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WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 30

Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale takes place today and Monday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The sale takes place in the three-level municipal parking structure in the Village behind the former Jacobson's building between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

Proceeds benefit the annual Santa Claus Parade, which celebrates its 29th year in 2004. Admission is \$1 per person per day.

For more information, call (313) 886-7474 or visit www.thevillagegp.com.

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day. City, U.S. Postal Service and Secretary of State offices are closed. Trash pickup is delayed one day.

A lakeside service will be held at 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission honors those who served in the USO at the Memorial Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Circle of Honor on Vernier west of Mack.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Parcels Middle School auditorium.

Wednesday, June 2

Come to Services for Older Citizens at 11 a.m. for lunch and a talk with Ahmed Ismail of Speedi Photo. He will talk about the different ways to preserve your precious memories.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Thursday, June 3

A class of second graders at Kerby Elementary School is holding a car wash to raise money for Friends of Calakmul, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the Calakmul Biosphere Reserve in southern Mexico. The car wash will be held at the Kerby parking lot from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$5.

The Grosse Pointe North and South High School Jazz Band will open the 2004 Smile Enhancement Studio Music on the Plaza concert series in the Village at St. Clair and Kercheval beginning at 7 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held in the Maire Elementary School gym.

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Memorial Day event

The community is invited to honor those who have served and died for our nation at a lakeside service on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, at 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The lakeside service will feature keynote speaker, William D. Gilbride Jr., War Memorial board chairman, along with the U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard and members of the Grosse Pointe American Legion Post 303, the V.F.W. Alger-Hoffman Post 393, the V.F.W. Bruce Post 1146 Ritual Firing Team, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, local scout troops and Grosse Pointe Veterans Club. Music will be provided by the Motor City Brass Band.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, north of Fisher Road, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

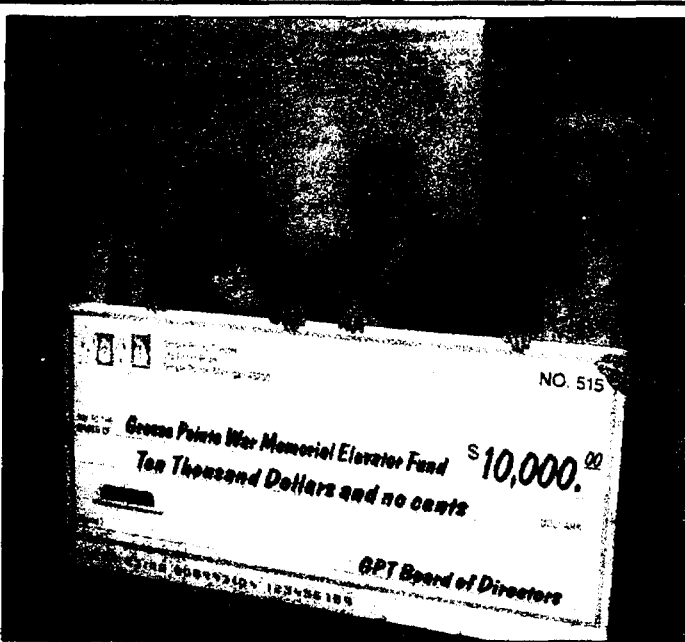


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G.P. Theatre hands over first of five checks for elevator

Grosse Pointe Theatre made a special pre-closing presentation on Saturday, May 15, just prior to the final performance of "The Will Rogers Follies" by giving the first of five \$10,000 checks to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for its elevator project. Pledging \$50,000 toward the project dubbed "Access to All" in October 2003 (\$10,000 per year for the next five years), the generosity of GPT patrons and members made this first presentation possible in just seven months. Pictured are War Memorial President Dr. Mark Weber, GPT President Dennis Wickline, GPT Treasurer Mary Lou Britton, and GPT Long Range Planning Committee Chairwoman Theresa Salvaggio.

The elevator project will break ground in October and will take approximately six months to complete. When finished, the project will include wheelchair access to the Fries Auditorium from the rear of the facility, a barrier-free lavatory on the second floor of the Alger House immediately adjacent to the new elevator, and an enclosed walkway from the Alger House to the Crystal Ballroom. The total project cost is expected to reach \$650,000.

GPT still has a \$40,000 commitment to complete the project and would welcome donations of any size toward this project. Anyone who would like to contribute may send a donation payable to Grosse Pointe Theatre and noting "Access to All" on the memo line to: Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

South boosters want to renege on lights pact

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Representatives of the Grosse Pointe Public School System — accused last March of holding a stealth millage election when many senior citizens were away at their winter homes — are on a fast track to void a 1995 agreement limiting the number of events under the lights on the South High School athletic field.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs, received city approval to begin detailing the proposal to the Farms city council in June, not in July as city officials suggested.

"Our boosters will be on vacation then," Fenton told council members this week.

The \$16.8 million sinking fund millage passed by 454 votes in March. Now school officials want a rush decision on the number of nighttime happenings on the South athletic field — sporting and otherwise.

"We would like ultimate use," Fenton said.

Joe Parke, president of the South Booster Club, anticipated using the lights for adding "community events" such as nighttime awards ceremonies.

Councilman Peter Waldmeir pressed school officials for the total annual number of events expected to require lights.

Fenton cited North High, where the school system used discretionary authority to schedule 21 night games last year.

"Half were football games," he said. "The rest were soccer and lacrosse."

South would host additional events, including "track meets, maybe," Fenton said. "The idea (at South) is to expand the use of that field and expand

opportunities for students to use that facility."

Matt Outlaw, South's assistant principal for athletics, projected 30 to 40 lighted events for the 2004-05 season.

"We're trying to avoid a numbers game where we don't have flexibility," Outlaw said. "Down the road it might be 21 like North. It might be 42."

South's light towers were installed nine years ago. Council members at the time limited their use to six times per year, lights out at 10 p.m. and no weekends.

"Our intention is to have those games over by 10 p.m.," Parke said.

A fourth requirement made the school publish a notice when lights are to be used.

Rather than wait to make a proposal in July, Fenton won city council permission this week for a presentation June 7 during a special work session. The session has been added immediately prior to the Farms regular council meeting.

Two weeks later, June 21, the sequence will flip-flop. A special meeting of the city council has been scheduled prior to a work session.

"The public would like to know what the burden will be on them," Waldmeir said.

"We don't want to limit ourselves and are back before the council in five years," Outlaw said.

Waldmeir anticipated opposition at the city public hearing.

"I've gotten a lot of telephone calls — a lot more opposition than support," Waldmeir said.

"Sound at 8 or 9 p.m. is more of a problem for senior citizens in the area than the lights," said Terry Davis, councilman. "In this issue,

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Josephine Savalle-Dunn

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Family: Husband, Michael Dunn; father, Phillip Savalle; three step-children, Michelle, Brian and Kelly Dunn

Claim to fame: Recently named among 2004's Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of America

Quote: "I've always believed in education and helping promoting other people to move forward, and supporting them in that endeavor."

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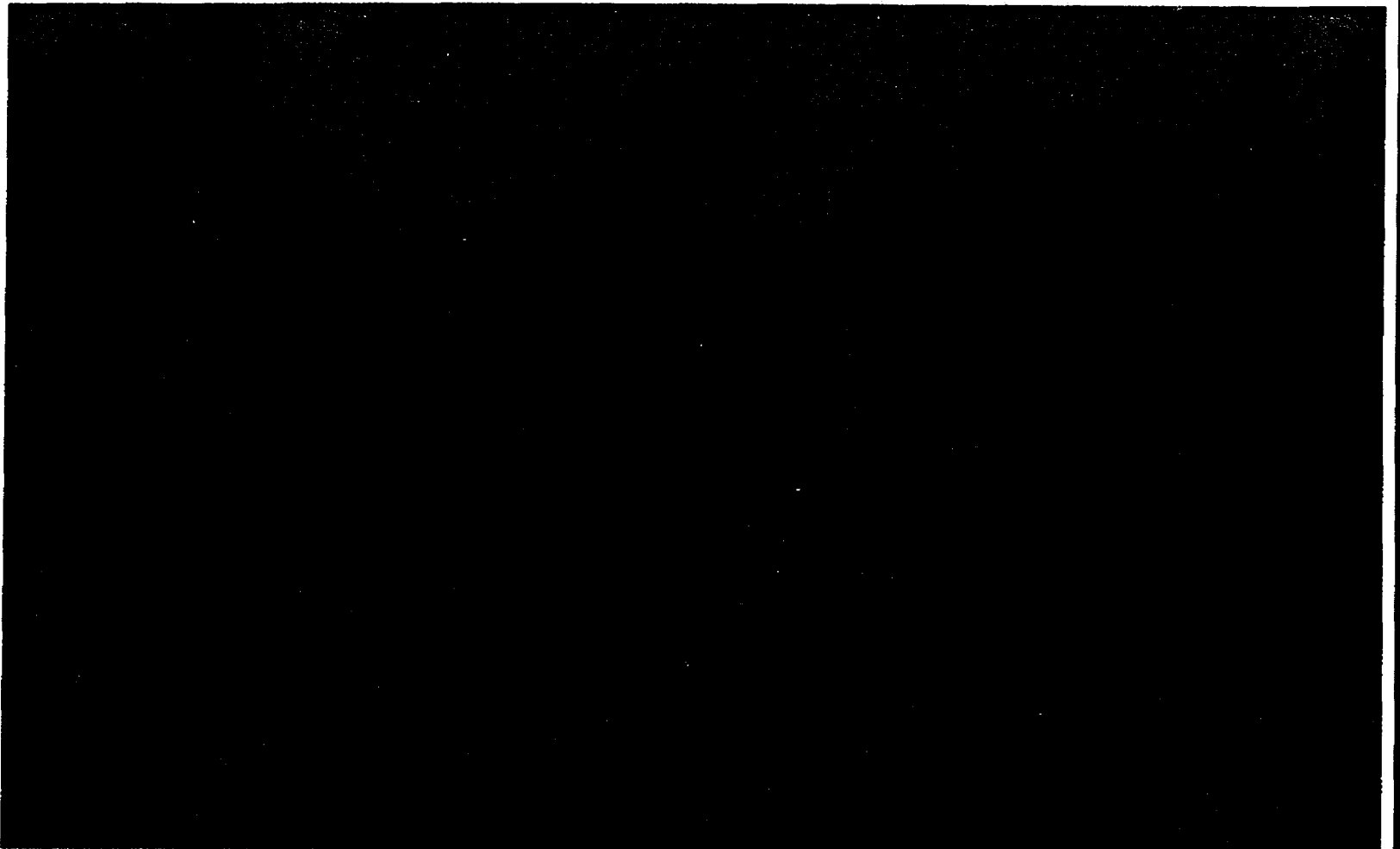
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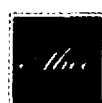
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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Two 19-year-old Grosse Pointe men may escape penalties of the law provided they enlist in the Armed Services before next Wednesday, the date of their

trial before Park Judge C. Joseph Belanger.

The pair are charged with stealing several bottles of beer from the house of a Park man. Judge Belanger will drop the charges if they enlist before going to trial.

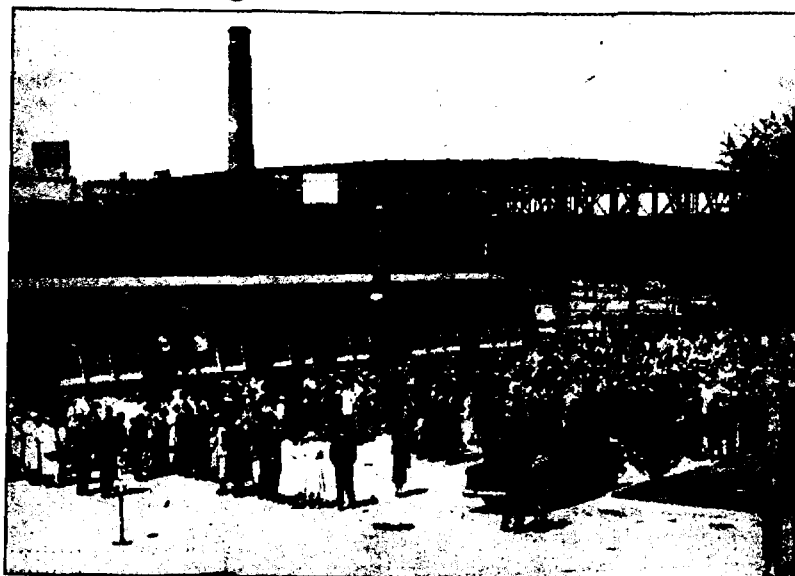
■ The three Grosse Pointes served by the Farms water filtration plant must conform to restrictions on the outdoor use of water.

Due to excess water demand created by the Pointes' fast-growing development, residents of even-numbered dwellings in the Farms, City and Shores can only sprinkle their lawns and gardens on even-numbered calendar days. People living in odd-numbered homes must limit watering to odd-numbered days.

■ Construction on Mack Avenue between Moross and Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods enters its final stages this week.

Work to expand the street

50 years ago this week



Ground broken for Christ Church educational building

Many members of the congregation and several hundred youngsters armed with toy shovels gather to witness ground breaking ceremonies for the new education building to be built on Christ Church property adjacent to the auditorium-gymnasium under construction at Grosse Pointe High School. The quonset structure is the nursery school on the Country Day property, which has been acquired by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. Christ Church's education building will cost \$200,000. (From the May 27, 1954 Grosse Pointe News. Photo by Fred Runnells.)

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25 years ago this week

■ The Youth Service Division gets a reprieve.

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The public school system will fund 25 percent of the division's activities, the same level as last year. City managers had wanted the district to increase its funding to 30 percent.

■ Some \$175,000 in construction will take place this summer to improve safety at the intersection of Vernier and Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A 13-year-old Harper Woods boy was killed at the intersection last year.

Work will include relocating sidewalks, rounding out corners so vehicles can make more gentle turns,

enlarging the traffic island and straightening a portion of Vernier to eliminate a jog in the road. Federal funds will cover 90 percent of the cost.

■ An ordinance prohibiting blinking and animated signs is passed in Grosse Pointe Woods.

10 years ago this week

■ After standing for nearly 80 years — and for the most part unused during the past three decades — Vernier school has its date with a wrecking crew.

■ Five Grosse Pointes are among nine people who file for the 1st District state Senate seat which John Kelly, a Grosse Pointe Woods Democrat, has held since 1978. Kelly is stepping down to run for U.S. Senate.

Pointe Democrat hopefuls are Francis Hathaway and Neil Heffernan, both of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Hometown Republican candidates are Peter Eklund of Grosse Pointe Park, Sue Radulovich and Daniel

Miller, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.

■ Andrew Richner will campaign for a second term on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Richner, a Republican from Grosse Pointe Park and former city councilman, is one of only two Republicans serving on the county's 15-member board.

5 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts its 50th consecutive Memorial Day ceremony.

■ A platoon of students with motives as varied as the designs on their T-shirts spend Sunday morning trudging along the Lake St. Clair shoreline in Grosse Pointe Farms picking up trash and debris.

About a dozen students with ties to Greg Heffner's environmental science class at South High School are part of an estimated 400 volunteers participating in the fourth annual Nautical Coastal Clean-up.

"I'm doing it for extra credit," says Dan Wilson, a senior from the Farms.

Classmate Margaret Slotala of the City says extra credit doesn't matter. "I would have done it anyway," she says.

■ Grosse Pointe boaters are urged to be careful this spring when navigating Lake St. Clair.

Due to low water levels, boats are more susceptible than usual to scraping bottom or striking submerged rocks and shoals.

— Brad Lindberg

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FYI

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his daughter helping tie her 95-year-old grandfather's tie for a Memorial Day parade.

One outline notes Morgan was the great, great, grandson of a man who was with George Washington at Valley Forge as he prepared to lay another wreath in Cadillac Square in 1941.

What are Young's recollections of Morgan? "Well, he had lots of stories of battles, and any battles he was in they won," Young said.

At Morgan's 95th birthday party about 1944, the oldest promised: "I'm going to outlive them all. I'm going to be around here long enough to see the turn of the century."

That would have been an additional 57 years. It didn't happen, and Young's clippings don't record when Morgan passed away.

However, as we approach this Memorial Day, the memories and exploits of the old soldier who sacrificed for his country live on in the memories of George O. Young, the young man he told those tales to more than seven decades ago.

Second Coming

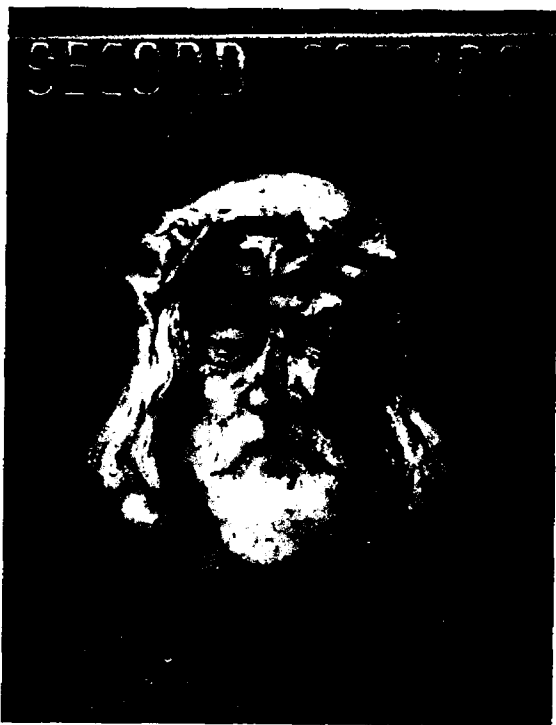
Christos Moisides, Grosse North Class of '92, has Mel Gibson to thank.

As producer and cinematographer of a film, titled "Second Coming," Moisides was having difficulty getting anyone interested in the film about Christ's return.

That was before Gibson's hugely successful "The Passion of the Christ." "After that," Moisides said, "studio executives starting asking, 'Where is that Jesus film?'"

A cinematography graduate of Boston's Emerson University, Moisides will finally get his screening before a local audience in the Scottish Rite Theater of the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

The viewing will be held



Grosse Pointe cinematographer Christos Moisides' production of "Second Coming" will be shown at the Masonic Temple on Friday, June 4. Grosse Pointe Park resident Jay Boyer plays the role of Judas. Go to www.secondcomingfilms.com for more information.

at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 4. Doors open at 7 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before and after the screening. Tickets are \$10.

For tickets and more information, go to www.secondcomingfilms.com. The Masonic Temple is located at 500 Temple Ave., west of Woodward and south of the Wayne State campus.

Moisides is the son of Dr. Nicholas and Sandy Moisides.

Another Grosse Pointe connection to the film is Jay Boyer, a 1991 Grosse Pointe South grad who plays the role of Judas.

Hope visor

Comfortably Yours, a bra/mastectomy boutique at 2340 Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores, is carrying visors to ward off the dangers of bright sun as Grosse Pointe and area volunteers walk for various causes.

Called "With You in Mind" visors, they have a small picture frame pocket

in front to give walkers a place to carry a photo of someone who is in your heart and mind, according to Artie Gutzman. You can reach her at (886) 776-7429.

Semper Fi

Maj. Gen. Leo Williams, who retired after more than 33 years with the Marine Corps and more than 25 years with Ford Motor Corp., apologized recently to an impressive assemblage of uniformed military officers and enlisted men and military retirees at the 35th annual Formal Mess Night of Ye Knights of Olde and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Michigan Chapter.

Williams said he was "sorry for arriving at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in a Cadillac Escalade rather than a Ford product, but admitted "it was a very comfortable ride."

But he also had four points of wisdom to share learned over those decades: They included: "Integrity is more important than it is made out to be; whoever it was who said, 'Don't sweat the small stuff,' never had an important mission to accomplish; every decision acted upon is irreversible, and you can never be sure

of its full effect; so we owe it to our children and our children's children to make the very best decisions; and don't let yourself run out of time."

He also characterized the situation in Iraq with an 1812 quote from Thomas Jefferson: "We have the wolf by the ears and we can neither hold him nor safely let him go."

Williams said the U.S. has made tremendous missteps all along the course of action in Iraq, but "we have made those missteps honestly."

We must pursue three actions to create stability in Iraq, Williams said. We must empower the Shi'ites, who have been without power. We must control and protect the Sunnis who have been in power, and we must protect the Kurds.

That was blunt talk from a decorated warrior, which was the coin of the evening as the Marines and their friends raised scholarship money and honored comrades gone.

Sobering facts

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, which collects various transportation facts, reports we have 3.4 million drivers in this part of the state and 4 million vehicles. Of our 23,000 miles of public road, 1,064 are regularly congested. There are 3,560 bridges in this neck of the woods and 1,387 of them are deficient.

To keep up with repair demands the road builders need \$70 billion by 2030 and current projections are that they will have only \$40 billion to spend.

Brummel update

One of my correspondents informs me that Josephine Brummel, formerly of Grosse Pointe,

was one of the featured artists in the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Guild of Organists concert last fall. Brummel is the spouse of Ken Brummel, who was superintendent of Grosse Pointe Schools from 1981 to 1984 before moving to California.

Mrs. Brummel played piano at the first John Lake Scholarship Concert at the War Memorial and was the rehearsal pianist for the Grosse Pointe Theatre and did various benefit programs while here. A reviewer in Santa Barbara described her as "a pianist's pianist, comfortable in just about any medium and setting."

The Brummels also took pride in the fact that their


daughter Lisa, a 1981 Yale graduate, was honored last November as one of the 2003 George H.W. Bush Lifetime of Leadership Award recipients. The awards are made by the Yale Athletic Department to alumni athletes who have "satisfied the leadership needs of their professions and their countries."

Lisa Brummel, who played volleyball, basketball and softball for the Bulldogs, is now the corporate vice president for Microsoft's Home and Retail division.

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

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I Say

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interview but gave me a few minutes. I wrote a story about his charity, Racing for Kids, which raises money for children's hospitals. Racing for Kids is administered in Grosse Pointe Farms from the Hill offices of Patrick Wright, executive director.

Two years ago at Indy, Buhl was in the spotlight. After practice on a cloudy day, he had to beat it from the garage in Gasoline Alley to meet sponsors.

We rode together as an overloaded golf cart whisked him to a private suite above the front-straight grandstands. The ride took about 30 seconds. We dismounted and jogged up flights of stairs to the suite.

The interview lasted about three minutes, but Buhl gave me enough information to round out a story.

Last year at Indy, Buhl's engine broke before the race ended. He parked his No. 24 behind the wall inside turn four.

I sat on the back of a golf cart outside the closed doors of his garage, waiting for an interview. Buhl was nowhere to be found. I was the only person on Gasoline Alley. I sat for a long time.

Robbie Gordon flew by on a golf cart. A television crew ran after him. Gordon was getting all kinds of attention. He'd committed to driving the Indy 500 and NASCAR's Atlanta 600 in one day.

A reporter from the Speed Channel came by looking for Sarah Fisher. She raced for Buhl last season but dropped out of the 500 with Chevy problems. Fisher was nowhere to be found.

I left Gasoline Alley, walked to my car parked about a half-mile away on

the infield and started transcribing notes from my tape recorder.

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Anthony P. Bist

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Anthony "Andy" P. Bist, 79, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Bist was born June 6, 1924, in Iron Mountain, and while still young his mother moved the family to Detroit. He was double promoted during high school and graduated at age 16, and later, graduated with an engineering degree from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

In 1942, Mr. Bist joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served during World War II

as a ferry pilot and transport pilot assigned to flag officers. He was ranked first lieutenant and was promoted to second lieutenant in the reserves.

Mr. Bist was an engineer and vice president with H.R. Krueger Inc., a machine tool shop.

He was an usher at St. Lucy Catholic Church for more than 40 years, belonged to the Radio Control Club and the Investment Club.

Mr. Bist enjoyed ballroom dancing with his wife, Charlotte, who he met at the Vanity Ballroom in Detroit, and big band music, especially Artie Shaw (he collected every song Shaw recorded except one). He frequented Las Vegas golf tournaments and was in the hole-in-one club. He also enjoyed traveling, including trips to Australia, England, Alaska and Hawaii. His basement was his hobby shop with model airplanes, including Stearman biplanes which he flew.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Charlotte; daughters, Beverly (Simon) Cook, Dottie (James) Deneau; sons, Kenneth (Nancy) and Brian (Lisa);

grandchildren, Kris (Misty) and Kevin Fowler, Joseph Anthony Shock, Heather (Joe) Leone, Jeffrey Shock; great-grandchildren, Kendall Ellen Fowler, Joseph Anthony Leone, and Haven Kristina Fowler; and half siblings, Gary (Marianne) Bist, Cindee (Bill) Dombrowski, Gloria (Bob) Krause, Jim (Nancy) Bist, Tom (Christina) Novak, and Audrey (Gerald) Check.

Mr. Bist was predeceased by his brother, Robert (Patricia) Bist; and grandchildren, Jonathan and Holly Shock.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 13 at St. Lucy Catholic Church with the Air Force Honor Guard in attendance. Interment will be held Saturday, June 5, (in honor of his 80th birthday) at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Edward Carl Johnson

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Edward Carl Johnson, 65, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, in Sarasota, Fla., after a brief illness.

Mr. Johnson was born in Jackson on Nov. 9, 1938. At Jackson High School, he



Edward Carl Johnson

became the state debate and extemporaneous speaking champion. He went to Princeton University and the University of Michigan Law School, where he continued his love of public speaking working as an announcer at college radio stations and WWJ and WJR in Detroit.

Mr. Johnson moved to Detroit in 1963 and began his law practice as a trial lawyer. He later became involved in estate planning and real estate development, most recently with the firm Johnson & McPherson in Grosse Pointe Farms. He continued to practice law full-time while commuting between Sarasota during the winter months and Rondeau Park, Ontario, in the summer.

Mr. Johnson was past president of the Princeton Club of Michigan. An avid squash and tennis player, he was also past president of the Detroit Racquet Club.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; children, Julia (Martin) Trautschold, Bridget (John) O'Shea, Kristin (George) Baer, and Edward Jr. (Elizabeth); grandchildren, Sophia, Olivia, Peter, Emma, Patrick, Mary Grace, Margot, Cecily, Laffie, Jay, Frances and Ashlyn; and brother, Dr. Charles Johnson of Portland, Maine.

A memorial service will be held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Monday, June 7, at 2 p.m.

Jan. 28, 1923, in Detroit to George and Irene Kolowich. In 1940, she graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and received her Bachelor of Education degree from Marygrove College. She taught mathematics at Eastland Junior High School in Roseville.

Mrs. Kearney was very active at St. Lucy Catholic Church as a member of their folk group, a catechism teacher and a Eucharistic minister.

She was a pilot and enjoyed golf, crossword puzzles, traveling and children.

Mrs. Kearney is survived by her daughters, Kathleen Green, Irene Kearney, Marybeth Geltz, Suzanne Hatch, Patty Grifo, Joanne Pierick and Ginny Baysore; sons, James J. Kearney, Larry Kearney and Tom Kearney. She was also survived by her grandchildren, Brian and Greg Green, Mikaila and Chris McKeon, Marshall, Christina and Hannah Geltz, Megan and Jay Kearney, Sharon and Sara Hatch, Aaron, Katelyn and Matt Kearney, Josh, Ruth, Ben, Abigail and Ester Kearney, Faith and Jack Grifo, Jack and Audrey Pierick, Claire, Alexandra, Brad, Emma and Ben Baysore; and brothers, George and Fred Kolowich.

She was predeceased by her husband, James J. Kearney; and a brother, Hugh Kolowich.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Lucy Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Arrangements were provided by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pregnancy Aid.

Rev. Hugh C. White

The Rev. Hugh Clifford White died Monday, May 17, 2004, at the Towsley Village of Chelsea Retirement Community in Chelsea.

The son of a United Methodist minister, he was born in Evanston, Ill., grew up in Chicago and graduated from Downers Grove High School and North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

In 1943, he graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in Evanston with a Master of Divinity degree, was ordained in the Detroit Conference of the Methodist Church, and married Billie Doris Hays from the Austin, Texas, area.

After serving McCabe Church in southwest Detroit for two years, in 1945 the Rev. White was assigned to start a new Methodist Church in Grosse Pointe.

From 1945 to 1960, he produced an active church of more than 1,000 members and the first two units of a planned three-unit English Parish Gothic building. Recently the final third unit was completed, and he and his wife were there to share in the opening celebration.

In 1955, he and his wife traveled to Japan for a short-term mission program to help Christians build churches where they had none.

In 1960, the Rev. White was appointed to Franklin Community Church, then to First Church in Plymouth, then to the superintendent of Flint district, followed by First Church in Farmington, the First Church in Ypsilanti and finally to St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Monroe, from which he retired in 1983. After retirement, the Rev. White was an interim pastor at First United Methodist Church in Hillsdale for six months, Reading United Methodist Church for four months, and several other churches for shorter times.

Upon retirement, the Whites lived at their home on Lake LeAnn for 19 years, where the Rev. White continued to slalom water-ski after his 78th birthday. Besides his delight in boats and water-sports, he continued playing snare-drum in community bands using the same drum he had from his school days.

The Rev. White is survived by his wife, Doris; and sons, Jeffrey S. and Stuart C. (Lucy).

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw in Ypsilanti with a dinner following.

On Saturday, June 26, at 2 p.m., there will be a prayer service and interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross Road in Grosse Pointe Farms.



John Robert McComb

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John Robert McComb, 84, died Friday, May 21, 2004.

Mr. McComb was born to Orel and Mabel McComb in London, Ontario. He served in the Canadian Army during World War II and was a member of the American Society of Interior Design.

Mr. McComb is survived by his sister, Betty Toulouse; niece, Lorraine DeRush; and great-niece, Lauren DeRush. He was predeceased by his mother, Mabel McComb; father, Orel McComb; and brothers, Ed and Murray McComb.

Arrangements were provided by Chas. Verheyden Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park.



Katherine Lois Kearney

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St. Clair Shores resident Katherine Lois (nee Kolowich) Kearney, 81, died Monday, May 17, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Kearney was born

Michigan vacation costs down

A survey by AAA Michigan says that, despite high gas prices, vacation costs this year will be less than last year.

The average vacation cost for a family of four (two adults and two children) in 2004 will be \$110.82 per day for lodging and \$111.40 per day for meals, or \$222.22 total, compared with \$226.27 in 2003, a 1.79-percent decrease.

Michigan ranks 25th in the nation in terms of vacation costs and 5-percent below the national average of \$235 per day for lodging and meals. Driving to vacation destinations will be more expensive this year, with prices for self-serve regular gasoline averaging \$2.048 per gallon in

Michigan (as of May 17). AAA has been tracking vacation costs since 1950 when the average cost of meals and lodging was \$13. Costs are based on the most recent rates charged by approved accommodations listed in AAA TourBook guides.

Vacation spending varies depending upon a family's preferences and means, but costs also vary by area.

AAA offers these tips for saving money on a vacation:

- To help prevent breakdowns and achieve maximum fuel efficiency, have your car checked by a AAA Approved Auto Repair shop. Shop locations can be found at the Web site aaa.com.
- Consider lodging in outlying areas, away from

tourist and business areas.

- Book accommodations in advance to ensure availability, selection and the best rates. AAA clubs offer comprehensive online booking capabilities.

- Public transportation can cut gas costs once you reach your destination.

- Ask for discounts. AAA members save on lodging, restaurants, shopping and entertainment at participating Show Your Card and Save vendors.

- If vacationing in one spot, consider renting a room with a full or partial kitchen. If you are out on the town, eat the largest meal at lunch to take advantage of lower menu prices.

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Wild weather pelts the Grosse Pointes

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Compared to other metro Detroit communities that were ravaged by flood waters and winds in last Friday and Sunday's thunderstorms, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods area remained relatively unscathed.

"Generally, about four

inches of rain fell in the area from Friday to Monday, and we had several reports, especially on Friday, of 50 to 80 mph winds," said Bill Deedler, a climatologist with the National Weather Service in Detroit.

The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods public safety departments handled several calls about flooded streets

and downed power lines.

"Most of the street flooding was because of the 'helicopters' from the maple trees," Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Chief Dave Hiller said. "Our DPW crews were out there cleaning the catch basin openings."

According to DTE Energy, about 2,010 households in the area lost power at vari-

ous times between Friday and Monday. A power outage forced officials to call off school at Poupard Elementary School on Monday.

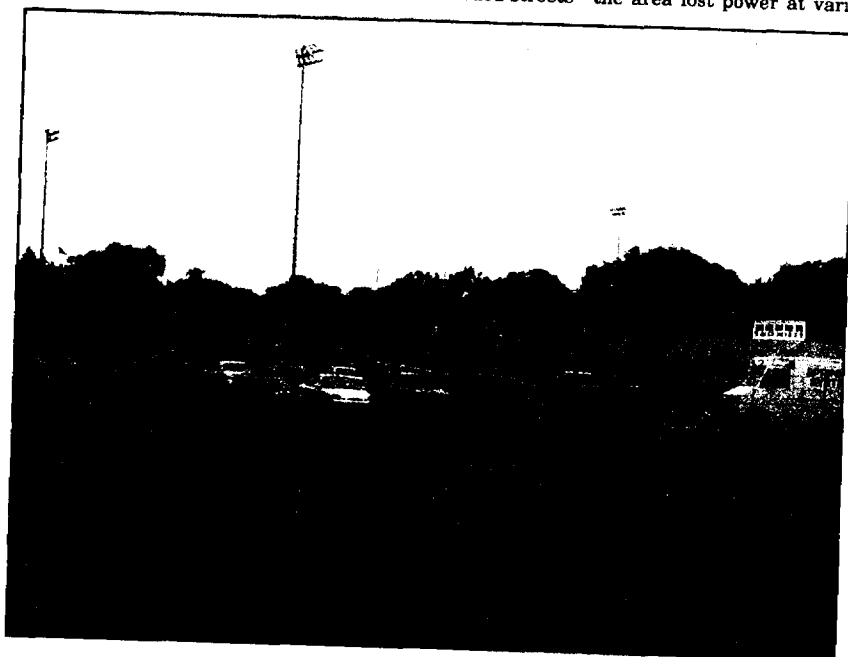
The Park reported two downed trees, and the City of Grosse Pointe reported one downed tree on Sunday night. A lightning strike

knocked a portion of a 100-year-old, 70-foot maple tree through the roof of a house and on a car in the 2100 block of Beaufait in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"There was a crack and one of the loudest 'booms' I've ever heard in my life," said Chris Tadrzynski, who was watching the Weather Channel in her living room

at the time. Tadrzynski's husband, Tom, was circling Detroit Metropolitan Airport at the time of the lightning strike. Winds of 60 mph closed the airport for a short time on Sunday evening.

The Tadrzynski's insurance company had not yet estimated the damage to their house and car.



Public school officials cite a lack of play areas as one reason they need discretion to host an unlimited number of athletic games and "community events" under the lights at Grosse Pointe South High School. Light towers ring the football field, seen beyond former greenspace the district paved over to become a parking lot.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

Lights

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we're most responsive to Farms residents who will be within hearing distance of the speakers. They have a right to quiet. Being disrupted five times per year is a lot different than being disrupted 40 times per year."

Therese Joseph, council member, said she can hear the public address system "all the way from Moross."

When school officials

return to the council, Davis wants them to have a "responsible proposal (with) flexibility."

He said, "This is an issue we can work out, but for me, total discretionary (usage) is a non-starter."

Councilman Louis Theros wants the school to draw up a game plan for providing security and cleanup. He doesn't want "students trampling on property rights

of residents."

Fenton said, "Notices were sent to our neighbors" in the Farms and City announcing a May 5 public hearing at the school regarding the "option of expanding use of the facility at South High School."

Of the estimated 40 to 45 people who attended the 1 1/2-hour session, Fenton said "only two spoke strongly against it."

G.P. library unions accept fact-finder's conclusions

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe librarians and support staff have voted to support the recommendations of a report studying wage contract issues by William C. Schaub, the fact-finder appointed by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

According to a press release by the Michigan Education Association, Schaub's analysis suggested the library could afford to compensate its employees and close the gap between their salaries and those of other public library groups.

Employees have maintained that a contract settlement could be paid for without any increase in the operating millage from 1994.

Library employees have been without a contract since July 2002.

"Implementation of the report would result in much-needed improvements in wage and benefits for the majority of the membership," said Diana Howbert, Grosse Pointe Librarian President.

Lynne Severini, the Grosse Pointe support personnel president, echoed Howbert's reaction for the most part, saying the report made recommendations that would improve compensation.

She said, however, that the recommendations regarding benefits are not comparable to other staff in similar communities.

The library board discussed the fact-finding report for the first time on Monday, May 24. In a phone interview, library board president John Bruce said the board wants to negoti-

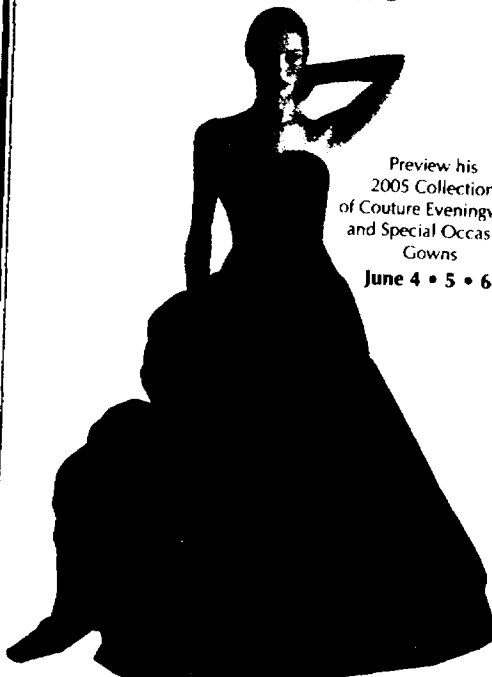
ate a contract with the MEA that will best represent the interests of Grosse Pointe taxpayers.

"We have been disappointed with the unwillingness of the union to sit down and bargain a contract," Bruce said.

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Park market reaps bounty of praise from shoppers

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The opening day of the West Park Farmers Market reaped a bumper crop of praise from merchants, vendors and residents.

Even the threat of thunder showers couldn't keep away the 15 vendors who came out to sell their food and goods to the hundreds who came to shop in Grosse Pointe Park's business district on Kercheval between Nottingham and the west city limits on Saturday, May 22.

"It went really well," said vendor Peter Vitale, co-owner of Pete and Frank's Fruit Ranch. "It was a learning experience. I wasn't sure what to expect. I've never done anything outside of my four walls, but the people here really impressed me. They really support the local business community."

Vitale said he had a surplus of some staples, such as apples and oranges, but pricier products, such as strawberries and raspberries, flew out of his stand by mid-morning.

Joe Allemon of Allemon's Landscape Center said he was on his second truckload of plants and flowers by 9:45 a.m.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback," Allemon said. "We're happy to be part of the community."

Local merchants, who set up their wares under yellow and green umbrellas in front of their stores, also benefited from the open-air market.

"Overall, our sales were up 20 to 40 percent," said Mike Mulier, manager of Mulier's Market. "We had 20 people lined up back to the wine department at 9 a.m."

Mulier said his store sold out of many specialty items, such as Brother Rick salmon and Earth Works Urban Farm lettuces.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Hundreds turned out for the first day of the West Park Farmers Market, located on Kercheval between Nottingham and the west city limits.

Dillon Finger, 4, of Grosse Pointe Park, helps dad, Geoff Finger, shop at the West Park Farmers Market.

Market Director Jennifer Meldrum said organic produce was one of the most requested items at the market. She also said more farmers, including organic farmers, would be added to the mix of merchants as local harvests become available.

For residents such as Geoff Finger of the Park, fresh produce and specialty items weren't the only reasons he and his family came to the market.

"It's nice to have some-

thing to do as a family on a

Saturday morning," Finger

said.

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Woods nurse named 'Woman of Distinction'

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Josephine Savalle-Dunn is a registered nurse by trade, but she's taking her license to the next level.

As administrator of the Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility, the Grosse Pointe Woods resident oversees the operation of the 217-bed facility.

It was a position that nearly fell into her lap, but is an opportunity that she cherishes. After 18 years at Hutzel Hospital, Savalle-Dunn was asked to help set up Martha T. Berry's new computer systems. Although her mother once spent 10 years working at the facility, it wasn't until she joined the organization as a consultant that she fully embraced its mission. When the former administrator prepared for his retirement, he turned to Savalle-Dunn as his replacement. She barely hesitated to accept the position.

"I've always believed in

education and helping promoting other people to move forward, and supporting them in that endeavor," Savalle-Dunn said.

Now, seven years later, she has helped to bring the facility into the future and has since helped plan and implement a large-scale construction project that is sure to continue the success of Martha T. Berry.

"I like the challenge of my work, and I like working in the best interest of the residents," she said of her career change.

Martha T. Berry has a unique population for a nursing care facility. The residents vary in age from 20 to 98.

Savalle-Dunn interacts with residents while managing the facility's multiple departments, contractual entities, labor relations, regulatory compliance and financial management.

"I am working with the staff to improve the environ-

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ment and helping to continue its success," she said of her work. "It's all about seeing the residents' smiling faces."

While she still maintains her nursing license, Savalle-Dunn feels she is giving back more to the community in her current position.

The facility, which is owned and operated by Macomb County, is undergoing an \$18 million construction project, which Savalle-Dunn is overseeing with the community in mind.

"If I need to be in a place like this one day, I'd want to make it a place where I'd feel comfortable living," she said of her motivation.

Savalle-Dunn also contributes to the health care world by serving as second chair on the board of the Michigan County Medical Care Facility Council, of

which she will become the president in 2005.

Most recently, Savalle-Dunn was recognized by the Girl Scouts of Macomb County as one of its 2004 Women of Distinction. The award honors women in the community who embody characteristics treasured by the organization.

"What an honor," she said. "It's humbling."

Savalle-Dunn has been attending Girl Scout events for the last several years as a way to reach out to the community and share its values with others.

The award will be presented to Savalle-Dunn on June 8, at the annual awards dinner which also serves as a fundraising initiative for the Girl Scouts.

"The evening is intended to help the purpose of the organization to keep moving

forward and to keep doing those things they do for the girls in the community, which is a really good thing," she said.

When not giving back, Savalle-Dunn spends her time with her family: her husband, her father, and her three step-children.

A favorite pastime of hers is flyfishing with her husband.

"We do it when we want to relax," she said of the sport.

She discovered flyfishing while on an outdoor adventure trip out west with her girlfriends. They took classes from fly-fishing and archery to outdoor cooking and elk hunting.

"We had a great time," she said. "There were about 50 different ladies from across

the U.S."

She remained interested in flyfishing and enlisted her husband to learn as well.

"We've grown to really appreciate it," she said. "It's a little bit of a challenge. It's getting out there in nature, and it's very relaxing. It's something that we both do together that we can enjoy."

That is, when she has time to relax. Between spending time with her father, her children and the neighbors, and running back and forth to Martha T. Berry, Savalle-Dunn has her hands full.

But she cherishes the opportunity to help others, empower people to be successful, and give back to the community.

Park rolls back tax 0.02 mil

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Despite tough economic times and a shortfall of state shared revenue, Grosse Pointe Park was able to cut its tax rate by 0.02 mil — a decrease from 13.43 mills to 13.41 mills — for its upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1.

The Park predicts an increase in its revenue from a 4 percent hike in its tax-

able value base. About \$37,000 of the \$198,338 taxable value increase is expected to come from new construction. It was also able to make some accommodations in its 2004-05 budget by shifting some expenses to its TIFA fund and through the attrition of three full-time employees.

However, the Park was hit hard in some areas. It is anticipating a \$91,361 decrease of state shared revenues. It also expects a \$250,000 increase in its pension fund contribution and a \$100,000 reduction in its interest revenue, both the result of a challenging investment climate.

"Overall, it was a tough budget, but we were still able to roll back our taxes," said Jane Blahut, finance director/city clerk.


The revised tax rate is based on the 2004-05 general fund budget of \$9,128,000 approved by the city council on Monday, May 24.

Council OK's War Memorial concert raffle

A raffle has been approved for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Summer Music Concert series.

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council granted a charitable gaming license this week in order for the War Memorial to legally include raffles during an array of


events on Monday, May 24.



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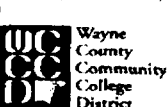
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Indy time

It's disappointing that Robbie Buhl has retired from driving race cars. It doesn't seem right that he won't be in the cockpit this Sunday for a shot at winning the Indianapolis 500, his favorite race.

But he'll remain active in the sport as co-owner of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing's No. 24 Team Purex/Dallara/Chevrolet/Firestone.

His new drivers are 2001 IRL rookies of the year Felipe Giaffone of Brazil, and just last week, the team hired Buddy Lazier, winner of the 1996 Indy 500 and IRL series champion in 2000.

Buhl is a Grosse Pointe native who returns to the community regularly to visit family, conduct business and play hockey with the Grosse Pointe Old Devils.

Two years ago Buhl quali-

fied second for the Indy 500. In the entire world of open-wheeled auto racing that day, there was only one driver faster than Buhl and his yellow and blue No. 24.

At the end of the season, his engine manufacturer, Intiniti, abandoned racing. The following year, Buhl extended his hometown loyalties to Chevrolet's racing engine. The motor had teething problems; more problems than horsepower.

Last year at Indy, a few days before the race, Buhl reviewed his engine's performance.

He stood in a Dreyer & Reinbold Racing garage on Gasoline Alley. The floor was spotless except for the white outline of a winged Indianapolis Motor Speedway logo painted on the gray cement.

Buhl stood in his blue drivers suit, arms crossed, looking up at a closed-circuit color television monitor hung from the ceiling.



I Say

Brad Lindberg

As other teams tested their cars on the track, lines of data appeared on the TV screen. Lap after lap, speeds appeared, ranked fastest to slowest, top to bottom.

"Look at that," Buhl said. He uncrossed an arm and pointed wistfully to the monitor.

At the top of the list were cars powered by Toyota, Toyota, Honda, Honda, Toyota.

"Look at the bottom," said Buhl, his arms crossed again. "Chevy, Chevy, Chevy."

He knew he wasn't going to win the race. That's the

worst feeling for a competitor: Knowing you don't have a chance.

In the old days of long distance motor sports, drivers lay back for most of the race. They dialed up speed toward the end.

Not anymore. It's pretty much a sprint from the start. Much as the 880 yard run in track, which used to be run at the fashion of a one-mile, now has more in common with the 100 yard dash.

In a world of sprinters at last year's 500, all Buhl could do was stay out of trouble and try for the best.

The Speedway has become oddly nostalgic for me.

I knew a couple of reporters who spent their early careers in Indianapolis. At the time, the city was derided as Indianaplace. Not anymore. Downtown is vibrant. It's clean. Indianapolis makes Detroit look like Berlin in 1946.

At Indy during the 1940s and 50s, women reporters were relegated to writing feature stories.

A woman reporter might be assigned to Methodist Hospital, three miles east of the track on 16th Street, to interview wives of husbands who'd been hurt in wrecks.

In those days, drivers weren't the sophisticated men and women they are now. Buhl graduated from New England College with a degree in business administration and economics. He won NCAA III all-division honors in lacrosse. He owns numerous businesses.

Lazier graduated from Curry College in Massachusetts with a business degree.

Decades ago, illiterate drivers often asked reporters to write letters to relatives on their behalf.

The Brickyard is a lot different from long ago. But some of the old remains.

The 2 1/2-mile track has the same configuration when built in 1909.

Cement foundations remain for the old grandstands in turn one. Rows of seats used to be anchored outside the wall in turn one.

People sitting close to the action in the first turn left the 500 covered with a film of motor oil sprayed from passing cars.

I met Buhl by accident a few years ago. He was on Belle Isle at the Detroit Grand Prix. I recognized him from photographs.

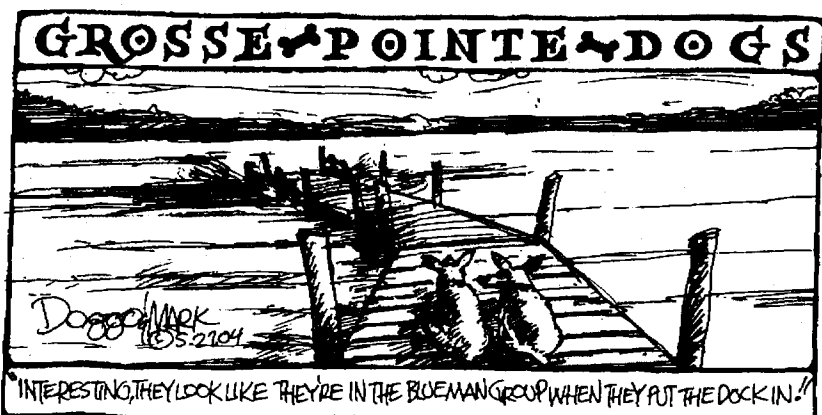
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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

What are your plans for Memorial Day weekend?



Greg Stewart

"I plan on going down to the music festival and then to Windmill Pointe Park for a picnic."

Greg Stewart, 26
Grosse Pointe Park



Cameron Lees

"I'm going to the park with some friends, and then out to watch the Pistons beat the Pacers."

Cameron Lees, 21
Grosse Pointe City



Michelle Lemanske

"I just got a cast off my arm, and I can't wait to go swimming at the DYC."

Michael Lemanske, 6
Grosse Pointe Woods



Courtney Carpenter

"I'm going up to Alma with my family to watch the Highland Games."

Courtney Carpenter, 15
Grosse Pointe Park



Renata Hoching, left, and Lisa Trombley

"We're grilling hotdogs and hamburgers on Belle Isle."

Renata Hoching, 22, left
Lisa Trombley, 23
Grosse Pointe Woods



Sari Berman

"I will be working at Moosejaw to provide people with all they need to better enjoy their Memorial Day."

Sari Berman, 28
Oak Park

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fyi

by Ben Burns

Young at heart

George O. Young, 84, of the Woods collects stories. From his tiny den on Hawthorne in the Woods with its walls lined with memorabilia and volumes of newspaper clippings in closets and cupboards, the tall, baldish octogenarian then spins those stories and the stories of his own adventures back to a captivated listener.

"Watch out. He'll talk your ear off," his wife of 56 years, Nancy, said as she exited out the front door.

Young probably inherited the story collecting and telling trait from his dad, but he has obviously polished the skill. He has known Nancy since she was 7 or 8 years old. He again listened to his father's advice during the Depression: "Get a girl who lives close, you'll save on gas."

The story of the moment as we approach Memorial Day is about the fact that Young actually knew a veteran of the war between the states.

George L. Morgan was

the last Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) veteran area resident who fought in the Civil War. Out come the yellowed clippings to prove it. There is the 97-year-old pictured about 1943 attending Memorial Day church services in a Detroit News photo. There is Morgan, who lived in Grosse Pointe Park, placing a wreath at the Soldier's and Sailor's Monument in front of the then Detroit City Hall.

There is Mrs. L.W. Miller.

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Points about the Pointes

Strategic planning and our schools...
how can it help guide our future?



As a community, we are at a crossroads in the future of our schools. The funding we receive from the State will not cover all of the programs we have come to expect for our children, and the prognosis by all accounts is that it will not increase (and may in fact decrease) in the foreseeable future.

Our costs are going up, while our revenue is relatively stagnant. The school districts in outlying communities who have trying to catch up to Grosse Pointe are in fact catching up to us in terms of test scores and, by virtue of all of their new construction and new buildings, have passed us by in terms of state of the art learning environments, which may have an impact on the teachers we attract, all other things being equal.

To add to the dilemma we face, taxes are justifiably a real concern to all of us. Our real estate sales have been impacted by our taxes and the golden carrot that many of our seniors looked forward to when continually voting for school tax increases of a windfall on the sale of their homes has all but disappeared.

We have the tools in our community to overcome these challenges. We have a brain trust of professional talent in our residents who would gladly step forward to help if their contributions are valued by those to whom they are given as would one of their clients paying them many hundreds of dollars per hour. As a business owner and an involved community member for over thirty years, I can tell you that when it comes to education, there is no more generous a population that the residents of Grosse Pointe. Their only expectation is that their money is spent wisely and towards a worthwhile goal.

The challenge that faces our school administrators and our School Board is to crystallize the

true goals of the entire community into a long term Strategic Plan that can guide us through these tough times and keep our entire school system focused on the goals of our entire community rather than the perceived goals as defined by a few. We can no longer afford to succumb to the interest group that screams the loudest or shows up with the most bodies at our School Board meetings.

Our focus and direction instead has to be true to the goals outlined in a Strategic Plan developed by our entire community and not veer from that long term course, only making minor adjustments along the way as a ship would in navigating its course across the ocean.

The development of a sound Strategic Plan for our schools needs to be started now. Our mission, our strategy for achieving that mission and most important benchmarks for measuring the success of our administrators in achieving our mission need to be put into place through the involvement of a cross section of our community, including our seniors, our businesses, and our parents.

The interim progress in the development of this plan needs to be communicated to all members of our community as it is evolving, with opportunities for everyone to understand its development at hours other than school nights. Innovative ideas need to be embraced rather than shunned and pride of authorship cannot determine their inclusion in this plan.

The key to this plan being "of the people and by the people" is that our administration and our school board can only facilitate this process. In order for this Strategic Plan to be meaningful and a true reflection of our goals as a community, they cannot filter or control it.

Will this Strategic Plan change over time? Absolutely. Like any long term plan, there will be adjustments along the way. Can we expect to enjoy the schools that we have come to enjoy without this Strategic Plan? Absolutely not.

What we have as a school system was built as a community over time. In order to guide our cherished school system through the economic challenges it faces, we have to do it as a community, in a methodical manner, with measurable goals that affirm the value we have always placed on excellence in education.

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Limit use of lights at South

What is it with people renegeing on promises lately? Now we have Grosse Pointe South High School developing a forked tongue.

Nine years ago, South sports boosters erected "temporary" lights for night football games. Night lights at the field received strong opposition from nearby residents on Meadow Lane and Fisher Road, as well as alumni of "The High" who felt that daytime games worked well for 50 years and would do so for another 50.

At the time, 1995, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council did grant the school permission for permanent

lights, subject to four provisos:

- 1) The lights can only be used six nights total during the year.
- 2) The lights can't be used past 10 p.m.
- 3) The lights can't be used on week-ends.
- 4) The school must publish when the lights will be used.

Now the South Booster Club wants carte blanche. "Down the road," said South's assistant principal, Matt Outlaw, about planned light usage, "it might be 21 (nights) like North. It might be 42."

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs, told the Farms council Monday night, "We would like ultimate use."

We are not sure what that means, but we assume it means unlimited use of the stadium lights.

In a bit of irony, school officials want the matter rushed through the Farms council. The matter had been originally scheduled before the council in July. But school officials convinced the council to hear a presentation on June 7.

Why? Because boosters will be out

of town vacationing in July.

Snowbirds would have appreciated such consideration when they were out of town in March during the \$16.8 million sinking fund vote. But school officials were, again, in a hurry and couldn't wait.

Another reason South sports fans and officials want more night events is that field space is limited. But the shortage is due to the fact that much of the athletic field space is taken up by temporary student parking while construction is happening at the high school.

We figure temporary student parking was a waste of money anyway. Let, nay, *make* the students walk to school. It would be good for them.

We sympathize with the neighbors. They and we opposed the lights nine years ago. We oppose them now.

If we had our druthers, we would like the lights taken down. Barring that, let's keep their use limited to six games a year.

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Letters

Wearing helmets

To the Editor:

I was so pleased and impressed to see the bicycle safety article, "Ice cream for bike safety," featured on the front page of the May 13 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

As a mother of three children under 12, it has been upsetting me for years to see the number of children riding without helmets on the sidewalk and in the streets.

How can a parent, knowing what a head injury could do to their child, not spend a few dollars for a helmet and not be afraid to enforce the rule of no helmet, no riding?

Some parents seem to think because the Pointes are a safe place to live, they don't have to worry about crazy drivers. I see them every day living across from Brownell. It amazes me there aren't more accidents, but we can't close our eyes to the fact that they can happen, even in Grosse Pointe.

My 11-year-old complains that his friends don't wear helmets, so when I told him about the City of Grosse Pointe police awarding TCBY coupons if they spot a child wearing a helmet, he thought that was pretty cool.

Thank you to the City of Grosse Pointe for recognizing the need for bicycle helmets and rewarding children who they see wearing them. Hopefully the other Pointes will do the same.

It would also be great to do the same thing for skate boards and roller blades, as they seem to be wearing helmets even less than bikers.

We love this community because the police and the residents do look out for our children. Please parents, make wearing a helmet the law in your house too.

Amy Sanford
Grosse Pointe Farms

Rats no more

To the Editor:

Rats have been sighted in some of the Grosse Pointes. Here's how you can stop the rat infestation:

Clean up all food that may have fallen on your lawn before dark.

Remove any water-filled pans.

Remember, ponds in your yards are the breeding places for mosquitoes and also a watering place for rats.

Dog owners, please remember to clean up after them. The odors and droppings attract rats.

If you want to have a cleaner and nicer looking street — have your black

bags out in front at 7 a.m. on trash day.

Hard goods can be out the night before so the shoppers can pick their choice.

Jim Perry
Grosse Pointe Woods

Admit it

I read your editorial in last week's Grosse Pointe News entitled, "Don't look away," and I feel that your wide-spread opinion is one of the main reasons why our country is in the shape that it is in.

Your article refers to the beheading of American citizen Nicki Berg "as a brutal murder and act of terrorism with whom we are at war."

While his beheading is an act of terrorism, the Iraqi war is not and has absolutely nothing to do with 9/11.

We are fighting two separate wars — one is necessary; one is not. The war on terror for the attacks of 9/11 should be our highest priority. The war in Iraq should not have been started at all.

The Iraqi war was started by our present administration on the basis of false information. While we are sacrificing the lives of American troops and ungondly amounts of money to fight this war, the real attackers of 9/11 are garnering more troops to fight against us.

We should be focusing our resources on the terrorists that attacked this country, not trying to find WMDs that no longer exist. Journalists like yourself, as well as many Americans, have to admit and acknowledge the fact that the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq are not the same.

Marty J. Brown
Harper Woods

Conclusions

To the Editor:

Jennie Miller's I Say column, "Don't look away," printed in the May 20 issue of the Grosse Pointe News was so full of poorly drawn conclusions and lacking in factual analysis that I'm inclined to believe the misinformation was willful.

Ms. Miller tries hard to blur any distinction between Al Qaeda and Iraq. Indeed, she tries to convey a link between an "act of terrorism" and "members of a country with whom we are at war." Can her hope be that we forget the (now known to be inaccurate) claim that Iraq held stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and instead believe that the invasion of Iraq was somehow justified by the atrocities of September 11?

Let's not forget those WMD, or that the premise of this "war" included "liberating" the Iraqi people from

the autocratic dictator under whom they suffered. Let's not forget that this war is being waged because this president made a unilateral decision to invade a country.

If Ms. Miller were even the least bit genuine in her assertion that "we need to support our soldiers by understanding what is happening all around us," she might have thought to at least try and delineate between self-proclaimed terrorists and a people who have found that one dictatorial rule has been exchanged for another.

She might have thought to ask why these people we were, said to be liberating, could now harbor such anti-American feelings that uprisings would break out? She might have considered how the secretary of defense's instructions in humiliation and interrogation, put into such publicized effect at the now famous Abu Grahb prison, might have managed to create a bit of resentment for the American invasion of Iraq.

In fact, Ms. Miller's distortions are made all the more telling by her use of the phrase "They (terrorists) don't care about the morals of Americans." Please, dear reader, do not lose sight of the fact that the actual terrorists — those members of Al Qaeda who would do harm to any non-Islamic state — are basing their actions on their interpretation of "morals" and of "religion."

In making the same attempt, Ms. Miller makes clear the willfulness in her misinformation — akin to that from the Bush administration. All are wrong, and look where it's gotten us.

Certainly the executions of Nicholas Berg, Daniel Pearl and the many others who have died — including the soldiers whose coffins the Bush administration wants to keep you from seeing — are dreadful.

We do owe it to everyone involved in this "war" to understand what is happening around us. That understanding, however, will not come from reading misinformation such as Ms. Miller has produced.

E. Layton Dorey
Grosse Pointe Park

Impressed by schools

To the Editor:

As the current school year winds down, I'd like to express my appreciation for the superior job that the Grosse Pointe public schools have achieved in educating my children.

As a product of the K-12 Grosse Pointe Public School System myself, I am con-



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I was so impressed how different their education is than the way I remember mine. By fifth grade, my kids were making PowerPoint presentations and now in high school, their math classes rival my classes in college.

Each core academic has incorporated individual and group projects along with integrating speaking and writing skills in their curriculums. Their teachers have continually held high expectations for their learning and consistently raised the bar to challenge their development, while teaching skills they will need in the future.

Their education is the sum of the entire culture that they have been exposed to since kindergarten at Maire. It includes the time spent in their classrooms, but also all the programs each school provided along with their teachers, coaches, supportive staff and the families who comprised the educational community they experienced.

Education is not just about classes, projects and grades. It is not just the ability to regurgitate facts, but to understand and reason.

We would not expect any other profession to look like it did 40 years ago, so why should we want education to remain stuck in time? Whether you currently have children in the Grosse Pointe public schools or have watched your children graduate years ago, I doubt that you can dispute that our schools have a positive influence on our community culture and flavor.

In this time of financial concerns, it's easy to blame the school system and propose that anything but classroom expenditures should be cut. It is easy to blame the administration for increasing class size or charging fees for activities we've come to take for granted. However, I believe that our district places value on the entire educational package offered to our children.

Their dilemma is how to maintain this excellent edu-

cation atmosphere inside and outside the classroom with diminishing financial resources from Lansing.

This is a difficult task and I'm glad that I don't have to decide where to make the cuts. However, I would like to acknowledge my gratitude to the Grosse Pointe public schools — from the top administration and the school board down through the teachers to the support personnel that up to now have done an outstanding job.

Good luck and I will continue to support you.

Debra Halsey-Carmody
Grosse Pointe North
Class of 1972

GP Symphony

To the Editor:

On Sunday evening, May 2, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Charles Greenwell, ended its season with a rousing, toe-tapping concert titled "Give My Regards to Broadway." An expanded brass section added a full sound for the Broadway tunes.

"Three Orchestral Miniatures" by Leroy Anderson "blew everyone away," particularly the "Buglers' Holiday" with trumpeters Don Miller, Paul Miller and Scott Schroeder. Not only did they play the notes fast and furious, but clearly and rhythmically.

Greenwell discussed Anderson's master craftsmanship: melody, harmony mood and humor, drawing the audience in, expanding their knowledge which added depth to their appreciation of the music.

Erin Bailey, soprano, was the soloist for the evening. A medley from "Guys and Dolls," "The Sound of

Music," "Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Miserables" was performed by this young, expertly trained vocalist.

The orchestration for the selections was pitched low, calling on Ms. Bailey to negotiate a register foreign to sopranos. With Greenwell keeping the orchestra mel-low, Ms. Bailey did a splendid job.

Steve Kegler attended the concert to hear his wife, Diane, play the whistle on her piccolo for "The Whistler and His Dog" by Arthur Pryor. Instead he was called into service, the timpanist finding himself in a huge traffic jam on his way to Grosse Pointe.

Dan Vicary, who does such marvelous sound system work for the Grosse Pointe schools, also supplied his wizardry to the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra and Ms. Bailey. With mallets flying on the xylophone, bells ringing, drums booming and cymbals clanging, the percussionists, Pat Fisher and Peter Allen, were a busy pair for this salute to Broadway.

To further their efforts of involving the community, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will hold outdoor string rehearsals at the St. Johns Senior Community Center (Warren Avenue), as well as two at the Farms Pier Park. A concert for Farms residents will be performed at the Farms Park on Sunday, Aug. 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Eric Hintzen, first vice president of the orchestra, and tuba player, said it well, "Experience the opportunity of becoming a season ticket subscriber. You will enjoy the benefits."

Johanna Gilbert
Grosse Pointe Shores

Do you remember?

Last week's question: It is 1958, and I do volunteer work for the Foundation for Exceptional Children. Where do I go to do this work?

Answer: To a quonset hut behind Christ Church on Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

This week's question: It is 1955, and I have to find information from AAA for a trip I want to take. Where is the building located? (Look for answer next week.)

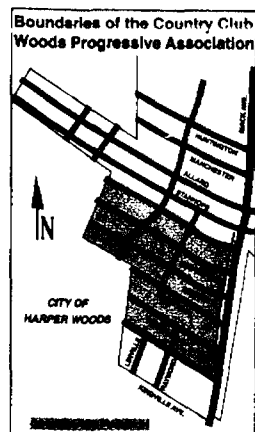
G.P. Woods residents revive neighborhood association

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

After six years of inactivity, a group of Grosse Pointe Woods residents has resurrected the Country Club Woods Progressive Association.

The association represents a potential of about 360 families in an area bordered by Bournemouth, Mack, Littlestone, and the west city limits. It was originally formed at the time the subdivision was developed in 1941 to serve the social needs of and as a governmental liaison to the community.

"So many people were asking what happened to



the association," said Jeff Griffith, vice president, who

has lived in the neighborhood for 14 years. "We called a meeting in March. About 30 people attended and elected a board."

The board is proposing a number of programs and events for its members such as senior events, a mom's day out, a block party and a Web site. It also wants to establish local merchant and city liaisons.

"It gives us an opportunity to talk about concerns," Griffith said. "Right now there are no issues out there, but at least we'll have the lines of communication open."

"We'd like to be a model association for all the Grosse

Pointes," said John Maniaci, treasurer, a 19-year resident of the area. "We'd be happy to show people how to do it and how important it is to have an association like this."

"The needs of the area really haven't changed since 1941," Griffith said.

The dues haven't changed either since 1941. Annual membership is \$5 a year but may be raised to \$10 a year soon.

The association is holding a membership meeting at Rocco & BeBe's Grill at 1841 Mack in Detroit on Sunday, June 6, at 1 p.m. The board hopes to enlist chairpeople for proposed

programs and events and to select street representatives.

For more information

about the association or the upcoming meeting, contact Mike Caruso, president, at (313) 886-8133 or emike318@hotmail.com.

G.P. Shores adds new village trustee

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Jimmi Bloink Jr. rose from the chair he has occupied for two years on the Grosse Pointe Shores village council, stepped back and said to his replacement, "This seat is yours now."

Bloink chose not to run in last week's election.

Taking his place for a first term in office, Glen Peters sat down.

Peters won office in last week's uncontested election. Reelected for two-year terms were Dr. James Cooper, president (230 votes), and trustees Brian Hunt (240) and Fred Minturn (234) and City Clerk Victoria Boyce (237).

Boyce said 258 of the Shores 2,130 registered voters cast ballots, a turnout of 12 percent.

"I'm happy to welcome Glen Peters," Cooper said. "I'm confident this council will continue to govern in a competent manner."

This isn't Peters' first time in office.

During his career in education, he was vice president of the Warren Woods school board.

Peters, 73, retired as head of personnel at Macomb

County Community College. Before that, he taught school.

"That was a long time ago," he smiled. "I was a teacher back in 1956."

In 1959, he moved into administration in the Lakeview district.

"I left as assistant principal of the high school and went to the college in 1970," Peters said. He retired in 1991.

At the end of his term in two years, Peters hopes to look back and say, "Things are running as smoothly as they are today, and that we have made improvements and listened to the public."



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Taking the oaths of office in Grosse Pointe Shores, from left, are first-time trustee Glen Peters, Village Clerk Victoria Boyce, and incumbent trustees Fred Minturn and Brian Hunt.

G.P. Woods observes Memorial Day

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Not everyone who went to war served in the military.

This year, the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission honors those who served in the USO at the Memorial Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 31.

Former Grosse Pointe area resident Susan Scott Gladwin will deliver the

keynote address. For three years during the Vietnam Conflict, she pulled a three-year stint as an entertainer for the troops in Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan and the Philippines. She was also an assistant coordinator for production and logistics for the Department of Defense.

Veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms. A photograph of all the veter-

ans will be taken after the ceremony.

This is the 22nd year the historical commission has put on the Memorial Day observance at the Circle of Honor on Vernier west of Mack.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Grosse Pointe Middle School auditorium.

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North senior Julie Krugler was given local, national and international awards for her work researching the oldest stars in the universe. She stands above on the left with her teacher, Ardis Maciolek, who was instrumental in helping her achieve the accolades.

North senior rewarded for research on oldest stars

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The stars have aligned for Grosse Pointe North High School senior Julie Krugler. Krugler has competed and excelled in a variety of local, national and international science competitions for her work in locating and researching the oldest stars in the universe.

In March, Krugler presented her research at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at Wayne State University and was selected as one of five finalists to attend the National Symposium in Baltimore, MD.

On April 1, she competed at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit and was named one of the eight Grand Award Winners. In addition, she received awards from the General Motors Society of Sigma Xi, the Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association and the International Society for Optical Engineering.

During the week of May 10, Krugler presented her research at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held in Portland, OR. Some 1,433 students from 40 countries spent a week at the event which involved presenting their research, interacting with Nobel Laureates and exchanging ideas with some of the most talented young scientists and engineers.

At the international fair, she won some prestigious awards. The U.S. Air Force selected her project for the First Place in Earth and Space Sciences. The American Astronomical Society awarded her second place for the Priscilla and Bart Bok Award, given for astronomy projects exhibiting the best scientific merit. Additionally, she received a Grand Award of Second Place overall in the Earth and Space Sciences division of the fair.

The awards totaled \$7,500 in cash and were coupled with an invitation to publish and present research at a professional level.

Krugler was helped out in preparing for the international fair by North alumna Katrina Koski, who had previously competed in the international fair 10 years ago and is now a doctoral candidate in astrophysics in

New Mexico.

"It was really cool because I needed all the help I could get," Krugler said.

Krugler's teacher and mentor Ardis Maciolek, a North astronomy instructor, also helped enormously. Maciolek said she has never seen a student perform in such an astounding manner as Krugler.

"I'm pleased. She worked really hard for this," Maciolek said.

Krugler herself is humble about her accolades. "It was exciting because I didn't expect it. I thought it was such a wonderful experience that it didn't matter if I got awarded," she said.

Krugler initiated her work on the oldest stars in the universe, known as Population Three stars, with a trip to Kitt Peak Observatory in Arizona. She was accompanied by fellow student Amelia Altaventa. She became so engrossed with the project that she worked many late nights to prepare for the various com-

petitions. She ended up presenting the findings on 20 stars.

Studying stars, such as those like the sun, is a worthy pursuit in Krugler's opinion.

"Everything we are is made out of the sun. (Researching enables) a better understanding of ourselves and the world around us. It is basically tracing the chemical origins of our universe," she said.

Krugler plans to attend Michigan State University, where she will major in astrophysics and study under renowned astronomer Dr. Timothy Beers. She will work on a national project called segue, which will involve mapping out 240,000 star spectra.

She hopes to teach and perform research once she gets her degree.

"I really like it. I'm passionate about it. It's something that is a competitive field, but this helped me get prepared," she said.



St. Paul students visit Ford plant

St. Paul fourth- and fifth-grade students visited the new Ford Rouge Factory as part of their social studies unit on Michigan history, Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company.

"This was a fantastic opportunity. The students were excited to have a chance for a close up look at the automotive industry," said fourth-grade teacher Patricia Szymanski. "I felt they came out with a better understanding of manufacturing, the concept of an assembly line and the importance of Henry Ford and the automotive industry in our state."

From the left at the plant are students Catherine Campbell, Rachel Temrowski, Madeline Thibault, Billy Marx and Kenny Schoof.

In class students made a two-foot-tall cutout of Henry Ford with his arms spread out wide. His top coat opened to show written information each student discovered about him. The cutouts are displayed on the students' lockers.

"He revolutionized America forever by building the Model T, a car the average person could afford," said Thibault.

Students were inspired by Ford's example.

"He never gave up on his dream," said Campbell.

Space scientist and St. Clare alumnus visits alma mater

Planetary geologist, Jeffrey Johnson, visited St. Clare of Montefalco School to share with students in fourth through eighth grade information regarding NASA's current Mars Exploration Rover Missions. Johnson is a St. Clare graduate (1980) who now lives in Flagstaff, Arizona, and works for the U.S. Geological as part of their astrogeology team.

The presentation included information on why scientists study Mars, past efforts that were made to learn about the planet, and detailed information about the current Rover Exploration. Students viewed animations to demonstrate how the Rover robots traveled to Mars and then became operational once they landed. Part of the presentation also included images that were sent back from the robots of rocks and other surface features. Students were able to view a videotape of the scientists involved as the Rovers approached and then landed on the surface of Mars. The jubilation of the scientists, after many years of hard work, including some failure, was apparent to all the students.

The presentation ended with students' questions to Johnson about his industry and the Rovers project.

South Spanish teacher a textbook author

South Spanish teacher Cindy Morefield-Pinder authored the Test Program for a newly published collegiate Spanish textbook. The testing program was 367 pages in length. Morefield-Pinder also added 14 short prose pieces for reading comprehension and wrote the audio scripts. The text is titled "Impressioner" and is published by Pearson and Prentice Hall.

Correction

In the article, "Dazzling with honors," the date students were inducted into the Cum Laude Society was misstated. The correct date is Tuesday, April 27.



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Another flat, weak week makes investors nervous

Last week was another washout with the Dow breaking down through 10,000 again but holding at 9,967 — off 46 points for the week.

The Nasdaq Composite struggled to post an 8-point up-tick for the week, closing at 1,912.

Here we are on Thursday with everyone already shutting down for the long holiday weekend. The early birds left this noon to get ahead of the Friday traffic!

Have a great holiday. See you in June!

Home buyers hurry to obtain mortgages

Last Thursday, May 20, The New York Times reported that prospective home buyers were rushing to apply for mortgage loans to be "prequalified" before actually looking at houses for sale.

The Mortgage Bankers Association quoted the prior week's national rate for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages at 6.21 percent, up from the 5.34 percent rate recorded last March!

The Times also quoted David Berson, chief economist for Fannie Mae: "Applications for home loans, excluding refinancing, were near record levels two weeks ago... this tells us that home sales will stay strong until the middle of summer."

Mortgage pros say that many home buyers are opting for adjustable rates vs. the higher fixed rates. The lower overall monthly payment on the ARMs (adjustable-rate mortgages)

will usually buy more house for the same qualified income level.

But most analysts now see rates continuing up to higher levels as the economy improves, increasing the possibility that ARM-holders will face an increased interest rate at their first "reset date."

Fixed rates, on the other hand, are "locked in" on the upside, but can be refinanced if rates turn around and head south.

The present U-turn in mortgage rates is severely affecting new applications for refinancing old mortgages, since the math turns negative as rates approach 7 percent (30 year fixed rate).

Stock analysts point out that many local/regional banks have very profitable sizable mortgage origination operations. Some say it's even hard to tell if the bank is a mortgage-broker, or a bank-bank.

Other analysts point out that many of these banks broker their newly acquired mortgages to consolidators, who resell these "mortgage packages" to investment bankers, who underwrite and sell them as MBSs (mortgage-backed securities).

In many cases, the local originating bank keeps the mortgage servicing contracts related to the sold mortgages, and the related lucrative tax and insurance reserve deposits.

Grosse Pointe Realtors should be very busy this summer putting up their "For Sale" signs, and later nailing on their "Sold" signs!

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

Mutual fund too big?

Money magazine (June 2004) featured an article, "Is your mutual fund too big?" Since 2002, investors have poured more than \$450 billion into mutual funds. Fund managers who ran millions are now investing billions!

The obese funds can't trade as nimbly as the slim-jims. Oversized funds can't invest many dollars in small caps or other illiquid situations. Very good ideas are hard to find. The law of large numbers produces results close to its mean.

How big is too big? Check your fund's cash position: is it up a lot?

The First Eagle Overseas Fund's assets nearly quadrupled to \$6 billion in 2002, faster than they could be invested. Cash ballooned to 26 percent last February; so the fund was closed to new investors.

Is your small- or mid-cap's average market cap creeping up because its manager can't find good ideas and must resort to buying bigger stocks?

If your fund typically holds 50 stocks, does it now own over 75? Some managers say they run out of great ideas at 50 picks. Is your fund buying second-

picks now?

Is your fund starting to look like the S&P 500? That's a too much money syndrome.

Fidelity Magellan, with \$67 billion, holds more than 200 big-market cap stocks. It can't beat the market by much, because it is the market!

But Magellan charges 0.72 percent in expenses. Instead, why not buy the Vanguard 500 with only 0.18 percent expenses?

Higher gas prices?

Instead of complaining you paid \$2.29 for premium, why not do something about it?

Cheap oil can only be replaced with expensive oil; LPG natural gas is difficult to transship, and wind, solar, nuclear and hydrogen power are not yet up to speed.

Why not invest in the here-and-now energy? Michael Sivy, in Money magazine, recommends the following:

- 1) Large integrated oils — Conoco Phillips (COP, about 70.47) and Exxon Mobil (XON, about 42.60);
- 2) Independent exploration and production — Anadarko Petroleum (APC, about 53.28) and Apache Corp. (APA, about 38.97); and
- 3) Oil service companies — Schlumberger Ltd. (SLB, about 56.60).

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. "Let's Talk Stocks" is sponsored by the following Grosse Pointe investment-related firms: John M. Rickel CPA, P.C. and Rickel & Baun P.C.

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Full of gas & other related items

Being "gassed" once referred to an athlete who ran out of steam during a sporting event. Now I guess it refers to all of us at the gas pump. But there is hope.

The Alternative Energy Technology Conference is coming to Wayne State University next Wednesday, June 2.

This one-day event is designed to attract the nation's leading experts from the federal government, industry and universities, as well as the general public, the media, engineers and students interested in learning more about current trends in energy technology.

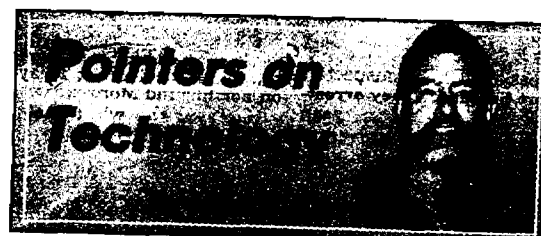
The event is offered by Wayne State University's College of Engineering in partnership with Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Kettering University in Flint, Lansing Community College and the University of Michigan.

One confirmed participant is Stanley Ovshinsky, CEO of Energy Conversion Devices. Ovshinsky is considered the man when it comes to battery and photovoltaic energy sources. You can also listen to Paul Horst, president of DTE Energy Technologies; and Fred Flett, vice president of technology, Ballard Power Systems. The keynote is Tom Benjamin of the Argonne National Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy, with another major address from Jim Croce, CEO of Michigan's NextEnergy program.

To find out more about this event, go to www.eng.wayne.edu/aetconference. It will only cost you a couple gallons of gas to get there.

Here is a weird one I ran across. I was surprised I hadn't heard of it before.

A poll on Internet liquor sales, financed by a group backed by liquor, wine and beer store owners, was released recently in Lansing. The group, called the Coalition for a Safe and Responsible Michigan, says the poll indicates that the majority of Michigan residents oppose the online sale



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of alcoholic beverages. Online alcohol sales are currently tied in legal appeals.

Members of the coalition include the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association and the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association. The group also includes Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

I would be very surprised if the sale of spirits were ever allowed using the Internet. Think of all the college students who wouldn't need fake IDs.

Grab the popcorn and let's go to the movies!

If you just bought a DVD-burning drive for your computer and think that for once you're current with the latest and greatest, it's disappointment time.

Manufacturers are soon launching the sale of drives that can store double the amount of data on a disc. Sony Electronics says it will be shipping drives in about two months that accept blank DVDs with two data layers. The disks are the same size as regular DVDs/CDs.

Think of it this way. You have two pieces of bread stacked together. On the top of one you can put peanut butter and on the top of the other, jelly. If you want, you can eat the jelly slice or the peanut butter slice without affecting the other.

Do NOT try this at home, especially if you have a beard.

Philips Electronics has started selling a similar drive in Europe but is not saying when it will be available in the United States. (You would be amazed at the amount of technological doodads that appear in Europe and Asia before it hits the United States.)

The write-once discs can store up to 8.5 gigabytes of data, or about four hours of DVD-quality movies, twice the capacity of regular blank DVDs. This means capacities for computer-burned DVDs are catching up with prerecorded movie DVDs, many of which are already dual-layered.

The new technology is sure to appeal to those who back up or copy movie DVDs, since they often have to reduce image quality or remove special features to fit a copied movie onto a single-layer disc. With a dual-layer drive, an exact copy on a single disc should be possible.

Time now for the disclaimer.

The software used to copy encrypted movie DVDs is illegal in the United States. Movie producers use DVD encryption to thwart the casual copier, but it won't stop the professional thieves. Unfortunately, there is a key for every lock.

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is mtmaurer@comcast.net.

Business People

Michael Donnelly of Grosse Pointe Park has been reelected as managing shareholder of the Detroit office of Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, PC.

Suzanne Reno of the City of Grosse Pointe has been named controller of IXL Glass Co. in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Car targeted

A radio and compact disc player were taken from a car parked in a driveway in the 2100 block of Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 11 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, and 4:45 p.m. on Monday, May 17.

A compact disc changer, 50 CDs and a CD carrying case were taken from a car parked in the 1000 block of Brys in the Woods on Friday, May 21. The driver's side door lock had been punched out.

The driver's side door handle of a car parked in a driveway in the 1700 block

of Bournemouth in Grosse Pointe Woods was broken in order to gain entry to remove a radar detector and a pair of sunglasses. The theft occurred sometime between 11 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, and 9 a.m. on Friday, May 21.

G.P. Park thefts

A 16-inch silver and black Howler bike was taken from a garage in the 1100 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Monday, May 17.

A 20-inch black and yellow Rhino bike was stolen in the 800 block of Trombley in Grosse Pointe Park between

9:30 and 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19.

An unknown person took an Echo leaf blower and a pressure washer from a locked garage in the 500 block of Pemberton in Grosse Pointe Park sometime during Tuesday, May 18, and Wednesday, May 19.

A Lawnboy lawn mower and a line trimmer were taken from an unlocked shed in the 700 block of Berkshire in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Wednesday, May 19.

An electric scooter was taken from an unlocked garage in the 1000 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Thursday, May 20, and Sunday, May 23.

A 26-inch silver and black Giant bike was taken from an unlocked garage in the 600 block of Westchester in Grosse Pointe Park between midnight and 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 22.

Fridge fire

An electrical problem with a refrigerator called Grosse Pointe Park firefighters to a house in the 1300 block of Maryland at 7:44 a.m. on Thursday, May 20. Firefighters cleared smoke from the house.

Grandmother blamed for truancy

A 64-year-old Detroit grandmother was taken to task by Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers after responding to a call of her grandchildren asking people for money in a parking lot in the 20100 block of Mack on Thursday, May 20.

The woman's 12-year-old grandson said he was asking people for money because he was hungry. He and a 13-year-old girl and a 16-year-old girl had been waiting in a car for their grandmother between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.

The grandmother was located in a physician's office and admitted she had not sent the children to school because of her appointment.

An officer warned her the children's school district could take action on the truancies. The children's

schools were informed of the incident.

Car theft

A 1988 Chevrolet Caprice was stolen from a driveway in the 600 block of Pemberton in Grosse Pointe Park at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18.

Thieves scared

A Grosse Pointe Woods man scared off two men he suspected were trying to steal his Jeep.

The man saw the men sitting in his vehicle, which was parked on Bournemouth and Raymond in the Woods, just after 11 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18. The men fled the Jeep when they saw the man and took off in a dark blue vehicle.

The Jeep's driver's side door and ignition were damaged.

Hot raccoon

A raccoon found itself in the hot seat as he got himself trapped in a furnace of a house in the 1200 block of South Oxford in Grosse Pointe Woods on Friday, May 21.

A public safety officer was unable to retrieve the animal but set out a trap.

Stolen credit

Grosse Pointe Woods detectives are likely to find the person who stole the credit card number of a Woods man in April. The number was used to make \$2,800 in purchases, including utility payments. The number was reported stolen on Sunday, May 23.

Cops get man

At 9:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers questioned and released a Detroit resident, considered a possible larceny suspect. A short time later, they arrested the man, who was seen riding a stolen bike north of Alter.

Cops halt theft

The arrival of Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers scared off a group of suspects trying to steal a 2000 Dodge Durango in the 1400 block of Lakepointe at 12:49 a.m. on Monday, May 24.

Officers, however, apprehended and arrested a Detroit resident, who tried to run away. That person was found in a garage on Lakepointe.

— Bonnie Caprara

Thief caught

A 13-year-old Detroit boy was caught Monday, May,

17, at 8:14 p.m., burglarizing a City of Grosse Pointe service station.

The station has been receiving special attention due to numerous thefts where the person responsible had stolen change from the register.

A Farms patrolman was cruising the 18100 block of Mack when he saw the boy inside the station trying to pry open the cash register.

City police arrested the boy when he ran out the front door.

He possessed \$11.43 in change, two screw drivers, one wrench and a three-iron golf club police said was used to break open one of the station's rear windows.

Officers also recovered a boys 20-inch Huff bike, aptly a Predator model.

Girl escapes

Police are looking for an unknown man driving a black GMC Envoy accused of trying to abduct a 13-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms girl as she walked home Wednesday, May, 19, shortly after 6:30 p.m., on Moross north of Kercheval.

Police thought the stranger was a 40-year-old Oakland County man reported in a similar abduction attempt the day before in Madison Heights.

But the Farms girl said the man who approached her with arms outstretched didn't match a mug shot.

"Hey you. Come here," the girl remembered the man saying as he tailed her in his Envoy from a party store in the 300 block of Kercheval. She remembers seeing the Envoy parked outside the store when she began walking home.

The man got out of his vehicle near Earl Court and grabbed the girl. She started running.

When she pretended to call 911 on her cellular telephone, the man returned to the Envoy and drove away, on northbound Moross.

She said the white male was about 5-foot-10, 200 pounds and unshaven with salt and pepper whiskers. He wore a blue T-shirt and khaki pants.

The girl said the man had "bulgy" eyes. "His nose was small and his ears too big for his head," she told Farms police.

School arson

Arson cases continue inside Grosse Pointe South High School.

Security cameras may have recorded images of those responsible for the latest incident on Friday, May 21, between 3 and 4:15 p.m.

A school employee who was investigating the odor of smoke found a charred roll

of toilet paper in the stall of a boys' restroom. The incident matched many other recent cases.

"This is approximately the 13th incident of arson in the past year at the high school," said police.

Arson near high school

Someone threw lit birthday candles in a car parked in Grosse Pointe Farms with a window cracked open to provide fresh air for a dog inside.

The incident happened in the first block of Kercheval between 2:30 and 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18.

A Farms woman who parked her light green 2001 Dodge Intrepid at the Grosse Pointe Public Library discovered the candles and flagged down a patrolman. "Two half-dollar size areas were burnt into the seat," said the officer.

Spy kid

A 12-year-old Detroit boy was caught stealing two DVDs from a store in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms on Friday, May 21, shortly after 5:30 p.m.

Fire runs

Sawdust, sloppy workmanship and bad baking triggered fire scares last week in Grosse Pointe Shores.

• On Tuesday, May 18, at 7:39 p.m., workers sanding wood floors of a house on Stonehurst kicked up enough sawdust to activate a home fire alarm.

Police investigated the scene and left when all appeared to be normal.

• On Thursday, May 20, at 12:40 p.m., workmen installing a clothes dryer at a dwelling on Belle Meade got their wires crossed, resulting in a report of an electrical fire. Officers in two fire trucks and a scout car deployed to the scene.

• On Friday, May 21, at 9:14 p.m., public safety officers manning two fire trucks canceled their run to a house on Belle Meade. Reports of fire stemmed from someone baking bread.

Ducks killed

A mother duck and three ducklings were struck and killed by an unknown driver in the 700 block of Lakeshore near a private club in Grosse Pointe Shores on Monday, May 17. Police learned of the incident shortly after 7 p.m.

"Nine more ducklings still living made their way to the tennis court area of (the club)," police said.

— Brad Lindberg

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SPECIAL NOTICE HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE for MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 31, 2004

All residential routes will be one day late. Examples: Monday's Routes will be collected on Tuesday; Tuesday's routes on Wednesday, Etc.

Friday's residential rubbish routes will be collected on Saturday, June 5, 2004.

Tuesday and Friday's commercial routes will be collected on schedule.

Thank you,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

G.P.N.: 05/27/2004

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. by the City Administration at the Municipal Office, 90 Kerby Road, for review of Community Development and Coordinations.

The following activities are proposed as an amendment for recaptured funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 (subject to full funding by H.U.D.).

| PROJECT | AMOUNT | PROJECT AREA |
|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Streetscaping | \$25,000 | Mack Avenue |
| TOTAL | \$25,000 | |

The hearing is public. Property owners and residents of the City are invited to attend.

Shane L. Reeside,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 05/27/2004

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TO BE HELD ON JUNE 14, 2004

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Election of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held in the School District on Monday, the 14th day of June, 2004.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M., EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, ON JUNE 14, 2004.

Notice is further given that at this election there will be elected two (2) members of the Board of Education of the School District for a full term of four (4) years, beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2008.

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for the two four (4) year terms:

Ahmed V. Ismail
Angela Kennedy
Steve Matthews

The places of election will be the fully designated voting places in each election precinct in the School District and are as follows:

- PRECINCT A** - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Park vote at PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.
- PRECINCT B** - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe vote at MAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.
- PRECINCT C** - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms vote at BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.
- PRECINCT D** - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods vote at PARCELS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.
- PRECINCT E** - All voters in the Township of Grosse Pointe vote at the GROSSE POINTE SHORES ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.
- PRECINCT F** - All voters in the City of Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe Public School System vote at POUPARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 20655 Lennon, City of Harper Woods, Michigan.
- ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD:** (All absentee voter ballots) Voting place at ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Each person voting in this election must be a registered elector in the City of Township within the School District in which the person resides.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan.

Dated: May 27, 2004

G.P.N.: 05/27/2004

Stephen Matthews,
Secretary, Board of Education

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: 2004 MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPAIR PROGRAM IN DISTRICT NO. 2 - AEW PROJECT NO. 160-253

RECEIPT OF BIDS: The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., local time on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The approximate quantities involved in this project are as follows: Remove & Replace Concrete Pavement - 8" - 16,500 SY; Remove & Replace Concrete Pavement - 9" - 250 SY; Remove & Replace 6" Concrete Sidewalk and Driveway Approaches - 300 SY; Reconstruct Drainage Structures - 50 EA; and related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: Plans and specification are on file and copies may be secured on or after Monday, May 24, 2004 at 1:00 P.M., at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover postage and handling will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the office of the City Clerk.

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North teacher donates marrow to a cancer patient

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

If someone has an illness, helping him or her is a work of love.

Grosse Pointe North High School chemistry teacher Peter Moskaluk made such a contribution when he served as a bone marrow donor to a man in his 40s suffering from leukemia.

Moskaluk agreed to be a donor when he participated in a blood drive for the son of a North teacher. The Red Cross, which administered the blood drive, asked Moskaluk on forms whether he would consider being on the Registry of potential donors for people who are ill and need bone marrow. Moskaluk agreed, and in December of last year, he went through the process of giving bone marrow.

The Red Cross showed Moskaluk videos of the donor process, gave him a physical and tested him to make sure he was the right match. They informed Moskaluk that he should not feel obligated to donate; Moskaluk told them he

wanted to help by going through the process.

Once the Red Cross found he was an OK match, they gave him a drug that would increase the amount of bone marrow stem cells in his blood stream.

He underwent apheresis, which is one of two ways of donating bone marrow. The other way is to take bone marrow from a bone source, like the hip.

Apheresis involves drawing blood from an arm, having it run through a machine to remove the stem cells, and returning it to the other arm. Moskaluk went through two five-hour sessions of apheresis.

The side effects of the donor process includes headaches and bone aches. Moskaluk said he had minor bone aches, which he was able to treat with Tylenol.

Moskaluk said the Red Cross was very easy to work with. He said it paid for the process since he was needed while a donor who is unsolicited has to pay a small fee.

Bone marrow is essential for anyone undergoing cancer treatment.

Chemotherapy and radiation deplete bone marrow. When a cancer patient receives new stem cells, the bone marrow is replenished.

Moskaluk was told that the man to whom he gave bone marrow is now recovering and seems to be on the path to health.

"It worked for him. He was a close enough match," Moskaluk said.

Moskaluk said his students were proud of him for being a donor, and he feels satisfaction at being able to help save someone's life.

"I would recommend it for everyone. You feel really good afterwards. It's sharing your joy of life," he said.

The Red Cross is in great need of bone marrow donors, particularly from Asian and African Americans. While the National Marrow Donor Program of the Red Cross has seen more than 5 million voluntary bone marrow donors, it has an acute need of more volunteers to aid

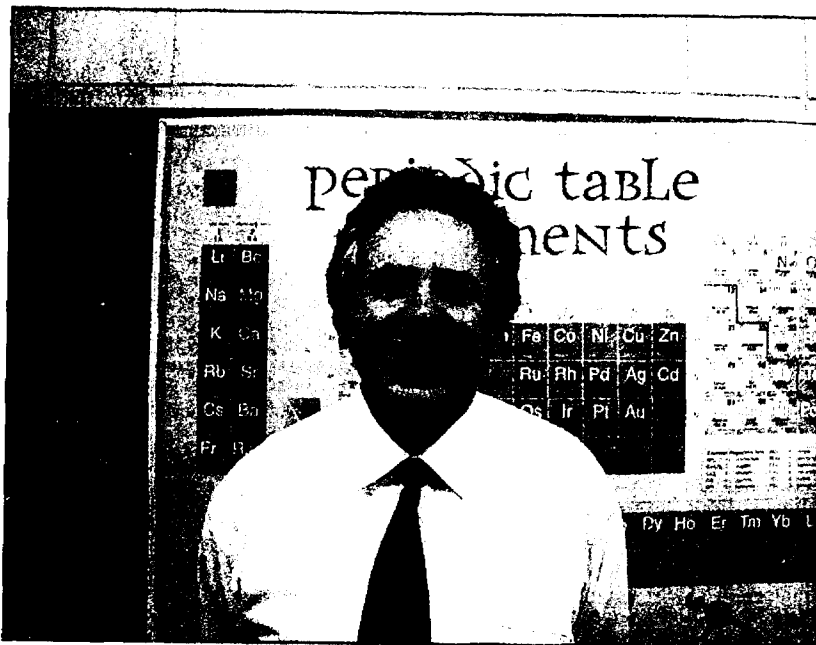


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Grosse Pointe North High School chemistry teacher Peter Moskaluk participated in a Red Cross bone marrow donor program and helped save a life.

people who are ill and need bone marrow. To find out about putting your name on a registry as a Marrow Donor Program at (888) 999-6743. Make love a reality.

Defer students help declare Michigan Treasure Cookie

State Rep. Ed Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe) this week welcomed a group of 12 students and two teachers from Defer Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park to the state Capitol for the introduction of legislation declaring the Michigan Treasure Cookie the official cookie for the state of Michigan.

Earlier this year, Defer fourth-grade teachers Robert Palmer and Andy Backman took a group of students to the Capitol for a social studies unit on how a bill becomes law.

"When we got back, I saw a television program about six states that already have an official state cookie. I thought Michigan should have one, too, and I thought this would be a good way for the students to participate in the process by lobbying and writing letters," said Palmer, adding that Gaffney helped a lot with the process.

For the project, students tested a dozen cookie recipes on teachers, who narrowed the choice to two. About 68 fourth-grade students then chose to submit the

Michigan Treasure Cookie, which is entirely made from Michigan products.

Parents volunteered to make 80 dozen cookies to distribute to lawmakers in hopes of gaining support for the legislation.

In addition to learning about and participating in the legislative process, students learned about economics, packaging, technology and agriculture as the project progressed.

"I received many letters from these students in support of an official state cookie, and I am pleased to introduce the legislation on their behalf," said Gaffney. "The Grosse Pointes have one of the best school districts in the state. These students are taking advantage of it, and I want to encourage them to continue learning all that there is to learn."

Students were very excited about the Michigan Treasure Cookie.

"Unlike other state symbols, a state cookie is something everyone can have and something a family can share together," said student Emily Renton.

North and South Band to host outdoor concert

The bands and orchestras from Grosse Pointe North and South High Schools will present an outdoor concert on Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m. on the front lawn of South High School. The program will feature performances by the combined concert bands, symphony

bands and symphony orchestras. South's Jazztet and Jazz Band will provide pre-concert music with a set of contemporary jazz pieces beginning at 6:15 p.m. The symphony bands will play John Philip Sousa's most famous march, "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

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Park girl wins Gold Award

Ten Senior Girl Scouts helped to increase understanding and acceptance of disabilities, expose younger girls to volunteerism, host a drive to make quilts for babies, prepare youth for college and the work force, enhance a park with a sundial and assist senior citizens, all as a way of achieving their Gold Award, the highest honor available to a Girl Scout.

The Gold Award — the equivalent of becoming an Eagle Scout for Boy Scouts — is a prestigious award earned by less than 3 percent of Senior Girl Scouts nationwide. Girl Scouts plan one to two years for the award, and they have to pass rigorous components relating to efficient organization, time management and leadership skills.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Meredith Scheiwe of Troop 1838 made a sundial at Three Mile Park. She worked closely with the City Forester to select a location and submit plans to the city for approval. She chose rose-colored stone garden pavers with 12 inch brass home numbers for the time markers.

Scheiwe said she learned that persistence and resolve led her to complete the project which extended from

her submission of the plan in 2001 through its final inspection in July 2003.



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Eastland Center institutes Parental Escort Policy

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

In a daring decision that will command change, the movers and shakers at Eastland Center have agreed to institute a Parental Escort Policy.

The decision comes after 47 years of serving the community as a premier shopping center, a local haven for retail and customer service. But administrators have concluded that the most efficient way to address concerns and ensure patron safety is to follow in line with 19 other malls which have set up a curfew for its teenage shoppers.

The policy, which will go into effect on June 15, states that those under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian with them in the mall after 5 p.m.

The policy was pioneered in 1996 by the Mall of America in Minneapolis, and immediate success was demonstrated. After two years spent researching the policy and its effects on other malls in various communities, Eastland administrators are certain it will prove beneficial in this community as well.

"Out of the 19 other malls in the country which have instituted this policy, every one has seen increased sales and traffic, increased interest from potential stores, and overwhelming support from the community," said Eastland General Manager Rita Similides-Nelson.

The enticement of new retail shops is one bonus patrons are sure to embrace, following in line with the recent addition of Sears and Lowe's. These additions will in turn cre-

ate a demand for more jobs within the mall.

In addition, this policy will eliminate liability concerns for mall administrators who argue that a shopping mall is not a licensed day care facility.

"We are not a babysitting service," Similides-Nelson said. "When parents drop off their children at the door of the mall, there is no one taking responsibility for them once inside. Is it really safe for parents to leave their kids in the hands of a building?"

The move will also decrease the feeling of intimidation felt by patrons who are faced with large groups of teenagers while shopping and walking through stores.

According to Jac Desrosiers, Eastland's Director of Security, large groups of teens are a common sight at the mall, and the number can even reach the thousands on the weekend. Some even block entrances to stores, making it difficult for patrons to have a pleasant shopping experience. The use of profanity or inappropriate gestures is common, and a rare fight can break out.

In other malls which have instituted the policy, the number of serious incidents involving teens dropped 300 percent within the first year.

In order to ready itself for the institution of the new policy, Eastland Security officers have been undergoing an intensive training process, including conflict resolution, teen sensitivity and cultural diversity seminars. They have also attended classes on utilizing the conflict resolution tactic of "Verbal

Judo."

"We're trying to bring our level of training up to meet the needs of the center," Desrosiers said.

Although the policy will not be taken into effect for another few weeks, the announcement was made early to ready the public for the change. The center is seeking community volunteers to act as mall greeters over the course of the next few weeks by handing out fliers and copies of the policy.

Once the policy has been taken into effect, security officers will stand at each mall entrance to make sure all patrons are of age during the appropriate time periods. If a minor is seen entering the mall without a responsible adult or guardian, the child will either be asked to leave or escorted to a youth area to wait for a ride home.

"We want to stress that while everyone is welcome at Eastland Center, while here, they need to abide by a code of conduct," Similides-Nelson said. "We cannot be responsible for these kids."

But administrators want to make it clear that they are not trying to alienate their younger clientele.

"It's not that these kids are not welcome anymore," Similides-Nelson said. "We're not turning our backs on them."

She explained that the mall still plans to organize its yearly teen-centered events, such as the Hip Hop Summit and the Busybodies Kids Club on the first Saturday of each month. They will still sponsor the Boy Scouts'

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District seeks funding for building repairs

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

After two failed bond issues in two years, the Harper Woods School District now understands that residents will not support razing the existing schools and building anew.

But considering the numerous problems faced by the district, reconstruction is still a necessity. And the question of who will pay for it is up in the air.

At an open community forum held at the high school on Monday, May 24, the newly-formed Facilities Advisory Committee informed residents of its continued desperate search for ways to fund needed improvements.

Weekly meetings have been conducted since February, after the Office of Civil Rights reported hundreds of infractions in the school district. These infractions make it necessary for the district to comply by the end of the year or it will lose all federal funding.

But the committee is well aware that the community refuses to bear the burden of the district's lack of accountability when it comes to maintenance.

"A lot of the problems in the buildings were at one time maintenance issues," said David Kien, member of the FAC. "But at this point, they are beyond repair. The district does not have the funding to undertake these projects."

Committee members insisted that blame cannot be placed on the district's current administration, whose tenure began about five years ago.

"We cannot direct the blame at the current school board and administration," he said. "It's been happening every day for a long time, but this administration recognized a need right away."

Kien pointed out that an energy bond was immediately sought-after by the school board, followed by the formation of committees to

research asking voters for a bond to make much-needed capital improvements.

"This administration got us to where we are today," he said.

And where that isn't exactly clear. The committee knows there are more repairs needed than there are funds. But it also has a history of failed attempts to reach out to the community.

Architect Dan Kitta of Strat Wold was on hand to lay out the many improvements needed by the school buildings in order to function in the future.

Among the problems are deteriorating foundations and structural damage, cracks in walls, window sills and asphalt, broken ceiling tiles, doors that won't close, rusted water pipes, non-operating fountains, lockers that won't open, and a major settling issue at the high school.

There are also numerous safety hazards throughout the buildings.

And these issues don't even begin to tackle the OCR infractions. Among the more costly items on that list: bathrooms, drinking fountains and second-floor classrooms are inaccessible for handicapped students, teachers and parents.

The committee has decided to prioritize the district's needs and formulate a plan

that will offer residents several options to choose from. Among the highest priority are safety issues and OCR compliance issues.

"We're going to let the community decide, but we're not going to give an all-or-nothing proposal like before," Kien said, adding that there will be choices for voters to decide how much they are willing to fund. "They can choose whether they're going to hit a single, a double or a triple."

But residents who turned out at the forum insisted that it won't be that easy.

"Accountability is necessary," said Harper Woods resident Betty Hodges. "We need to know where the money is. We are not voting unless a guaranteed maintenance plan is in place."

The committee agreed with Hodges and explained plans to suggest that the school board not only form an oversight committee, but also hire a building manager.

Although plans are still in the formative stages, the committee values all input from the community. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7 p.m., in the high school's media center.

The forum was videotaped and will be aired on Channel 20. Copies of the tape are also available at the Harper Woods Public Library.

Harper Woods Head Start

Recruitment will be held on Wednesday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Beacon Elementary School, located at 19475 Beaconsfield.

Children must be income eligible and between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 years. Parents should bring proof of income, shot record, birth certificate, insurance card, and three proofs of residence. It is required to be a resident of Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods in order to participate in Head Start.

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Rugged good looks found in 4Runner 4WD Limited

By Greg Zyla

This week we test drive the 2004 Toyota 4Runner 4WD Limited, a midsize SUV loaded with technology and good looks — base price: \$36,970; price as tested: \$43,319.

There was a time when 4Runner looked like Toyota's workhorse SUV, but not one you'd take on the town. The workhorse aspect still exists, with a 4.7-liter V-8 engine (a 4-liter V-6 is also available) and great off-road capabilities. However, nowadays this brute looks good at play as well.

The 4Runner Limited has a number of great features to talk about, from the interior to the drivetrain. Let's start inside, where technol-

gy is abundant.

Our tester had the optional \$2,675 JBL Synthesis 3-in-1 sound system and GPS navigation system. This incredible sound system comes with 10 speakers, rear-seat audio with remote wireless headphone capability, channel display, steering wheel controls and a remote control. The navigation system includes a 7-inch, touch-screen LCD monitor and voice guidance. A final element is the rear-view camera, which projects an image onto the monitor when reverse is engaged.

Off-roaders will appreciate some of the technology Toyota has put into 4Runner's drivetrain. All 4WD models come standard

with Downhill Assist Control, which aids engine braking to improve directional control during descent on steep or slippery surfaces. It works in reverse as well.

The 4Runner also offers Hill-Start Assist Control (HAC) on all models, including the two-wheel drives. A first for an SUV, HAC is designed to prevent the vehicle from rolling backward or slipping sideways during transition from a stopped position to climbing an upgrade. Imagine the four-wheeling confidence and overall improved safety.

Both the Limited and lower-cost SR5 4Runner models now offer third-row seating, with the second-row

seats tumbling forward for improved entry and exit. Of course, with the third row upright, the cargo room is dramatically decreased, from 75.1 to 12.1 cubic feet. If both a third row and ample cargo room are important, Toyota's Sequoia is a consideration, as it still offers a maximum 36.2 cubic feet with the third-row upright.

That raises one of our critical points about the 4Runner. Our tester is priced within \$1,000 of the base Sequoia, and only \$5,000 less than a loaded version of Toyota's largest SUV. Adding third-row seats is a nice thought, but the 4Runner has essentially become a competitor to the

Sequoia. Even the fuel mileage difference is minimal, with the Sequoia at 14 mpg city, 17 mpg highway, and 4Runner at 15 and 19 mpg.

Of course, a trimmed-down 4Runner can still be considerably more affordable and, with the V-6 engine, more fuel-friendly.

That said, we encourage the V-6 engine option to aid fuel mileage; if you prefer the V-8, maybe the Sequoia is a better option.

Other standard items of note on the 4Runner include multistage front airbags; vehicle stability control with traction control; 17-inch steel wheels; automatic up and down rear window with jam protection; leather

interior; adjustable, heated front seats; and HomeLink garage door opener.

Other important numbers include a 23-gallon fuel tank, 109.8-inch wheelbase; 4,245-pound curb weight; 9.1-inch ground clearance; and 7,000-pound towing capacity.

In all, the 4Runner is quite a vehicle. Good looking, and loaded with performance as well. We rate it a 9 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Stereo system, rugged good looks and four-wheeling/traction technology. Dislikes: Too similar to Sequoia, V-8 engine fuel mileage.

— King Features Syndicate

Focus

From page 20A

All in all, think of the Focus as the Rodney Dangerfield of compact cars. It's one of the best vehicles in its class, and it deserves much more respect than its cheap price tag would suggest.

Ford's "New Edge" styling

has aged gracefully on the Focus, which offers a brand-new, 2.3-liter engine that's much more powerful than you'd expect from an economy car.

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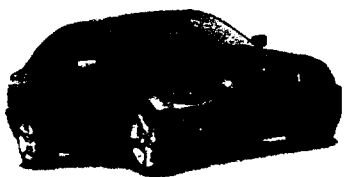
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Plans under way to fix Salter Park damage

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

The rubble that has become the south end of Salter Park is close to seeing improvements, said Harper Woods city manager Jim Leidlein.

"It's lessons learned," he said, after hours of negotiating with those at fault. "If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't."

The conflict all began in early 2001, when the Michigan Department of Transportation began its \$40 million project to redo the freeway bridges from Vernier to downtown. Leidlein made an agreement with MDOT to include the renovation of the service drive along Harper Woods at the same time, a move that saved the city more than \$1 million.

During that time, Leidlein allowed Midwest Bridge to

utilize the space in Salter Park where the old tennis courts and handball courts existed. He gave the company permission to store its equipment and supplies in that area during the course of the construction project.

In exchange, Midwest Bridge agreed to restore the greenbelt of that section of the park, once construction had been completed.

After two years, Midwest Bridge moved out of the area, and Leidlein soon noticed 20 to 30 truckloads of spoiled material which had been dumped in that area. The company was planning to use that material to restore the greenbelt.

"We wanted some good clean fill in there," Leidlein said of his dissatisfaction with the restoration plan.

In addition, Leidlein accused Midwest Bridge of further damaging the area

of the Park, including the parking lot, the sidewalks and curbs, sprinkler heads, trees and the existing grass. "What a mess he created," Leidlein said, looking at photos of the area.

Gary Waters of Midwest Bridge disputes Leidlein's claim that much of the damage was caused by his company and refused to comply with all of the city's demands. Leidlein found himself at a stalemate.

Last week, Leidlein conducted a meeting with Waters, representatives from MDOT Michael Ustle and Cedrik Dargin, the Harper Woods city engineer

and John Bobak of the parks and recreation department. "What the meeting did was identify the disagreements," Leidlein said.

Those reps from MDOT will serve as mediators, evaluating what they feel Midwest Bridge is responsible for fixing.

"Hopefully, we will work this out. The big problem is getting the contractor to respond," Leidlein added that he is still waiting for a call from Waters he was supposed to have received on Friday. "It's like pulling teeth."

Good news to Leidlein is that the state is withholding

\$100,000 from Midwest Bridge until the entire construction project has been completed.

Leidlein insists the bridge and freeway project was a success, regardless of the

headache he faces now. "This is the only blemish on an extremely successful project between the state and Harper Woods," he said. "It was a great cooperative effort."



This is one of the areas of Salter Park used and damaged by Midwest Bridge while storing equipment and supplies during its construction project in 2001-02. Gary Waters has accepted responsibility for the damage caused in this area, but disputes claims of other damage, such as to the parking lot and sidewalks.

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Armed robbery

"If I think you're gonna push a button, I will start shooting!" These are the words an unknown man scrolled on a note he passed through a teller's window at a bank in the 19600 block of Vernier on Friday, May 21, at 4:05 p.m.

The teller, a Clinton Township woman, began emptying her register of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. The perpetrator, a 250-pound man with glasses and a full beard, began stuffing the bills into his jacket pockets.

"Hurry up! Hurry up!" He yelled as she scrambled to collect the money. As the man approached the front doors to leave, the woman activated the silent hold up alarm. Once he was gone, a fellow teller locked the bank's front door. The drive-up teller noticed the man enter and drive away in a white 1993 Dodge van, which Harper Woods Police later discovered was reported stolen out of Detroit.

Auto larceny

The sound of a dog barking at four in the morning on Monday, May 17, failed to alert a resident of the 18500 block of Woodcrest that someone was breaking into his car. But when he awoke at 7:25 a.m., he discovered the screen had been cut on his driver's side rear window and more than \$500 in equipment had been stolen from his 1990 Chevrolet Astrovan. Among the items stolen were his car stereo, valued at \$279, an amplifier valued at \$199, and speakers valued at \$230.

A radio and video camera were stolen from a white 1991 BMW parked in the 19100 block of Woodside on Friday, May 21, between 2 a.m. and 6 p.m. The vehicle

Teens

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Pinewood Derby and hold concerts at Christmastime. She argued that the purpose of this new policy is to ensure the safety of everyone who enters the mall.

"We need to make sure we provide a comfortable atmosphere as a business and as employers," Similides-Nelson said. "We are thinking of the safety of the children."

While admittedly apprehensive about how the community will respond to the change, administrators are confident it will prove to be successful.

"We think it's about time we did something like this," Similides-Nelson said. "We truly think that responsible adults and responsible teenagers will look at this policy and embrace it. We know we can be the premier eastside shopping area."

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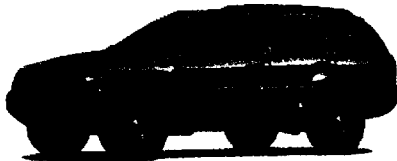
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Focus deserves respect for sporty handling, powerful engine

By Derek Price

When I told friends I was testing the Ford Focus for this week's column, most of them gave me a look of pity as if to say, "You poor, poor soul." I still don't understand why some people look down their noses at the little Ford Focus, except because it's so inexpensive that they figure it can't be any fun to drive. After all, how good can a car be when its starting price is only about \$13,000, minus incentives?

The answer: Pretty dang good. Mainly because of its firm, European-feeling suspension, the Focus is a blast to drive through corners. It's responsive and controllable, letting the driver get a wonderful feel of the road. At the same time, it doesn't have an uncomfortably bumpy ride. The mixture of responsive handling and supple highway comfort is hard to get right, but the Focus gets

it just about perfect. It feels like a much more expensive car.

While handling is what makes the Focus really stand out from the economy-car crowd, it knows some other neat tricks. For starters, there are three terrific four-cylinder engines available — the basic 110-horsepower version, a 2.0-liter that makes a smooth 130 horsepower, and a brand-spankin'-new 2.3-liter version that's good for 145 horses.

The new engine is especially impressive. When I first stepped on the gas, the 145 horses quickly moved from a trot to a stampede.

Even with an automatic transmission, I soon learned that this Focus could chirp its tires when leaving stoplights if you gave it too much gas. It had muscle-car speed, go-kart handling, a killer stereo, and some nice

options for about \$19,000. No complaints here.

Inside, the Focus is slightly better than average compared with other cars in its price range. Like all economy cars, it suffers from some cheap-looking plastic trim and chintzy fabric on the seats. Ford says the "textured velour fabric" offers an "upscale ambience," but it honestly looks like a low-rent studio apartment with a new coat of paint. Oh well. That's the price you pay for the price you pay.

Despite the fairly cheap look, the interior is remarkably comfortable. The seats are firm and supportive to fit in with the car's sporty personality, and controls all seem to be well placed and logical. There's also plenty of room in the front seats, but the back seat can be a little cramped, exactly as expected in a compact car.

From a styling standpoint, the Focus still looks fresh and innovative even though it was introduced a half-decade ago. It was the first Ford to feature "New Edge" styling with harsh creases and intersecting lines, and it's aged gracefully — something you can't say about too many cars with "revolutionary" styling.

On a side note, if you're looking for more performance than even the new 2.3-liter engine can offer, check out the SVT Focus. It makes 170 horsepower and comes with a slick-shifting six-speed manual transmission — very, very fun. The same department that builds the Mustang Cobra and the super-fast Lightning pickup truck makes it, and it starts out at around \$18,000.

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Eastside Republican Club PAC holds fundraiser

Nearly 100 GOP faithful joined to support local candidates at Sindbad's Restaurant in Detroit on May 3 for the annual Eastside Republican Club PAC Fundraiser.

In nearby Macomb County, the President Bush campaign held an outdoor rally on the same evening attracting local dignitaries, including Mike Rogers of Michigan's 8th Congressional District.

The last-minute presidential campaign stop prevented Rogers from speaking as scheduled to the Eastside Republican Club. In his place, the PAC provided a forum featuring remarks from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan, along with state Rep. Ed Gaffney, and Republican candidates for Wayne County sheriff and the state board of education.

Corrigan spoke on the reelection of Justice Stephen Markman to the Michigan Supreme Court this November. Corrigan also took a number of questions from the group regarding the impact on society result-

ing from an increasing dissolution of marriage and numbers of children born outside of wedlock. "With marriage on the wane, children are suffering," said Corrigan. She said that one out of three marriages in Michigan will result in divorce proceedings.

The Michigan Supreme Court has been addressing family and juvenile issues in recent months.

Gaffney, district state representative of Grosse Pointe Farms, thanked the PAC for its support in his first campaign in 2002, and asked for continued support in 2004 as he seeks reelection. Gaffney also discussed his bill, HB 4600, to improve motorist safety by restricting teenage drivers to no more than one other non-related teen in the car during a new driver's first year.

Gaffney discussed his concern for rising property taxes in the 1st District. He has introduced HB 4784, offering property tax relief by permitting purchasers of a home in the same school district to take over the capped value of the property

taxes levied on the home which they purchase. This, he said, would help seniors who needed to downsize, along with helping growing families to purchase a larger home in the area.

Bill Lucas, candidate for Wayne County sheriff, announced that he has launched an aggressive campaign to meet people throughout Wayne County. Lucas is a former FBI agent, Wayne County sheriff, Wayne County executive, and circuit court judge.

Also appearing was Michigan business owner Bob Smart, running for the Republican nomination as a candidate for the state board of education. Smart said that a recovering economy is essential for the health of our schools. He said that his interest as a citizen and parent propels him to seek this office. Smart said he would have no vested interest in the board, and would be open to new ideas and opportunities.

Smart said his campaign is centered on three "A's." First, he will promote achievement, so that gradu-



From left to right are: Chief Justice Maura Corrigan, Tom McCleary, Rep. Ed Gaffney, Ed Joseph, Bill Lucas and Lita McKeehan.

ates are able to enter the work force without remediation. Second, he said, is the importance of holding schools accountable for educational results. Finally, alternatives should be developed so that every graduate is able to participate in the state's economic advancement.

Proceeds from the event are used to support local candidates.

Gratitude was expressed to the faithful who demonstrated their support of the grass-roots party efforts by attending, and to all of the speakers who rose to the occasion.

Sunrise Rotary run set Sept. 18

One of the Pointes' most popular fun runs will return this fall.

The 25th annual Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary annual fun run is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18. Money raised supports numerous local charities.

The event will require closing three lanes of Lakeshore between Provençal and Warner roads.

Activities begin at 8 a.m. Pier Park serves as both start and finish line. Races include runs of one, five and 10 miles, and a wheelchair event.

The route extends from Lakeshore to Fisher to Grosse Pointe Boulevard, a left at Moross, right turn at Kercheval, right on Provençal and back to Lakeshore.

— Brad Lindberg

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Teaming up for life

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Even the bravest can't fight beyond his strength. It takes a team. Sometimes even more.

An army of teammates will convene next month to fight a common enemy. Cancer.

Unlike images the devastating illness implies, the gathering won't be one of gloom and doom.

"It's totally opposite," said Cindy Siterlet, co-chair of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in St. Clair Shores.

"It's a bunch of people who get together to take up the fight against cancer," Siterlet said.

The fundraiser takes place in a largely festive atmosphere overnight Friday, June 4-5, at Blossom Heath Park off Jefferson just past Nine Mile.

"We pay tribute to cancer survivors," Siterlet said. "We have a humongous ceremony. We honor them."

She's proud to say 94 cents of every dollar raised goes "right back into the local community."

As in the past, this year's sponsors for Relay for Life include the Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers.

John Minnis, editor and general manager of the Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection, said the newspapers are once again eager to be business partners with the annual Relay for Life.

"This will be the third year we have made the

Relay for Life a priority among the many events we sponsor," Minnis said. "Cancer has touched all our lives in some way. Whether through the loss of a family member or friend, or as cancer survivors, we have all experienced the scare of cancer. Through the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, we not only raise money to help find the cure for cancer, we also celebrate those who have fought and beaten this terrible disease."

The Relay caps months of fundraising for the cancer society. People who have raised donations by selling candy bars and Relay bears or hosting bake sales and golf outings deposit their money during the 24-hour Relay.

Relay for Life developed from an idea in 1985.

"A doctor in Tacoma, Wash., decided to do something about cancer," Siterlet said. "He got donations to walk around a track for 24 hours. Over the years we are here today."

Siterlet got involved when her friend, and now co-chair Colleen Kelly, was stricken with cancer.

Siterlet has chaired the Relay for the six years it's been held in St. Clair Shores.

"Our first year we had nine teams and raised \$20,000 net," said Siterlet, a resident of St. Clair Shores. "Last year netted \$177,000. In six years the Relay has generated \$500,000."

Opening ceremonies set a grand tone by highlighting people who have beaten cancer, including Kelly.

"We begin with a series of cancer survivors who have been nominated to carry our torch," Siterlet said.

The torch is passed from one survivor to another until the last in line lights the Tower of Hope. Survivors are given medals. The ceremony has a tone of Olympic grandeur.

"These people are Olympians in our minds," said Siterlet. "They are absolutely beautiful."

Then the Relay begins. Teams of about 15 people take turns walking or running around a track. Each team tries to keep at least one member on the track at all times.

Teams wishing to camp overnight at Blossom Heath Park are asked to donate \$150.

"If you have 15 teammates, it's only \$10 per member," Siterlet said. "It's a small price to pay to help somebody survive cancer."

All that work requires nourishment, provided to registered participants by an array of in-kind sponsors whose contributions let Relay organizers keep administrative costs down and donations up — the 94-cent return.



Photo by Robert McKean
Kelly Lennox and Carol Perowich of St. Clair Shores, left, walk the Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The 24-hour event has somber moments, such as the nighttime Luminary Ceremony, but is mainly a celebration of life. Upbeat attitudes abound. Witness Peter Birkner, display advertising manager for the sponsoring Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers, right, hammering it up as a cancer pollup with Relayers.

laughed.

The Relay celebrates the caregivers of cancer patients.

"Cancer is extremely stressful," Siterlet said. "It's a trying time. You love somebody so much you want to do everything possible to help them get better. We need to thank those people. They're working hard."

Friday at 9:30 p.m. is the only solemn time in the weekend.

"We pay tribute to those who lost their battle with cancer," Siterlet said.

The tribute, called the Luminary Ceremony,

involves lighting votive candles in luminary bags, each a \$10 donation. A half hour is reserved for people to make silent laps around the track.

"We'll have thousands of bags. We line them around the track with votive candles," said Siterlet. "It's a magnificent ceremony with choirs and bagpipes. It's extremely touching. This is their mourning time. An absolutely beautiful ceremony."

To learn more about how to participate at Relay for Life June 4-5 at Blossom Heath Park in St. Clair Shores, call the American Cancer Society at (586) 263-8000.

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The word "remember" is found again and again in the Bible. Remember the mighty acts of God through which we have been delivered. Remember the heroes and heroines whose witness can inspire and send us forth. Remember and don't forget. Remember and be grateful. Memory is central to the message of the Bible.

Memorial Day with its muted roll call of the honored dead and its many reminiscences calls us to remember and not forget, to remember and be grateful. Memorial Day is a time to call to memory those who have gone before us and given their lives for our liberty. It's a time to remember that the freedom we have now, and frequently take for granted, is the fruit of their sacrifice.

Memorial Day is also a time to remember those serving on our behalf today and making the sacrifice now. Not only those in the military, but also others who are working for liberty, justice, and opportunity for all people. We likewise need to find ways that we can contribute to making life better for all of God's people, ways that provide hope for those seeking justice, freedom and opportunity.

Hope is impossible without remembering. Unless we look back gratefully, we cannot look forward with hope. It is through memory that we keep alive for the future what passes and leaves us today.

Life includes many farewells, goodbyes, losses, endings, doors closing and arms emptying. When such a "death" occurs — when we lose something or someone — we can keep through memory what we had through the years. We can remember all they are for us, all they mean to us, how they blessed us — without which there would be no sense of loss.

The greatest tribute we render those who gave us our yesterdays is to enliven today the hopes and dreams they had, and for which they lived and died. The best thing we do today is to live so that we pass on to others a tomorrow which can become for them a yesterday full of memories — memories of righteousness and understanding, good laughter and kindness, joy and hope.

Do remember and don't forget. Remember and be grateful.

Pastor Davis called to Grand Rapids

The congregation of Grosse Pointe United Church will say farewell to Associate Pastor Scott T. Davis on Sunday, June 6.

Scott and his wife, Erika, will be honored during the 10 a.m. worship service.

Davis has accepted a call from Second Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Rapids, Mich., to be their pastor.

For nearly six years, Davis has served as pastor for Christian education, youth and young adults. Projects included Habitat for Humanity, the Gleaners Food Bank, and soup kitchens. In addition to serving as vice president of the Lay Theological Academy, he was active in the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association and helped orga-



Scott T. Davis

nize the Grosse Pointe Youth Pastoral Association.

Two highlights of his life in Grosse Pointe are his first church installation and his marriage to Erika Soby.

Engagements



Greg Sieszputowski and Jennifer Sidebottom

Sidebottom-Sieszputowski

Rebecca and Gary Sidebottom of Mio have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Sidebottom, to Greg Sieszputowski, son of Linda and Dennis Sieszputowski of Harper Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Sidebottom earned a master's degree in athletic administration from Central Michigan University. She is a professor of anatomy and physiology at Kirtland Community College.

Sieszputowski earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Adrian College. He is a high school physical education teacher and athletic director.



Peter Evan Messacar and Kelly Flood

Flood-Messacar

Bonnie and Jack Flood of

Lansing have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Flood, to Peter Evan Messacar, son of Greg and Rosemary Messacar of Grosse Pointe Farms. A July wedding is planned.

Flood earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from the University of Michigan. She is a marketing coordinator with PMA Consultants.

Messacar earned a Bachelor of Science degree in packaging engineering from Michigan State University. He is product manager for Scholte Corp.



Kristy Sack and Joseph Ahee III

Sack earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international business from Hillsdale College. She is a commercial loan officer with Comerica Bank.

Ahee earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Aquinas College. He is a commercial loan officer with Comerica Bank.



Brian Crossley and Christine Kurap

Kurap-Crossley

Mickey and Kathy Kurap of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine Kurap, to Brian Crossley, son of Jerry and Judy Crossley of Madison Heights. An August wedding is planned.

Kurap earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from Michigan State University. She is an independent photographer specializing in children and family portraits.

Crossley graduated from the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. He is an engineer at WJBK-TV (Fox).



Amy Helber and Kevin Kilgore

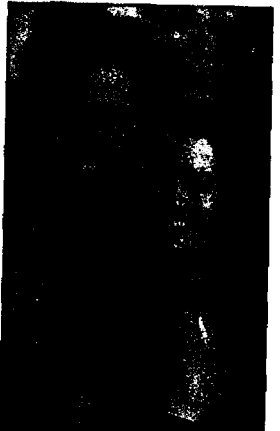
Helber-Kilgore

Paul and Diane Helber of Ann Arbor have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Helber, to Kevin Kilgore, son of William and Chari Kilgore of Novi. A July wedding is planned.

Helber is a full-time graduate student at Eastern Michigan University where she is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling. She is also a 1999 graduate of the University of

Michigan where she earned a bachelor's degree in education.

Kilgore is a 2001 graduate of William Tyndale College where he earned a bachelor's degree in youth ministry. He is the pastor of youth ministries at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church.



John Brown Wei and Caroline Mae Polhemus

Polhemus-Wei

Richard and Barbara Polhemus of Auburn, Calif., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Mae Polhemus, to John Brown Wei, son of Kuang-Chung and Wei-Zen Wei of Grosse Pointe Farms. An April wedding is planned.

Polhemus graduated from Santa Clara University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business. She is an account specialist at Google.com.

Wei earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a technical marketing engineer at Intel Corporation. For more about the couple, go to www.carrieandjohnwei.com.

Deadline for next week's Features section is 3 p.m. Thursday

WORSHIP SERVICES

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| <p>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Lay Service "Memories of our legacy and thoughts of our future" 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420 Rev. John Corrado, Minister</p> | <p>Eastside Community Church A Caring Community of Many Cultures Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. in the Harper Woods High School Auditorium Rev. Samuel D. Jackson, Pastor (313) 647-0000 www.eastsidecommunitychurch.com "To Know Him and Make Him Known"</p> | <p>GROSSE POINTE UNITED CHURCH AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP 884-3075 Scott Davis, Preacher 10:00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP (CRIB ROOM AVAILABLE) 10:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL Rev. E.A. Bray, Pastor Rev. Scott Davis, Assoc. Pastor www.gpunited.org</p> | <p>Saint Ambrose Parish Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park One block north of Jefferson, at Maryland</p> | <p>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 20475 Sunningdale Park near Lochmoor Club Grosse Pointe Woods Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available) 884-4820</p> | <p>First English Ev. Lutheran Church Vernier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Summer Schedule begins May 30th Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Barton L. Beebe, Associate Pastor Robert Foster, Music Coordinator</p> |
| <p>Christ the King Lutheran Church Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Classes Supervised Nursery Provided www.christthekingpp.org Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assc. Pastor</p> | <p>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823 Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30 Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00 COME JOIN US Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Reinewald</p> | <p>Grosse Pointe Baptist Church Christ Centered and Caring - Committed to Youth and Community Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM Sunday School - 9:30 AM for Age 2 - Adult Vacation Bible School - June 14 - 18 9:30 am - 12 Noon Age 5 - Grade 6 21336 Mark Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods Phone: (313) 881-3343 Web Page: www.gpbc.org</p> | <p>Grosse Pointe Woods PRESBYTERIAN Church 19950 Mack (between Moross & Vernier) Summer Sunday Worship Service Schedule Sunday, May 30 - Labor Day - Sunday, September 5 One Service at 10:00 AM E-mail: gpwpchurch@aol.com • Web site: www.gpwpchurch.org</p> | <p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church 375 Lothrop at Chalmers 881-6870 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Education for All Nursery Available Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Maral Collier, Assoc. Pastor</p> | <p>Historic Mariners' Church A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE Traditional Anglican Worship Independent Since 1842 SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion with the Church's Professional Choir Nursery Sept. - June - Church Sunday School On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel - Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward The Rt. Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Jr., Assistant Rector The Rev. Deacon Jesse Roby, Jr., Honorary Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choirmaster (313)-259-2206 marinerschurchofdetroit.org</p> |
| <p>St. James Lutheran Church 170 McMillan Rd Grosse Pointe Farms Sundays 9:00 a.m. Education time for all ages 9:45 a.m. Refreshments & fellowship 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nursery available Wednesdays Noon: Holy Eucharist Phone: 884-0511 Visit our website: www.stjamesgp.org</p> | <p>Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church Serving Christ in Detroit for 150 years Sunday, May 23, 2004 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Pentecost Festival Celebration Meditation: "Fill It Up, Please" Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21 Louis J. Prues, preaching Child Care: Crib - 8th Grade Save the Date Saturday, June 5th Indian Village Home and Garden Tour 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 8625 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit Visit our website: www.japc.org 313-822-3456</p> | <p>THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH Established 1865 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) REV. WILLIAM C. YEAGER, preaching "Forecast: Violent Wind and Fire" 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services - Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. - Christian Education for Children, Youth & Adults 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Crib/Toddler Care 7:30 a.m. Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms • 882-5330 www.gpmchurch.org</p> | <p>St. James Lutheran Church 170 McMillan Rd Grosse Pointe Farms Sundays 9:00 a.m. Education time for all ages 9:45 a.m. Refreshments & fellowship 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nursery available Wednesdays Noon: Holy Eucharist Phone: 884-0511 Visit our website: www.stjamesgp.org</p> | <p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church 375 Lothrop at Chalmers 881-6870 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Education for All Nursery Available Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Maral Collier, Assoc. Pastor</p> | <p>Historic Mariners' Church A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE Traditional Anglican Worship Independent Since 1842 SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion with the Church's Professional Choir Nursery Sept. - June - Church Sunday School On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel - Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward The Rt. Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Jr., Assistant Rector The Rev. Deacon Jesse Roby, Jr., Honorary Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choirmaster (313)-259-2206 marinerschurchofdetroit.org</p> |

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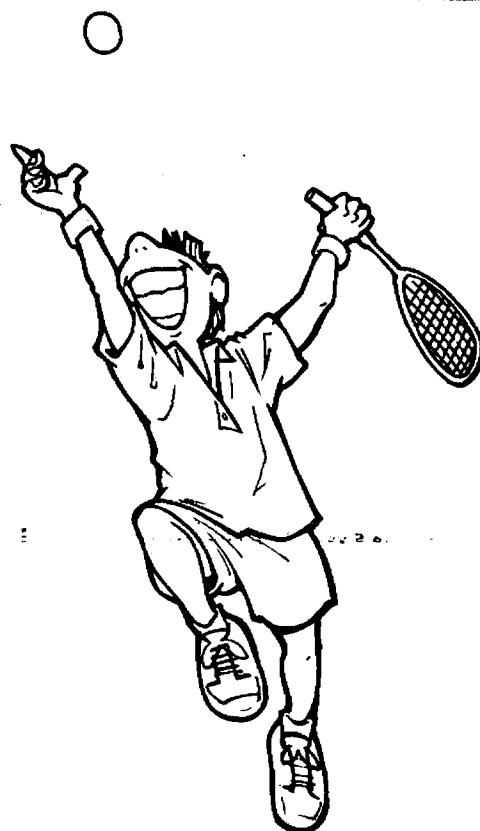
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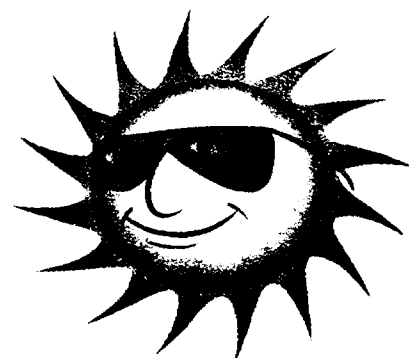
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HUGE SAVINGS...

Snake season: Don't let it sneak up on you!

I don't want to alarm you, but I've just learned some very disturbing news: Snakes are on the loose.

It's not as if I go around looking for this kind of information, mind you. There I was peacefully reading the paper, not once thinking, "Gee, I wonder what all the snakes in the world are up to today." But suddenly there it was, a big headline reading, "Rattlesnakes taking Over the Planet." Or something

like that.

Really, this shouldn't be much of a surprise to anyone. I mean, snakes come out of their holes around this time every year. But, until today, I had managed to conveniently block this bit of knowledge out of my mind.

It's not that I have anything personal against snakes. I'm sure they're very useful for a lot of things like, say, controlling garden pests and guarding

ancient tombs. But, you see, my year is divided into two seasons: Spider and Snake.

Both, I feel, are equally heinous and terrifying. But right now I'm more concerned with the latter since it's a known fact that Memorial Day is the annual kick off of Snake Season, which lasts through the summer and into fall. Possibly longer.

No one knows for sure why snakes choose this holiday to emerge and run amok and not a more culturally appropriate one. Some scientific types might say it has something to do with the warm weather. Others, more spiritual types, may say it has to do with tidal charts and moon positions.

Me, I blame the barbecues. My theory is that the smell of grilling meat causes all the snakes in the world to suddenly wake up and go in search of hot dogs and beer.

One of the big problems about snakes is that you can't avoid them because

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



they are sneaky. I mean, you never, ever see one come bounding up the pathway, drooling, holding the newspaper between its teeth.

They prefer to lurk in bushes or underneath rocks and then to magically appear out of nowhere. Face it, your day could be going along completely snake-free, and then suddenly whammo! THERE'S A SNAKE RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF YOU!

The other problem is that there are a ton of other things in this world that look just like snakes from a distance — especially when

you're not wearing your contacts. Take for example, twigs, the garden hose, pieces of rubber tire, long rubber bands, spaghetti, the letter S.

In fact, the other day I was almost attacked in the back yard by a particularly snake-like jump rope.

Oh sure, I've tried to cure my fear. I've read nature books on how helpful snakes are. I've tried Zen breathing and hypnosis. I've watched the "Jungle Book" movie 18 bazillion times, and I know more about the secret life of snakes than, well, snakes.

And, you know, all that stuff works. Sort of. For a while, I start to believe that snakes are really my friends, much the same way as I believe that Elvis really was spotted in the linen aisle of a Wal-Mart store and that overpriced thigh cream I saw on a late night infomercial will get rid of my cellulite.

However, as soon as I read something like this in the paper, I'm right back

where I started.

But, really, let's be fair here. On some level, I know that my fear is irrational and that snakes are really useful creatures, and that any chance of actually being attacked by one while driving the carpool to the soccer team pizza party is iffy at best.

So that's why I've decided that there's only one thing to do: face my fear and overcome it. This snake season I'm going to look the garden hose straight in the eye, and I'm going to stop evaluating every crack in the sidewalk or piece of rope lying on the ground for snakelike characteristics.

After all, there's plenty of room on this planet for myself and, say, one snake. Maybe two.

But only if they're small.

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SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP 2004

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'Music on the Plaza' series set to begin

The 2004 *Music on the Plaza* outdoor concert series, sponsored by the Smile Enhancement Studio, is set to kick off next Thursday, June 3, and will hold one concert per week through Aug. 5. The free concerts will take place on the Village Festival Plaza, located at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

The festival stays true to its heritage by featuring the finest that jazz has to offer. This year's series focuses primarily on traditional American jazz forms.

Concerts will be held on every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. from June 3 until Aug. 5th, excluding July 1 and July 29. The first concert will feature the Grosse Pointe North and South Jazz Band on June 3.

These events are arranged so that families can bring lawn chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy all that these free concerts have to offer. The concerts

will not be canceled due to rain; however, they will be held in Maire Elementary School if rain ensues.

June 3: The Grosse Pointe North and South Jazz Band. The traditional series opener, conducted by David Cleveland and Dan White.

June 10: Tom Sanders' Detroit Jazz All Stars. A perennial favorite at MOTP, Grosse Pointe's own Tom Sanders will take you down memory lane with a program ranging from Dixieland to swing.

June 17: Royal Garden

Trio & Friends. Swingin' music from the '30s with a French twist.

June 24: Los Gatos

Encore performance by the 5-piece group that features percussion-driven Brazilian and Latin Rhythms.

July 1: NO CONCERT

July 8: The Sun

Messengers

Rhythm and Blues, Motown, and Big Band. An annual tradition on The Plaza that will have you dancing in the street.

July 15: James Tatum

Trio

Debut performances by this award-winning pianist and educator.

July 22: A Tribute to the 60th Anniversary of Jazz at the Philharmonic. 8 piece all-star band will play music from the famous J.A.T.P. concerts that were produced by Norman Granz in 1944.

July 29: NO CONCERT

Aug. 5: The Terraplanes Blues, Jazz and pop-funk are the order of the day at this energetic six-piece group.



The Detroit Concert Choir includes many Grosse Pointe residents, including Diana Barone of the Woods, front row left; Valerie Hudson and Jan Stewart of the Park, front row third and second from right, respectively; Donna Adboe of the Woods and Judy Leonard of the Farms, second row, second and third from the right, respectively.

Detroit Concert Choir at St. Paul on Lake

The Detroit Concert Choir performs a "World Visions" concert on Sunday, June 6, at 4 p.m., at St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Concertgoers will get a preview of the Choir's performance in July during a trip to the Seghizzi International Choral Competition in Italy.

Selections include American spirituals, Romantic masterpieces and contemporary 20th century

music.

The Detroit Concert Choir is one of only 25 choirs selected to participate in this year's competition. The group was chosen from more than 120 choir applicants.

The Choir has more than 60 members from 31 communities. Local members include:

- from the Grosse Pointes, Donna Adboe (Woods), Diana Barone (Woods), William Giovan (Park), Stan Harr (City), Valerie Hudson (Park), Judy Jogan (City),

Judy Leonard (Farms), Gordon Nelson (director, Park), Jan Stewart (Park), Russ Yamazaki (Park) and Jan Yamazaki (Park);

- from Harper Woods, Ginny Blackmer and Joe Wanchik; and
- from St. Clair Shores, Cynthia Kempton and Anita Schettenhelm.

Tickets for the concert cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call (313) 882-0118.

True meaning of Memorial Day

To some, Memorial Day is the unofficial first day of summer. It's a long weekend that is spent barbecuing on the deck, sunning at the beach or getting the pool ready for the season.

Originally, Memorial Day was set aside to honor those who were killed during the Civil War. Southern states refused to acknowledge the holiday, feeling it honored only the northern Union soldiers.

After World War I, the

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holiday was expanded to recognize Americans who fought in any war. Thus, the southern states were persuaded to accept it as a holi-

day. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday that was to be observed on the last Monday in May.

This year, take time out to remember American soldiers. Display a flag outside your home or car; attend or participate in a community parade; write letters to those currently serving in the military, or pay a visit to the local cemetery to honor your hometown heroes.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial's

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24hr
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June 1 to June 6

Featured Guests

- 8:30 am The S.O.C. Show
- 9:00 am Vitality Plus (Aerobics)
- 9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture
- 10:00 am Special Presentation
- 10:30 am Musical Story Time Jamboree
- 11:30 am Out of the Ordinary
- 12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
- 1:00 pm Senior Men's Club
- 1:30 pm Inside Art
- 2:00 pm The Legal Insider
- 2:30 pm The John Prost Show
- 3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial
- 3:30 pm Musical Story Time Jamboree
- 4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
- 4:30 pm Young View Pointes
- 5:00 pm Positively Positive
- 5:30 pm Senior Men's Club
- 6:00 pm Special Presentation
- 6:30 pm Vitality Plus (Tone Exercise)
- 7:30 pm Things to do at the War Memorial
- 8:00 pm Positively Positive
- 8:30 pm Young View Pointes
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The S.O.C. Show

Dr. Abdel Kader Hawasli - Minimally Invasive Surgery

Special Presentation

Grosse Pointe War Memorial Memorial Day Service

Things to do at the War Memorial

Ron Morgan - Creative Centerpieces for Entertaining Part I

Out of the Ordinary

Misty Lee - Illusionist

Economic Club of Detroit

John J. Castellani, President, Business Round Table

Senior Men's Club

North and South High School Students

Inside Art

Jill Woodward, DSO - The Max

The Legal Insider

Timothy A. Dinan - Marijuana Laws

The John Prost Show

Linda Pe'erin, Sister Annunciata & Betty Henderson

Did you know?...



A copy of any WMTV5 program can be obtained for \$15 or \$10 if a blank tape is provided.

Schedule subject to change without notice
For further information call, 313.881.7511.

Wild party, 'Sunset at the Zoo,' is Friday, June 18

Tickets for this summer's "wildest" party are now on sale. The Detroit Zoological Society's annual fundraising event, "Sunset at the Zoo," presented by General Motors, will be from 7 to 11 p.m., Friday, June 18, at the Detroit Zoo. Proceeds will benefit the Detroit Zoo Turtle Conservation Center Initiative.

The benefit includes a strolling supper from many of the area's finest restaurants, live entertainment, dancing and a chance to amble through the Zoo while the sun sets. Attire for the evening is creative black tie.

"This is truly an evening to remember and one that should not be missed," said **Ron Kagan**, Detroit Zoological Institute Director. "The event's chairs, committee members, staff and volunteers work ambitiously throughout the year to stage Detroit's most upscale and premier event."

A live auction will feature items such as a weekend in New York City to see "Mamma Mia" and "Saturday Night Live," a four-day visit to Disney World, his and hers David Yurman watches and a Tiffany platinum and gold butterfly pendant.

Ticket prices range from \$125 to \$500 a person. Purchasers of the \$500 ticket will be invited to a special Grand Patron party on Wednesday, June 2, at the home of **Keith and Mary Kay Crain**. Patrons are also invited to attend the VIP reception preceding "Sunset."

For more information, call (248) 541-5835 or visit www.detroitzoo.org. Tickets must be ordered by Friday, June 11.

The Detroit Zoological Institute, founded in 1928, is committed to celebrating and saving wildlife. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Zoo is open year-round. The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of Ten Mile and Woodward, just off I-696 in Royal Oak.

The Detroit Zoological Institute is always looking for volunteers. Call **Sue Kingsepp** at (248) 541-5717.

Walkin' the dog:

Whether you prefer walking, running or a leisurely stroll, the Michigan Humane Society invites you to put your best foot forward and join hundreds of animal lovers at the spring Mutt March on Sunday, June 6, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The event will raise funds to support the Michigan Humane Society's many life-saving programs. Short and longer courses are available. Last year, 650 walkers raised more than \$66,000 to help homeless animals.

"The Mutt March is a great way to become active in the Michigan Humane Society's cause," said **Ron Blauet**, education director for the MHS. "We invite all animal lovers to participate with or without a canine companion to help the less fortunate animals in our community."

Collect donations prior to the Mutt March and bring them on the day of the event to be eligible for prizes. All walkers turning in \$100 or more the day of the walk will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt.

Pride of the Pointes

Grosse Pointer **Christopher Moy** was recognized for his outstanding academic achievements with the 2003-04 Catherine A. Caraher History Prize at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Grosse Pointer **Matthew Middleton** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Grand Valley State University.

Emily Koch of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the dean's list and also earned a Certificate of Merit in Business Planning at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is the daughter of Robert and Suzanne Koch.

New graduates of Western Michigan University are

Grosse Pointers **Mathew Magreta**, **Marc Bertelsen**, **Pamela Majewski**, **Amy Nosek**, **Bradford Shovlin**, **Jeanine Burmeister**, **Sally Kennedy** and **Kimberly Smale**.

All earned bachelor's degrees. Magreta's degree was magna cum laude; Majewski's and Smale's degrees were cum laude.



The "Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration XXIII" will be held Saturday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. The benefit, begun by the late Edmund T. Ahee, above, will be held at Comerica Park and promises plenty of fun and excitement.

Additional prizes will be awarded to those bringing in \$250 and \$500 or more.

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore between 8 Mile (Vernier) and 9 Mile. For more information, call (866) 648-6263, weekdays, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

Raffle: The Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders (MACED) will hold a raffle for two all-week Ryder Cup passes to all events. The package is valued at \$2,500. Proceeds from the raffle go to MACED.

The raffle tickets are \$100 each, and only 300 will be sold. The drawing date is Friday, June 11, at 7 p.m., at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham.

You do not need to be present to win. For more information, call (248) 433-2200. Cash, credit cards and checks payable to MACED will be accepted. E-mail inquiries to info@michkids.org.

Batter up! Go to bat for the Capuchins! Join Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers on Saturday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the "Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration XXIII" at Comerica Park.

The theme, "Field of Dreams," promises plenty of fun and excitement. Experience live entertainment through the park, including The Johnny Trudell All-Star Band and The Return — Ultimate Beatles Tribute Band.

Meet Paws, the Tiger mascot; explore the exclusive Tiger Club, and enjoy the many choices of food being offered in the Big Cat Food Court.

Help the Capuchin Soup Kitchen help the poor. Ahee Jewelers has donated nearly \$30,000 worth of prizes this year, which will be raffled off toward the end of the night. Tickets for the raffle are only \$1 and may be purchased at the event or in advance. You need not be present to win.

Ballpark snacks are free, and optional food court fare and dinner buffets will be available for purchase. Cash bars will be set up throughout the park.

For more information concerning the fundraiser or the raffle, call Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers at (313) 886-4600.

Greatest Garage Sale:

The Grosse Pointe Village Association is presenting Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale on Sunday, May 30, and Monday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person per day. Last year over 15,000 people attended the two-day event that features nearly 200 exhibitors from all over the Midwest.

Proceeds from the sale help fund the Annual Santa Claus Parade, which celebrates its 29th anniversary this year.

The sale takes place rain or shine in the three-level Municipal parking structure in the heart of downtown Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping District. The Village is located on Kercheval Avenue between Neff and Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call John Denomme at (313) 886-7474.

Garden party:

The 17th annual Garden Party to benefit the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills will be held Sunday, June 13, at 1 p.m. on the grounds of the center at 27400 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Ford Motor Co. and MNP Corp. are this year's presenting sponsors. Nearly 50 area restaurants will donate time and talent to ensure the success of the event. All proceeds benefit the programs and services offered at the center.

"Ford Motor Co. again is excited to be part of this wonderful event," said Ron Thomas, Ford's manager, corporate alliances. "The Center does outstanding work in helping abused and neglected children, and we are privileged to be associated with the fine people at the Center who dedicate themselves to those in need."

"I am truly looking forward to this year's event," said Paula Hebert, Center president. "We have some fantastic auction packages lined up, as well as an exciting array of restaurants. There will not be one

attendee who will be disappointed."

For more information on the Garden Party, or to assist with party planning, call (248) 626-7527.

Live Art Auction: St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council 12121 will hold a Live Art Auction Saturday, June 5, at 7 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores.

More than 150 pieces of framed fine art from Marlin Art of New York will be on-site. The evening includes an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction of donated items, and a grand door prize.

Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Home For the Aged on Cadieux Road. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the parish office, from a Knight, or at the door.

Mary Ann & Rose: A benefit for Mary Ann and Rose, two employees of Rabaut Interiors who are suffering medical tragedies, will be held on Saturday, June 5, from 7:30 to 1 a.m. at the Am-Vets Hall, 19730 Harper Ave. in Harper Woods, corner of Allard and I-94.

Entertainment will be held by The Jukes Rhythm & Blues Band.

Snacks and open bar will be served. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle and a silent auction will be held. Tickets are purchased in advance for \$50 at Rabaut's Interiors, (313) 886-1880.

Antiques Show: The 20th annual Christ Church Antiques Show will hold a Preview Party & Sale on Friday, June 4, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants, dinner, and fine wines will be served.

Proceeds benefit the choirs of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, scholarships to choristers and outreach ministries of Christ Church.

For more information or to make reservations, call (313) 885-4841 extension 117.

Garden Show & Sale: Pewabic Pottery's 13th Annual Benefit Show & Sale For the House & Garden will be held Saturday, June 5, and Sunday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at historic Pewabic Pottery, 10125 East Jefferson Ave. in Detroit.

A Special Benefit Preview Party will be held on Friday, June 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will

be served.

Tours of the Pottery, demonstrations, museum and gallery exhibitions, and design studio access will be available.

For more information or to make reservations, call (313) 822-0954 extension 125.

Golf Classic: Goodwill Industries will hold its 21st annual Classic Golf Scramble on Monday, June 7, at the Western Golf & Country Club, 14600 Kinloch in Redford.

There will be a double shotgun start at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.; a four-person scramble; and hole-in-one prizes. Men's, women's and mixed teams are welcome. A raffle and live auction will be held.

The event chairs are Linda Handyside of Northville, Brad Host of Birmingham and Clarence Pozza of Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$215 for golf including lunch, green fees, range, cart, strolling dinner and giveaways. Tennis and dinner or a fitness walk and dinner are offered for non-golfers for \$50 each.

For more information or to make reservations, call (313) 934-3900 extension 302.

St. Joan golf: The St. Joan of Arc Athletic Club second annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday, June 27, at 1:45 p.m. at Greystone Golf Course. The cost is \$100 per player and includes golf, cart, lunch,

dinner and prizes. Hole sponsorships are available for \$125. (Hole sponsors receive two free rounds of golf.) Program advertisements are available from \$200 to \$50. Corporate sponsorships are available from \$1,000 to \$600. (Corporate sponsors receive four free rounds of golf.) For more information or to play golf or become a sponsor, call president Richard Surzyn at (313) 885-3682. All proceeds to benefit the student/athletes at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School.

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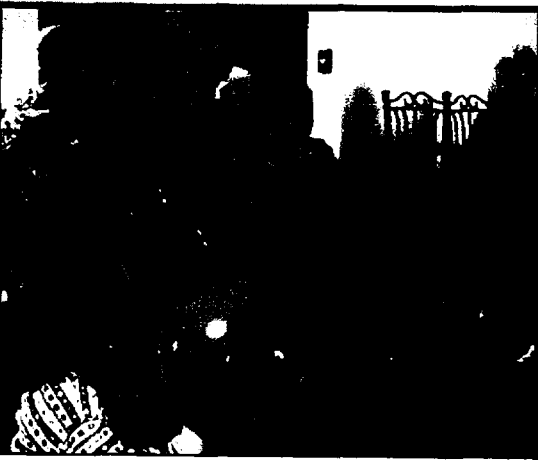


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On the journey to spiritual healing, some people turn to their own spirit, and others involve a Higher Power. Still others search for pathways to spiritual healing or want to know how to begin.

Join Hunt as she explores, explains and demonstrates the effect spiritual healing has on illness and other

aspects of complementary and alternative medicine.

Hunt is the chaplain for the VECC and an ordained Episcopal priest with more than 14 years of experience in church and health care ministry.

The VECC is located behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94. To register or for more information, call (866) 246-4673.

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by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



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thinner with a greater potential for cure.

There are basic steps in catching melanoma early: 1) Know your skin. Do a full self-skin evaluation every three months. Use a mirror and look where you normally would not - bottom of feet, buttocks, back of neck and on the scalp. 2) Get help if you suspect a spot is changing. Ask your family physician to look at the lesion, or schedule an appointment with your dermatologist.

To learn more about skin the identification of skin cancers, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

Eastside Dermatology has offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380 or (586) 716-1291.

Osteoporosis: The silent disease

By Henry G. Bone, MD

As the Baby Boomer generation continues to age, women approach menopause in record numbers, and longer life spans have become more common, it is inevitable that we will see an unprecedented increase in the number of people with osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis is already a major health risk today for both women and men alike. According to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, it's estimated that about 8 million women and 2 million men already have osteoporosis, while another 18 million have low bone mass. If you factor in the risk likely to be faced by the estimated 46 million women who will be postmenopausal by the year 2020, the potential for an osteoporosis "epidemic" is a grim reality.

Osteoporosis is a degenerative disease in which the bones become progressively weaker. As you may already know, women continue to build bone mass from adolescence until around the age of 30. But bone density begins to decline in midlife as part of the natural aging process. This happens because your bones' normal maintenance and repair processes can't keep up with increased "turnover." As a result, if measures are not taken to prevent or treat bone loss, you may gradually develop a "bone deficit" that will make you more susceptible to fractures.

While the hormonal changes of menopause are certainly a major risk factor for the development of osteoporosis, there are other significant risk factors as well. Those who are at greater risk include white and Asian people, people who are thin and/or have a small frame, people with a low lifetime calcium or vitamin D intake, women with an estrogen deficiency due to early or surgically induced menopause (as well as men with low testosterone levels), individuals who are inactive and people who smoke or drink excessively.

People who require prednisone or similar medications also are at particular risk. But there's no doubt that the menopause connection is of most concern, especially since women can lose up to 20 percent of their bone mass in the first five to seven years after menopause.

Annually, osteoporosis is responsible for 1.5 million fractures. While breakage can occur in any bone, the most common breakages occur in the hip, spine and wrist. Hip and vertebral fractures are particularly serious.

Hip fractures almost always require major surgery and can impact a person's ability to walk, often resulting in permanent disability. Spinal or vertebral fractures are likewise serious, resulting in severe back pain, deformity and loss of height. Even more sobering, National Osteoporosis Foundation statistics show that 20 percent of people who sustain a hip fracture die within a year.

Often, a person doesn't even suspect that he/she has osteoporosis until a bone is fractured. But there is a very effective screening test that can help to discover your risk before you suffer a painful break.

The bone mineral density (BMD) test is a painless, noninvasive test that measures the bone density in your spine, hip and wrist. It's now recommended that all women aged 65 and older, as well as younger, postmenopausal women with risk factors other than being white or Asian, be tested, with follow-up testing depending on the results and their individual situation.

Even if it's determined that you have bone loss, there are a number of things you can do to improve your bone health.

First, maintain a good intake of calcium and vitamin D. Second, engage in some form of weight-bearing exercise (including walking, dancing, stair climbing and so on) several times a week. Third, quit smoking and limit your alcohol intake. And, finally, have a regular bone density test as recommended by your primary care physician.

Certain medications also have been shown to slow bone loss and increase bone strength. For instance, in a long-term study of postmenopausal osteoporosis on

which I was the lead author, it was determined that postmenopausal women who took alendronate sodium (Fosamax) maintained or continued to experience increases in bone density at the hip and spine through 10 years of treatment.

These alternatives are particularly important since many postmenopausal women have discontinued their hormone replacement therapy (which also had a bone-protecting effect) in response to the reports from a study called the Women's Health Initiative, which showed they could be at increased risk of developing breast cancer and cardiovascular disease. Other effective medications are also available, and several new medications are currently being tested.

Since May is National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month, now is a great time to discuss your personal risk of osteoporosis with your primary care physician. Happily, it's never too late to do something to protect your bones, and there's no time like the present to start.

Grosse Pointe resident Henry G. Bone, MD, is chief of endocrinology and metabolism at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and director of the Michigan Bone and Mineral Clinic, P.C.

DSO, Pro Musica charm Detroiters

The concert scene was brightened by two distinctive musical treats on the last two weekends — a soul-satisfying performance of Mozart and Beethoven by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and a brilliant recital by a hitherto little-known lyric tenor.

The DSO led by Itzhak Perlman gave three performances last weekend of three all-time hits from the classical repertory, while on the previous Saturday, tenor Manuel Acosta from Monterrey, Mexico, delivered a program of favorite operatic selections and rarely heard but enchanting arias from the unique literature of Spanish zarzuelas to a privileged audience at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Both concerts were genuine crowd pleasers.

If Perlman is not already recognized as a Mozart specialist, he should be. The "Symphony No. 29" and "Horn Concerto No. 2" were exquisitely performed. Opening with the ever popular symphony, he set an elegant and gracious tempo, and the DSO strings played with superb clarity and classic phrasing.

Perlman elicited a caressing flow of music with tenderly modulated dynamics. He made the andante sing sweetly and was able to benefit from an aspect of the hall's acoustic balance. In the runs and trills, every note was clearly delineated, while in the legato passages of the andante, the resonance richly enhanced the full flowing melodies. The effect was to bring out the serenity and grace of music of the classical era, a time when peace reigned briefly in the Austrian empire.

The minuet was sprightly and dignified under Perlman's baton and beautifully phrased in perfect ensemble by the horns and strings. And the allegro finale benefited by contrast with the deliberately gentle pace of the earlier movements with a tempo that while brisk, still allowed every note and phrase to be etched with sparkle.

The horn concerto performed by DSO principal Karl Pituch was equal to the standard just set. Pituch maneuvered the runs and turns, even trills, of Mozart's classical style with elan, producing all the while a golden tone, well sustained through the allegro, andante and rondo.

The slow movement was exceedingly beautiful with the horn singing its hymn-like melody and in the jaunty rondo, his horn rang out with a lilt that set feet tapping and lifted spirits. It included one low note that gave a rare, rumbling sample of the French horn's bottom range.

Reflecting the historical change of mood, Beethoven's famous "Fifth Symphony" brought us into an era of greater drama and conflict which echoed eloquently in Perlman's treatment.

Well paced, forceful and richly resonant yet completely free of any of the pomposity or bombast occasionally introduced by conductors with a more authoritarian style, Perlman's performance brought grandeur to this example of Beethoven at his best.

He also gave exceptional treatment to some special aspects of the score, such as a remarkable opportunity to hear the cellos and double basses as they introduce the second movement theme and some colorful ensemble segments in close harmony for horns and woodwinds that resounded brilliantly in expert execution by those orchestral sections.

And, once again, Perlman led up to the accelerated tempo of the last movement with admirable control. The grandeur was unmitigated and wholeheartedly joyful. In fact, it would be difficult to overstate what a great listening experience it was to hear these all time favorite works, superbly performed in a hall with such outstanding acoustics.

The DSO's classical series resumes on Friday, June 4, with guest conductor Mark Wigglesworth in a program of music by Britten, Beethoven and Brahms. Call (313) 576-5111.

Tenor Acosta's recital for Pro Musica at the DIA was, if anything, even more arousing and dramatically romantic. On top of that, it was a genuinely amazing display of tenor endurance as the youthful singer offered a series of the most beautiful and challenging arias in lyric operatic literature.

The audience gasped happily as he boldly opened with "Una Furtiva Lagrima" from "Elixir of Love" and negotiated all its demanding high notes not only with grace and ease but also with silvery tone and excellent dramatic effect.

Moving from high to high, he proceeded to "Che gelida manina" from "La Boheme," Lensky's aria from "Eugene Onegin" and "La Fleur que tu m'avais jetee" from "Carmen."

As he moved from role to role, his acting talent became evident. Sometimes with only a pause by the piano, other times after a brief exit, he would transform himself immediately into the new character — Rodolfo telling Mimi that he is a poet or Don Jose confessing his all-consuming love for Carmen.

State of the Arts

By
Alex
Suzcek



His switch from Italian to Russian and then French was comparably noteworthy. Then he demonstrated an exceptional flair for romantic interpretation when he turned to German in Franz Lehar's ever-favorite song, "Dein ist my ganzes Herz" from the Viennese operetta, "Land of Smiles."

Perhaps most amazing in terms of making something new of old, familiar material was his closing of the first half with the well-known Neapolitan street song, "Funiculi, Funicula." No longer a trite, old-time pop tune, it gained in his performance the power and stature of an operatic aria while retaining the flair and vitality of a favorite, 19th century Italian song.

New repertoire for the adventurous Pro Musica audience came in the second half with arias from Spanish zarzuelas. This is a musical literature hardly known outside of Madrid that offers melodious expressions of romance and passion in the uniquely exciting Spanish idiom.

Singing in his native language and with material that he obviously knows intimately, Acosta charmed his listeners with expressions of love and longing, and dazzled them with superbly executed vocal embellishments that are possible only with a totally secure lyric voice.

Considering Pro Musica's avowed mission to bring exciting new surprises to its concert stage, the society certainly succeeded this time. For information about future Pro Musica programs, call (313) 886-5639.

Here's one that takes the cake

Carrot cake is a favorite dessert for many, including myself. From the spicy cake to the sweet cream cheese frosting, carrot cake is the perfect balance of flavors.

This week's feature brings the classic carrot cake to the cookie and lightens the cream cheese frosting just a bit. Inside-Out Carrot Cake Cookies are a delicious take on the cake we love.

Inside-Out Carrot Cake Cookies

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons flour
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1/2 teaspoon salt
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1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup coarsely grated carrots
1 scant cup walnuts (3 oz.), chopped
1/2 cup raisins
1 8-oz. block cream cheese
1/4 cup honey

Place oven racks in upper and lower thirds of the oven, and preheat to 375 degrees. In a small bowl combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In a medium mixing bowl, beat together the butter with the sugars, egg and vanilla until pale and fluffy, about two minutes.

Mix in the carrots, nuts and raisins at low speed. Add the flour mixture and beat just until combined. Don't over-beat, or your cookies will be too thin.

Drop 1 1/2 tablespoons batter per cookie 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. You should yield 12 to 13 cookies on each baking sheet. Bake at 375 for 14 to 16 minutes total, rotating baking sheets half way through baking. Cookies should be lightly browned and springy to the touch. Cool cookies on the baking sheets for one minute, and then transfer to racks to cool completely.

While the cookies are cooling, prepare the filling by beating together the cream cheese and the honey. Sandwich the flat sides of the cookies together with a generous tablespoon of the cream cheese filling in between. Make sure

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scherff



cookies are completely cooled before filling them.

These tasty carrot cake minis are easy to prepare, especially if you start with already-grated carrots and pre-chopped walnuts.

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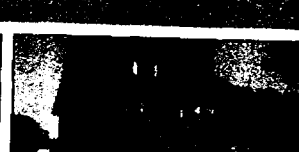
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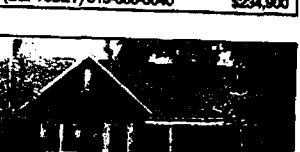
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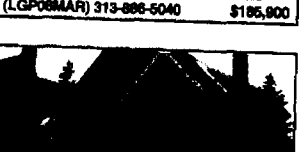
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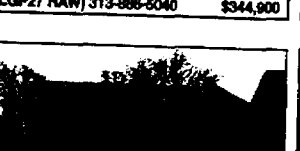
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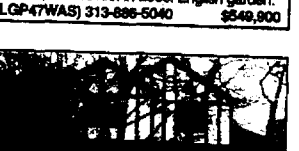
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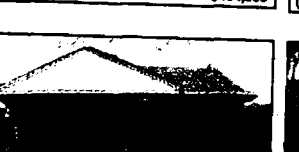
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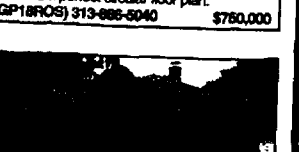
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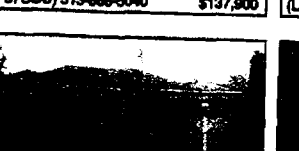
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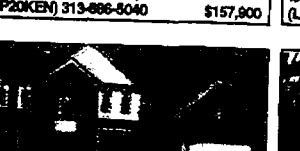
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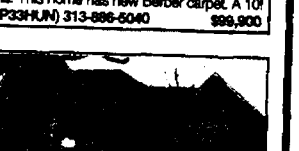
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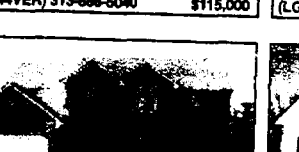
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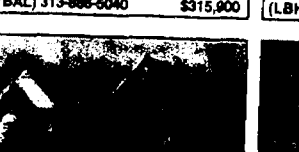
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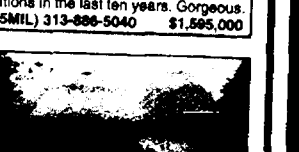
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Photo by Lori Wilson
Grosse Pointe South's Kelly Springborn (10) and Grosse Pointe North's Anna Alschbach (4) battle for the ball during Monday's soccer game.

South clinches tie in MAC Red soccer

Grosse Pointe South's girls soccer team clinched a tie for the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship this week with a 2-0 victory over Grosse Pointe North.

South is 5-1-1 in the MAC Red with one game remaining.

Neither team had much of an advantage in the first 10 minutes, but then the Blue Devils took control of the match.

Liz Ridgway booted home an excellent pass from Stephanie Kostiuik only 11 1/2 minutes into the game for the only goal of the first half.

North attempted to impede South's offense by packing the middle and it worked as long as the Blue Devils failed to send passes to either sideline.

After several near misses, and at least one shot off the goalpost, Anne Cunningham scored her first goal of the season with about 14 minutes left to give South a two-goal lead. Her shot originated on a header pass from Ridgway.

North goalkeeper Betsy Schrage kept the Norsemen in the match with several outstanding saves among the 16 she made.

South's Ali Morawski had to make only four saves as she recorded her second shutout of the season. Two of North's shots were by Megan Warren.

Blue Devils coach Gene Harkins was able to get his expanded state tournament roster of 25 players some action. Jae March was the latest junior varsity player to make her varsity debut.

Sweeper Liz Galea's booming kicks kept North out of dangerous territory as she led the South defense that featured fine play by Molly Burns, Sarah Stanczyk and Kelly Springborn. Stopper Megan Switalski had several powerful headers to keep the Norsemen in their zone for much of the match.

Midfielders Whitney Cahill, Hilliary Inger and Lauren McLaughlin were instrumental in controlling play. Inger launched three corner kicks, one of which just missed being headed home by Switalski. Jessica Leonard's long throw-ins kept North from mounting a sustained attack.

North's Hannah Clor and Kate Uplegger had solid games at midfield, while Anna Alschbach and Erin MacLeod led the offense.

Sarah Kurtz and Jenny Bohannon, playing alongside sweeper Kelly Poletis, provided solid defense for the Norsemen.

Earlier, North suffered another one-goal defeat when it fell 2-1 to Eisenhower.

The scoreless first half featured solid play by both teams but no outstanding scoring chances.

Schrage was outstanding again in goal as she aggressively controlled the play that was within her reach.

Poletis successfully challenged any of the Eagles who made it past the hard-working defense of Carly Adams, Bohannon and Jeannie Taylor.

Melissa Carron and Erica Coates stopped many Eisenhower chances at mid-field.

The Eagles opened the scoring, but Alschbach tied the match when she out-worked the defense and scored from the right side deep in the Eisenhower zone.

Alschbach's hustled continued throughout the game and North was awarded a penalty kick when Alschbach was tackled by the Eagles' goalie in the penalty box. MacLeod took the penalty kick and her shot when just off the cross-bar.

North had several chances to break the tie. Warren had a breakaway and MacLeod had two excellent corner kicks, but the Norsemen failed to convert.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Changing roles

A few weeks ago Robbie Buhl was the one getting advice inside the cockpit. Now retired from driving and a full time co-owner of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, Buhl talks to driver Felipe Giffone during practice for Sunday's 88th Indianapolis 500. See page 3C.

South nips North in regional track

Grosse Pointe South's girls track team scored points in 13 of the 17 events on the way to its 10th straight state regional championship.

The host Blue Devils finished with 112 points, followed by Grosse Pointe North with 109 and Regina with 49. The Division I field had 15 girls teams.

South had three regional champions, including junior Maggie Collison, who won the 1,600-meter run for the third year in a row with a time of 5:23.

Stephanie Royer repeated as regional champion in the pole vault as she cleared 8-feet-6.

Jill McLaughlin ran a 12:07 to win the 3,200 run.

"We were expecting a very close meet with North, Regina and King," said South coach Steve Zaranek. "Regina ran well, but King was not a factor. North was absolutely superb."

The North-South battle came down to the 1,600 relay — the final event of the meet.

"The 1,600 relay was a spectacular race," Zaranek said. "We could finish no further than three places behind North to win the meet. North and South ended up going 1-2, which gave us the win. There was no doubt that South and North were the class of the field."

South's team of Liz Petit, Megan Zaranek, Collison and freshman Sam Mackenzie matched its season-best time with a 4:16 to finish second to North.

South's distance runners provided the depth that the Blue Devils needed to win the meet.

"Forty-five of our points came from the half-mile on up," Zaranek said. "Our distance runners had a great day. Times were off due to the extreme heat and humidity but they knew the positions we wanted and raced extremely well. We doubled and tripled our distance runners to maximize our points, and it paid off."

Field events were another strong area for South. The Blue Devils had three state finalists in the field events.

Mackenzie jumped 5-0 to place second in the high jump. Another freshman, Kara Trowell, qualified for the state meet with a second-place effort of 15-1 in the long jump.

Crystal Coates was fourth in the shot put, Kristen Morici and Liz Trexler were fourth and fifth in the long jump, and Sarah Dionne was third in the pole vault.

South got off to a good start in the running events as the Blue Devils' 3,200 relay team of Liz Petit, Sarah Petit, Megan Zaranek and Collison finished second in 10:00, taking 15 seconds off its previous best time.

Christina Jacovides and Julie Zaranek had fourth place finishes in the 100 and 300 hurdles races, respectively.

Both of South's sprint relay teams ran season-best times and scored points.

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Track

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Members of those teams were Kelly Connor, Trowell, Morici, Coates and Mackenzie.

Jessica Palfy and Kat Carmody gave the Blue Devils important points in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs.

Megan Zaranek ran a career-best 2:24 to place third in the 800 run. Sarah Petit was sixth in 2:38. McLaughlin also qualified for the 1,600 run with a time of 5:29.

Earlier, South completed a perfect dual meet season with a 97-40 victory over Warren-Mott in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Mott is the only team to beat South in a dual meet in the last seven years.

"Our depth was tremendous as we outscored Mott 53-1 in the sprints and distances," Steve Zaranek said.

Among the Blue Devils' scorers were Carly Czajka, Liz Baxter, Michelle O'Donoghue, Iris Alao, Sam Palazzolo, Andrea Grunberger and Erica Menchil.

South was one of 10 regional champions invited to compete in the state team championship meet on Saturday in Ypsilanti.

Knights qualify for state tennis

University Liggett School's tennis team finished third in the Division IV state regional that the Knights hosted last week, but ULS got the necessary two wins to advance to the state finals on June 5.

Ann Arbor Greenhills showed why it's ranked first in the state in Division IV by winning seven of the eight flights to finish with 30 points.

Grosse Ile was second with 21 points and ULS had 19.

"We won all of our first-round matches, which we had to do," said coach Chuck Wright. "They were worth two points because if you don't win your first match, you don't get the point for the bye."

It was in the second round that the Knights ran into some problems.

No. 1 singles player Justin Powell lost a tough 6-2, 6-3 decision to David Seyferth of Greenhills, who is the favorite to capture the flight championship at the state meet.

Rohan Policherla lost his second-round match at No. 2 singles and Iain Decker dropped a three-setter at No. 3.

David Charbonier came through at No. 4 singles with a three-set victory, including a 7-6 (7-5) win in the third set tiebreaker against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"He had five match points," Wright said. "He just gutted it out."

ULS's only flight championship game at No. 2 doubles where the team of Peter Spina and Owen Darr won 6-2, 6-2 in the semifinals against Greenhills, then beat Grosse Ile 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 in the final.

It was the fourth time that Spina and Darr had played the Grosse Ile team, and they've each won twice.

"Peter and Owen started out well, struggled a little, but they beat a good team from Grosse Pointe North, and since then they've played well," Wright said.

Winning their first matches were the doubles teams of Trevor Stahl and Dan LaLonde, Robbie Baubie and Michael Stefani and Nithin Nitwa and Ankur Verma.



Grosse Pointe North's Patricia Winterfield and Melissa Anderson and Grosse Pointe South's Megan Zaranek captured the top three spots in the 800-meter run at last weekend's girls track regional at South.

ULS offense overcomes defense

University Liggett School's softball team offset a difficult day defensively with a 14-hit attack last week, and the Knights beat New Haven 8-3 in a non-league game.

ULS pitcher Deanna Tracy pitched a two-hitter and didn't allow an earned run as the Knights recorded their 12th victory of the season.

New Haven's first batter reached base on an error — one of nine committed by ULS — but she was erased on an unassisted double play by Alex Houghtalin.

The Rockets scored an unearned run in the second inning on a pair of ULS errors, but the Knights tied the game in the bottom of the frame. Kelly King led off with a single, Houghtalin walked and Laura Ralstrom hit an RBI single.

RBI singles by Stefania Ford and Houghtalin produced three runs for the Knights in the third inning. They added four runs in the sixth on run-scoring hits by King, Ford and Krista Murray.

Although ULS's infield defense was shaky, the outfield of Ford, Julie Borushko and Melissa Kruszyna made five putouts on hard-hit balls. Borushko also picked up what appeared to be a single, and threw to second base for a forceout.

Earlier, ULS welcomed Clawson to the Metro Conference with a 3-2 victory in a game that took only 70 minutes to complete. The Trojans become a member of the Metro next season.

Borushko pitched a strong game for the Knights, allowing only three hits while striking out seven.

Katie Andreovich doubled and Carly Croskey walked in the first inning, but they were stranded as Clawson's infield made some fine defensive plays. The Trojans had 14 putouts by the infielders.

Singles by Andreovich, Croskey and Borushko produced a pair of runs for ULS in the third inning. Clawson made it 2-1 in the fifth, but the Knights answered with a run in the bottom of the inning when Croskey singled and scored on King's double.

The Trojans scored in the sixth, but Borushko got out of that inning without further damage and she pitched a scoreless seventh to record her sixth win of the season.

Andreovich went 3-for-3 to improve her on-base percentage to .575.

It was a lot easier for the Knights on their first trip to the new softball complex at Ann Arbor Greenhills. ULS got at least one hit in every inning and rolled to a 20-1 victory over the Gryphons.

ULS scored twice in the first inning. Andreovich led off with a triple and scored on Croskey's single. Ralstrom walked and Houghtalin drove in Croskey with a sacrifice.

Greenhills scored its only run in the bottom of the first on a walk and Mary Drennan's one-out triple. Drennan was stranded at third when Tracy struck out the No. 3 hitter and retired the cleanup batter on a grounder to second baseman Croskey.

ULS broke the game open with five runs in the third inning, six runs in the fourth and seven runs in the fifth.

Andreovich and Croskey each scored four runs, while King and Ford scored three apiece. Murray went 4-for-4 with five RBIs.

Tracy finished with a three-hitter and struck out two to improve to 4-0.

ULS posted one of the major upsets of the Metro Conference season when the sixth-seeded Knights beat No. 3 seed Lutheran Northwest 5-3 in the first round of the league tournament.

ULS used a combination of strong pitching by Borushko, outstanding defense by center fielder Rachel Costello, and some clutch hitting by Ford to avenge an 11-1 loss to the Crusaders a week earlier.

The Knights scored all of their runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Ralstrom singled with one out and pinch hitter Erin Fleck walked. After a strikeout, Andreovich singled to load the bases. Consecutive singles by Croskey,

Borushko and King followed to push three runs home to tie the game at 3-3.

Ford then hit a two-run single to right field to break the tie.

Borushko retired Northwest in order in the bottom of the seventh to complete her three-hitter.

Singles by Andreovich and King around a walk to Croskey loaded the bases in the first inning, but the Knights failed to score as they hit three infield grounders.

Northwest took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the inning. Ralstrom singled to start the second for ULS but she was thrown out at the plate, attempting to score on Croskey's single.

The Crusaders scored runs in the third and fifth on throwing errors by ULS to take a 3-0 lead. ULS beat Macomb Christian 8-3 in the consolation game of the tournament hosted by the Knights.

The Crusaders scored three runs in the top of the first inning, but Tracy blanked Macomb Christian on three singles the rest of the way.

ULS got a run back in the bottom of the first on consecutive singles by Croskey, King and Ralstrom.

The Knights manufactured a run in the second when Ford reached first on a passed ball after a strikeout, stole second and third, and scored on another passed ball.

ULS scored twice in the third. Borushko led off with a single and Ralstrom walked. Both moved up on a passed ball, and scored on Houghtalin's single.

The Knights added insurance runs in each of the next three innings with Croskey, King, Ford and Fleck scoring the runs.

Houghtalin played a strong game at shortstop as she figured in eight putouts.

ULS lost the opening game of the tournament 3-0 to Royal Oak Shrine, although the Knights had six hits and played well defensively. ULS left 10 runners in scoring position.

Shrine scored twice in its final at bat to beat Clintondale 4-3 in the championship game.

North boys on the right track in track

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys track team has come a long way in the last year.

How far? Let coach Dan Quinn describe it in terms of last weekend's Division I regional meet at Grosse Pointe South.

"We had 36 points by lunch time," Quinn said. "Last year we had only 40 points in the whole meet."

The Norsemen finished third with 86 points, only one point behind second-place Detroit King. University of Detroit Jesuit was a runaway winner with 132 1/2 points. South was fourth with 44 points.

North had 11 athletes qualify for the state meet, and the Norsemen had four regional champions.

Marcell Maxwell won the 100-meter dash in 11.0.

"Marcell stumbled a bit at the start and still managed to beat a good kid from King," Quinn said.

John Bremer had his best time ever in winning the 800 run in 2:00.05.

"He broke a couple of guys from U-D in the 800," Quinn said. "John also ran a two-minute split in the (3,200) relay."

Will Utley set a freshman record when he won the pole vault by clearing 11-feet-3. North's Ryan Stephens was second at 10-9, and he also qualified for the state meet. Both efforts were personal records.

North's other first came from the 3,200 relay team of Bremer, Mike Pokladek, Mario Sexton and Robbie Fisher. Their winning time was 8:17.

"That's the fastest time we've had since sometime in the 1980s," Quinn said. "Now we've got a couple more meets to shoot for the school record of 8:11."

Fisher finished second to South's Bryan Mackenzie in

the 1,600 run. Mackenzie won convincingly, but Fisher won his battle for second with the Blue Devils' Jacob Wernet.

"Robbie and Jake were neck-and-neck for most of the race," Quinn said. "Robbie just pulled ahead at the end."

Spencer Channel was second in the discus with a throw of 138-3 on his final attempt.

"Spencer's our Mr. Clutch," Quinn said. "South's (Ryan) Wagner had a good throw on his final attempt to move ahead of Spencer, but Spencer came back and beat him by about seven inches. That's the fourth or fifth time this year that Spencer has come from behind with his last throw."

The 400 relay team of Robert Bailiff, Kevin Kwiatkowski, Cam Cecchini and Maxwell finished second with a time of 42.3.

North earned medals in several other events. The 800 relay team of Bailiff, Dan Minturn, Cecchini and Maxwell was third in 1:32.9. "We should have finished second because King should have been disqualified," Quinn said. "That would have given us second place in the team standings, too."

The team of Bremer, Fisher, Sexton and Bailiff gave North a fourth place in the 1,600 relay. Sexton and Scott Nixon tied for fifth in the 400 dash, but Sexton was awarded the medal on an official's judgment.

Nate Loree also placed fifth in the 800 run.

"I'm really proud of these kids," Quinn said. "I've been saying for two years that if we keep showing up, working hard and learning, we'll be in the hunt in every meet. That is what we've been — a good solid team with lots of depth."

"My favorite thing is that we've been fun to watch, and Saturday was no different."

Knights unlucky in Metro soccer final

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

One of University Liggett School's soccer players summed up the Knights' plight in last week's Metro Conference tournament championship game with Cranbrook Kingswood.

"It seemed like the goal was moving," she told coach David Backhurst after the Cranes beat ULS 2-0 to add the tournament championship to the regular season title that Cranbrook won earlier.

And it did seem like some supernatural forces were at work.

"We hit three crossbars and a goalpost, and all but one crossbar was in the second half," Backhurst said.

"Cranbrook's athletic director told me, 'I've never seen a team so unlucky.' They knew they were fortunate to win."

ULS outshot the Cranes

16-13, but Cranbrook scored its first goal on a penalty kick four minutes into the game, and added the other on an indirect free kick late in the first half.

"It was a great battle," Backhurst said. "Our defense played really well. They controlled two of the best forwards in the state."

Erin Deane is the veteran on the defensive corps, while Leeza Kozak and freshman Monique Squiers and Sarah Hughes are first-year starters.

ULS begins state district play next Tuesday with a home game against Royal Oak Shrine.

A win in that contest would send the Knights against Clawson, also at ULS, on Thursday.

"We're definitely in the tougher bracket," Backhurst said of the Division IV district, "but we were fortunate to get three home games."

Trinity baseball sweeps twinbill from Urban Lutheran

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Trinity Catholic boys baseball team crunched Detroit Urban Lutheran last week, winning 11-0 and 18-0 in one inning.

"We put together a couple of good games," head coach Larry Geromin said.

Senior Joe Williams earned the win in the opener, striking out 11, and he helped his own cause, going 2-for-3.

Sophomore Brock Taylor was 3-for-3, hitting a single, double and triple, and senior Mike McGarry was 2-for-3.

In the second game, Taylor had two hits, including a home run, while junior Chris Geromin and Williams also had two hits in the one inning they played.

Later in the week, the Lancers lost a doubleheader to visiting Detroit Holy Redeemer, falling 5-3 and 8-4.

"Our defense let us down in both games, making errors at key times," Geromin said. "Our lack of a consistent defense has led to several tough losses this season."

In game one, Geromin

took the loss, despite throwing just 54 pitches as the Lancers had only four hits, and they blew a 3-2 lead when Holy Redeemer scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning to win.

Sophomore Joe Cruz hit a two-run single that highlighted the Lancers' offensive output.

In the nightcap, sophomore Adrian Williams took the loss. Joe Williams and Geromin had two of the Lancers' five hits.

The Trinity Catholic baseball team improved to 6-8 in the Catholic League C-D

Division and 7-10 overall.

Softball

Trinity Catholic's girls softball team lost three of four games last week, but remained in second place in its division.

The Lancers dropped a doubleheader to Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart Academy 4-3 and 13-3 as their bats went silent.

"We had a chance to win the first game, but we failed to get the big hit when we needed it," head coach Julie Becker said. "We had run-

ners on base each inning."

Later in the week, the Lancers split a doubleheader with Detroit Dominican, losing 17-11 and winning 14-11.

"The girls were upset after losing the first game," Becker said. "We had to adjust the lineup since we were missing three starters, but the girls rallied and played well."

Freshman Nicole Richardson struck out 10 to pick up the win, and junior Anne Wasukanis was 3-for-5

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A race car driver's career rounds the turn

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

SPEEDWAY, Ind.— Hot sun and high humidity encase the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as Robbie Buhl walks from pit row to his team's garage on Gasoline Alley.

Light winds flicker checked racing flags above the grandstand roof four stories over turn one.

At the bottom of the 5/8-mile front straight, where a V of aluminum bleachers and glass-walled private suites fashion motor sport's grandest canyon, air is too still to blow away the heat and stickiness.

Despite forecasts of isolated thunderstorms, the only thing reigning this day are sunburns.

It's a few days before the 88th Indianapolis 500.

Buhl, co-owner of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, has come from watching one of his cars taking practice laps.

Buhl, a 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms native now settled in Cleveland with a wife and two children, saw his first Indy 500 in 1970.

He was 7 years old and tagging along with his dad. That was the year Al Unser Sr. led 190 of 200 laps to win his first of four Indys.

Buhl drove the race eight times, the first in 1996.

Other rookies that year included future NASCAR star Tony Stewart and former Formula 1 Ferrari wheelman Michele Alboreto.

And there was Racine Gardner. Racine had a moniker from central casing, but he never left the chorus. Suspension problems dropped the curtain on his only appearance in racing's greatest show with more than 300 miles remaining.

In Buhl's second outing in 1997, he finished ninth.

"That was the year we had a car to win," he said.

He started fourth and led 16 laps in the second half. An unlucky pit stop seconds before a yellow flag put him a lap — 2 1/2 miles — behind the leaders. He finished eighth.

"We never got that lap back," Buhl said.

In the 2001 race, Buhl spun his blue and yellow No. 24 Purex/Dreyer & Reinbold on lap 166 when passing leader Helio Castroneves of Marlboro Team Penske. Buhl brushed the wall in turn two, recovered and finished 15th. Castroneves kept the lead to win his first of two consecutive Indy 500s.

"If I hadn't spun trying to pass Castroneves," Buhl nearly sighed. "If" is the biggest word in the dictionary.

Tradition

Still making his way to Gasoline Alley, Buhl took a shortcut through a portion of infield off the front straight.

The route took him across one of the Speedway's most

popular gestures to its 95-year-old past, dating to 1909 when 3.2 million paving bricks were laid in 63 days to form a jaw-jarring driving surface. Thus the nickname "The Brickyard," around which the town of Speedway, a western suburb of Indianapolis, grew.

When the track was resurfaced with asphalt in 1937, a 36-inch strip of the original bricks — a yard of bricks from the storied Brickyard — was preserved at the start-finish line.

The yard of bricks extends beyond the track into the infield. High-revving daydreamers who'll never have a chance to race through the canyon stream into the infield to have their pictures taken standing on the start-finish line.

Some fans go the extra mile. They mimic the winning drivers' tradition of getting down on their knees and kissing the yard of bricks.

Which is what three giggly little girls, probably 12 years old, were doing when Buhl almost stumbled over their upturned backsides while rushing to the garage.

"I've never done that," he smiled at the children's grasp of Indy lore. Buhl has never driven to an Indy 500 victory, but he might win the race as an owner.

He retired from driving in April but will continue in the sport as co-owner of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing.

"There are definitely times I wish I were out in the car," Buhl said, "but I just have to shift that same passion to the other side. That's what takes a while."

He startled the open-wheeled world by leaving the cockpit prior to the Indy 500, his and almost every other American driver's favorite race.

"To be honest with you, I really thought I'd drive a couple more years," Buhl said. "I was thinking of going through this race. Then, with more thought, I said let's do it now. Get somebody else in here and start building."

"You have to give the man a lot of credit for what he has done," said Al Unser Sr. "I assure you he still gets the same drive. This is a very hard month for him because of coming here. He knows he's made a commitment to himself and the team and has to live up to it."

Unser retired in 1994 but retains the record for most

laps lead, 644, at the Speedway.

Unser stands outside the Indy Racing League office on Gasoline Alley. At 65 years old, he's fit and speaks in a gentlemanly manner. He raises and lowers his voice with the ebb and flow of race cars doing practice laps 100 yards away.

Unser is thoughtful, but gets to the point, just as in 1970 when taking his turbocharged Johnny Lightning race car to the winner's circle. The car was navy blue with yellow lightning bolts painted on the top and sides.

"Robbie, as I did, knew the total drive was not there anymore," Unser said. "Once you don't have the right drive, you should step down. I didn't want to hold anybody back."

"I look at life as you look at a year," said Eddie Cheever Jr., 1998 Indy 500 winner and owner of Red Bull Cheever Racing. Cheever didn't drive all last season, but hasn't retired officially.

"There are different seasons and different times you do things," he said. "Nothing is worse than being in winter when you want it to be spring or summer."

"It takes a tremendous amount of readjusting in your mind," Unser said.

"As a driver you control the final stage of the equation because you're in the machine everyone's worked so hard on," Cheever said. "As an owner, you have more immediate control of what happens. Being behind the scenes, you can affect how the car and drivers are prepared a lot more than you could just sitting and driving."

"No question about it," Buhl said. "It's definitely a different perspective. As a driver, you come to the track in the morning asking which way the wind's blowing and what you want to accomplish. Now I come with different pressures — what we're trying to accomplish as a team — which is a new sensation."

Stepping back

Buhl said he'll probably take a year to settle in.

"I don't want to jump in and hurt what we've built as a team and what roles people play," he said. "It's tough when you want to get in there and give your opinion."

When driving, Buhl earned his income from prize money.

"Now I have to generate

my salary in terms of being an asset to this team," he said.

He'll invest more time building relationships with sponsors and manufacturers, such as the makers of Purex laundry detergent, Aventis pharmaceuticals, Chevrolet engines and Dallara chassis.

The team

Buhl completed his walk to Gasoline Alley.

In the team garage, mechanics removed bodywork from the No. 24 car, revealing the engine, radiators and webs of electrical wires. Engineers reviewed computer data from the practice session.

"Retirement's a bad word for what's going on here," Buhl said. "I'm not the guy driving the car, but I've probably created more work for myself. I'm excited about my new challenges, but I'm nervous to see where it all goes."

"Don't think lap by lap," advised Cheever.

"Think in three-month terms. Racing is no different than any other business. The more effort you put in the better off you'll be. I have a great time. It's very intense."

As Dreyer & Reinbold's driver emeritus, Buhl is in a natural position to work with the team's new on-track talent.

A week after Buhl announced his retirement, the team hired Felipe Giaffone, 29, of Brazil. In 2001, Giaffone was Indy Racing League rookie of the year. In 2002, he finished third at Indy.

"I've known Felipe from his days in Indy Lights," Buhl said. "We had him come to the race shop. He saw the commitment. It all happened in six hours."

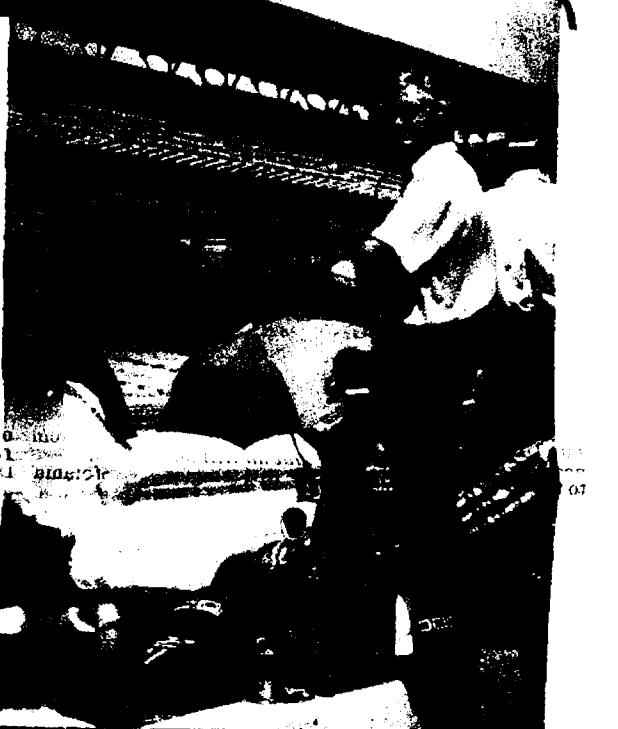
"Everything happened so fast," Giaffone said. "The team really wants to grow and win races."

"It's been a smooth transition," said Brian Franzosi, Buhl's former crew chief now assigned to Giaffone. "Felipe has a great attitude and fit in right away. Robbie can stand back and give us



Photos by Brad Lindberg

By shifting from the cockpit to the other side of the pit wall, Buhl is making the same career move as Eddie Cheever Jr. and Michael Andretti, seen talking with driver Bryan Herta, who Buhl coached as a beginning racer.



always been honest about making everything right.

His attention to detail has n't changed the least little bit."

"There's so many details," Buhl said. "I'm always writing notes to myself about what I have to do. If you let it get to you, it will

perspective from inside the cockpit at the same time things are happening. He's eat you up."

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South wraps up fourth straight division baseball crown

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's senior baseball players have been leading a charmed life. "They've won two league championships, two districts, a regional and a quarterfinal game, and hopefully, we'll be able to add to that in the weeks ahead," said Blue Devils coach Dan Griesbaum after South won its fourth straight Macomb Area Conference White Division championship last week with a 7-4 win over L'Anse Creuse North.

"This has been a great accomplishment for our seniors."

However, Griesbaum had a few words of caution as the

Blue Devils head into state tournament action next week.

"We need to play better defensively," he said. "We've hit well. We've pitched pretty well. What I'd like to see us improve is our defense. It hasn't been any one area. It's been throws, fielding errors and mental errors."

"Our fielding has been erratic all year. Up to this point it hadn't hurt us that much, but it will if we don't get better."

South suffered its first two MAC White defeats last week, and errors played a role in each of them.

Warren-Mott scored four unearned runs as the Marauders beat the Blue

Devils 5-4, handing them their first loss in 11 league games.

"Tom Sawicki pitched well," Griesbaum said of his starting pitcher. "He didn't deserve to lose."

Sawicki allowed only four hits, but his teammates made five errors behind him.

A three-run rally in the sixth inning helped Mott overcome a 4-2 South lead.

South's Nick Andrew led off the game with a home run. Drew Bedan drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the third, and Lucas Coffman hit an RBI single for the Blue Devils in the fourth.

South bounced back with its victory over LCN behind

the four-hit pitching of Ben Jenzen. Jenzen struck out seven and walked two. Only one of the Crusaders' four runs was earned.

LCN scored three times in the fourth inning to take a 3-1 lead, but South regained the lead with three runs in the bottom of the inning. Singles by P.J. Janutol, Bedan and Anthony DeLaura produced one run. Another scored on Ryan Abraham's double and the third came home on Coffman's single.

The Blue Devils added a run in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Andrew went 2-for-2 with a home run. Janutol also had two hits.

South's win, coupled with Utica Ford II's loss to Fraser, wrapped up the MAC White title for the Blue Devils. It was their fourth straight league championship and sixth in the last eight seasons.

"We had that as our main goal — winning the fourth straight," Griesbaum said.

On Monday, South dropped a 3-1 decision to Fraser. Jenzen pitched well but didn't have a lot of support in the field or at bat.

South had only three hits — singles by Kyle Humphrey, Abraham and Jeff Stephens.

The Blue Devils are 11-2 in the MAC White and 21-10 overall.

North pitcher gets a victory; hits homer

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It was the Zac Matthews show in Grosse Pointe North's 9-5 victory over Warren-Mott this week.

Matthews picked up the victory with 3 1/3 innings of one-hit relief pitching, and he provided some insurance with a three-run homer in the sixth inning.

"He has pitched well his last two times out," said North coach Frank Sumbra.

Matthews was the losing pitcher last week in a 4-3 loss to Utica Ford II in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, but he deserved a better fate as the Falcons scored three unearned runs.

North scored twice in the first inning against Mott on a walk to Adam Miller, a double by Josh Lewis, a walk to Jon Zalenski and RBI groundouts by Matt Grassley and Lawrence Briski.

The Norsemen made it 3-0 in the third when Miller, doubled, stole third and scored on Lewis's sacrifice fly.

Mott took the lead with four runs in the fourth inning, two of them unearned, but North regained the lead in the bottom of the inning. Xander Wagner started the rally with a single and Andrew Shanley walked. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch and Wagner scored on a groundout by Michael

Kaiser. A walk to Miller loaded the bases and a walk to Lewis forced in the lead run.

A walk to Wagner, a wild throw on a pickoff attempt and an RBI single by Kaiser made it 6-4 in the fifth. Mott scored a run in the sixth inning, but Matthews took off the pressure with his homer in the bottom of the frame.

Lewis had two hits, scored three runs and drove in two. Wagner went 3-for-3, including a pair of doubles, and walked, and Miller had two walks and a double.

"Wagner continues to swing a hot bat," Sumbra said. "He's over .400 and a couple weeks ago he was hitting .160. Miller has done a nice job, too. He manufactured that run in the third."

In the Ford game, North scored in the first inning on a single by Miller, a stolen base and Zalenski's single. The Norsemen added a run in the fourth on singles by Grassley and Matthews and Wagner's sacrifice fly.

Ford picked up a run in the fourth and the Falcons took the lead with three unearned runs in the fifth.

North got a run back in the sixth when Briski doubled and scored on Wagner's single. The Norsemen threatened in the seventh with runners on second and third with one out, but a strikeout and a popup ended the threat.

North is 8-5 in the MAC White.

Eagles, Lancers split

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Lutheran East's boys baseball team beat city rival Trinity Catholic 12-5 last week.

"It was a decent game," East head coach Nick Capoferi said. "Our bats were alive."

Drew Fowler earned the win, giving up six hits in seven innings.

Offensively for the Eagles, who had 14 hits, Steve Johnston was 4-for-4 with two triples and five RBIs, while Rusty Pidosny was 3-for-4 with two RBIs, and Tom Kempinski was 3-for-4 with four runs scored.

Chris Geromin suffered the defeat for the Lancers, which played the day before and split a doubleheader with Warren Immaculate Conception, winning 14-4 and losing 10-9.

East also played another game last week, beating Macomb Lutheran North 13-8 in the Metro Conference tournament quarterfinals.

Joel Machemer was the winning pitcher and was 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

Josh Schurig was 2-for-4 with a homer and four RBIs, and Fowler was 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

The Lutheran East baseball team improved to 7-2 in the Metro Conference and 10-5 overall; Trinity Catholic is 7-9 in the Catholic League C-D Division and 8-12 overall.

Softball

The Trinity Catholic girls softball team was able to earn a split with city rival Lutheran East, winning 14-3.

The Eagles, still searching for their first win of the season, played well through the first half of the game.

The Lancers led 5-1 after four innings but scored nine runs in the fifth to put the game away.

The Eagles scored twice in the bottom of the fifth inning but came up two runs shy in prolonging the game another inning.

"We didn't play our best but we won," Trinity head coach Julie Becker said. "We needed this win after playing poorly in our doubleheader the day before."

The Lancers lost 12-2 and 19-3 to Warren Immaculate Conception as Angel Cooper and Anne Wasukanis were the team's standouts.

The Trinity Catholic softball team finished 8-8 in the Catholic League C-D East Division and is 9-8 overall; Lutheran East is winless.

Trinity

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with three RBIs. The Trinity Catholic softball team fell to 8-6 in the Catholic League C-D East Division.

Soccer

The Trinity Catholic/Detroit Dominican girls soccer team endured a scoring drought last week in its league losses to Bloomfield Hills Jewish Academy and Royal Oak Shrine.

Leading scorer Danyelle Harris had several opportunities to put the ball in the net, but her shots were off, as were those of her teammates.

Head coach Al Velasco and his Lancers have improved the level of their play, but it doesn't show in the standings as the team fell to 0-6 in the Catholic League Double-A Division and 1-6 overall.

Perfect game lifts Regina to division title

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Sophomore Nikky Nemitz threw a perfect game last week, leading Regina's softball team to a division championship with a 2-0 win over second-place Farmington Hills Mercy in the first game of a doubleheader.

The Saddlelites had to gain at least a split of the doubleheader to claim the title.

"Nikki pitched a very good game," head coach Diane Laffey said. "She was mixing her pitches and throwing to several spots that had Mercy's hitters off balance the entire game."

The Saddlelites put the finishing touches on the doubleheader sweep, winning the nightcap 3-2 in 10 innings as junior Andre Ligotti picked up the win.

Laffey's squad has been on a roll throughout the season. They finished 11-1 in the Catholic League Central Division, earning a first-round bye in the playoffs.

The Saddlelites also added a tournament title to their resume after winning the Royal Oak Tournament by winning six games.

Laffey coached her Saddlelites to victories over Waterford Mott (6-2), Bloomfield Hills Lahser (12-0), Walled Lake Central (2-1), Fenton (5-2), Lake Orion (2-0) and Livonia Ladywood (2-0).

"We're playing very well

right now, but I don't want to toot our horn yet because we still have a lot of softball yet to play," Laffey said.

The Saddlelites finished last week by edging Lake Shore 2-1 as Nemitz earned the win.

"The girls were a little flat, but that was to be expected after they were so high after sweeping a big doubleheader from rival Mercy," Laffey said. "Lake Shore is a good team, and this was a good win for us."

Senior Melanie Dupont singled home both of the Saddlelites' runs with a single in the second inning.

Seniors Meghan Sweeney and Rosi Wagner each had two hits for the Saddlelites, which improved to 25-2 overall.

Track

It came down to two things that had to happen for Regina's track and field team to win last weekend's Annapolis Invitational in Dearborn Heights.

First, the Saddlelites had to win the 1,600-meter relay, and second, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest had to finish no higher than fifth in the event.

"I told the girls before the mile relay that they had to win, and Northwest had to finish no higher than fifth for us to win the meet," head coach Gregg Golden said.

Xiomara Okonkwo began

the event by staking the Saddlelites to a slim one-meter lead, and Kiki Barkovic was able to stretch the league to five meters at the half-way point.

Liz Stone turned the slim lead into a comfortable 13-meter advantage, and Ashley Couture put an exclamation mark on the victory, helping the Saddlelites win the event by more than 20 meters.

Northwest finished fifth to help Regina win the invitational with 100 points, while Northwest was second at 99.

"It was an exciting invitational that had some very good track teams competing," Golden said. "The girls did an excellent job in the meet, and this was a good tune-up for our regional meet."

The 400-relay team of Sarah Moore, Anita Blount, Bridget McCarthy and Stone took home a gold medal, and Couture ran a personal best to win the 300-low hurdles.

Stone won the 200-dash and was second in the high jump, while Christina Sniekowski had a personal best in the long jump.

Placers in the field events were Sarah Frontczak (fifth in the long jump), Jade Savage (fourth in the shot put), Summer Machleit (sixth in the shot put and fifth in the discus with a personal best) and Ronda Crittle (sixth in the discus). Jill Carlin didn't place but had a personal best in the discus.

Couture and Emily Delmotte finished second and third in the 100-high hurdles, and Moore ran a personal best to take third in the 100-dash.

The 3,200-relay squad of Shaina Buhl, Renee Keefe, Katie Eisen and Barkovic placed fourth, and the 800-relay quartet of Couture, Blount, McCarthy and Frontczak took second.

Okonkwo was sixth in the 400-dash, and Barkovic placed third in the 800-run for the Saddlelites.

One of the biggest points was earned in the 3,200-run by Sara Cholyway. It turned out to help the Saddlelites edge Northwest.

NHL goalie to help open hockey school at ULS

Carolina Hurricanes goalie Kevin Weekes will help open the All-Pro Hockey School which will begin a 10-week session on Tuesday, June 1 at University Liggett School's McCann Ice Rink.

Weekes will be at the school to work with the

campers, and to sign autographs during the first session from 7 to 10 p.m. on June 1.

There are still some openings available at the school. For more information, contact Jan Orr at (313) 884-5667.

Eagles beat Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Lutheran East boys baseball team clinched the No. 2 seed in the Metro Conference Tournament by beating University Liggett School 9-2.

"It was a big win for us," head coach Nick Capoferi said. "We wanted to get some confidence back after

losing a chance at first place when we lost to Harper Woods the game before."

Rusty Pidosny earned the win, striking out five, while Matt Johnston was a one-man wrecking crew, going 3-for-3 with two homers and three RBIs.

The Eagles finished 6-2 in the Metro Conference regular season standings.

Buhl

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Last week the team hired Buddy Lazier to drive a second car, No. 23. Lazier won the 1996 Indy 500 and was Indy Racing League series champion in 2000.

"I'm here to run to the front and make the best of what I'm given," he said.

During practice this month at Indy, Buhl has itched to take laps in his familiar No. 24; not to race, but to better understand Giffone's descriptions of how the car is handling.

"Just to let me feel it so we can both pinpoint it, piece it all together and make it better," Buhl said.

At the IRL level, drivers don't need cheerleading.

"You don't need somebody to tell you to be good," said Bryan Herta, driver of the No. 7 XM Satellite Radio Dallara/Honda for Andretti Green Racing. "You need someone to tell you how to be better."

Buhl coached Herta, 34, a California resident from Warren, during the late 1980s at the Skip Barber Racing School.

"I was 18," Herta said. "Buhl was already one of the Pro Series drivers. I made a point to spend a lot of time with him and ask a lot of questions. He was a guy I could count on to be honest. He was right on with feedback — what was good and bad."

Buhl stopped driving on his terms.

"I'm healthy. I'm happy," he said. "Let's see what the next 20 years bring."

Race car driver

By chance, two of the three girls kissing the start-finish line on the infield wore purple baseball caps emblazoned with "Racing for Kids."

Buhl is in his 16th year as national spokesman for the charity, which uses the popularity of motor sports to raise money for children's hospitals.

He plans to become even more involved with Racing for Kids, including recruiting additional drivers to visit sick children at hospitals in cities where IRL races take place.

"I would love to have another opportunity to win this race," Buhl said. "I've led it. I've sat on the front row and the last row. I've had opportunities with cars capable of winning. For one reason or another it didn't fall our way. There's a lot of guys who came here that never had a car capable of winning and running at the front."

Colleagues have asked if he's happy with his decision to step back.

"It's better for the growth of the team. I'm part of the team," Buhl said.

He remembered a pledge he made watching the race in 1970.

"I said, 'If I can race here, wow, that'd be great,'" Buhl said. "That happened. So, I don't have any regrets. I still have some accomplishments I want to get. No regrets."

"If he stays away from it I'll pat him on his back," Unser said. "If he comes back I'll still pat him on his back 'cause he'll be a race car driver."

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