior. When they do not, the opportunity is removed. Three special words — choose, decide and pick — help add strength and meaning to the equation. They help your children "get" the cause and effect of their behavior and the relationship between behavior and consequence.

For children to understand cause and effect, consequences must follow their choices. The Accountability Equation asks parents to structure their behavior and language in such a way the child decides the outcome. Some examples of verbalizing the Accountability Equation are:

◆ "When you choose to throw your toys, you have decided to have them on the shelf until after dinner."

◆ "If you decide not to finish your homework, you have chosen to do it Saturday morning."

◆ "If you decide to be home on time, you have chosen the opportunity to play outside tomorrow."

◆ "You can use the car tonight. It is your responsibility to bring it back with the same amount of gas as when you left. If you choose to put gas in the car, you have decided to have it again the following night. If you choose no gas, you have chosen not to use the car tomorrow night."

In "Accountability Equation, Part 2," I detail the four steps in using the Accountability Equation effectively.

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Editor's note: The Family Center's Holiday Ornament Artist Challenge is cancelled.

HOLLY FEST tickets on sale

The ninth annual HOLLY FEST, the signature fundraising event for The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Club.

A silent auction runs from 6 to 8 p.m. followed by a live auction from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. General admission tickets are \$85.

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The ninth annual HOLLY FEST benefit co-chairwomen Lois Warden and Beth Moran.

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CROSS COUNTRY

South 1st, North 3rd to make state finals

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe's girls' cross-country teams were well represented in last weekend's Division 1 regional meet at Metro Beach in Harrison Township.

South won its 10th straight regional championship with 23 points and 24th in its 33-year history, and North took third place with 90 points to make the state finals. Sterling Heights Stevenson also made the finals, taking second with 54 points.

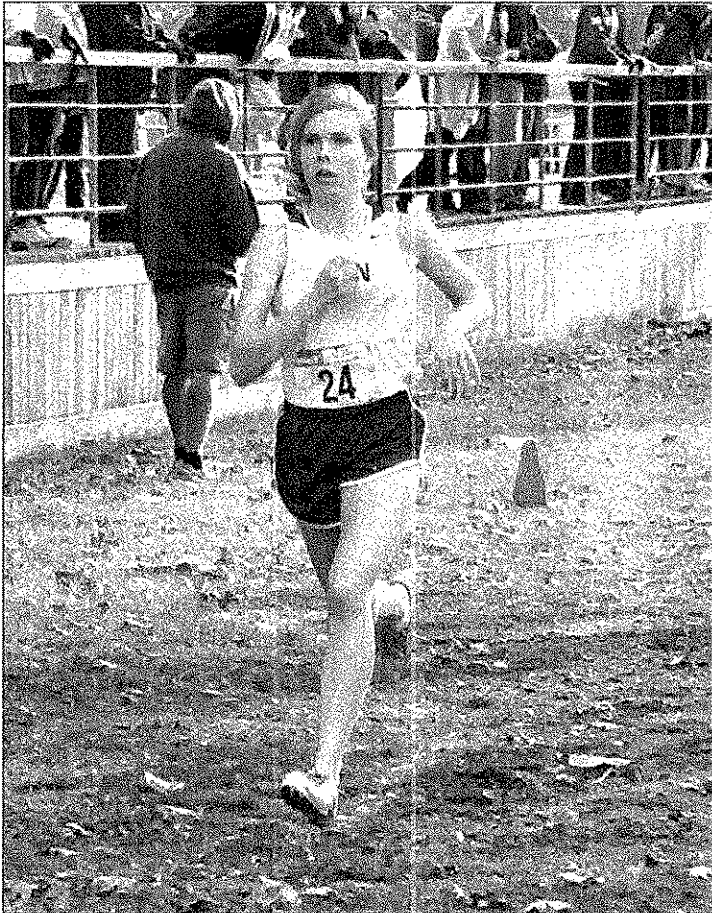
The Blue Devils had the top four finishers with junior Hannah Meier winning the meet with a time of 17:58. She made it 3-for-3 with regional first-place finishes.

Sophomore Kelsie Schwartz was second with a time of 18:16, while junior Haley Meier and freshman Ersula Farrow placed third and fourth with times of 18:45 and 18:57.

"These four took charge of the race from the onset," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "They were remarkable and relentless. It was so impressive to see them take the top four places."

"They have trained and raced together so well all season long. The mutual support and respect is amazing."

Freshman Megan Sklarski rounded out the Blue Devils'



Grosse Pointe North's Allison Francis helped the Norsemen earn a trip to the state finals with her excellent finish in the regional meet.

scorers, taking 13th with a time of 19:59. The five Blue Devils all earned All-Region honors.

"A huge key to our team's success at the state meet is our No. 5 runner," Zaranek said. "We can challenge for a top-

five finish if we are all under 20 minutes. Megan is absolutely up to the challenge. She has been an incredible competitor all season long."

The Blue Devils' other runners were Carolyn Sullivan, taking 20th, and Nicole Keller,

placing 30th.

"Both Carolyn and Nicole have been under the weather this past week," Zaranek said. "They will be ready to go with best performances at the state meet. They gave an outstanding effort at the regional."

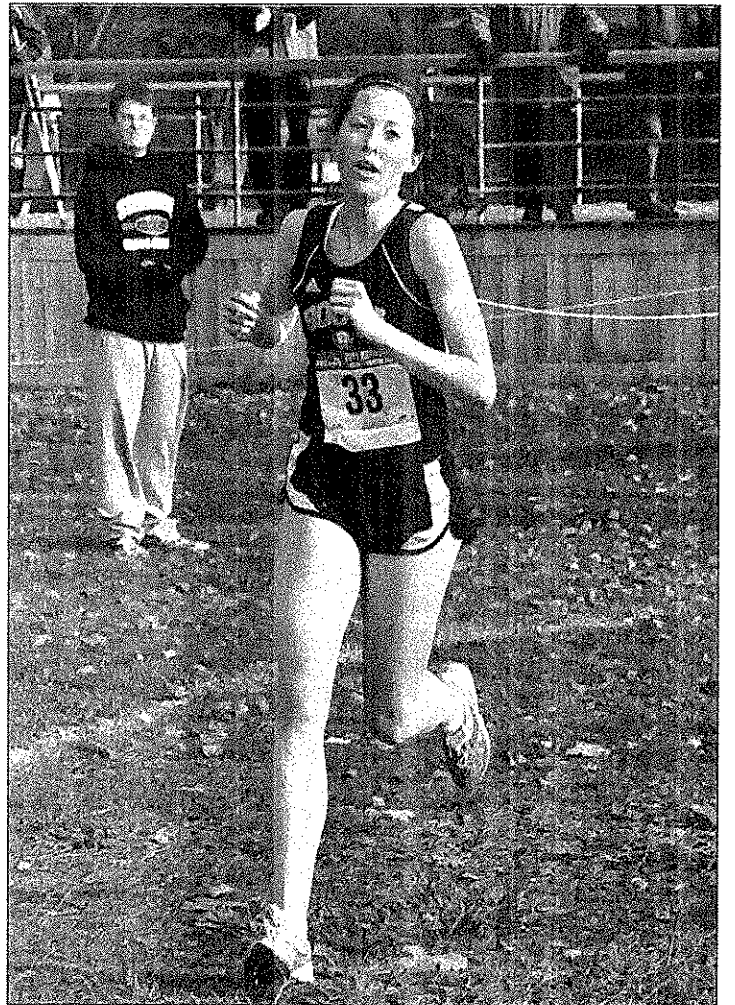
As for the Norsemen, junior Allison Francis was 10th with a time of 19:34. Senior Katy VanEgmond and sophomore Natalie Schaefer also ran well, finishing 14th and 17th with times of 20:00 and 20:23, respectively.

Francis and VanEgmond also made All-Region.

"I'm very proud of my varsity runners for their dedication to this team and making it to the state finals," North head coach Scott Cooper said. "Francis and VanEgmond both made all-regional and ran terrific races."

"Francis ran in the 19s again and is on her way to becoming an 18-minute runner if she puts the time and effort in over the next season, and VanEgmond continues to run with a tremendous amount of heart and is ending her tremendous four-year career on a very high note."

Other scorers for the Norsemen were sophomore Julia Rustmann, 23rd with a time of 21:27; senior Alyse Victor, 25th with a time of 21:30; sophomore Sarah Rustmann, 34th with a time of



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South's Hannah Meier cruised to a third straight regional championship.

21:54; and senior Kelsey Mumford, Fraser, L'Anse Richards, 38th with a time of 22:14.

Other teams competing in the meet were Detroit Warren Mott.

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Cross country

NORTH & SOUTH BOYS

Blue Devils' team, Finley make finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' cross-country team earned a spot in the Division 1 state championship meet at Michigan International Speedway.

Head coach Mark Sonnenberg and the Blue Devils placed second behind U-D Jesuit in the regional meet held at Metro Beach in Harrison Township.

The Blue Devils were led by senior Austin Montgomery and sophomore Charlie Warren, who made All-Region with a fifth-place and 15th-place finish with times of 16:22 and 16:57, respectively.

The Blue Devils' other varsity runners were sophomore Jake Knuth, 17th with a time of 17:00; junior Matt Geist, 18th with a time of 17:10; senior Cameron Davies, 21st with a time of 17:14; and junior Brad Sanford, 23rd with a time of 17:17.5.

"We had an awesome day and finished just behind a tough U-D team," Sonnenberg said.

Grosse Pointe North finished sixth in the meet with

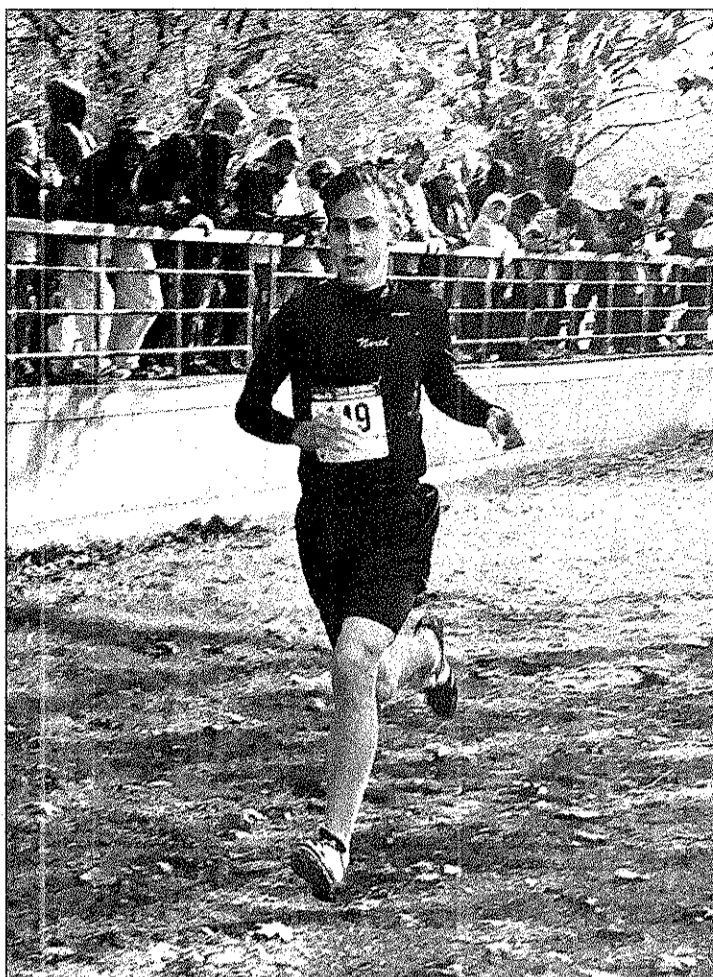
134 points as senior Nick Finley qualified for the state finals for the second straight year.

He was ninth overall with his second-fastest time of 16:41.

"Nick Finley had a very consistent season for us," North head coach Diane Montgomery said. "He led the team in every single meet and established himself in the No. 15 spot on the all-time performances list for North. I'm looking forward to his performance at the state meet."

The Norsemen's other finishers were senior captain Ed Surmont, 25th with a personal-best time of 17:22; junior Nate Limback, 30th with a time of 17:33; junior Jordan Radke, 33rd with a time of 17:41; junior Danny Ciaravino, 37th with a time of 17:46; senior captain Jonathan Gryniewicz, 39th with a time of 17:51; and junior Tyler Sickmiller, 40th with a time of 17:51.

"I was proud of the performances the boys put in this season," Montgomery said. "It would've been great to qualify for the state meet as a team, but the competition was really tough this year in both the region and the division.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North senior Nick Finley has enjoyed a ton of success this season, including earning another spot in the state finals.

"In the region meet, we were one of only two teams to have all seven runners in under 18:00. That was a nice accomplishment for us. We also had some nice personal best times in the junior varsity race.

"All in all, we will be returning four of the top seven next year. Hopefully, not qualifying for the state finals will inspire the juniors to continue to work hard between now and the

start of the next season."

Correction

In the division meet, North's top finishers were Finley, earning First Team All-MAC Red Division with a time of 16:18, Limback at 17:14, Radke at 17:18, Gryniewicz at 17:29 and Sickmiller at 17:36.

These were all new personal best times which were not correct in the last issue.

LIGGETT

Ladies make state finals; Allen, too

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' cross-country team made the state finals last weekend, placing third in a Division 4 regional meet in Algonac.

"We expected a close race in both events and we were not disappointed," head coach Trey Cassidy said. "The runners gave a great effort, with nine of them securing season or personal bests.

"Many of them beat runners they had lost to previously and most raced well in the final stretches to hold onto or move up their position at the finish line. This was the kind of day we expected and we are very proud of our athletes for their efforts and hard work as it really showed on Saturday."

According to the Michigan High School Athletic Association website, Royal Oak Shrine won the girls' meet with 26 points, followed by Auburn Hills Oakland Christian with 77 and Liggett with 88.

Other teams competing were Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Kimball Landmark, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Memphis, Southfield Christian, Birmingham Roeper, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

Shrine's Madelyne Luddy won the meet with a time of 20:55, followed by Shrine's Caitlin Snyder at 20:59 and Liggett sophomore Danielle Lorant at 21:03.

The Knights' other finishers were junior Haleigh Ristovski, 14th with a time of 22:22; senior Wesley DeJoie, 19th at 23:19; senior Katarina Goitz, 21st with a time of 23:58; freshman Taylor Slayton, 31st with a time of 25:08; freshman Jo Hummell, 45th with a time of 27:28; and junior Aria Ganz-Waple, 52nd with a time of 32:43.

"After the first mile, it was clear Danielle was back in good form, shadowing the lead group and helping set a tempo that would break the weaker runners.

"Shrine had three girls in

this lead group and they were comfortably working together. Haleigh was on track for a good race from the start, working her way through the crowd and charging past slowing runners in the final mile.

"Wesley had an impressive day, going out at an aggressive pace and using the turns to get past anyone slowing her down. She ran a nice tempo and finished with a personal-best time.

"Katarina and Taylor did not have their best days, but they did have some good competitive moments in the last half mile as they fought to hold their position and help the team secure its goal."

The boys didn't make it as a team, as Shrine won the title with 60 points, followed by Oakland Christian with 76 and Waterford Lakes with 79.

The Knights were in the middle of the pack with Kimball Landmark, Lutheran Northwest, Southfield Christian, Roeper and Cardinal Mooney.

Southfield Christian's Evan Carter won the race with a time of 16:58 and Shrine had the next two placers with Ben Kendell and Matt Sutton posting times of 17:06 and 17:23, respectively.

Junior Kevin Allen, Liggett's top runner, was sixth with a time of 18:06, while sophomore Dylan Goitz was 16th with a time of 19:09. However, the top 15 individuals make it in the finals.

The Knights' other runners were junior Joe Renzi, 31st with a time of 20:35; freshman William Loner, 39th with a time of 20:59; sophomore Cole Zingas, 46th with a time of 21:35; freshman Joseph Pas, 51st with a time of 22:20; and senior Robert Hammond, 58th with a time of 25:14.

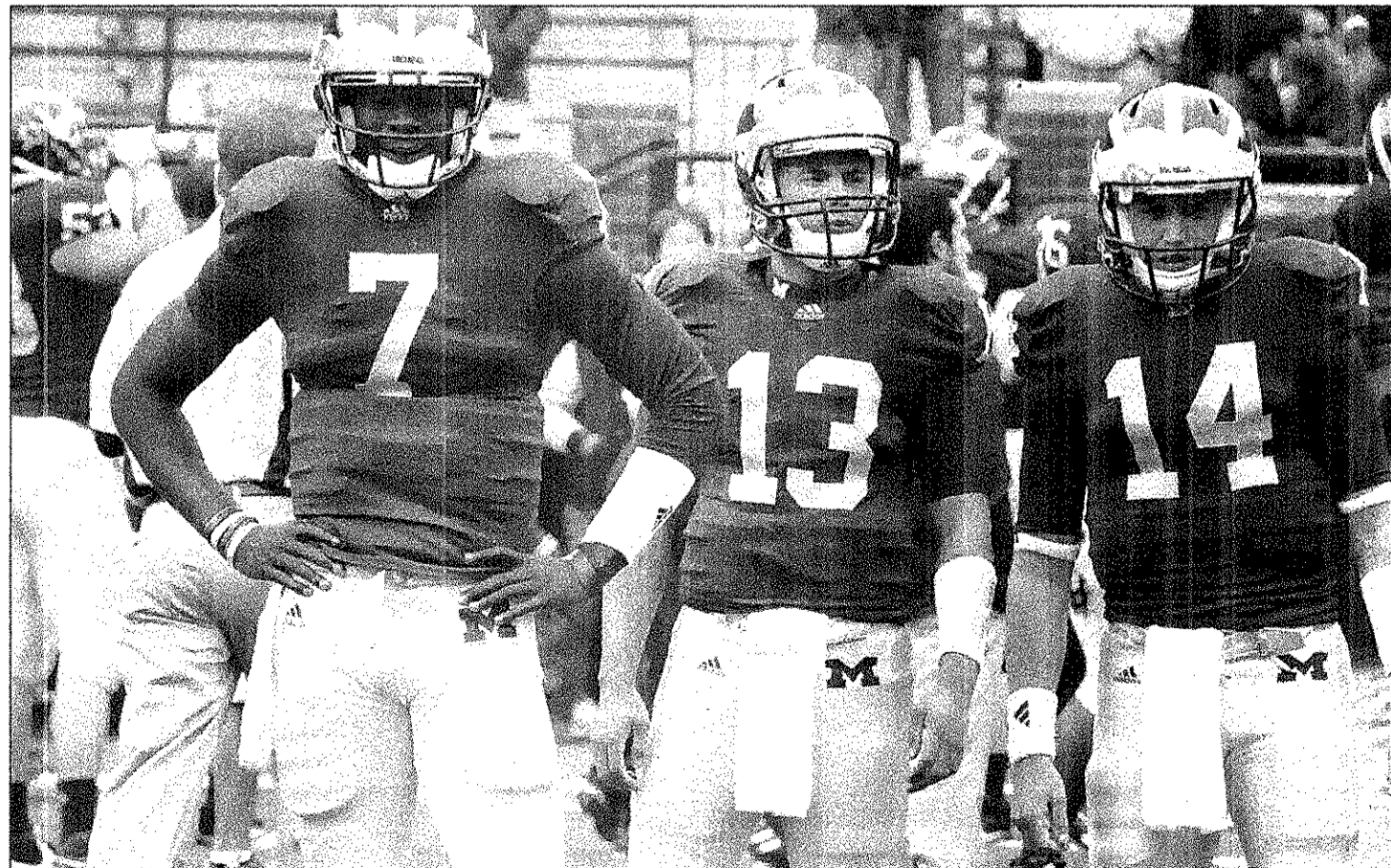
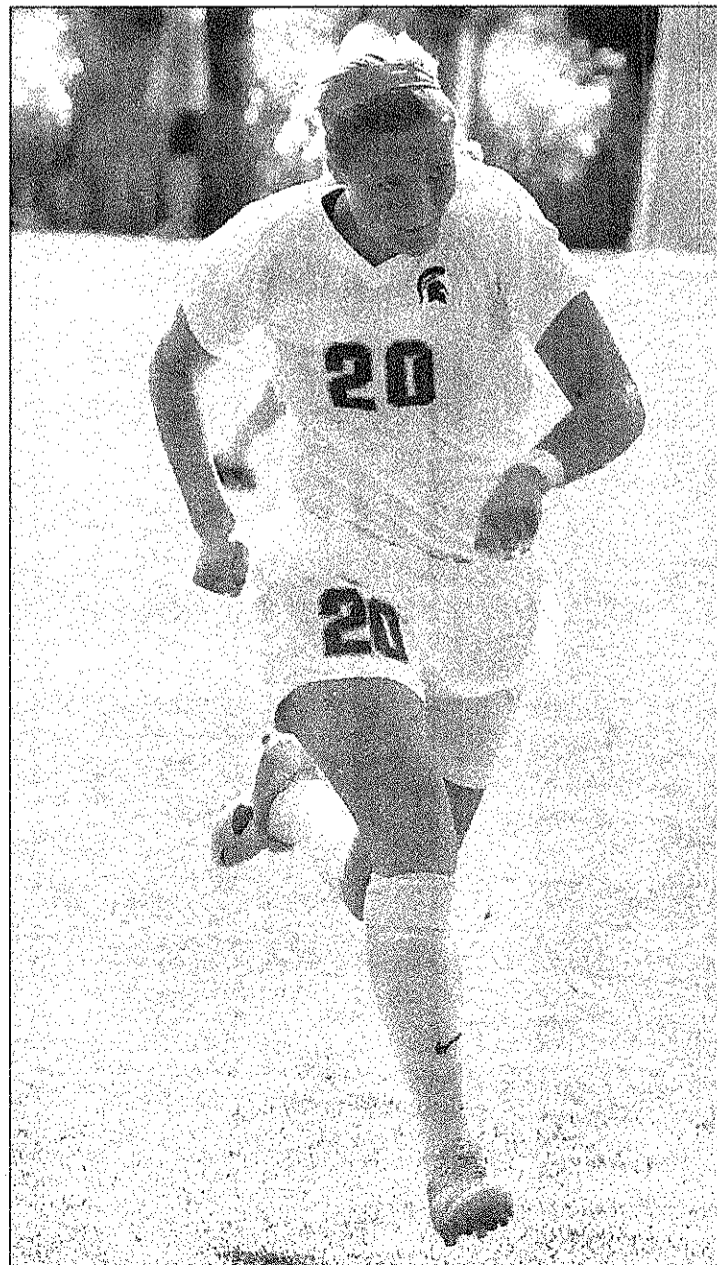
"In the boys' race, there were five teams trying to earn three invitations to the state championships," Cassidy said. "On this day, time really wasn't the issue. The point was to get in position and race for place."

The girls' Division 4 finals starts at 10 a.m. and the boys at 11 a.m. at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.



Grosse Pointe South senior Austin Montgomery, front and center, finished in the top 10 to help the Blue Devils' team earn a spot in the Division 1 state championship meet this weekend at MIS.

COLLEGE NEWS



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Division 1 student-athletes

Grosse Pointers Ben Fry, No. 13 above, and Olivia Stander, left, are playing Division 1 athletics. Fry, a freshman from Grosse Pointe South, is a walk-on quarterback for the University of Michigan football team, while Stander, a junior from Grosse Pointe North, is a three-year standout for the Michigan State University women's soccer team. U-M football is ranked No. 13 in the AP and 7-1 overall, 3-1 in the Big Ten, while MSU soccer is 14-5 overall and 7-4 in the Big Ten. Stander is the Spartans' second-leading scorer with 11 goals and nine assists.

Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Team preps for playoffs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With the division slate in the rearview mirror, it's all about preparing for the state playoffs.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' volleyball team played a quad tournament at Roseville last week and finished 2-1.

The Blue Devils opened with a 25-16, 25-21 win over Warren Fitzgerald.

After the teams traded points through the first half of the opening game, the Blue Devils took charge with freshman Ruth Hayden serving seven straight points, including two aces, to stretch a 16-14 lead to 23-14.

Freshman Izzy Murphy's kill put the game in the win column, but the momentum didn't carry over to game two as the Spartans jumped out to a 5-0 lead.

The Blue Devils' serve was tough to handle as it got them back in the second stanza with

Hayden, sophomore Kate Krueger, sophomore Grace Metry and sophomore Hannah Adams earning points.

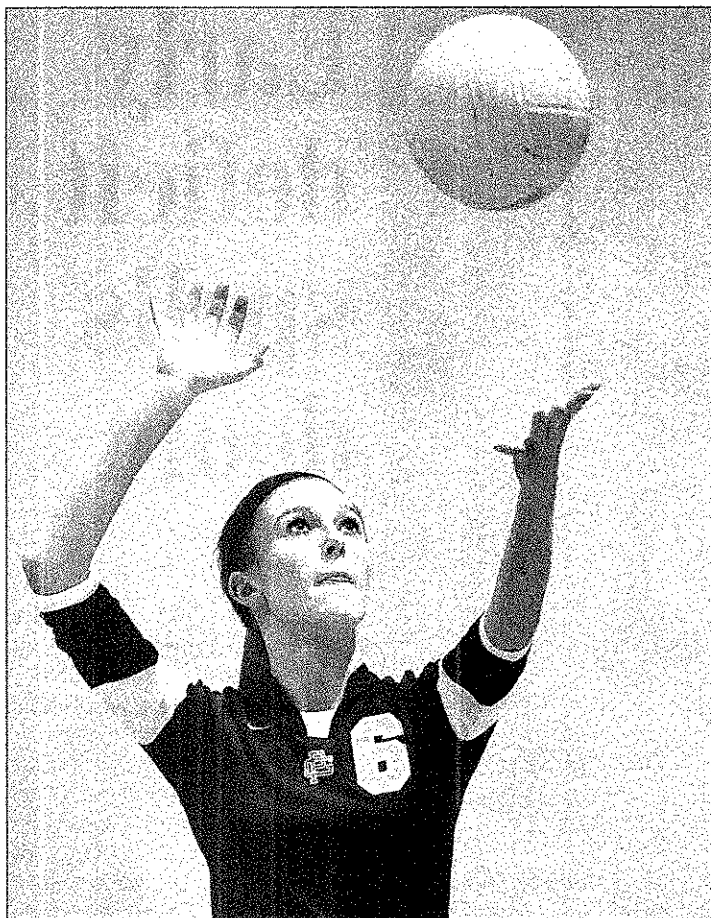
Head coach Ryan Welser watched his underclassmen find their mojo and put their game in second gear to win the match.

South's next foe was host Roseville and 40 minutes later had a 25-10, 25-20 victory.

Metry was in a groove, serving a couple of aces early and a big service run by Adams helped the Blue Devils lead 15-8. Junior Claire DeBoer had four consecutive service points to increase the lead to 20-9.

Sophomore Katie Murphy put the finishing touches on the game one victory and it was junior Neala Berkowski who put the Blue Devils on her shoulders in the second game, netting several service points and a couple of kills.

Roseville stormed back, cutting a 16-8 deficit into a 19-18 lead with superb serving and



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

Sophomore Kate Krueger serves during the Blue Devils' match against Roseville.

good net play, but the Blue Devils were able to calm the storm. DeBoer's kill helped the visitors put the final points on the board to win the match.

South and Rochester Hills

Stoney Creek were both 2-0 entering the third match. Both games were well played and close, but the Blue Devils lost 25-20, 25-20, finishing the regular season 27-9-5 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen jump all over Denby

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' volleyball team made quick work of Detroit Denby in Monday afternoon's Class A district first-round match.

The Norsemen won 25-7, 25-9, 25-3 in a match that took only 45 minutes to complete.

Everyone chipped in on the stat sheet with freshman Caitlin Gaitley, senior Elizabeth Champney, junior Julia Guest, freshman Megan Lesha, senior Melissa McCabe, freshman Christa Raicevich and freshman Olivia Ritchie netting kills.

Guest got the home team off to a fast start, serving six straight points, including three aces to make it 6-1.

Senior Lea Kummer had four service points and an ace to make it 13-5. Champney, Lesha and sophomore Colleen Reveley also had service points.

In the second game, it was 4-4 until Reveley served four straight points. From that

point on, it was all Norsemen.

Guest once again used her jump serve to get the home team rolling. She served 14 straight points after Denby grabbed a 1-0 lead. During the 14-point run, Guest had three aces.

McCabee and Kummer each served a healthy dose of points, including Kummer's final serve, which fell for an ace to end the match.

Last weekend, North, playing without Breann Reveley and Lesha, made it to the finals of the Andover Tournament before losing to Clarkston.

"The girls played great, but I think they ran out of gas in that final match because they did not play North volleyball," assistant coach Danielle Zohrob said.

The Norsemen defeated Port Huron in the semifinals and in pool play they beat Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Birmingham Detroit Country Day and Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

North improved to 30-15-3.

LIGGETT

Knights move on

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' volleyball team turned on the jets after a sluggish start to beat New Haven 25-20, 25-10, 25-12 in a Class C district first-round match at Mount Clemens.

"Once we got going, we took total control," head coach Joe LaMagno said. "All the girls are playing with a lot of confidence and it's nice to see."

Junior Tori Wuthrich was the Knights' top hitter, but she had plenty of help from middle hitters, junior Ashley Rahi and sophomore Sarah Edmonds.

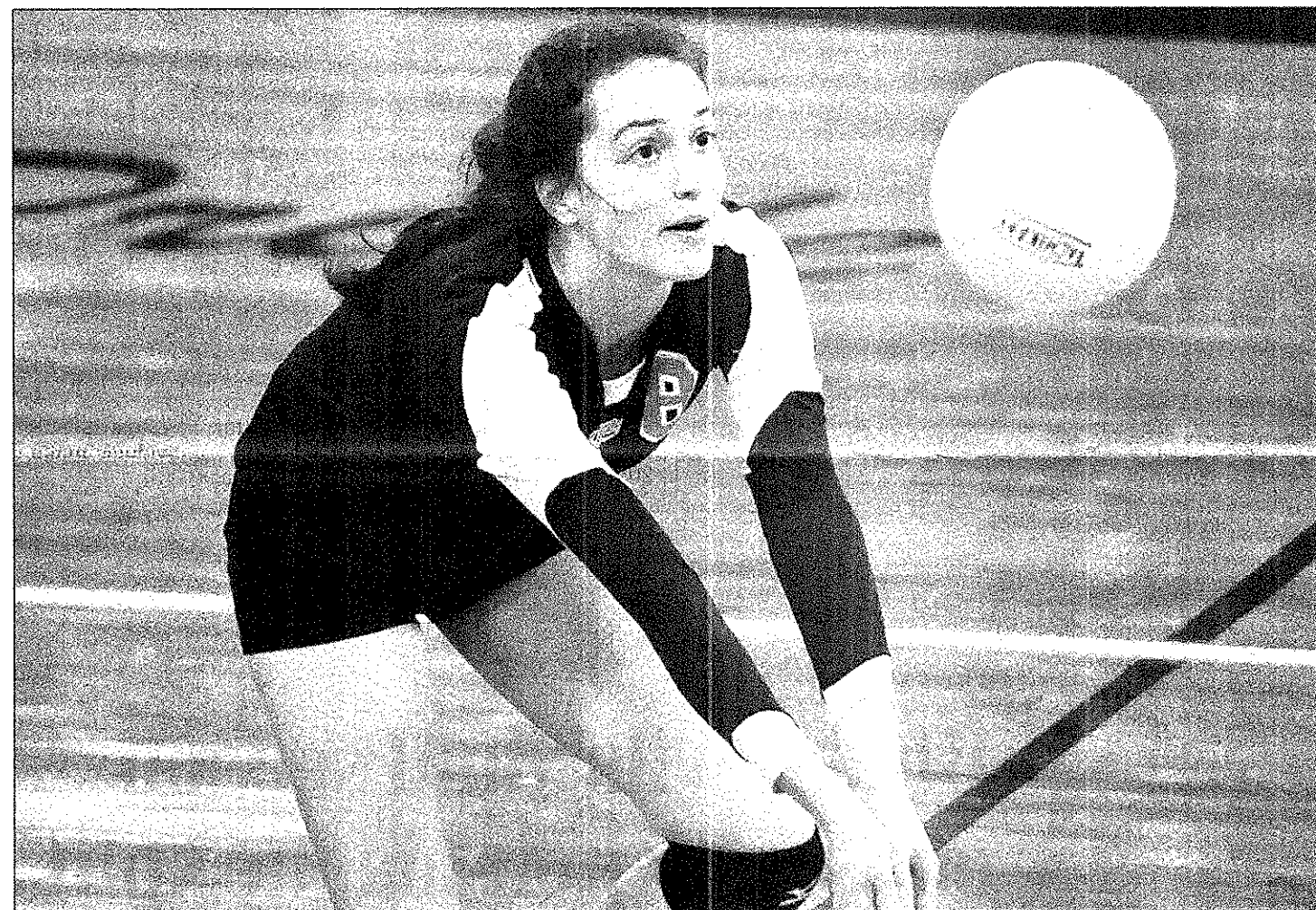
With senior Haley Smith at setter and juniors Anne Flick at

libero and junior Colleen Klimek the serve-receive leader and defensive stopper, the Knights are tough to beat.

In other recent action, the Knights beat Lutheran Westland on their senior night, whipped Marine City Cardinal Mooney in Liggett's final home match of the season and lost a game to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, but roared back to win the next three games to win the match.

"The girls are doing everything I asked and it has led to an improved level of play since early in the season," LaMagno said.

Liggett improved to 25-8-2 overall.



Sophomore Hannah Adams returns a serve during the Blue Devils' quad competition against Warren Fitzgerald, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek and host Roseville.

Field hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to state power

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The season is over.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' field hockey team lost 5-1 to defending state champ Ann Arbor Huron in a Michigan High School Field Hockey Association quarterfinal playoff game at Detroit Country Day last week.

Head coach Millie Tompkins' squad couldn't match Huron's firepower. The two teams played in the regular season finale a week prior to this game and Huron won it 3-0 with three second-half goals.

Ironically, Huron beat South 5-0 earlier in the season, completing the three-game sweep by outscoring the Blue Devils 13-1.

Despite the loss, the Blue Devils once again made it to the Elite 8 and finished with a winning record, 7-5-3.

This group of Kim Stavale, Maggie Stafford, Carmen Engel, Savannah Preston, Marie Monark, Gabby Hartman, Amanda Heidt, Lindsey Mestdagh, Sarah Graves, Franny Aliotta, Bella

Blondell, Anna Kucharski, Ellen Stewart, Katie Rapacchietta, Emma Voci, Maddie Dettlinger, Elizabeth DiMauro, Maggie Teodecki, Rachael Harrison, Maddie Miller, Samantha Campau, Lilly Sterr, Dana Kornmeier, Jen Ryan and Ella Calas enjoyed another successful season under Tompkins' tutelage.

In the other quarterfinals, Farmington Hills Mercy beat Ann Arbor Greenhills 1-0, Livonia Ladywood defeated Catholic League rival Birmingham Marian 2-1 and Ann Arbor Pioneer blasted Saline 6-0.

In the Final Four, Huron edged Mercy 2-1 and in the other game, Pioneer blanked Ladywood 3-0.

The best teams in the state met for the championship.

It was Huron repeating as the River Rats defeated Pioneer 2-1.

In the 2010 championship game, Huron beat Pioneer 1-0.

Returning field hockey players have several months to improve their skills before the 2012 season begins.

Football



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Gridiron playoffs begin

The state football playoffs for 11-man teams began last weekend with 16 games played in each of the eight divisions. Local squads Grosse Pointe South with senior quarterback Robby Kish, No. 14, and Liggett, were in action. For Liggett and South results, see page 4C.

Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

King-sized defeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's football team's state playoff run lasted just one game this season.

The host Blue Devils took it on the chin in last weekend's Division 2 pre-district game against Detroit Martin Luther King, losing 46-7.

The home team actually led 7-0 just 1:31 into the contest. Senior quarterback Robbie Kish hit senior wide receiver Jon Parker for a 38-yard gain on the first play and senior running back Eddy Mollison lost a yard on the second play of the drive.

On second-and-11 from King's 36-yard line, senior full-back Chris Weldon took a handoff and raced right up the gut, sprinting 36 yards for the touchdown. Parker's extra point made it 7-0 and the home fans were on their feet.

It was all downhill after that. King's all-state running back Dennis Norfleet took the kickoff and returned it 90 yards for a touchdown. Senior Sam Hartman blocked the extra point as the Blue Devils led 7-6.

On their third possession, Kish hit Parker for a 24-yard gain, but Parker didn't see a defender running behind him to make the tackle. When the defender went in for the tackle, he jarred the ball loose and King recovered.

That was a pivotal play in the game because the Blue Devils



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Junior running back Liam McIlroy runs downfield during a kickoff during the second-half of the Blue Devils' first-round playoff loss to Detroit Martin Luther King.

never regained momentum and King used its big, physical offensive line and Norfleet's speed to run for more than 250 yards in the rout.

"They're a very good football team and Norfleet was patient, picking his spots to turn upfield," South head coach Tim Brandon said. "We just didn't make the plays and they did."

Kish never got into a rhythm in the pocket and King was able to sack him several times. They also forced a couple of turnovers.

King scored three TDs in the second quarter to lead 31-7 at the half and 46-7 after the third quarter.

Mollison was held in check, gaining one yard on eight carries, while Weldon had 43 yards on seven carries with the TD.

Kish threw for 167 yards on 10-of-22 passing with Parker racking up 86 receiving yards

on three receptions.

Seniors Kevin Reck and Joe Srebernak had two catches apiece for 38 and 27 yards, respectively, while three others caught a pass.

Grosse Pointe South finished the season 6-4 overall and is 31-19 in Brandon's five years at the helm, including 3-3 in the playoffs.

"For our seniors, this is a tough loss and an end to their high school career here at South," Brandon said. "However, I told the underclassmen they have to get in the weight room and prepare for next season."

South might stay in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division or move up to the White Division. The difference moving up a division would be a White team has to play two Red Division teams in cross-over games compared to only one for the Blue.

LIGGETT

Early deficit spells doom

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's one and done for University Liggett's football team after losing 49-7 to Royal Oak Shrine in last weekend's Division 7 pre-district game at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

From the opening series, it was evident Shrine's coaching staff did an excellent job scouting the Knights. Junior wide receiver Eric Ewing was double-teamed for a majority of the game and finished with only one catch for six yards.

The Knights' running game never got on track as freshman Charles Jones had only eight yards on the ground and 31 receiving yards and junior quarterback Nate Gaggin was held to 44 yards on the ground and threw for only 173 on 14-of-24 passing with one touchdown and three interceptions.

First-year head coach Lou Ray had his Knights at the top of their game, especially after beating a solid Waterford Lakes team the week before.

On the game's opening possession, the Knights went three plays and punted and Shrine drove 56 yards in eight plays. Shrine scored on a 1-yard run by senior Raymond Brown.

Gaggin was intercepted on the next possession and it was returned 24 yards for a touchdown to make it 14-0 with 4:45 left in the first quarter.

On the next possession,

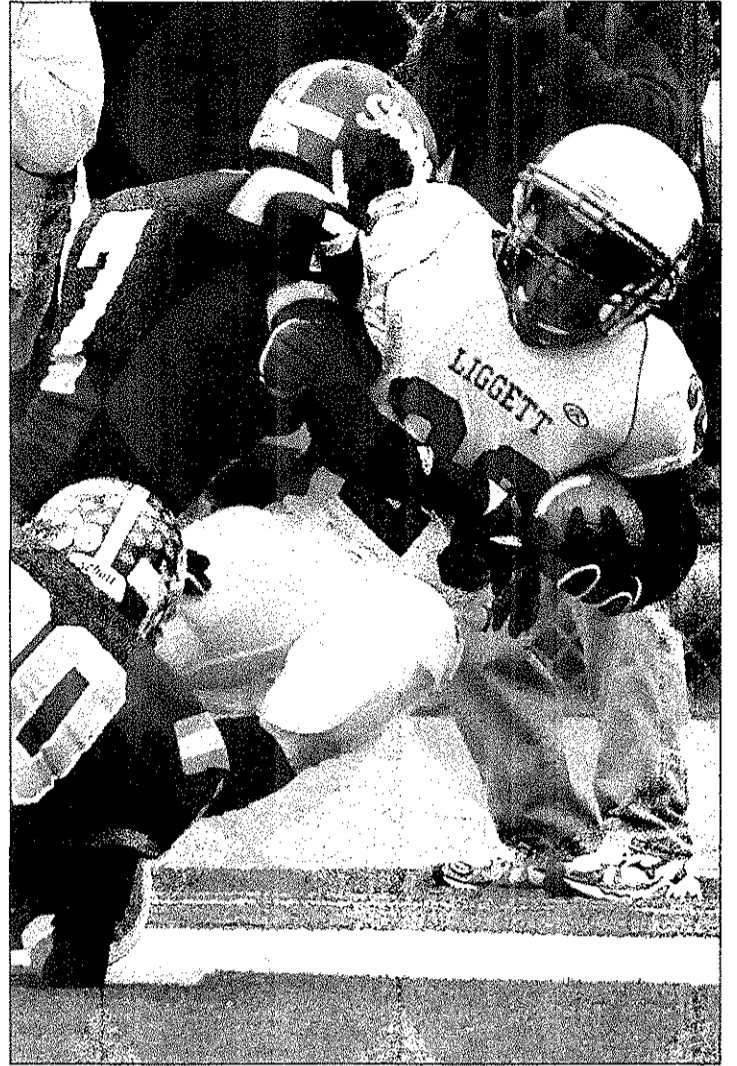


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Freshman running back Charles Jones, No. 20, was held in check by a well-prepared Royal Oak Shrine defense.

Gaggin lost a fumble, recovered by Shrine at Liggett's 9-yard line.

On third-and-goal from the 15-yard line, Shrine connected for another touchdown and in a matter of two minutes, the home team built a three-touchdown lead.

Ewing and junior KeVaughn Jackson each had first-half interceptions to keep the Knights within striking distance.

However, Shrine's Jack Wangler returned the second-half kickoff for a touchdown to make it a 35-0 game.

Gaggin connected with Jackson for a 57-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter to provide one of a few high-

lights for the visiting Knights.

Junior Dan Baird led the team with four receptions for 30 yards and Jackson had three catches for 106 yards and the one score.

Defensively, Gaggin and Baird each had 17 tackles, while senior Pat Monahan had 11 and Jones had 10.

Liggett finished 9-1 overall and loses only a handful of seniors, including all-league linebackers Monahan and Stavros Bricolas.

Other seniors are kicker Billy Marx, corner back Evan Sendi, offensive guard/defensive tackle Eric Streebing, defensive end Keltion Verble and offensive tackle Rahsaan Trice.

Swimming

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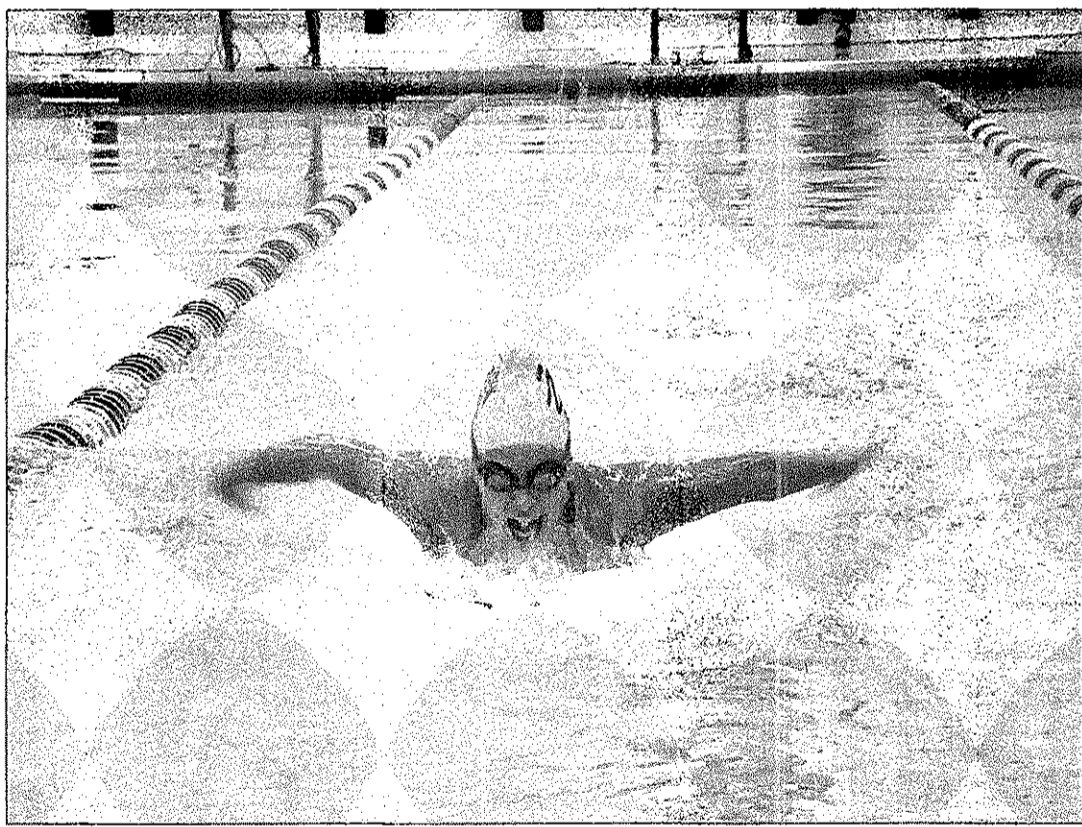


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Going for gold

Grosse Pointe North's Carly Mellos has her sights set on trying to win a gold medal in this weekend's Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championship meet. Grosse Pointe South, the dual meet champ, is the favorite and joining Mellos and her Norsemen teammates are Chippewa Valley, L'Anse Creuse and Utica Eisenhower.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Register for hoops league

Registration for the Junior Hoopers developmental basketball league is currently ongoing for children of all abilities.

The Junior Hoopers is aimed to introduce and teach the game of basketball through drill work and games.

"It is our goal to make sure your son or daughter enjoys basketball and learns the proper progression of fundamentals," co-director Kevin Richards said.

There is a fundamental in-

struction session right now from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Basketball City, 16400 Eastland Drive, Roseville.

There is a second session running Dec. 3 to Jan. 14 and a third session from Feb. 4 to March 3. Each session is 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Participants learn the importance of listening, working on body control, what the triple threat position is and when and why to use it, gaining strength and confidence in ball handling, learning and

practicing proper shooting mechanics, learning different types of passes and when to execute them and focusing on team concepts.

The cost of the program is \$139 for each player, which includes a basketball and T-shirt. To register or for further questions, contact Richards at (313) 244-1523 or e-mail at kevin@mwabasketball.com or co-director Stephen Benard at (313) 580-0351 or e-mail at steve@mwabasketball.com.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils' dual season ends with non-league split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' swimming and diving team dropped its first meet of the season last week, losing 100-86 to one of the top-ranked squads in the state, Birmingham Marian.

The host Blue Devils gained a split, however, beating Detroit Country Day 148-38.

It looked good early as the Blue Devils won the 200-yard medley relay with senior Ali DeLoof, senior Meg Brooks, sophomore Anne Crowley and freshman Catie DeLoof winning with a time of 1:54.78.

Head coach Eric Gunderson watched his "B" medley relay team beat Marian's "B" team as sophomore Caroline Hall, freshman Grace Perri, senior Jessi Kaminski and freshman Amy Krausmann had a time of 2:01.73 to 2:06.31 for Marian.

Sophomore Gabby DeLoof won the next event, the 200-yard freestyle, turning in a time of 1:55.14 and in the 200-yard individual medley, Crowley was second and junior Scarlet Cockell third with times of 2:21.66 and 2:24.42, respectively.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Catie DeLoof was second with a time of 23.98 and Krausmann third at 25.72 for the home team.

Senior Madi Kaiser placed third and junior Aubryn Samaroo was fourth in diving, earning 200.60 and 182.85 points, respectively. Both divers look strong with the state regional coming up in a few weeks.

Marian was able to net more first- and second-place points in event No. 6, the 100-yard



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Gabby DeLoof is all smiles after breaking a school record in the 500-yard freestyle. The old record was 5:12.95 and her time was 5:09.7.

butterfly. South's Crowley and Kaminski took third and fourth with times of 1:01.61 and 1:02.76.

The DeLoof sisters came through with clutch swims in the 100-yard freestyle. Catie DeLoof won with a time of 52.35 and Ali DeLoof was second at 53.66, and Gabby DeLoof captured the top spot in the 500-yard freestyle, posting a school-record time of 5:09.70.

Marian turned the tables in the second relay, winning the 200-yard freestyle relay as the Blue Devils' foursome of Krausmann, sophomore Carly Hampton, senior Laurel Johnson and Gabby DeLoof

was second with a time of 1:45.54.

It was Ali DeLoof winning the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.79, but the Mustangs placed second and third to earn big points and keep the slim lead over the Blue Devils.

In the final individual event, the 100-yard breaststroke, Brooks was third with a time of 1:11.01.

Marian won the 400-yard freestyle relay with South's Ali DeLoof, Gabby DeLoof, Johnson and Catie DeLoof taking a close second with a time of 3:37.06.

Grosse Pointe South finished its dual meet slate 13-1 overall.



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