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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Sept. 10

There will be a meeting for all high school-age rowers interested in a fall/winter rowing program at the Detroit Boat Club on Belle Isle at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe holds its mum sale at the West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval and Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Fall Pony Show will be held on the grounds of the club from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and tomorrow. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (313) 884-9090.

Monday, Sept. 13

Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, meets with constituents at the City of Grosse Pointe municipal building from 9 to 10 a.m.

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods city councils meet at their respective city halls at 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library of Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets for a luncheon and meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Ducks Unlimited holds its 20th annual banquet at the Barrister Gardens in St. Clair Shores.

Tickets are \$75, which include a gourmet dinner, open premium bar and membership in Ducks Unlimited. For tickets, call Terry Laymon at (313) 506-2100.

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Pointe schools get gift from state

Lawmakers
were expected
Wednesday to
increase per-
pupil funding

Grosse Pointe and other so-called wealthy school districts possibly received a \$74 per pupil gift Wednesday when the state Legislature was expected to vote on a 2005 state budget proposal.

"This helps a lot," said state Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms. "I campaigned on excellence in education."

As the Grosse Pointe News was preparing to go to press Tuesday, Gaffney reported that Grosse Pointe would receive a \$74 per pupil increase in state funding along with all other school districts in the state.

The increase would amount to \$640,000 for Grosse Pointe Schools.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's earlier 2005 budget proposal called for the \$74 per pupil increase in all districts except those that spend more than \$9,000 per pupil, such as Grosse Pointe.

"It is a very good thing," Grosse Pointe schools Superintendent Suzanne Klein said Tuesday on hearing the good news. "It's a relief, and it looks like the 20J money is safe."

The 20J funds are those going to school districts like Grosse Pointe that spend more per pupil than the maximum state foundation allowance of \$8,000. There was a fear that 20J funding may be in jeopardy, which would have meant a loss of some \$1.7 million for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Gaffney had earlier called the specter of such cuts as "outrageous" and "unacceptable."

Had the \$74 per pupil increase not been added into the budget on Tuesday, the Grosse Pointe schools would not have been as negatively

impacted as other districts. In approving the 2004-05 school budget in June, the school board and administration did not factor in a per pupil increase.

"We approved a very conservative budget," Klein said. "We have to have a budget passed by June 30 by state law. We did so. We thought we were in a position to start the school year and count on what the state was providing us. We had already absorbed increases in the school retirement system. We knew there would be increasing costs of health care and tried to budget conservatively."

"We try to operate on the best information we have. The difficulty is being so late in the cycle. We've already made commitments for staffing, purchased textbooks and a lot of spending. We do that up front before classes begin to make sure we're ready to go."

In laboring to come up with a budget, Granholm earlier said the state faced a \$1 billion deficit.

"We faced some high hurdles due to reduced federal funding and effects of the national economic slowdown," Granholm said in a Sept. 2 release. "But through bipartisan cooperation, we forged a budget agreement that will help us bring more jobs to Michigan and enhance our quality of life."

Credit for pulling the fiscal rabbit out of a hat goes to Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, along with Speaker Rick Johnson and Gov. Granholm.

Sikkema asked that \$6.6 million from the sale of state land in York Township to Toyota be earmarked for the school aid trust fund, eliminating the need to withhold the \$74 per pupil increase for 22 of the state's wealthiest school districts.

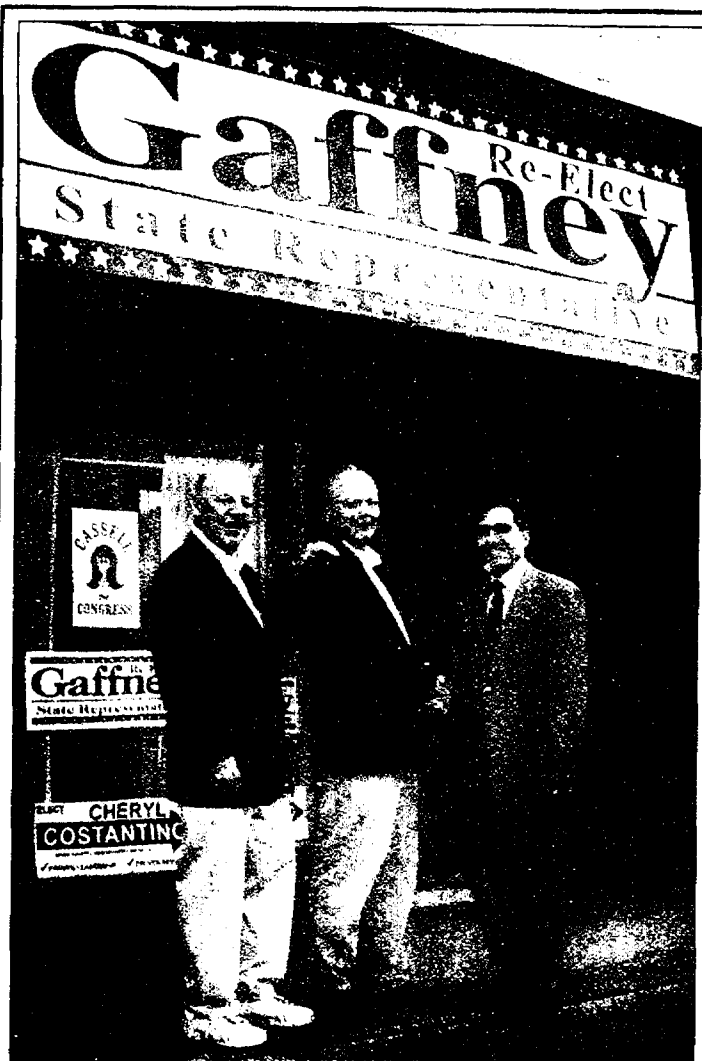
"They told me we could take it to the bank," Gaffney said of Sikkema's deal brokered Tuesday with Johnson and Granholm.

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Shores picnic this Sunday

Twenty years of work dedicated to community enhancements will be among celebrations this Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m., during the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation Annual Community Picnic at Osler Park. Sept. 12 also is Grandparents Day. The picnic will feature a specialty basket silent auction, music, food, kids' games and more. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information contact village hall at (313) 881-8565.



Eastside GOP office

Celebrating opening of their Mack Avenue offices are from left, Thomas R. McCleary, State Rep. Ed Gaffney and Ed Joseph. McCleary is chairman of Michigan's 13th Republican District, and Joseph represents the Eastside Republican Club PAC. The headquarters for Republican campaign material and information is located at 18495 Mack, Detroit. Call the office at (313) 881-3321 for the latest campaign news and material availability.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Gerard Martin

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 50

Family: Wife, Cathy Nordby; children, Gerard, 19; Elizabeth, 17; and Spencer, 13

Claim to fame:

Completed a 50-day, 3,800-mile bicycle trek across the United States this summer

Quote: "I really enjoyed (the trip). I can't say there was a day I didn't like. If I could do it every year, I would. It was a great experience."

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Gerard Martin

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Treacherously shallow Lake St. Clair is again swallowing its quota of victims.

So far as is known, 20 people have lost their lives this year, and a good part of the boating season remains.

Robert Neff, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe and for many years the only salvage man on the lake, has an explanation for Lake St. Clair's steady income of corpses: "Suicide. That's what it is, suicide. Out and out suicide."

■ With the advent of cooler weather, water restrictions are lifted in Grosse Pointe Farms and City.

■ One week into its effort to curb the hot rod craze, Grosse Pointe Woods' gardarmes report impounding four cars per day due to excessive noise.

Reports from gasoline and service stations in and around the Woods reveal numerous other cars are being serviced to rid them of the muffler bypasses and other noisy accessories.

25 years ago this week

■ A proposed free parking program for Grosse Pointe Woods senior citizens is scheduled for consideration this week by the city council.

The idea comes from Chester Peterson, city administrator.

Peterson feels free parking would not only benefit the pocketbooks of seniors on limited incomes, but also would allow the elderly additional time to complete shopping trips and medical appointments without threat of an expired parking meter.

■ Grosse Pointe Park officials purchase property to increase off-street parking opportunities as part of an overall plan to revitalize a three-block commercial district on lower Kercheval

between Wayburn and Beaconsfield.

Property in question is located at 15021 Kercheval, adjacent to the former Dump Bar, which the city purchased for \$32,000. The bar and vacant lot will be made into a 22-space parking lot.

■ A mixed-breed, part-German shepherd which has been terrorizing children at the end of Cloverly Lane near Morningside for two weeks is shot and killed upon attacking a Grosse Pointe Woods policeman.

It was only after the killing that authorities discovered a potential reason why the dog was so aggressive. It had given birth to nine puppies about a week before.

The offspring have been transported to a local animal clinic in the Woods and put to sleep.

10 years ago this week

■ Three of four commercial buildings at Mack and Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms will be razed.

The city council approves a \$91,500 demolition contract for structures housing, including Sears.

"This give us an opportunity to use this land in a productive manner," says Councilman Edward Gaffney.

Last February the council bid \$3.7 million for the 5.6 acres of property at the corner.

■ A few dollars of seed money to establish Grosse Pointe Cable 15 years ago balloons into a \$22 million windfall for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and member cities.

The system is sold to Comcast Cable.

Only Grosse Pointe Woods council members fail to approve the deal because,

they say, they lacked time to consider it properly. But only three of five member cities are needed to seal the deal. Woods' dawdling is irrelevant.

■ An \$80,400 bid is accepted to battle bad tasting water coming from the Grosse Pointe Farms filtration plant.

"The main cause of the odor is byproducts from seaweed growth in the lake," says Darrel Schuurman, water superintendent.

The bid will pay for installation of a granular activated carbon filter topping.

5 years ago this week

■ Library information is just a click away now that the Grosse Pointe Library Systems Web site is operational.

By entering www.gp.lib.mi.us, browsers can access the card catalog and search by title, author or subject.

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association wants to put people "In the Mood" to "Take the A Train" on a "Sentimental Journey" this weekend.

"Sentimental Journey," promises to be a gala evening celebrating the Memorial's 50th anniversary.

■ A week ago, Grosse Pointe North High School fullback Brian Vandenberghe's back was so sore he had trouble getting into a three-point stance.

This week in the opening football game of the season, Vandenberghe is a huge pain to the Port Huron Big Reds' defense.

He runs for 125 yards and two touchdowns in the Norsemen's 28-7 win in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Student frolic at center

Planning last minute details of the College Kick Off dance at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial are, from left, George Parker, Carol Ford, Susan Armstrong, Ann Watson and Mac McNair. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Sept. 9, 1954, Grosse Pointe News.)

Shores audit unqualified success

Finances are an unqualified success in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"This is the first year we've had an unqualified opinion (from our auditor), which is the highest rating," said Rhonda Ricketts, village finance director.

"All funds are doing fine," said Mike Kenyon, village manager.

According to Ricketts' presentation of an annual audit of the 2003-04 fiscal year ended March 31, the village's \$506,060 fund balance represented 12 percent of total revenue.

"Most communities are happy with 10 percent fund balance," Ricketts said. "I'd like to see (ours) a little higher."

Total village assets are \$1,422,467. Revenue during fiscal year 2003-04 reached \$5,079,940. The figure

exceeded actual expenses of \$4,977,413.

Village officials had forecast a \$110,000 shortfall. But it turned into a \$102,527 surplus.

"That's what helped increase our fund balance," Ricketts said. The resulting \$102,527 windfall has been added to a fund balance totaling \$569,060.

The pension trust market value of investment increased by \$2,026,119 to \$15,691,842.

"That was due mainly to rebound of market value of investments," Ricketts said. "In fiscal year 2002 we lost \$2.5 million. Now we're on the positive side."

Effective this spring, the Shores changed its accounting procedures to separate water and sewer activity from the general fund. Money in the general fund represents ordinary municipal activities financed by property taxes, state shared revenue and other sources. The switch put the village in accord with general principles.

Among changes recommended by auditors with Plante & Moran, village officials look forward to transferring funds electronically. "It's much easier and more efficient to do it electronically," Ricketts said.

— Brad Lindberg

Funding

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As a parent, Gaffney knows firsthand the benefits of a quality school district, such as Grosse Pointe. When he took his son to Michigan State University last week, the incoming freshman brought items typical of Grosse Pointe high school graduates: clothes, pop music and two semesters' worth of college credit.

Young Gaffney earned the headstart through advanced placement courses at Grosse Pointe South High School.

More than 90 percent of Pointe public school graduates go on to higher education. A good percentage of those students begin college with credits already in hand.

"You don't penalize excellence," Gaffney said. "You reward excellence. The governor's (earlier proposal) was penalizing school districts that have gained the most and gotten the best results while giving Detroit

\$15 million."

Klein shared Gaffney's pride.

"This is a wonderful school district," she said. "We have so much to be proud of. It's a community that values education. The tradition of excellence is one that people have put their sweat equity into, whether they're volunteers, teachers in the classroom or kids working hard to succeed."

"Kids want to do well here. It's created a wonderful school district since it began in 1921."

The legacy continues.

"Our job is to keep the district strong," Klein said. "Our job is to keep it growing better and better, and make sure kids have what they need so when they leave here they enter their place in society well-prepared to be leaders."

The Sikkema-Johnson-Granholm compromise was expected to go before committee at 8 a.m. Wednesday, after the Grosse Pointe News went to press, and voted on later that day. Klein said she planned to be there.

Grosse Pointe News staffers Brad Lindberg, Jennie Miller and editor John Minnis contributed to this story.

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Pointes ripped off

Thirty pounds ago, I began most summer mornings with a bicycle ride up and down Lakeshore.

Pedaling began in earnest at Warner Place in Grosse Pointe Farms.

My halfway point was a block or two below Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores. Often a slow side trip through subdivisions provided rest before heading back the way I came.

My 20-pound Schwinn Continental 10-speed, nicknamed "lead sled" by swifter owners of new bikes made of lighter-weight metal, chugged like a freight locomotive highballing a heavy load. Me.

Cracks in the lakeside roadway didn't matter. The

sled clipped over small crevasses on a cushion of momentum.

Cracks filled with tar were different altogether. Especially strips of tar laid east of Provencal in the Shores.

Lakeshore is a county road. It's maintained by Wayne County. Not the Farms or Shores.

A few years ago county road repairmen tended Lakeshore in the Shores by filling cracks with hot tar.

Tar settled gummily into the cracks, sealing the street from moisture that would otherwise seep in and start the process of creating potholes.

I think workers applied too much tar. They certainly didn't smooth out their handiwork in craftsmanship fashion.

Morning rides proceeded relatively smoothly until entering the Shores and



I Say

Brad Lindberg

encountering all those ridges of tar.

Thump-thump, thump-thump went my bike. Like a railroad train on rails that had been joined on uneven ties.

Big thumps rattled the drive chain. In my train-attuned mind, the rattle sounded like warning bells at railroad crossings.

On rainy mornings tar strips were slippery.

The unsmooth strips of tar were supposed to conceal cracks in the roadway.

Instead, they exposed a quick-fix method of maintaining the premier street of a community whose residents pay the county a lot more in taxes than are returned in quality services.

That seems to be the role of the Grosse Pointes: funding overseeing layers of government without the promise of equitable returns.

Not just county government. Statewide, too.

The latest proof comes in a scheme by Lansing leaders

to rescind money pledged to well-funded school districts.

The Pointes, where the quality education is one of the communities' pillars — along with public safety and residents who appreciate investment needed to maintain both — are among the districts slated to lose money.

Democrat Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Republican state Sen. Ken Sikkima said taking back a promised \$74 per-pupil increase in spending in the Pointe district is a necessary component of a balanced budget.

"While we began this process with yet another \$1 billion shortfall, we balanced the budget with a sensible mix of spending cuts and revenue that will allow the state to continue to provide the essential services citizens of this state deserve," Granholm said in a Sept. 2 news release.

According to Pointe school administrators, the \$74 increase had been assured by state officials. Fortunately, the additional funds were not figured into the district's budget for the coming school year.

This is a district where students routinely exceed state average test results, where more than 90 percent of kids go onto higher education, and where graduates commonly enter college with credits already earned through a variety of advanced placement courses.

By trying to take away funding, state officials clearly don't understand or appreciate the investment needed for achievement.

Close to press time Tuesday morning, Gaffney said funding had been restored.

Crisis over? This time, yes. What about next?

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The Op-Ed Page



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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

What are you most excited about being back to school?



Kourtney Thalgott

"Back-to-school clothes shopping."

Kourtney Thalgott, 14
City of Grosse Pointe

"The cafeteria lunches. I love the pizza. It's the highlight of my day."

Topher Horn, 14
Grosse Pointe Farms



Topher Horn

"Meeting new people and being on the swim team."

Lauren Bracci, 14
Grosse Pointe Farms



Jimmy Saros

"Seeing all the friends I didn't get to see over the summer."

Jimmy Saros, 14
Grosse Pointe Park



Sam Mott

"Meeting all my new teachers. Science is my favorite so far; my teacher isn't boring at all."

Marianna Bertakis, 15
Grosse Pointe Farms

"It's an excuse to go to Subway every day."

Sam Mott, 15
City of Grosse Pointe



Marianna Bertakis

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by Ben Burns

Home at last

After seven months in Iraq's desert heat, the "Sweathogs" are home. The first 60 of them — including my son, Ben — arrived at their home base, the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, S.C., via chartered commercial airliner last Friday about 10 a.m. The next 300 followed Friday afternoon in a 747 that swooped out of the sky around 1 p.m.

A primal sound of celebration and joy chorused from 500 throats as the combat engineers of Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 in desert camouflage, nicknamed the Sweathogs for their hard work, disembarked and flowed 300 yards across the pavement to turn in their weapons.

The cheering, teary-eyed crowd was a mix of ages, races and colors, varying from a baby who had never seen its father to an elderly former Marine in a wheel chair there to greet his grandson.

Our Marine stood out with a shaved-head taller than most, black Oakley sunglasses hiding his eyes, showing the stone-faced expression the Corps cultivates.

It wasn't until they were released from formation that he acknowledged the nine family members waving a bedsheet banner that

welcomed him home. It was inscribed with the names of many of his supporters from the Grosse Pointes as well as family and friends from Indiana to L.A. and Greenwich, Conn. It also wished him a Happy Birthday as he was about to be 25 (Sept. 7).

I promised readers I would share some comments and observations Ben made while he was at Al Qaim on the Syrian border and Al Asad closer to Baghdad; so here are some excerpts from letters and e-mails.

March 21 letter: "I will be working with an Iraqi civil engineer named Mohammed. He is about 35, wears tan coveralls, black shoes (most just have sandals) and an NBA hat... 'I get time on Sunday — usually I give my guys every other Sunday off, and a half day on the others. It doesn't usually equate to a full day or a half day off as they and I am invariably required to do something. Things are fine over here I got a great package from you with mouse traps and a book.'"

(He got the mouse traps after telling us his cot was set up in a railroad repair shed at Al Qaim between the tracks and that assorted vermin ran up and down the ties during the night.)

"These people here want change, but don't have the means or the know how. I

feel very bad for them. There are towns here that are too disgusting for vermin to live in, but little kids live and beg there. It reminds me of 'Mad Max.' ('Mad Max' is a movie about chaotic life in a future world after a holocaust that destroyed most civilization.)"

March 21 letter: "3rd Battalion, 7th Marines had a memorial service for their two Marines who died last week. Pretty sad. I didn't force my guys to go so almost none did. I will force them to go if (when) this happens again."

April 19 letter: "Five more Marines died up at Al Qaim yesterday or the day before. I am not feeling down, but I don't think this place is going to get any better anytime soon, and the Marines will be occupying for at least a couple of years."

April 25 letter: "It is hard to know what my role is or should be at times. I want to strive to constantly develop my Marines as leaders, but it often leaves me without much to do but walk around and supervise. I am definitely learning lessons about tasking... I think every month of this deployment will be the hardest for one reason or another..."

April 28 e-mail: "If you

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Points about the Pointes

E-mail, instant messaging and our kids... are we teaching them not to communicate?



While I was trying to get my desk organized over the weekend (a perpetual job), I found a very kind card from Marlene Cooper thanking me for re-mating the portrait of her husband, Dick Cooper that hangs at Grosse Pointe North. Dick was one of those special customers at the store when I was growing up. The warped mat around Dick's portrait had haunted me for quite a while, and finally I just had to replace it!

A few months ago, my wife Mary Ann and I

donated one of the twelve heirloom portrait packages I shoot a year to the Grosse Pointe Rotary for their live auction. Rae and Norma Laenen were the successful bidders. Mary Ann and I had the pleasure of photographing Rae, Norma and the other 20-plus members of their family last weekend. We had a great time capturing formal as well as spontaneous images of an entire family of positive energy people.

The next day, Rae was kind enough to make a special trip to the store to thank us for coming to his home and capturing the hundreds of images of his family. As my mentor Carl Joyner would have said, Rae is a true "gentleman and a scholar."

These two examples of heartfelt communication were special, touching me in a way that no e-mail or voice mail possibly could have done.

We have to teach our children that e-mail and instant messaging aren't the only way to communicate. Nothing can replace the value of a handwritten note or an "eyeball to eyeball" conversation, no matter what the subject may be. If we don't, they will live their lives not knowing the special value that true communication can bring.

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Governor, Legislature back schools

Rarely is a news story so fluid that it has to be rewritten three times before going to press. But such is the case with this week's lead story on the state budget and school funding.

The original story was a Chicken Little piece warning of dire cuts in state funding for so-called wealthy school districts such as Grosse Pointe. We expected to lose anywhere from \$640,000 to \$1.7 million, depending on which rumors out of Lansing proved true — if any.

As of the Thursday before Labor Day, Gov. Jennifer Granholm had presented a budget that increased per pupil spending by \$74 for all school

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districts in the state — except Grosse Pointe and other top districts that spend more than \$9,000 per student.

Grosse Pointe and the other higher-spending districts would have seen no increase.

But thanks to the wisdom of the school board and administration in June, the per-pupil freeze would have impacted the Grosse Pointe district less than others. The Grosse Pointe school board in June wisely adopted a 2004-05 budget that did not count on a \$74 per pupil, \$640,000, increase. Smart move.

Another fear was that 20J funds would have been cut. These funds are

granted to districts like Grosse Pointe in an attempt to keep state funding increases in line with other districts in the state. A loss of 20J funds could mean up to \$1.7 million in state funding cuts for Grosse Pointe.

But the latest information Tuesday as the Grosse Pointe News was preparing to go to press was that not only was the 20J funding left intact, but also the Grosse Pointe schools — as well as the other wealthy school districts — were going to get the \$74 per pupil increase as well.

That amounts to a \$640,000 gift for the Grosse Pointe schools.

Granted, nothing is final until Gov.

Granholm signs off on the budget, but local state Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, was told he could take the latest promises "to the bank."

If the good news for Grosse Pointe and other school districts statewide comes to pass, the kudos go to Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, along with Speaker Rick Johnson and Gov. Granholm.

Sikkema came up with the idea of having \$6.6 million from the sale of state land in York Township to Toyota earmarked for the school aid trust fund. The additional funds from the land sale would provide for the \$74 per pupil increase to be passed on to 22 of the state's wealthiest school districts, including Grosse Pointe.

Thanks also should go to Gaffney, the school administration and everyone else who wrote letters, sent faxes and e-mails and called the governor's and the legislative leaders' offices in support of the so-called wealthy school districts.

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Letters

Public library issues

To the Editor:

We read the article, "Library board fends angry staff, patrons," printed in the Sept. 2 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. We also attended the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board meeting of Aug. 23 that was referenced in the article.

As active patrons of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for more than 25 years, we joined in addressing the library board that night. The experience was frustrating.

Communications with the board have turned adversarial as the board places policy impediments between itself and the public. The public comments portion of the meetings does not permit a dialogue, so the public must wait for a later section of the meeting to hear if the board has any response. In most cases, when members of the community ask for information, the head of the board, Mr. Bruce, insists the only way the library board will respond is through a written Freedom of Information Act request. This is very cumbersome and promotes resentment rather than trust.

The public is entitled to open, forthright communications with the library board not a "dental" procedure to get information. More importantly, public support for and trust in the board is rapidly collapsing.

Sadly, the Grosse Pointe school board, which created the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board and periodically appoints the members of the library board, wants nothing to do with the problem.

At the last school board meeting, when a citizen asked to speak during the open comments portion of the school board meeting in regard to problems with the library board, she was told that the school board couldn't control the library board's actions, had spent enough time on library matters already, and no further public comments would be heard.

It seems that the school board has chosen to ignore the library board until the next time they are required to appoint members. This further reduces the trust of the public in both boards.

Is there no way to repair the deteriorating relationship between the public and the library board? Apparently, the board has unlimited power.

At the last library board meeting, one member

announced that according to her interpretation of the district Library Establishment Act, there is no mechanism in place at the local level to recall library board members. According to that member, the governor of the state is the only person in authority with the power to remove library board members.

The school board gets to make appointments and then walk away from the damage. The public has to wait for years to try to persuade the next school board to appoint more responsive and effective library board members. That's not a very good deal for the public.

One solution to all of this is to have an elected library board with direct accountability to the residents and taxpayers of Grosse Pointe. State Rep. Ed Gaffney is at work trying to change state law to achieve this.

Neither the library board nor the school board seem interested in assuring appropriate responsiveness and accountability to the public.

Given the attitude of both boards, we strongly urge all Grosse Pointers to contact our local representative Ed Gaffney and voice their support for his efforts to amend the district Library Establishment Act so that the citizens of Grosse Pointe can put oversight of our libraries into the hands of the community where it belongs.

**Bonnie Frederickson
and Edwin Frederickson
City of Grosse Pointe**

Library contract

To the Editor:

I read with more than a little interest the article, "Library board fends angry staff, patrons," printed in the Sept. 2 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

As the Grosse Pointe News correctly reported, the present labor dispute between the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board and its employees has persisted since the previous contracts expired on July 1, 2002.

As the Grosse Pointe News also reported, the employees' efforts to resolve the dispute, based upon objective facts, included seeking and completing a lengthy fact-finding process that ended in May of this year with the issuance of a report by a fact-finder appointed by the Michigan Employee Relations Commission. The library employees accepted the report as the basis for settlements with both groups. But the library has refused to do so.

The library employees,

and some of the residents who supported their efforts to get fair contracts, have engaged in informational picketing and leafletting, as well as appearing at the previously lightly attended meetings of the library board, including the Aug. 23 meeting referenced in the Sept. 2 Grosse Pointe News article.

Since it is not mentioned in the Sept. 2 article, I assume that the Grosse Pointe News has not been advised that when the library employees sought to exercise their statutory and constitutional right of free speech by wearing buttons that said "3rd year no contract," the library board promulgated a new "rule" forbidding the wearing of the buttons by library employees anywhere the buttons could be seen by library patrons.

When the employees went to state court and filed unfair labor charges with the Michigan Employee Relations Commission contesting the board action as both unlawful and unconstitutional, the board literally made a "federal case" of the legal dispute by removing the legal action to the United States District Court a few days before the Aug. 23 board meeting, and then scheduled a hearing date in Wayne County Circuit Court.

A hearing in the federal case is now set for Monday, Sept. 20, at 1 p.m. before the Honorable Anna Diggs Taylor on the employees' motion for preliminary injunctive relief. At the library board meeting of Aug. 23, Grosse Pointe Library Board President John Bruce acknowledged that the library board had more than sufficient funds in the library's various fund equities (something in excess of \$8 million) to settle fair and equitable contractual agreements with both of its represented employee groups.

In fact, at that meeting, Mr. Bruce publicly declared that it was the library board's intention to come to fair and equitable agreements with both groups.

During the time that this dispute has festered, and particularly since the fact-finder's report was issued and accepted by the employees, Mr. Bruce has repeatedly asserted that the principal impediment to settlement was a lack of face-to-face negotiations.

Contrary to Mr. Bruce's repeated public posturing to date, since the release of the fact-finder's report in May 2004, there have been no face-to-face negotiations between the library board's representatives and the



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Support Association, and only one with the librarians' association on July 28.

Rather, the library representatives have only been willing to meet with the mediator and have not responded to the numerous suggested settlements that the support personnel have submitted through the mediator since the first of July.

At no time since the fact-finder's report was released has the library board agreed to accept the report as the basis for settlement for either group, nor has the library board claimed at any time, that the fact-finder's recommendations regarding salaries for either group were not supported by the evidence offered by both sides during the hearing that extended over many months.

To date, the board has utterly failed to make an offer that would move the support personnel, many of whom are residents of the library district, off the bottom of any comparison of total compensation with other similar employees performing similar responsibilities within the communities that make up the library district, or in comparable libraries in the metropolitan area.

As the Grosse Pointe News correctly reported on Sept. 2, the Grosse Pointe library employees are tired of being told, as they were again on Aug. 23 by Mr. Bruce, how much the library board appreciates their hard work and professionalism but, not being paid accordingly. The members of both associations want the library to "put its money where its mouth is." Both groups want and expect action not more meaningless words.

The next meeting that the library's representatives have agreed to schedule is set with the mediator for Tuesday, Sept. 14.

The library employee associations call upon library board president John Bruce to meet face-to-face with association bargaining teams on that date, and agree to fair and equitable contracts for the members of both employee associations based upon the fact-finder's report.

**Daniel J. Hoekenga
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Concerned teacher

To the Editor:

I attended last Wednesday's open community forum on the Harper Woods bond proposal which will be on the Sept. 28 ballot — not as a Harper Woods resident, but as a Harper Woods teacher concerned about my students, my program, my school and the community.

Since talk of a bond proposal began almost two years ago, I have had numerous friends approach me with questions and concerns, seeking an "inside" view from someone on staff.

From the discussion I heard at the forum, and the conversations I've had with individuals, I believe it is important to highlight three key issues and to dispel a long-standing rumor:

1. We have three buildings that are not handicap-accessible, and as public educational environments we need to be able to welcome and accommodate students with special needs. Without the passage of this bond, a very large portion of our operating budget — money for books, hand equipment,

classroom supplies, salaries, electricity bills — will have to be spent on installing elevators, upgrading bathrooms, water fountains, etc.

Before Proposal A, we may have been able to approach voters for a school millage to help tide us over but that option is a thing of the past and a bond is the way we can avoid pouring much of our operating budget into these important Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) renovations.

2. We have serious structural problems at our secondary building that go beyond mere maintenance. Yes, if tuck-pointing cracks in a few walls would take care of our problems, asking to fund the construction of new facilities would be inappropriate. But a tour of our building shows we need much more than a facelift. And without this bond, important improvements here at the secondary school and at Beacon and Tyrone Elementary schools have been and will continue to be yet another drain on our operating funds.

It is unfair to compare our buildings to historic structures at the University of Michigan without mentioning the millions of dollars alumni associations and endowment funds have poured into updating and maintaining those beautiful structures.

3. In our day-to-day work with students, our teachers face roadblocks due to room size and layout, as well as the flow and configuration of our buildings. For example, our classrooms were built long before anyone had even thought of using computers in education — we've squeezed them in where we can but have ended up more cramped than ever. And to

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Prep work begins
for new Pier Park
community center

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's not the Mighty Mac, but the basic purpose is the same.

A footbridge of steel and wood will connect dry land with the middle dock of the harbor reserved for small boats at Pier Park.

Grosse Pointe Farms employees have nearly completed work at roughly \$10,000 less than a contractor wanted.

The temporary bridge will replace a larger walkway that will close soon as construction begins on a new community center on the waterfront.

"With construction, people won't have access to those boat wells," said Dick Huhn, park director. He referred to boats moored in the outer sections of the smaller of two harbors comprising the Farms municipal marina.

The old bridge and boat lift will be blocked off as demolition begins on the present building to be replaced by the newly-

approved center.

"The boat lift closed Labor Day," Huhn said. "We'll finish closing this little section (of the marina) and put a temporary walk bridge for people to get across."

Park employees are extending the new walkway from fingerdocks.

"We received a price to put in a temporary bridge for \$11,000," Huhn said. "That included about \$1,000 of materials."

He chose to do the work in-house.

"You don't want to give away the store," he said.

Daniel Berinde and David Mattei, park employees, took turns welding components of the bridge frame to existing metal pilings. They worked from a raft floating in water about six feet deep.

"It will be up for winter and taken down in spring," Berinde said.

The walkway will be made of left-over lumber.

"We'd have to get rid of it anyhow," Huhn said.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Daniel Berinde, kneeling, and David Mattei, employees of Grosse Pointe Farms parks, are tapped to construct a temporary footbridge in the small harbor at Pier Park. Doing work in-house saves the city about \$10,000.

Fun continues
at Park parks
after Labor Day

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Summer is officially over, but the activities aren't at Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks in Grosse Pointe Park.

Although the pool at Windmill Pointe Park closed at the end of Labor Day, water lovers can still get in that last splash of summer at the new splash pad at Patterson Park through Sunday, Sept. 19.

Campers can also make use of Windmill Pointe Park when it turns into Camp Wind-Y-Mill the weekend of Sept. 18-19. There will be a campfire with s'mores, evening activities and a sunrise breakfast. Camp sites are filling fast. Reservations and the \$20 fee are being accepted at the park office at the Tompkins Center.

Whether you need to fill in or thin out your garden, the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission will hold its perennial exchange at the Tompkins Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Patterson Park opens its gates to dogs for one day during its first-ever Dawggy Walk and Competition on Sunday, Oct. 3, beginning at 1 p.m. Owners can walk their dogs on the boardwalk, and dogs can compete for

prizes in the best trick, fastest in fetching and retrieving and best-dressed competitions. The \$5 fee includes doggie treats for the dogs and hot dogs for their owners.

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for a few volunteers and their brushes to help seal the Patterson Park playscape the weekend of Oct. 9-10.

"It's a big project," Solomon said.

The Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate Halloween a bit early this year as it hosts its Halloween in the Park at Patterson Park on Saturday, Oct. 23. The \$4 tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the outside gate house at Windmill Pointe Park.

As always, classes and movies continue at the Lavins Activity Center. This fall brings the first-ever sign language for babies class to the Lavins Center beginning Saturday, Sept. 25. Call (313) 822-2812, ext. 200, for more information.

"In the winter, we'll have lunch with Santa at the Tompkins Center on Dec. 4 and skating and sledding at Patterson Park," Solomon said. "We're year-round; we're not just summertime parks."

City, Farms keep pools open longer

Summer's gone. But not warm weather.

Some of the Grosse Pointe municipal parks are keeping their swimming pools open past Labor Day.

Here's a rundown:

City of Grosse Pointe

The swimming pool at Neff Park will remain open through Sept. 19. Hours are 4 to 8 p.m. weekdays and weekends 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Early bird swimming is scheduled 6:30 to 10 a.m.

"It's lap swimming only,"

said Chris Hardenbrook, recreation director.

Grosse Pointe Farms

The big swimming pool at Pier Park will be open today and Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. This weekend, Sept. 11 and 12, it will be open noon to 8 p.m.

"The big pool will close after Sept. 12," said Dick Huhn, park director. "The wading pool and splash playground will be open noon to 8 p.m. after Labor Day through Sept. 26. If

weather is poor, we would not keep them open."

Grosse Pointe Park

Pools are closed for the season.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Swimming pools at Osius Park closed Labor Day.

Jim Cooke, director of parks and recreation, said low staffing levels dashed hopes of stretching the sea-

son.

"Last year we stayed open a week late," Cooke said. "This year we can't do it."

No lifeguards. Everyone's back at college or involved with high school sports.

"They're gone," Cooke said.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Pools are closed for the season.

Patterson, Windmill parks going to dogs

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

When geese started infiltrating Grosse Pointe Park's two lakefront parks, Parks and Recreation Director Terry Solomon decided to let them go to the dogs.

For the second year, Solomon has lifted the parks' "no dogs allowed" policy for a limited number of dogs and their owners.

Before lifting the ban on dogs in the parks, Solomon said she would schedule about three employees for about four hours each day to hose down goose droppings off the boardwalk, sidewalks and docks, and to rake and shovel droppings off the grass.

"It was really unsightly," Solomon said. "Those geese would be out there 100 at a time."

Following the lead of many parks and golf courses, Solomon figured using dogs would be an effective way to keep the foul fowl off park grounds. But unlike many parks, such as lakefront parks in Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms, which hire a dog service or own their own bird dogs to chase geese, the Park allows a select number of dog owners the privilege of giving their dogs some free range space in exchange for cleaner parks.



Photos by Bonnie Caprara

Nina Caradona, 7, of Grosse Pointe Park rewards her dog, Roxie, with a doggie treat. Roxie is one of seven dogs living in the Park whose owners have volunteered them to chase geese off the grounds at Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks.

The no-cost fix has paid off in a big way for the parks, the dogs and their owners.

Roxie, a 10-month old German Shepherd mix who lives with the Caradona family, takes her runs through Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks every morning before the crowds come. On a particular morning there were only a dozen geese congregating on the grass. Normally, as Nina Caradona, 6, put it: "It looks like a living room carpet full of geese."

The geese took off toward the lake as soon as they heard Roxie bark, but regardless, the lean mutt shot off in the direction of the geese, as if it were her sole purpose in life.

"She must have some kind of hunting dog in her genes," said Nina Caradona's mother, Lisa Caradona. "She chases them like there's no tomorrow."

"There are fewer geese every time we come here. Earlier in the summer when I started taking my daughter to tennis lessons, the kids couldn't play here because it was such a mess."

Solomon said since the dogs have had the run of the park, cleanup time at both parks has been cut down to about an hour each day.

Punt, pass and kick contest is Sept. 18

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Because the football and golf seasons overlap this time of year, teeing it up takes on two different meanings.

But kids who dream of gridirons rather than fairways will take the field in the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition Saturday, Sept. 18, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

All Pointe boys and girls ages 8 to 15 are eligible participants in the free event. Groups of players will be

classified according to their ages Dec. 31 this year.

"This is a nationwide program," said Dick Huhn, Farms park director.

Local competition takes place rain or shine on the football field at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Performances are judged on length and accuracy.

"Winners go on to competition in Warren in October," Huhn said.

Finals will be held in NFL stadiums in November and December.

Competition is sponsored

by Pepsi and hosted locally by five Pointe recreation departments and the Grosse Pointe Red Barons Youth Football Organization.

"We're holding a skills clinic on Monday, Sept. 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Kerby Field to get the kids ready and hopefully get a good turnout," said Ray Trincia, Farms resident, park employee and retired teacher and coach. "If one day a youngster wants to become a football player, he could find training here to help him develop."

Trincia arranged for Trinity High School quarterbacks and kickers to help teach the clinic.

"I thought it would be a good idea to have kids watch local high school football players," Trincia said. "Players can relate some of their secrets about how to get a better punt, pass and kick."

Entrants must wear gym shoes or soft-sole shoes and prove residency and age.

For more information, contact your respective parks department.

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Physician put to the test on cross-country bike tour

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

In the heart of the Teton Range, just days into a cross-country bicycle tour, Grosse Pointe Park resident Gerard Martin's mind was clear and focused.

But he wasn't thinking about work — of sick and injured patients rushing into the emergency room at Henry Ford Hospital. He was fixated on the road which lay before him.

The trip was the culmination of years of contemplation. Martin and two of his close friends, also physicians, had regularly enjoyed long distance biking trips in the past.

Since they live in different corners of the country, the doctors had taken turns touring northern Michigan, the California coast, and the expanse of highways out east. They'd long been discussing the idea of crossing the country, but it took 20 years to put the plan into action.

"We'd always talked about doing it — someday," Martin said. "We said we should do it when we turned 30, then when we turned 40, and now, we turned 50, and we knew this was the year we had to do it."

To Martin, the trip was a now or never kind of thing. He knew it was something he wanted to accomplish in his lifetime. After surviving a heart valve replacement 10 years ago, it was a personal challenge to prove to

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Gerard Martin, of Grosse Pointe Park, spent 50 days this summer biking 3,800 miles from Oregon to New Hampshire. The group passed through Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ontario, New York, Vermont and Maine, averaging 80 miles a day.

"It was a great experience," Martin said. "I could have kept on going."

himself that he could do it.

But the trip also was a way for Martin to pay tribute to his niece, who suffers from diabetes. He created a fundraising venture for the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, and raised more than \$25,000 for the cause.

"Everybody was incredibly generous," Martin said. "We wrote a letter to all of our friends and contacts. After 20 years at Henry Ford, that's a lot of doctors who

have gone through the residency program."

The trip began in Astoria, Ore., and over the next 50 days, Martin, his physician friends, and 30 other members of the tour traveled 80 miles a day through all varieties of terrain. Some days the group biked more than 100 miles; two days they totaled 120. They'd bike for five days and get a day off.

"It's not for everybody," Martin said. "But I thought it was fun. I could have kept on going."

He said there was little mental preparation required for the trip.

"The ER is so high-stress," he said. "For me, mentally, relaxing on the bike was appealing."

But the physical preparation was another story. Martin is in great shape with an active lifestyle, but 80 miles a day is no piece of cake.

He chose to ride a recumbent bicycle, mostly because of the soreness he'd felt on previous biking trips. But while a more comfortable ride, the bike makes it harder to travel uphill.

His main goal was to make it over the mountains without having to get off his bike and walk.

"My biggest fear was not being able to go over the mountains," he said, proud to have stayed on through the Teton Pass and crossing the Continental Divide.

The best part came next. "The exhilaration of going downhill really fast — I'd forgotten how much fun that is," Martin said, a grin erupting on his face.

Now that the trip is over, Martin can't wait to do it again.

"I really enjoyed it. I can't



Martin made the trek with two of his close friends, Charlie Pond, left, of New Jersey, and Stephen Tomlanovich, right, of California. This isn't the first time the 50-year-old men have participated in long-distance biking trips together. They've traveled through northern Michigan, the coast of California, and the highways out east.

Tomlanovich and Martin were college roommates at Notre Dame University. Martin met Pond while in medical school at St. Louis University, where he also met his wife, Cathy Nordby. All are physicians. Martin is the senior staff physician in the emergency room at Henry Ford Hospital.

say there was a day I didn't like," he said. "I will do this again. If I could do it every year, I would. It was a great experience."

While Martin and his friends had resolved to stay together as a trio prior to the trip, he admits the plan fell through, but with no regret.

"We thought we'd stick together, but we ended up making a lot of friends," he said. "At the beginning, there were 33 people who were basically strangers. We

all came together, and by the end we were like a family because of our shared experiences. It was amazing how close we became. We've already planned for a reunion trip."

As the tour came to an end in Portsmouth, N.H., Martin's wife and kids met the group for a family vacation. They were waiting on the beach with a welcoming

committee.

Martin met his wife, Cathy Nordby, while in medical school at St. Louis University. She is a physician at Shorepoint Dermatology in Roseville. They have three children, Gerard, 19; Elizabeth, 17; and Spencer, 13.

Spending time with them is a priority for Martin, who is used to long stressful hours in the emergency room.

"My hours are strange, and it puts a lot of stress on family life," he said. "I try to spend as much time with my family as I can."

But after taking 50 days off to complete the bicycle tour, it's back to work he goes. As the senior staff physician at a downtown hospital, Martin sees a lot of action in the emergency room.

"It's crazy most of the

time," he said. "There's a lot we have to deal with. It can be calm one moment, and then there is a sudden car crash. It's non-stop action. Since we're downtown, we get gunshots and stabbings. It's not minor stuff. It's real sick people."

But Martin loves that Henry Ford offers a training program, in which he is directly involved.

"I get to work with young doctors and help them to be compassionate and caring on the job," he said.

And despite the long hours and stressful cases, Martin loves his work.

"I like the action. It seems to fit me," he said.

And when the stress gets to be too much, he always relaxes by hopping on his bike, clearing his mind, and focusing on the road ahead.



Martin's family served as a welcoming committee as he finished the 50-day trek in New Hampshire. He is pictured with his wife Cathy and his children, Gerard, Elizabeth and Spencer.

Mill buys infested ash wood

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Homeowners might be able to salvage something from their dead and dying ash trees.

Infested wood can be harvested and sold at modest prices rather than cut down and discarded for a complete loss.

A downriver company has responded to the emerald ash borer invasion by setting up a mill in Flat Rock.

Emerald Mills buys white ash wood at \$25 per ton for manufacture of tool handles. Wood must be delivered. For pickup within 50 miles, the

price is \$17 per ton. Outside 50 miles the tonnage price drops to \$10.

Big logs become railroad ties. Low-quality lumber is made into shipping pallets.

"It's not going to be a money-making proposition for sellers, but it might be an effective way to dispose of diseased ash at reduced cost," said Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park city forester.

Not all ash wood qualifies for purchase.

"We're encouraging municipalities and tree service companies to harvest logs properly so they can be cut into lumber," said Anthony Weatherspoon, forest product specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.

Emerald Mills requires logs to be a minimum 4 1/2-by-1 foot. Colter said it takes about 10 average-sized ash trees to weigh a ton.

"My pickup truck could hold about a quarter ton," he said. "And you have to drive them down to Flat Rock."

He's chosen an easier alternative: "We have a guy with 40 acres in Chesterfield who kiln-dries it."

Emerald ash borers began attacking North American ash trees about seven years ago upon arriving in western Wayne County from their native southeast Asia. The insects kill trees by eating serpentine-shaped tunnels through a thin but vital layer of wood just beneath bark.

Forest experts initially feared infestation made ash wood unusable.

"As we learned more, we learned all the wood isn't infested," Weatherspoon said.

Millers grind off the dam-

aged outer layer of trunks and limbs, preserving the rest for lumber.

"Once you get beneath the bark, the wood is beautiful," Weatherspoon said. "It's solid. There are no holes in it. You can use it."

Ash is used for more than tools and railroad ties.

"Woods can be utilized for several products," Weatherspoon said. "Furniture companies are using more ash. People mix it with oak. It stains very well."

Ash is known for baseball bats but also makes good flooring.

"The properties you like for baseball bats apply to flooring," Weatherspoon said. "When people walk on it wearing high heels or cleats, it doesn't dent as with other species."

Emerald ash borers have killed an estimated 6 to 8 million of the state's 700 million ash trees. Most losses are in southeast Michigan.

Although research has shown borers to be good fliers, which is likely how they crossed the Detroit River into Ontario, Canada, officials blame outbreaks far from Wayne County on people violating a state quarantine on transporting ash wood. No ash products, except those chipped into little bits, are allowed in or out of a 13-county zone comprising southeast Michigan.

Weatherspoon said the state is exploring economic development opportunities for ash wood. Products include panels and cabinets.

"See how shiny that is?" Weatherspoon said, holding a finished piece of ash wood. "It has a different hue. We call that efflorescence. It's lighter and is not as busy as oak. It's calmer, easier on the eye and easy to stain."

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G.P. Shores bonds will fuel street repairs

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

If you love the smell of asphalt in the morning, move to Hawthorne, Oxford or Renaud roads in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Those streets are sched-

uled for repaving before winter. Work costing just under \$405,000 will be contracted to ABC Paving Co. of Trenton.

"Renaud is one of the worst streets in the village," said Brett Smith, head of

public works.

Smith is in a hurry to get things started.

"Asphalt plants close in November," he said.

To line up contractors before warm weather runs out, Shores officials sought

construction bids prior to obtaining financing through a \$3.5 million bond sale Sept. 8.

Voters approved the bond issue Aug. 3 by a nearly 5:1 margin. Monies are reserved for infrastructure improve-

ments, including road and sewer work.

"Renaud has been in bad shape for quite a while," Smith said.

Repairs were delayed until residential construction on the street neared completion and heavy-duty trucks vacated the area.

"Now that the main construction on that street is done, we can get in there and put a nice overlay down," Smith said.

The same strategy applies to Sunningdale, where paving has been put on hold while large homes are being built.

"There's nothing worse than putting a nice surface down and having it torn up with big trucks," Smith said.

ABC Paving beat two competitors who submitted bids ranging up to \$431,732.

The Shores consulting engineering firm, Hubble, Roth and Clark, estimated bids would total \$435,000.

"ABC has provided satisfactory municipal references for recent work in Detroit and at Detroit Metropolitan Airport," according to Thomas Biehl, HRC executive vice president. "In addition, this office has worked on many projects with the low-bidder with satisfactory results."

As infrastructure improvements move forward, Shores officials hope to save money by having specialty construction companies serve as general contractors for their specific jobs.

"This eliminates the middle man," Smith said. "If you get a general contractor, he'll get subcontractors and tack on a percentage. I would count on three or four general contractors for paving asphalt, concrete, sewer lining and possibly underground pipe work. We can cut that up and save a lot of money."

City council might change meetings

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe mayor might restructure council agendas to spare attendees from sitting through meetings that are lasting longer and longer into the night.

Monthly sessions start at 7:30 p.m. Talk often passes 11 p.m.

Agendas are front-loaded with zoning issues, mainly property owners appealing denials from building inspectors to erect new structures or alter existing ones in ways that exceed allowable dimensions.

Four-car garages and room additions that elbow property lines are typical.

Such presentations are made to council members sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"It gets difficult to do the business of the city after

four or five garage issues," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

He'd like zoning matters scheduled separately from council meetings, at least during a test run. Regular city council meetings would remain scheduled for the third Monday of each month.

It would be the first such restructuring in the City's 100 years.

"I suggest four or five months to see if it works," Scrace said.

"When it starts to get late, maybe we make a quicker decision," countered Councilman Joseph Jennings. "If we have a lot of time, we'll talk more about some of this stuff."

With that, Jennings hit upon a theorem of behavioral and administrative inefficiency expressed in C. Northcote Parkinson's 1957 book, Parkinson's Law:

"Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion."

Thus, Parkinson continued, a person of leisure will spend all day writing and mailing a postcard, while a busy man will finish the task in minutes.

Members of the City zoning board trust most applicants are making good-faith efforts to improve their property, and by extension the City as a whole. Decisions often hinge on small matters. And the process takes time.

Sometimes approval of one part of a plan means cutting back on another part. A variance here means a compromise there. Discussions are mainly cordial, but sometimes someone draws a line in the sand and has to be stroked or gladdened out of his or her pout. More time needed. Other times things fall apart, and applicants huff off to circuit court.

Scrace didn't say how splitting council meetings in two would make the halves run more quickly.

Shipping boondoggle threatens taxpayers and future of Lakes

By Dave Dempsey

This summer, in six cities, officials and citizens are exchanging views on the future of Great Lakes shipping.

Included will be debate over one option the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants to investigate — a plan to manipulate the ecosystem to introduce the world's largest ships at an outrageous cost to taxpayers.

Why is this even being considered?

To understand, we have to consider the history of human attitudes toward the Great Lakes since the founding of the United States and Canada.

While praising the lakes for their beauty, we have never been able to resist the temptation to believe they can be improved — and bent to our will.

Responding to overfishing in the 1800s, early manipulators of the lakes introduced a variety of exotic fish that have since colonized the lakes.

Industrial tycoons proposed diverting all the waters of Niagara Falls to power all of North America, wrecked scenic sand dunes to build factories, and poured their toxins into harbor muds that are contaminated 100 years later.

Shipping proponents dug canals that allowed the parasitic sea lamprey to enter the four upper lakes and nearly wipe out the fishery.

Polluters used the "assimilative capacity" of the lakes to dilute their wastes, making them nearly unfit for recreational uses like swimming and fishing.

For too much of our history, governments and big business have regarded the Great Lakes as a storehouse to be ransacked, reconstructed, and "enhanced."

That all changed in the 1970s.

As citizen outrage about pollution peaked, a few visionaries proposed a new

way of living among the lakes.

Called the "ecosystem approach," this policy envisioned considering the health of the system in totality, rather than assuming humankind could be healthy even when the lakes were sick.

Most importantly, the ecosystem approach urged caution and humility in altering the complicated basin that contains 18 percent of the world's surface fresh water.

The results of this approach are tangible. Levels of phosphorus pollution are down more than 70 percent since the 1970s. Chemicals like DDT and PCB have declined by over 90 percent.

We can use our beaches more often and, within limits imposed by contaminants like mercury, enjoy the bounty provided by the vast fish stocks of the lakes.

But the ecosystem approach hasn't yet been tried in one area of Great Lakes policy — the control of exotic species.

In 1981, Canadian researchers predicted that a non-native species, the zebra mussel, had potential to reach the Great Lakes through ships carrying ballast water, survive, and upset the lakes' food web.

What did the United States and Canada do with this information?

They shelved the study because it would have threatened the interests of companies with oceangoing vessels.

Five years later, the zebra mussel appeared, and taxpayers are paying \$1 billion a year to control it.

Now the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Transport Canada are holding public meetings on whether or not maintaining the current St. Lawrence Seaway system until the year 2060 is desirable.

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In other health-related action, Gaffney in February introduced legislation requiring doctors to write prescriptions legibly.

The measure passed the House 95 to 10. It is before the Committee on Health Policy.

Gaffney said the bill would reduce prescription drug errors.

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Police can't enforce traffic everywhere at once

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

As the academic year begins, police can't be everywhere at once to regulate traffic around schools, let alone station officers on streets where residents complain of high-volume.

It's an issue Dan Jensen deals with as deputy director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He addressed the topic particularly when residents of Maison and Roland asked for extra police presence to regulate noon-hour drivers buying lunch at popular stores one block away on Mack.

"I would love to put a car on Maison or Roland or Moran or Kerby or any street in this city at those times of the day all the time," Jensen said. "We cannot do it. That is our busiest time of the day. I'm responsible for seven schools in this community at three busy times of the day: peak times a.m. traffic, peak times p.m. traffic and lunch time."

He said officers respond to traffic complaints with stepped-up enforcement.

"It's an ongoing process we deal with every day, every month, every year," he said. "But we need to spread that out amongst (the Farms') 2.8 square miles. When we get complaints, we put our people there when necessary. We step up enforcement, then move to the next complaint. When warranted, we go back."

He said the Farms puts



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms police are responding to residents complaints of lunch-hour traffic on Maison and Roland near Mack.

anywhere from four to a maximum of six cruisers on the road during peak times to handle school areas.

"I have to put (officers) where there are serious accidents and injuries," Jensen said. "I prioritize accordingly."

Traffic is heavy around South High School, Brownell Middle School and Kerby Elementary.

"In the last five to seven years, a 3-year-old (was) hit by a car alongside Kerby," Jensen said. "A cyclist (was)

killed at Fisher and Kercheval because of heavy traffic around (South). A jogger last year (was) hit by a car on Grosse Pointe Boulevard near South. At Brownell, I have to assign (officers) to write tickets for parents who consistently block the crosswalk so they can pick their child up."

He compared those incidents to safety records of Mason and Roland.

"We have zero accidents," Jensen said. "I do not have the manpower to consistent-

ly follow cars down Maison or any other road to determine whether they are in violation of the 'No Thru Street' (ordinances). We will sporadically do that."

Jensen said he's not making excuses.

"I assure you, we will make every reasonable attempt to enforce existing ordinances and laws," he said. "My explanation is to educate you that we do not have the manpower, and no city has, to sit on every

street all day long. I need to focus my manpower on where the highest complaints that can lead to death or serious injury."

Mayor James Farquhar said he would have voted against residents who wanted Maison and Roland closed at Mack.

"The neighborhood hasn't

changed in 40 or 50 years," Farquhar said. "There's no new traffic there. When people move in, they know what's going on. It's not like, surprise, surprise, here's another new 50 houses on one street. There's other solutions they can work on."

Stepped-up enforcement is the one being used.

Michigan faces weighty problem

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

"Fat" used to be slang meaning a state of contentment due to wealth and position.

Now it just means a fat state. Michigan.

"We're the second fattest state," said Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

He referred to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showing adult obesity has doubled since 1980.

Michigan's 61 percent overweight adults tied Kentucky, Mississippi won.

"I was reading that we get the least amount of exercise. So we're fat and lazy," Gaffney said. "Then I was reading we have high blood pressure because of older age."

Fat, lazy and old. "That's a bad combination for healthcare costs," said Gaffney. "We're the sickest people."

Gaffney chairs the House Health Policy Subcommittee on Costs. He said the state's weighty problem saddles business with higher production expenses.

"Healthcare costs are a big item in any business, large or small," Gaffney said. "The auto companies spend more money on healthcare per car than steel."

He wants the trend reversed through workplace fitness and preventive health screenings.

"We must do more to encourage physically active lifestyles," Gaffney said. "Inactivity cost the state almost \$9 billion in 2002. If one in 20 sedentary adults became physically active, the state could save \$575 million annually in the next four years."

A June 2002 report released by the Michigan State University Institute for Public Policy and Social Research called the state's weight woes an "epidemic."

Figures from the previous 10 years revealed 41 percent of adult residents increased in obesity during the previous 10 years. Findings also included that 71 percent of state adults didn't get adequate physical activity, and 48 percent were sedentary.

"Promoting Healthy Weight in Michigan Through Physical Activity," authored principally by

Grace Kreulen, Ph.D. of the Michigan State University College of Nursing, determined that among state adults who weren't obese, two-thirds had an "unhealthy weight."

"Two fundamental causes of obesity are improper nutrition and a sedentary lifestyle," Kreulen wrote.

In a nine-point list of policy recommendations to address the problem, MSU researchers included "support workplace wellness."

Goals include employers providing employees:

- access to exercise facilities and

- including weight management and physical activity counseling as part of health care benefits.

Gaffney also wants to get a grip on healthcare spending by establishing health savings accounts.

"It's called a medical individual retirement account by some people," he said. "It allows you to put pretax money away for healthcare expense. If you spend it on healthcare, you don't have to pay any taxes on it."

President George W. Bush highlighted health savings accounts in his nomination acceptance speech last Thursday at the Republican National Convention.

Bush wants tax credits for small businesses that set up such accounts.

"These accounts give workers the security of insurance against major illness, the opportunity to save tax-free for routine health expenses and the freedom of knowing you can take your account with you whenever you change jobs," Bush said early in the speech.

Gaffney said people would be less likely to pursue optional medical tests and procedures if funded from medical savings accounts.

"That gives the consumer a buy-in," Gaffney said. "It's your money. People would be more careful about how the money is spent."

He said the current system lacks incentives to hold down costs.

"With insurance, if the doctor says you need a test, you say go ahead," Gaffney said. "But if you have to pay \$2,000 out of your account, chances are you'd think twice about doing it or, at least, make sure you need it."

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According to Barbour, only about one-half of the expenses of the sailing program are covered by tuition. The balance comes from fund raising activities and from the generosity of community leaders like Paul. There are over 60 children in the program which runs all summer. Children are, in addition to learning how to sail, taught about water safety and learn sportsmanship and a love of the water, all of which are appropriate to living in the Great Lakes State. All levels of ability are welcome and some of the top junior sailors compete in national and international events. Many go on to sail in college, on American Cup teams, and/or in the Olympics. You do not need to be a member of the club - all are welcome to join in on the fun. Keep in mind that physical fitness is part of the program and children are required to work out as part of their commitment to the sport. The children sail with highly trained and certified coaches and sail against other area children as TEAM BAYVIEW.

This raffle, according to Bob DeClercq of Grosse Pointe Park and the 2004 program head, is really an attractive deal. As only 1,500 tickets can be sold, the odds of winning are actually quite good. Winning aside, the real reason to shell out \$50.00 for a ticket is to help the children.

To arrange for tickets call 313-822-1853 or call John Barbour (who says "he delivers") at 313-882-9700. The drawing will be during the BACARDI-BAYVIEW MACKINAC RACE awards being held at Bayview Yacht Club on September 17, 2004. There is not much time, so PLEASE call now.

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Farms girl explores science

Elizabeth Lynch of Grosse Pointe Farms joined 30 of the nation's best and brightest high school juniors and seniors at the ASM International Eisenman Materials Camp, Aug. 9 through 15, at the organization's Materials Park campus outside Cleveland.

Lynch was selected from a pool of more than 60 applicants through a comprehensive application process to participate in the unique camp aimed at increasing their knowledge of the world of materials around them.

Throughout the five-day experience, Lynch learned about the materials of today and tomorrow and a basic overview of how and why materials failures occur, with the help of "Materials Mentors." These mentors are professionals in material science who volunteer their time and expertise to the program for a variety of mini-demonstrations, field trips and unique laboratory experiments so students can actively explore materials science and engineering principles.

"We are excited to host such an accomplished group of students," said Stanley Theobald, managing director of ASM International. "For the past five years, Materials Camp has been a great tool in engaging students in the materials and sciences around them. The camp brings together students from across the country, such as Albuquerque, N.M.; Santa Clara, Calif.; Long Island, N.Y., even students from New Zealand, and puts them with experts

in materials sciences to answer questions and further their knowledge of the world of materials around them. It is a major accomplishment and shows great promise for the future of the industry."

Students with aptitudes in math or science and possessing highly inquisitive natures are hand-selected to attend camp. Each student receives a scholarship or endowment to fully pay tuition, room, board and entertainment. Since 2000, the Materials Camp has hosted more than 650 students and is supported by ASM International chapters and organizations from around the world.

This year's camp is lead by Andy Nydam from Olympia High School in Richland, Washington. A materials science teacher for almost 20 years, he will serve as the "master teacher" for the event. Professionals from Boeing, NASA and International Truck and Engine have volunteered their time to sup-

port the event as instructors, technical staff or on-site professionals. ASM hosts several similar week-long, day and mini-camp programs to students throughout the year in cities across the United States and Canada.

The ASM Materials Education Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to exciting young people worldwide in exploring materials science and engineering.

Foundation programs include educational and career services, Materials Camp experiences, scholarships for technical, community and undergraduate students, as well as leadership training and overall support of careers in materials sciences.

The ASM Foundation hopes to continue to grow the program to include cities across Europe, Asia and India. For more information, visit the Web site, www.asminternational.org/foundation, or call (800) 336-5152.



St. Paul scholar-athletes

Christine Nelson, Blaise Liederbach, Beth Ponkowski, Nick Waller, Molly Berg and Peter Blake were named St. Paul Catholic School Scholar-Athletes of the 2003-04 school year. These individuals are chosen based on academic performance and contribution and commitment to sports. Teachers and coaches work together to nominate and choose these students.

Beth Ponkowski and Eric Allison were presented with the Ed Lauer Award. This award is based on review of seventh- and eighth-grade athletic and scholar performance by coaches and teachers.

Regina seniors play Powder Puff

The Regina High School Class of 2005 will continue the Powder Puff tradition of so many classes before them. The seniors will take the field against Marian High School in the annual powder puff touch football face-off.

Both schools have been practicing since July and all their hard work will come down to a single game. The game takes place on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, with kick-off at 2:30 p.m. on the Notre Dame High School field in Harper Woods.

Due to the fact that the game does fall on Sept. 11, Regina has chosen to have a ceremony before the game to honor the memory of the day. A large American flag will be unveiled, with the help of several police officers and fire fighters, and fireworks and musical performances have been planned as well. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m.

University of Detroit Mercy makes the cut

University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) received a high ranking in U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges," rated on of the "Top 25 Midwestern Master's Universities" in its 2005 edition.

The announcement appears in next month's printed edition on newsstands.

UDM was also featured as one of "America's Top 15 Universities" in the magazine's "Best Values" category, as per ratio of quality to price, percentage of all undergraduates receiving grants and average discount tuition, room and board, fees, books and other expenses.

The magazine also rated UDM as number six in the Midwestern category for "Campus Diversity."

The magazine identified the schools where students are most likely to encounter undergraduates from different backgrounds.

"This is a reflection of the university's mission in providing an excellent student-centered undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context," said University president Gerard Stockhausen.

Southeastern High to reunite

Southeastern High School classes from 1922 through 1954 will celebrate an annual multi-class reunion luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 23, at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (313) 884-0527 or (586) 772-2611.



Photo by Kath Usitalo

Star kindergartners

On their first day of class, Thursday, Sept. 2, Our Lady Star of the Sea kindergarten students marched proudly from the school wearing "I am a Star Kindergartner" shirts.

Jan Gutwald, one of three kindergarten teachers, leads some of the students in the tradition as Principal Patty Stumb, dressed in Star's middle school uniform (left rear) holds the door for the kids.

The shirts are a gift from the school's parent-teacher organization. Kindergartner Michael Gassen of Grosse Pointe Woods shows mom Linda his new shirt.

Pictured below, parent paparazzi eagerly photograph students as they enter school on their first day.



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Miss GPW Teen USA to compete for state title Sept. 23-25

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

It could be possible that a young woman from Grosse Pointe Woods could be selected to be an example and role model for teens, not just across the state, but across the country as well.

Miss Grosse Pointe Woods Teen USA, better known as Jenna Evola, will compete for the first round at the Miss Michigan Teen USA pageant in Port Huron the weekend of Sept. 23-25.

The 17-year-old senior at Grosse Pointe North High School was selected Miss Grosse Pointe Woods Teen USA after her mother, Ronda Evola, submitted an application and photograph on her behalf to state pageant officials in May.

She was named the area Miss Teen USA representa-



Jenna Evola

tive by officials at the state level.

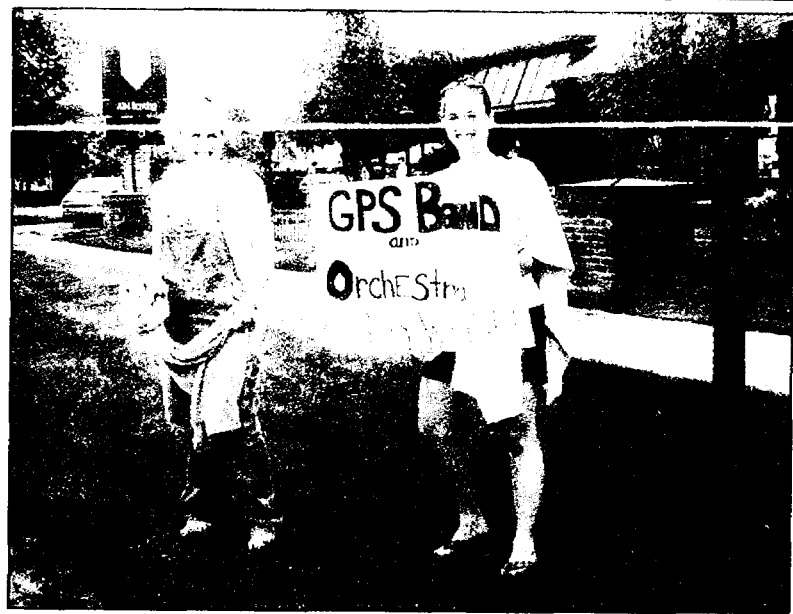
"Whether she wins or not is not important," Ronda Evola said. "I think this would be a great experience for her since she wants to get into broadcasting, and the scholarship money would be nice, too."

Jenna Evola said she

would like to prepare for her broadcasting career at Michigan State University.

In the meantime, Jenna Evola is starring in the lead of the North production of "Harvey" and is involved in the school choir. She is also involved at Safe Rides and Willow at North and volunteers for the Services for Older Citizens Meals on Wheels program.

The Miss Michigan Teen USA pageant to be held in Port Huron the weekend of Sept. 23-25 is Jenna Evola's first competitive pageant. There, she will compete with 110 other contestants for the state title. The young woman selected as Miss Michigan Teen USA will compete for the Miss Teen USA title, which will be broadcast next summer on NBC.



Musical car wash

The Grosse Pointe South High School Band and Orchestra musicians will hold a car wash on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Standard Federal Bank parking lot at 19700 Mack at the corner of Cook, between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

The students will be raising money for band and orchestra activities during the school year. Standard Federal donated the water and use of its parking lot.

Disney to honor teachers, schools

The Walt Disney Co. is seeking the finest educators of today who use charisma and creativity in the classroom for the 2005 DisneyHand Teacher Awards.

Nominations will take place from Aug. 15 through Oct. 15, and may be submitted by students, former students, students' parents, principals, members of the community or co-workers, by calling the toll-free number (877) ATA-TEACH (877-282-8322) or by logging on to www.disneyhand.com.

As a classroom aide, Disney also will send a gift along with the nomination forms, "Disney Looking at Paintings — An Introduction to Fine Art for Young People" by Erika Langmuir and Ruth Thompson.

The gift can be used as a useful tool to help engage young people in creative ways of looking at the world around them.

"The creation of the DisneyHand Teacher Awards has allowed deserving teachers to receive recognition for the excel-

lence they have displayed in the classroom. Educators are honored for their creativity, inspiration and proactive participation in their students' lives," said Michael D. Eisner, chief executive officer, The Walt Disney Company.

"We seek to not only pay tribute to these men and women, but also to provide them with the resources to continue their fine performance," Eisner said.

DisneyHand Teacher Awards honor representatives of the teaching profession who construct creative learning environments in which students and teachers alike explore, imagine and engage in a variety of thought-provoking experiences.

These honorees will be selected from nominations submitted by students, parents, educators and community members representing all regions of the country.

The 2005 nominees will be recognized at a four-day extravaganza at the Disneyland Resort, where they will take part in special events including VIP parties, a parade down Main Street, and unique professional development workshops focused on innovative approaches to teaching and learning through leadership development.

The festivities will culminate in an awards gala where an Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Middle School

Teacher of the Year and Outstanding Elementary School Teacher of the Year will be chosen from among the nominees.

DisneyHand will award a total of \$25,000 to the four Outstanding Teachers of the Year. All other honorees will receive \$10,000 each, with their respective schools receiving \$5,000.

In addition to the awards ceremony and monetary contributions, the teachers and their principals will attend a workshop in October 2005 at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., where they will learn how to share their creative teaching practices and also develop an action plan focused on improving professional collaboration and teacher learning in their schools during the 2005-2006 school year.

The honorees will be chosen by a selection committee composed of representatives of the following organizations: American Association of School Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, The Council for American Private Education, Council for Exceptional Children, Council of Great City Schools, The Galef Institute, Harvard University's Project Zero, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, National Education Association, National Middle School Association, National PTA.

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State fair dancers

Emma Roy, Jessie Chapman and Mary Katherine Hudock, who work with Heinzman School of Irish Dance, performed at the Michigan State Fair. Roy is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School, where Chapman is a senior. Hudock is a seventh-grader at Pierce Middle School. All three girls competed this past July in Philadelphia in the North American Championships of Irish Dance.

Ewald Foundation awards scholarship to South graduate

The H.T. Ewald Foundation officially awarded a scholarship to Olga Filipava of Grosse Pointe Park, on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Country Club of Detroit.

She was chosen based on her overall scholarship record, leadership ability, community work, character and financial need.

She is one of eight recipients of this year's scholarships, which range from \$500 to \$2,700 and are renewable for up to four

years. Filipava graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. She came to the United States from Russia in her sophomore year of high school, and participated on the Varsity cross country and track and field teams. She was a member of the Foreign Exchange Club, and was a Scholastic Art Award recipient and Michigan Ski Cup Marathon winner.

She plans to major in computer graphics at Baker College.

Students enhance leadership skills at national camp

Meghan Carey, Mike Malis, Pat Whelan and Caroline Yankee, all students at Grosse Pointe South High School, were four of 202 students selected to attend the Multi-level National Student Leadership Camp at Camp Cheley in Estes Park, Colo., during the month of August. The camp is a six-day workshop for student leaders and advisors designed to increase their self-understanding and confidence; foster the development of a sound philosophy of leadership; and increase their skills in communication, problem solving, group process and organization. Students hailing from throughout the United States were in attendance at the camp.

Academic scholarship awarded

Blerta Jakupi, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, has received an academic achievement award from the College of Wooster in Cleveland, Ohio. Jakupi, who is entering Wooster this fall, is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

The award was presented on the basis of Jakupi's academic performance in high school as well as potential for future success.

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Wallet taken

Someone stole a 78-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman's wallet while she patronized a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval on Thursday, Sept. 2, between 3:10 and 3:20 p.m. The woman had placed her wallet on a counter.

Upon her return, it was gone.

About an hour later she reported finding it, minus \$50, discarded in the women's restroom.

Sex offender

A 27-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested last week for failing to register as a sexual offender.

A \$1,000 warrant had been issued in 72nd District Court in Port Huron.

City of Grosse Pointe police said the man had been living in the 900 block of Neff but moved in July to the 400 block of Touraine in the Farms.

City police encountered the man Sunday, Aug. 29, at 6:23 p.m. They were investigating an incident that turned out to be related to reports of disorderly conduct that Farms police were responding to at the Touraine address. The man had reportedly been yelling on the front lawn.

"(He) said he was arguing with his uncle over a cigarette," police said.

City police saw the subject and another man crossing the 18600 block of Mack.

They were "yelling at moving vehicles and standing in a lane of traffic. Both (men) stated they had been drinking," police said.

The second man, 48, of no listed address, was wanted in Detroit on a \$100 traffic warrant.

Farms police released him.

The sexual offender had three additional warrants for traffic and property crimes. All carried \$100 bonds.

Plate plucked

The license plate was taken off a 2000 Dodge Durango parked on Beverly in Grosse Pointe Farms between 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5.

Three underage drinkers caught

Grosse Pointe Farms police handcuffed an 18-year-old Royal Oak woman who wouldn't follow orders during her arrest for drunken driving on Sunday, Sept. 5, at 3:08 a.m.

Officers had responded to reports that the woman had driven her beige 2001 Dodge Neon through a red light at Mack and Moross, nearly hitting a vehicle driven by a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

Police found the Neon parked at a corner gasoline station.

The Royal Oak woman and her two 18-year-old female passengers from Southfield and Detroit were cited for alcohol consumption.

Teed off

On Saturday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 a.m., the night watchman at a club in the 200 block of Country Club Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms discovered that sometime after 11 p.m. the previous night someone broke into the halfway house and made off with an undetermined amount of liquor and cigarettes.

"I observed (the) front sliding window to have been forced open and the glass cracked," said a public safety officer.

Village idiot caught in City

A 24-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man was arrested for drunken driving in the Farms last weekend after being pulled over for driving his black 2004 Mercury Mountaineer erratically on eastbound Mack.

On Saturday, Sept. 4, at

3:46 a.m., the man reportedly laughed at a Farms patrolman during questioning near Mack and Moross.

"(I) asked (him) to step out of the vehicle," said the officer.

"Come on," the driver reportedly said. "You don't have to arrest me. I live in Grosse Pointe."

The man refused to take a breath test. Officers easily obtained a search warrant to have his blood measured for alcohol.

Police arrested a 22-year-old male passenger from Livonia. He was held for pickup by Livonia police on a \$300 warrant for probation violation.

Out of line

Four Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers and a detective rushed to a bank on Moross near Mack last week upon reports of a man threatening to kill another motorist for taking cuts at the drive-up window.

The 61-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man reportedly threatened to "blow the head off" a 19-year-old Detroit woman driver.

He told officers taking cuts "is what causes road rage and is how people get shot," police said.

He faces assault charges.

Two crooks caught at once

A 42-year-old Detroit man, wanted for breaking parole on charges of writing bad checks and concealing stolen property, has been arrested for driving drunk in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Thursday, Sept. 3, at 2:07 a.m., a patrolman on Lakeshore saw the man drift his white 2001 Cadillac Escalade from lane to lane while speeding up and slowing down near Kerby.

The man registered a .159 percent blood alcohol level.

"In plain view on the floor of the back seat were two plastic cups of juice mixed with alcohol," police said.

Officers said a 26-year-old female passenger from Detroit had several driving suspensions and one felony warrant from the Down River Auto Theft Recovery Team. She also had a misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear in Royal Oak court.

Woman's SS# used in theft

On Thursday, Sept. 2, a 35-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman learned someone had used her Social Security number to open a fraudulent telephone account and ring up \$462 in unpaid bills.

Police said the account had been opened at least four years ago by someone using a Detroit address.

Deja vu

A 34-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, convicted about four years ago of drunken driving in Dearborn, was arrested last week on an identical charge in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 2 a.m., police caught the man driving a white 2001 Honda on westbound Kercheval near Moross.

"The vehicle attracted

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(my) attention due to the loud exhaust from the missing muffler," police said.

The man tested positive for a blood alcohol level of .141 percent.

Police found an open can of beer under the driver seat.

Pricey lunch

A \$500 Echo backpack leaf blower was stolen from the cargo bed of a Grosse Pointe Farms man's pickup truck while parked on Mack near Moross from 12:30 to 12:50 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The victim was patronizing a restaurant.

Man with pot has likely story

What is an unemployed 47-year-old Detroit man doing in the middle of the night driving a 2004 Ford F-150 on southbound Mack without headlights, but with five bags of marijuana in the vehicle and more than \$1,200 cash in his pocket? Exactly.

That's why Grosse Pointe Farms police are holding the cash and pickup for possible forfeiture under drug trafficking laws.

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 1:37 a.m., police arrested the man during a traffic stop on westbound Mack near Opal.

He said the drugs were for medical use.

"He claimed he smokes marijuana to control pain and that (his doctor) will no longer prescribe pain killers," police said. "He claimed he has injuries from a shotgun wound to the face and compression fractures in his spine."

Police found an open beer and bottle of liquor in the pickup's center console.

Man is too drunk to drive

On Monday, Aug. 30, at 2:50 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police called off field sobriety tests on a 39-year-old Waterford man pulled over for drunken driving on eastbound Mack near Allard.

"(He) was not able to keep his balance for more than four to six seconds at a time," police said.

An officer had been tailing the man's white 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix as the vehicle drifted from lane-to-lane and hit the right curb near Colonial Court.

The man admitted drinking vodka and registered a .22 percent blood alcohol level.

Reckless man

On Sunday, Sept. 4, at 10:50 p.m., a cellular telephone caller told Grosse Pointe Shores police of a reckless driver in a red 1994 Ford Probe heading southbound on Lakeshore.

Officers stopped the car at Lochmoor and investigated the 40-year-old male driver from St. Clair Shores.

"(He) had a flushed face and watery, bloodshot eyes," police said.

His blood alcohol level measured .25 percent.

He was sent to jail until

11 a.m. the next day when released on \$100 bond.

Sparking transformer

A DTE transformer kept acting up last week near the corner of Ballantyne and Webber in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Problems began Wednesday, Sept. 1, shortly before 10 p.m. A resident reported the transformer sparking.

Police notified a DTE representative who promised a crew would be "right out."

Two nights later at about the same time, the transformer lit up again.

"It appears electrical lines at the transformer have a short and are sparking, causing embers to drop into bushes below the pole," police said.

Repair crews arrived by midnight.

Theft mars soccer game

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 1, a Grosse Pointe Shores man parked at Ford Field near Grosse Pointe Shores village hall to watch his son play soccer. He forgot to lock his van.

"He might have left the sliding door slightly ajar," police said.

Upon returning from the game at 5:40 p.m., the man noticed a bag missing from the vehicle that contained a Dell lap top computer, two computer batteries, wallet and similar items.

Losses totaled more than \$3,800.

Huffy found

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 8:40 a.m., Grosse Pointe Shores recovered an unlicensed 19-inch Huffy mountain bike found on the front lawn of a house in the 800 block of Lakeshore.

— Brad Lindberg

Stolen bikes

A woman's blue and silver Expedition bike was stolen from a back yard in the 900 block of Hampton in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 30, and 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

A 20-inch black and yellow Royce Union bike was taken from in front of a store at the corner of Kercheval and Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park at 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Lawn job

An unknown person caused damage by driving across the lawn of a front yard in the 1000 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 9 and 11:10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Flyer's ed

A resident of the 700 block of Blairmoor called the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety at 11:17 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, in fear a low-flying plane might possibly crash

in the area.

Public safety officers did not see the plane, but a call to Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Chesterfield Township indicated the pilot of a C-5 jet was conducting a training mission in the area at that time.

Tires slashed

Two cars parked in the street in the 15000 block of St. Paul in Grosse Pointe Park had their rear tires cut with a knife sometime during the night of Friday, Sept. 3.

Flower pot vandalism

Two flower pots were tossed about and trashed in front of a house in the 1200 block of Paget Court in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime before 9:10 a.m. on

Monday, Sept. 6.

The pots were last seen undisturbed at 11:30 p.m. the night before.

Hot coffee

A resident in the 1800 block of Aline called the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety the morning of Monday, Sept. 6, with concerns that his neighbor, who was roasting coffee beans, was possibly causing a fire hazard in his back yard.

Public safety officers inspected the roasting process, which involved roasting the beans in a kitchen oven and setting the beans outside to dry, and concluded it did not constitute a fire hazard.

No fire hazards were found and no violations were issued. No report was given on the outcome of the coffee.

— Bonnie Caprara

Convicted rapist caught in Farms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The youngest of four men convicted in the 1988 rape of a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman has returned to the area.

He was arrested in the Farms last week for drunken driving.

Larry Scott Golden, 33, served eight years of a 10-year sentence for raping a woman and beating her 22-year-old boyfriend behind the Grosse Pointe War Memorial late on a June night.

Golden was 16 at the time but prosecuted as an adult. He was accompanied by three more Detroit teens, including a pair of brothers.

The four assailants had been drinking and entered War Memorial property from behind an adjacent church, according to police reports at the time.

The quartet spotted the couple, returned to their car for an aluminum baseball bat, pipe with a taped grip and wooden cane.

They preceded the rape by beating the woman's boyfriend (from the Woods) on the head with the bat and pushing him over the break-wall into Lake St. Clair to fend for himself. He survived.

Police said Golden was the only attacker who raped the woman. The other three held her down.

Golden also was convicted on a second sexual assault charge and assault with a dangerous weapon.

During a background check in connection with

Golden's drunken driving arrest in the Farms on Thursday, Sept. 2, at about 2 a.m., police learned he had an injunction from Warren for unspecified criminal sexual conduct.

The check showed that Golden, who told Farms police he lives in Warren, may actually be renting an apartment in the 23300 block of Kelly in Eastpointe.

Last week's drunken driving charge stemmed from a citizen's report of two men fighting in a gray 1993 Chevrolet Caprice in the area of Charlevoix and Belanger.

Golden urinated on himself when exiting his car during field sobriety tests, police said. He admitted consuming "four or five" Vicodin pain tablets, for which he didn't have a prescription, and drinking "five or six" beers, according to police reports.

A Breathalyzer test registered his blood alcohol level at .183 percent, police said. Officers said he was uncooperative during booking.

Police said a 39-year-old male passenger from Harper Woods claimed he and Golden had come from a bar on Gratiot near Masonic in Detroit and were heading to his (the passenger's) house.

Officers noted Golden's Caprice, which had a broken ignition and no key, wasn't headed toward Harper Woods.

Golden has been released and is due in Farms Municipal Court on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 8 a.m.



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Child safety seat selection, installation and securing

The following child safety-seat question and answer guide is offered by AAA Michigan:

Q. How do you select the best safety seat for your child?

A. When buying a child safety seat, remember to select one that you will use correctly every time you transport your child. Choose a seat that best fits your child, vehicle and budget.

All child safety seats must meet federal safety standards. The seat should be age, weight and height appropriate. Be sure to check manufacturer's recommendations.

Try installing the child safety seat in the back seat of your vehicle to be certain that it fits and can be tightly secured. Most stores will allow you to try different models in your vehicle before purchase.

Q. What kind of child safety seats are there?

A. Infant-only seats. These child safety seats safely accommodate infants

from birth up to 1 year and at least 20 pounds. Infant safety seats should be installed to face the rear of the vehicle only and are secured by the vehicle safety belt or latch system if provided by the seat manufacturer. Infants under 1 year of age and under 20 pounds must ride in a rear-facing position. Rear-facing infant safety seats should have harness straps routed even with or below the infant's shoulders. Never install a rear-facing child safety seat in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with activated air bags.

Convertible seats. These seats are designed for use with infants and toddlers. They can be used in a rear-facing position for infants under 1 year of age and up to 20 pounds or in the forward-facing position for infants under 1 year of age and up to 20 pounds or in the forward-facing position for toddlers up to 40 pounds. For infants exceeding 20 pounds, some convertible

child safety seats are designed to accommodate infants up to 35 pounds in a rear-facing position. Convertible child safety seats are available in three basic styles: 5-point harness, T-shield and tray shield. Typically, those equipped with a 5-point harness system fit small infants best. Most convertible and forward-facing child safety seats require using the upper harness slots when the child is facing forward. Though a convertible child safety seat is designed to accommodate an infant, it is best to begin with an infant-only seat for the best possible fit.

High-back and no-back belt positioning booster seats. Adult safety belts are inappropriate for most children under 80 pounds and 4 feet 9 inches. Booster seats are used as a transition from a toddler/convertible safety seat to the adult safety belt. They position the child to properly align him/her with the safety belt and give

them extra abdominal protection by providing artificial hips. Booster seats can only be used with a lap/shoulder belt combination.

Integrated child safety seats. These seats are intended for toddlers. They are built into the seat by the vehicle manufacturer. Other versions are designed for the forward-facing child over 20 pounds and 1 year of age.

Q. How do you install a child safety seat properly?

A. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), approximately eight out of every 10 child safety seats are not used correctly. Read the child safety seat manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle owner's manual before you install the seat in your vehicle.

The vehicle owner's manual will indicate if you need "extras" such as a locking clip that secures the vehicle safety belt around the child safety seat.

Q. How do you properly secure your child in the seat?

A. After securing your child safety seat to the vehicle, it is equally important to properly secure your child in the seat. All harness straps must be correctly threaded and anchored to the child safety seat. The harness retainer clip must also be adjusted so that it is at armpit level to your child's body. There should be no more than a one-finger gap between the straps and the child.

Q. How do you properly secure your child using a lap and shoulder belt?

A. To ensure proper fit, a

lap belt should be fitted low and snugly across the child's hips — not across the stomach. If the rear seat is equipped with a shoulder belt, the belt should not lay across the child's face or the front of their neck. If it does, use a high back belt positioning booster seat. It will direct the shoulder belt in front of the child, so that it rests comfortably on the child's collarbone. Never place the shoulder belt under a child's arm or behind their back.

For more information on a particular child safety seat, call the NHTSA's Auto Safety Hotline at (888) DASH-2-DOT or visit the Web site nhtsa.dot.gov.

All children aged 12 and under should sit in the back seat.

Be alert when schools open

Between 3 and 6 p.m. — pick-up time at most schools and day-care centers — is the most dangerous time of day for children under 13 years of age, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). That's when the most children are killed by motor vehicles.

Drop-off time — between 6 and 9 a.m. — accounts for 11 percent of child motor vehicle deaths.

Taken together, the time periods when children are either coming from or going to school or day-care account for more than one-third of all child vehicle deaths.

As the school year begins, AAA's annual "School's Open" campaign reminds motorists to use caution in school zones and residential areas, where pedestrians, bicyclists and other motor vehicles, including school

buses, operate during drop-off and pick-up times.

"Motor vehicles remain the No. 1 cause of death for children ages 2-14," says Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan community safety services manager. "Loading and unloading children from school buses and passenger cars requires careful attention and deliberate action."

In its "School's Open" campaign, AAA emphasizes that driving carefully begins with focusing on basic traffic safety practices, such as the proper use of seat belts, child safety seats and booster seats.

"It's vitally important that all children age 12 and under be properly restrained in the back seat," said Miller. "Caregivers often don't realize they need to alter the type of child safety seat as children grow, which means that booster

seats are underutilized or used incorrectly. Typically, children between the ages of 4 and 8 are candidates for booster seats."

Miller urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.
- Look for clues such as school safety patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds, that indicate children may be in the area.
- Scan ahead between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students when red lights are flashing (unless you are driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway).

Lakes

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But the backdrop for these meetings is a favorable study the Corps finished in 2002 that supported as one option, at a potential public cost of \$10 billion to \$20 billion, allowing 1,000-foot ships with 35-foot drafts to operate through the lakes.

Although this proposal is technically on hold while this summer's meetings and a supplemental study go forward, the history of the Corps and other shipping proponents strongly suggests that the "Big Dig," as it's nicknamed, will be back on their drawing board.

Why is that bad? Well, for one thing, the shipping industry has successfully blocked legally binding controls on the dumping in the Great Lakes of ballast water that contains invasive species like the zebra mussel, round goby, and spiny waterflea.

About every seven months, a new alien species enters the lakes.

The Big Dig would mean even more oceangoing vessels in the lakes — and more invaders.

Worse, the proposal would destroy sensitive fish and wildlife habitat through the carving of islands, dredging of contaminated sediments, and deepening of channels.

It would also increase the speed of water flow out of the Great Lakes and permanently lower lakes levels.

In other words, the shipping industry and its friends in the Corps and Congress want to have their cake and eat it too. They want to escape binding ballast water controls and reap more profit at public expense through the manipulation of the lakes.

That's why many environmental groups are now advocating, rather than

expanding the Great Lakes navigation system, closing it down to oceangoing vessels by requiring the shifting of cargo from saltwater to freshwater vessels at a central point like Montreal.

That would be consistent with the ecosystem approach — and deserves the support of Michigan citizens, top legislators, and our governor.

But a newspaper in Duluth, which covets the

extra shipping profits, calls the idea "extreme."

What seems more extreme to you — blasting islands and dredging channels at a cost of \$10 billion, while inviting more alien species to upset the Great Lakes, or shutting the door on them and protecting these waters we call home?

Dave Dempsey is the Michigan Environmental Council policy adviser.

PET POINTER OF INTEREST

Zoey Ruffini

Owner: Marianne Ruffini of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Roots: One year ago Zoey was rescued when a basket of kittens was found down at the marina on a boat. Zoey was so precious and tiny, and his eyes were still shut. But look what he has grown into.

Personality: Zoey always snuggles up during the night so Marianne always wakes to his purring. Then Zoey follows her to the kitchen and sits in "his spot" waiting for Marianne to get a cup of coffee before filling Zoey's bowl. Zoey watches his owner dress, and then he sits on her shoes. Zoey does this because shoes are the last thing Marianne puts on before leaving for work. Marianne pushes Zoey off not to be late, but Zoey just rolls over and tries to play so Marianne has a hard time getting to work on time. Marianne says she is then ready to face the daily grind with a smile.



Zoey Ruffini

If you would like to submit your "Pet Pointer of Interest," deliver or mail a typed outline and photograph to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to postmaster@grossepointenews.com (photos must be high resolution).

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Corinne Joan Dunn

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Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Corinne Joan Dunn, 76, of Denver, Colo., died June 20, 2004, at her home.

Born Feb. 27, 1927, Mrs. Dunn grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from the Sacred Heart Academy. She was a Grosse Pointe debutante.

Mrs. Dunn was a graduate of Marymount College in New York, and later became an accomplished artist. She was married to Simon Emmett Dunn for 55 years, raised six children in Grosse Pointe Farms and was a

member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Mrs. Dunn enjoyed painting, swimming and being involved with her family in her later years, and will surely be missed.

She is survived by her husband, Simon Emmett Dunn; her sons, Brian Dunn, Kevin Dunn and Blair Dunn; her daughters, Deidre Van Assche, Bridgid Kreutzjans and Molly Crawford; and her grandchildren, Erik, Ian, Durell, and Hillary Van Assche, Andreu Kreutzjans, Colin and Kyle Crawford.

She was predeceased by her mother, Edna Clements; her father, Charles Clements; her brothers Charles and Edward Clements; and her sisters Mary Jane Parshall and Edna Clements.

Mass and rosary services were celebrated at Holy Ghost Church in Denver on June 25.

Aline Massaroni

Aline Massaroni, 84, of Traverse City, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at Orchard Creek Assisted Living.

Formerly of the Detroit area, Mrs. Massaroni was a

summer resident of the Traverse City area for the past 54 years.

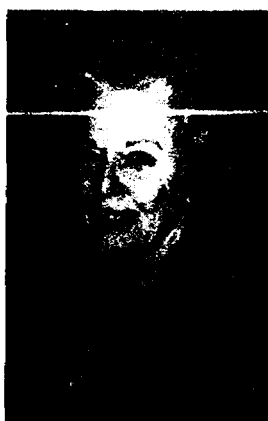
She was a 1937 graduate of Madison High School in Royal Oak, and for 23 years, served as administrative assistant for Dave Gamble of the Proctor & Gamble Company.

Mrs. Massaroni was a member of the Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church and attended St. Paul Lutheran Church in Good Harbor. Earlier in her life, she was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross, and in recent years, Mrs. Massaroni was active with the Little Traverse Lake Association.

She was an avid bridge player and reader, enjoyed needlepoint, traveling, and crossword puzzles, and loved her two cats, Boss and Tigré.

Born Aug. 10, 1920, in Fullerton, KY, she was the daughter of Emmett and Dovie (Blair) Bartley. In 1952, in Detroit, she married Vincent James Massaroni, who preceded her in death in July of 1986.

She is survived by her daughter, Lorraine (Richard) Bennett of Fortuna, Calif.;



Aline Massaroni

her son, James Joseph (best friend, Karen Rosa) Massaroni of Traverse City; her daughter-in-law, Deanna (Greg) North of Suttons Bay; four grandchildren, Kathleen (Karl) Crummett of Fort Polk, LA., Jason and Katelyn Massaroni of Suttons Bay and Joseph Janik of Traverse City.

She was predeceased by her first husband, William Webster in 1944; and a brother, James Bartley in 1932.

Friends may call at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral

Home in Traverse City on Thursday evening, Sept. 9, 2004, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., where services will be held at 7:30. The Rev. Ducky Chamberlain will officiate.

Burial will be on Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cherryland Humane Society.

Kathryn M. Sullivan

Kathryn M. Sullivan, 86, died on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at her home in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Born in Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 22, 1917, to Russell and Anna O'Malley, Mrs. Sullivan graduated from St. Catherine High School and St. Mary Commercial School, both of which were in Detroit.

She enjoyed reading, sewing, painting and gardening.

Mrs. Sullivan is survived by her husband of 55 years, John; her daughter, Kathryn M. Simonelli; her sons, John J. II (Jill), Thomas R. (Judith) and Michael J. (Diane); 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her brother, Russell T. O'Malley.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 2, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Interment is in St. Paul Catholic Church Columbarium in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Arrangements were made by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Memorial contributions may be made to Bon Secours Hospice, One Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202.

Letters

From page 8A

say that our science facilities are outdated is putting it mildly. Again, seeing is believing, and a tour of our facilities can be arranged for those interested in visiting.

Finally, with regards to a long-standing rumor please know this: Harper Woods students are checked and double checked for proof of residency. Our administrators screen all potential enrollees in a fair and consistent procedure applied to each and every applicant to ensure that students who attend our classes are indeed residents of Harper Woods.

I have taught in this district for 18 years and I will be in my science classroom Wednesday, Sept. 29, enjoying my work with students no matter the outcome of this election. But between now and then, some colleagues and I will be available at the secondary school every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. to meet with concerned community members who have further questions or who wish to tour the building.

June Teisan
Harper Woods School
District Teacher

One common language

To the Editor:

I read with concern and disappointment the letter "National language," printed in the Sept. 2 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, that an individual was concerned about the Hispanic vote "deciding" the upcoming election and his desire to establish language rules.

These seem to be fear-filled words that run contrary to the altruism, curiosity and parental love the letter writer applauds.

The communities and citizenry deciding who takes office are those that register and participate in the voting process. My hope is that I am well-informed enough to make a wise choice, and that an equally informed public heads to the polls — whether our heritage is Irish, Hispanic, Indian, or a combination thereof, it

makes no difference.

I happily dine at a local burger joint, downtown Thai eatery, or a Mexican restaurant because the fare and service are of equal quality, and all of the owners and employees contribute to the community.

While it is easier to work within the United States and with each other when we deal in one common language, the language spoken is not the issue and I certainly hope it doesn't become one for our community.

Ryan Bowers
Grosse Pointe Woods

Accountability

To the Editor:

The article, "Gaffney, Klein respond to proposed state cuts," printed in the Sept. 2 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, cannot pass without comment.

In the article, you quote several acrimonious comments from state Rep. Gaffney directed to our governor regarding this year's budget cuts. Noticeably absent from Mr. Gaffney is any suggestion on how to restore these budget cuts.

The simple truth is that our state government, by our constitution, is not permitted to operate at a deficit. When revenues do not meet expenditures, our state government must cut expenditures or increase revenues.

Mr. Gaffney fails to disclose that he is directly responsible for the revenue shortfall, not our governor. Mr. Gaffney could have acted to freeze or eliminate the five hundredths of 1 percent (which is the same as five 10-thousandths) income tax cut.

This tax cut saved a whopping 50 cents of taxes for every \$1,000 of income. There is no such thing as a free lunch. It is a shame that Mr. Gaffney is unable to provide any solution to a real problem, and then seeks to cover his failings by blaming others.

Mr. Gaffney has failed our community and cheated our children; and lacks the character to accept accountability for his conduct.

Steven A. Roach
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI

From page 9A

you send me a fitted sheet for a single bed, and some paperback Shakespeare plays. I prefer his strong/tragic male leads, but whatever you send would be great, and Gatorade powder also. Other than that things are good."

May 15 letter: (on Block M stationery) "...The U-M stationery, for whatever reason, really does make letter writing more enjoyable... We are going to do a demo shoot next week to break up some bedrock. It's always fun to blow things up; so I am looking forward to it... I am almost finished with 'Hamlet.' I decided I will read one act a day rather than overwhelm my brain. Reading Shakespeare and enjoying him takes practice similar to running or lifting weights. I think I will try to finish all of his tragedies by deployment's end. I have read about half of the 23. I love being a Marine and leading my Marines; however, one can only take so many video

games ... and jokes before he needs some brain food."

May 15 letter: "I went to another memorial service today for seven Seabees who ... died on a convoy to Ramadi... Every day my Marines are here and they remain unscathed is a good day."

May 21 letter: "I finished 'Hamlet' the other day. An enjoyable read. I'm going to tackle 'Antony & Cleopatra' next. I'm not sure how much I'll enjoy it, but in order to read all the tragedies, I'll have to suffer through it. I haven't been able to call Laura or you guys for a few weeks. (Laura Vern, his fiancée, a U-M grad who works in Chicago for Kraft Foods in marketing.) I miss hearing your voices."

Letter May 30: "The temperature is starting to climb a bit. I'm quite sure I will be a sweaty guy in need of about five baths when I get home. By the way, if you sent some air fresheners or Febreze, that would lift my spirits. Well, not really that, but my

room wouldn't smell..."

Letter June 22: "Being gone and in such a run-down/backward land makes me appreciate our nation, warts and all... I feel bad for these people because they don't want us here, and we would rather not fight this 100 percent necessary war, but as long as the terrorists persist or until Iraq has no oil, we will be here. And as an American I personally would rather be arguing this point with (friends) on our deck at Castle Park" than in Al Asad, Iraq, but I am willing to do my part to protect America's interests."

July 5 e-mail: "What did you do for the Fourth of July? ... It would have been fun to be home and enjoy some BBQ or something other than chow hall food... I have definitely decided against buying vacation property over here; the weather and the plane ride are prohibitive, if nothing else... I am in the wonderful process of writing awards for some of my Marines... It is a laborious process to get an award approved and the higher the award the more laborious it is... Once I finish with an award, it has to go through at least five different sets of hands before it gets signed. So I will get back to work."

July 6 e-mail: "The current temperature here is 106 degrees, and it is 8:30 at night." ...As George Petrouleas (former South basketball coach) says: 'Boys, you've just got to love it.' Hot, and it never changes, but we still get six weather reports a day. It doesn't feel like 90-plus degrees. It feels like a million tiny hair dryers all turned on high. (Dad doesn't know what this feels like, but I'm sure he'll get the point.)"

July 8 e-mail: "The

weather heated up today, and the power went out on our container housing, which means if it doesn't go back on, it'll be hot tonight while I sleep. Boo hoo is right. Tell me to suck it up and stop being such a Sally. At any rate, my guys just passed the two-mile mark on chain link and are still working hard." (At the time, they were building eight miles of chain link fence.)

Aug. 28 e-mail: "...Not too much else going on. Just trying to get packed up and keep the Marines out of trouble until we leave. I am sure the first night we are all back I will probably get a phone call or two for one or more them who get thrown in the brig."

Note that Aug. 28 date and that quote "Not too much else going on." We learned from other Marines that the squadron was attacked with mortars or rocket propelled grenades about once a month. One corporal told reporters, "You have your rough days ... one month was just, wooh..." The last attack with three mortars fired from a high-way across a small river was on the morning of Aug. 28 as the men and women were preparing to leave.

On Saturday, as the 300 Marines strode toward their loved ones a chant of "U.S.A., U.S.A., U.S.A." greeted them. And a red, heart-shaped, Mylar balloon floated away in the Carolina blue sky high above hangar 533 where a half dozen jet trainers were stored. The balloon said: "I Love You."

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Ducks Unlimited Banquet
Wednesday Sept. 15

Ducks Unlimited will hold its 26th annual banquet on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Barrister Gardens in St. Clair Shores.

The event will feature raffles, dinner and silent and live auctions featuring sports equipment, hunting trips, framed original art, premium firearms and a pedigree puppy.

Proceeds will go to the national organization for support and reclamation of wetlands and conservation projects. DU has conserved more than 10 million acres in North America, more than 35,000 acres in 750 projects in Michigan and had benefited more than 600 wildlife species.

Tickets are \$75, which include a gourmet dinner, open premium bar and membership in Ducks Unlimited. For tickets, call Terry Layman at (313) 506-2100.

Committee members, standing from left, are Don Brander, Mike Pellegrini, Bret Marshall, zone chairman; Jeff Litman; Terry Layman, district chairman; and Dave Hohlbein, executive coordinator. In the front, from left, are Doug Corbett, Dave Lickfield, chairman; and Art Wilkins.

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Memorial to Labor Day, Dow Jones up 72 points

What a lousy summer — only 7/10ths of 1 percent! The bad news is that September is the worst month of the year for stocks.

Now the good news! In seven of the last 10 presidential years, stocks rose in September, but lost ground in 1972, 1984 and 2000.

Inflation, again

Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, continues to reassure Congress, the investment community and almost anyone who will listen, that inflation is under control.

Statistically, the cost of living has been increasing around 2 1/2 to 3 percent annually — above this time last year — but within the range of rates during the last decade.

The formula for calculating inflation is technically very complicated and much too lengthy to describe here. The expense category,

"shelter," is derived from a rental base, rather than from costs of purchasing and maintaining a home, including paying off the mortgage thereon.

Don't ask Mr. Greenspan about mundane costs, such as milk, eggs, groceries or laundry soap, or even the cost of owning and operating an automobile. He wouldn't know the slightest!

But in real life, the government needs the inflation of your taxes to balance its budget for next year (or maybe 2007). Just as retirees need the COLA increases in Social Security each January to make their ends meet.

Inflation is "good" when we can all pay off debts with cheaper dollars.

At LTS' house, we have a sign, "We feed all birds within three miles." Mrs. LTS buys about 40 pounds of bird seed per week to feed our sparrows and squirrels.

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

For months, she has found a special buy of 20-pound bags of bird seed, three for \$10. What a shock a couple weeks ago when the regular price was marked up to \$4.39 each, a 32 percent increase!

After driving around about five miles to other stores, we found another store offering, "Bird Seed, 20 pounds, for \$3.99 each," an increase of only 20 percent!

What happened to the bird seed market, all of a sudden?

Bear market?

LTS was surprised to read The Detroit News (Aug. 29), the business headline of



which read, "Bear market may stay put," by Meg Richards of the Associated Press.

Richards wrote that the see-saw market this year had led some Wall Street pros to think the current pattern is part of a larger, bearish trend.

Such market actions are typical of a "secular bear market," which may take years, even decades, to work itself out.

From 1982 to 2000, 18 years of robust market gains ended in a dramatic bust of the tech bubble.

But bear analysts are quick to point out that the 2000 crash never experi-

enced the "typical collapse" of prior crises.

Instead of a bottom in which selling dries up and further buying ceases, 2000 experienced a new phenomenon in which individuals and institutions began "buying the dips." In 2003, aggressive buying surpassed the selling, with the markets recovering 40 percent or more.

But, don't be fooled by percentages! If a stock drops 50 percent in market value, it has to recover 100 percent to break even! Up 50 percent only gets you halfway back home!

The bears called the 2003 generous recovery a "seasonal bull market," with some calling it a "bear market trap."

The bears say the last bona fide "secular bear market" was 1966-1982, 16 years of up and down, then up and down, with four recessions, then a five-year run moving the markets higher.

Currently, some portfolio strategists are ratcheting down their future expectations, from their prior market returns of 10 to 12 percent, down to 8 to 10 percent, in which dividend income is expected to contribute a bigger share of the market return.

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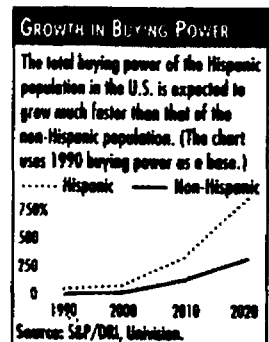
The accompanying table with this item, courtesy of "Louis Rukeyser" Wall Street," tells it all.

The total buying power of the Hispanic population of the United States is expected to grow much faster than that of the non-Hispanic population.

So wrote Christopher Kerus, associate editor of "Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street" (September), in recommending purchase of Univision Communications (UNV on NYSE, about 33.08 last Thursday).

Univision operates two TV broadcast networks

Stock Market at a Glance	
Friday Close, 9/3/04	
Dow Jones Ind.	10,260
Nasdaq Comp.	1,844
S&P 500 Index	1,114
Euro	1.2062
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	43.99
Gold (Oz.)	401.00
3-Mo. T-Bills	1.64%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	5.05%



(Univision and JeleFutura), a cable network (Calavision), 35 full-power TV stations, 66 radio stations, the No. 1 U.S. Latin music recording company and the most popular Spanish language Internet portal in the United States.

No wonder the stock is already selling at a P/E ratio of 44 times estimated 2004 EPS of 75 cents/share.

Analysts estimate that UNV's two TV networks reach between 92 and 98 percent of U.S. Hispanic households, while its cable network is available to about 90 percent of all Hispanic cable subscribers.

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.

Maurer: I feel the need for speed!

One of my three readers sent me an e-mail last week asking about a new Intel PC processor chip that is supposed to put all other chips to shame.

Here is what I found. "Intel Corp. said it is informing customers that it will miss its year-end target for delivering a high-speed chip for desktop computers, another in a string of delays reported by the world's largest chip maker. The Santa Clara, Calif.-based company now expects to ship a Pentium 4 chip running at four gigahertz, or four billion cycles per second, in the first quarter, 2005."

For those keeping score, the fastest home computer chip I've seen runs about 2.8 gigahertz.

But, and there is always but, different chips process different things, different ways at different speeds, making comparison of certain things like cycles and gigahertz speed inaccurate over the broad range.

This means Intel chips, Celeron chips and AMD chips can't be precisely compared to each other (for the most part) on any operating level, only on end results.

Another way of saying it is, the fastest computer is the one that does the calculation or operation and



gives you the answer the fastest. This is something very difficult to demonstrate inside Best Buy or Staples.

Another caveat I think I've said before is that a computer only operates as fast as its slowest component. But now, just recently in fact, I've found that a computer can operate as fast as its fastest component. Think parallel computing with multiple PCs and leave it at that.

Having said all that, and thoroughly confused you, a gigahertz rating can give you a general idea of the speed of a home computer. I would go deeper, but my mail order degree from MIT hasn't arrived yet.

Here is a follow-up to the chip speed story I find fascinating.

Intel says it has created a fully functional 70 megabyte memory chip with transistor switches measuring just 35 nanometers, about 30 percent smaller than those

found on today's state-of-the-art chips.

In case you haven't used your nanometer measuring stick lately, a single strand of hair is 40 nanometers. These individual switches are smaller.

Intel founder Gordon Moore predicted in the late 1960s that the number of transistors on a chip would roughly double every two years. "Moore's Law," as the prediction is now known, has held true since then.

If you just can't get enough of those political advertisements, I found something interesting out of the University of Michigan, not from either political party.

Michigan's economic prosperity has long depended on a strong manufacturing sector, but that is no longer the case, says Donald Grimes, a University of Michigan researcher. An economist at the Michigan Business School's Institute of Labor

and Industrial Relations, says fears of a death blow to the middle class from the decline of middle-class jobs "appear to be exaggerated, if not unwarranted."

Instead, Grimes says, a concentration of high-paying, knowledge-based industries, rather than manufacturing, is now the most reliable pathway to prosperity for Michigan and other states.

The data shows that Michigan has done much better than the nation in manufacturing since 1990 (losing jobs at a slower rate), but total employment in the state grew much more slowly than the rest of the country because Michigan has lagged far behind in creating both high- and low-paying service sector jobs.

Grimes and Glazer lump IT (information technology), financial services, professional and technical services together as "knowledge-based" jobs.

As my dad used to say, "Don't work harder or faster ... work smarter."

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.

Park market a hit with shoppers, shop owners

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Over the Labor Day weekend, Grosse Pointe Park resident Johanna Follette made her usual rounds through the West Park Farmers Market picking up new and unusual items.

"Mulier's Market had Mackinac Island fudge sauce, a new salsa and a new guacamole," Follette said. "I picked out some heirloom black cherry tomatoes from an organic farmer, and we got a new freezer jam from the jam lady — cinnamon apple."

Follette's friend and coworker, Nancy Budai of the City of Grosse Pointe, who went to the market for the first time, remarked: "It was fun to buy fresh produce outside and close to home."

In addition to the selection, Follette said the thing that draws her most and compelled her to take her friend to the market was: "I love the sense of community."

It's because of residents like Follette and the people they take that has made Grosse Pointe Park's farmers market's first season a successful season.

The Park started the market, which is held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in May. It was designed to bring expanded produce and other shopping alternatives to residents in the area, and to draw people to the four-block business dis-

'Everybody says business is up as high as 30 percent, and I've heard some numbers as high as 40 percent. We've also seen the residual week day sales go up, too.'

Scott Kilpatrick
President

Grosse Pointe Park Business Owners Association

trict on Kercheval between Wayburn and Beaconsfield.

"Everybody I've talked to has had a positive experience with the market," said Scott Kilpatrick, owner of the Movie Store and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Owners Association. "Everybody says business is up as high as 30 percent, and I've heard some numbers as high as 40 percent. We've also seen the residual week day sales go up, too. I know I've experienced the same thing at my store."

Kilpatrick said the market and increased business has attracted new businesses to the area.

"There's not a lot of vacancy down here, but a dance studio and a make-your-own wine shop are coming in," Kilpatrick said. "Plus, a pastry shop has expressed some interest in opening in this

area." The business owner's association tied into the city-

sponsored market in August with a Summer Fest on Aug. 14, which included additional activities and vendors and expanded hours. The group is planning its Fall Fest on Oct. 16, the last day of the market.

The city plans to continue the market next year, which should benefit by the addition of a new 53-space municipal lot to be constructed adjacent to the market next spring.

"When you have a winner, why would you give it up?" Mayor Palmer Heenan said. "People seem to enjoy it, and it's turned this area into a nice, friendly community."

Business people



Kasiborski

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Chester E. "Terry" Kasiborski Jr.** has rejoined the law firm of Butzel Long as a senior attorney.

Kasiborski concentrates his practice in the areas of business litigation, labor and employment litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

Kasiborski previously practiced at the firm in the mid 1970s and left in 1980 to start his own firm.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Carol J. Johnson** was one of 27 individuals who were recently given awards by the Automotive Industry Action Group for their outstanding contributions to the automotive industry at the group's recent Outstanding Achievement Awards dinner.

Johnson is an employee of Daimler Chrysler Corp.

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Good news comes out of U-M about the future of Medicare

At a time when all we're getting is bad news about Medicare, I thought you'd like to hear about a more optimistic study on the program's future.

The information comes from the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (ISR). Funded by the National Institute for Aging, ISR started in 1992 to survey more than 22,000

Americans over the age of 50 every two years on such topics as physical and mental health, insurance coverage, financial status, family support systems, labor market status and retirement planning.

U-M economist Robert Willis, who directs the Health and Retirement Study, has presented findings that show an across-the-board increase in the proportion who see their working lives lasting well into their 60s.

Willis compared the work and retirement expectations of nationally representative samples of 51- to 56-year-old men and women with various educational levels, who were surveyed in 1992, 1998 and 2004.

The largest jump in those expecting to work well into their 60s occurred among men with some college. In the 1992 survey, 32.4 percent in this category expected to be working full-time after age 65, compared to 46.3 percent in the 2004 survey.

Categories of those surveyed were separated by sex and included grouping of less than high school education, high school graduate, some college, and college graduate. All categories experienced increases in those who planned to work after 65.

"Past research shows that subjective expectations tend to be fairly accurate and that there is a strong relationship between measures of expected retirement and actual retirement," Willis

Senior Scene

By
Ruth
Cain



says.

This is great and unexpected good news for the future financial well-being of both Medicare and the Social Security programs.

It also tells us that there is plenty of time for a dedicated, bipartisan special group to assemble that could call on top medical and financial experts for advice — as well as Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public — and then make recommendations on what needs to be changed in the programs and how. There is no urgency to rush into the hasty and poorly thought out recommendations that both political parties have presented.

Pet ownership is a treasure shared by all age groups. In the past this has not been a financial problem. Today I hear horror stories from people I know on how much money they've spent on health care for their pets.

A senior who does clothing alterations for me told of spending \$800 on an operation to save the life of her cat, which was 17 years old. It didn't.

A much younger person who makes well under \$25,000 a year told of bills of more than \$1,000 for care for her two dogs and a cat in a four-month period. Asked why they spend these huge, for them, amounts, they look at me in amazement, "They're members of my family."

USA Today says 30 percent of Americans have

taken time off work to stay home with a sick pet, evidence of how much we cherish our pets.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) did a Household Pet Survey in 2002. It found 61.6 million dogs, 68.99 million cats and 10 million birds in U.S. households.

In another survey in 2001, AVMA found that Americans spent \$19 billion on veterinary care and medications. That was an increase of nearly \$8 billion in five years.

As veterinarians increase their knowledge of animal illnesses and broaden their skills, this figure is sure to expand exponentially. Instead of their becoming MDs, perhaps we should encourage our grandchildren to become veterinarians.

Acknowledging this growing financial liability, there are insurance companies offering health care coverage for pet animals. A few companies are offering this health coverage to employees' pet dogs and cats.

Veterinary Pet Insurance is the oldest and largest health insurance plan in the U.S. It offers a broad range of coverage ranging from basic to those covering operations and intensive care for pets. There are many other companies offering health care insurance for pets. It might be a good idea financially to look into a policy for your pets.

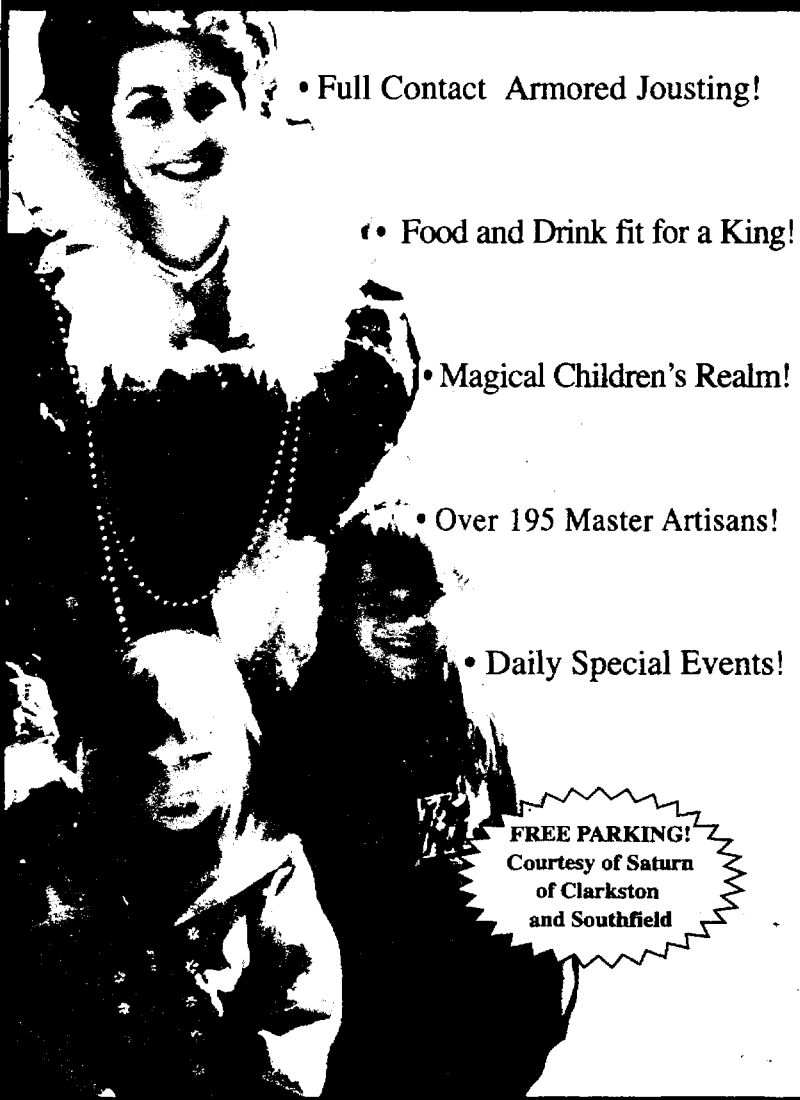
On to less serious matters. Here are some life's truths that I enjoyed.

- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

- There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

- Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

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Indian Village home tour exudes history

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

As Bob Cosgrove drives down the mile-long stretch of Indian Village, he points out the window as he passes by every home to tell a story.

The block comes to an end too quickly for the historian to get in all he has to say. So he turns around as Iroquois runs into Jefferson and takes another spin down the street.

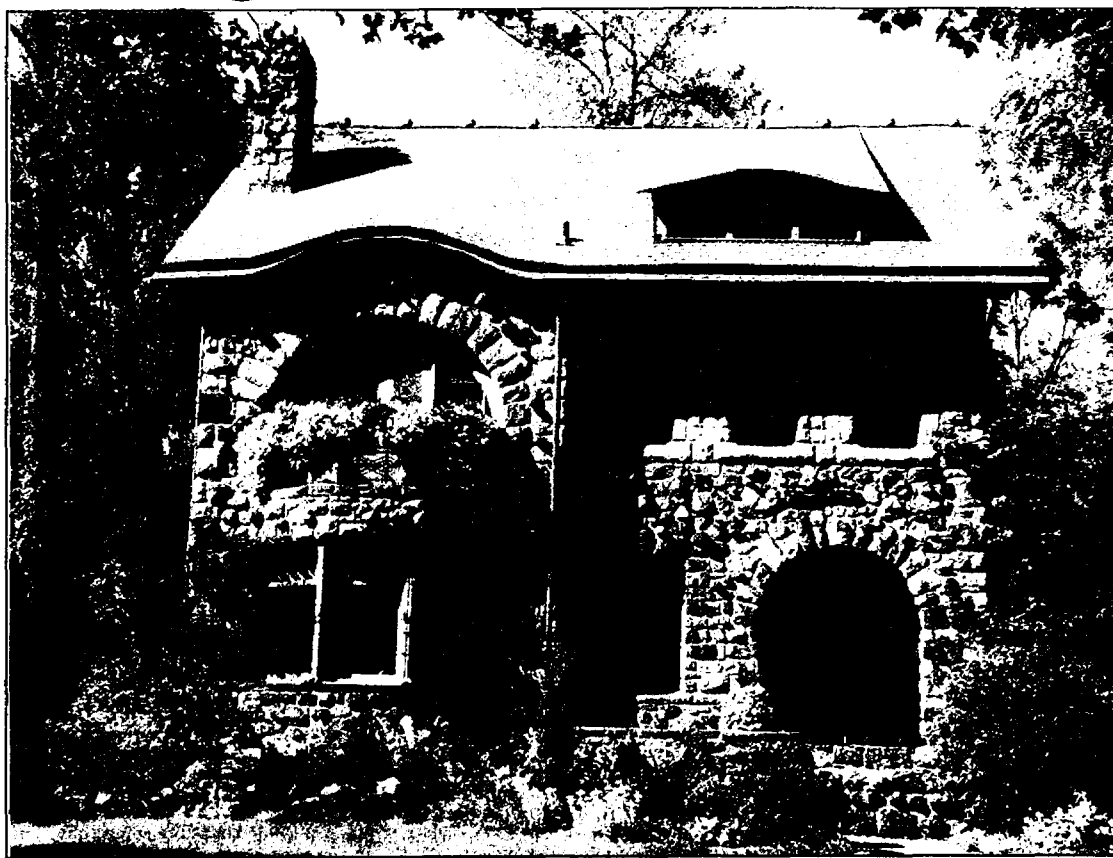
The 300-some homes that make up Indian Village share historic significance and notable architecture. The community, which has been in existence since the late 19th century, has been home to droves of notable names of the past and many current Grosse Pointe residents.

"There is a real connection between Indian Village and the Pointes," Cosgrove said as he turned off St. Paul to drive down Seminole. He racked his brain for names of people he knew who had grown up on Iroquois, Seminole or Burns, but have since relocated to Grosse Pointe. He instantly thought of Frank Sladen, Peter Dow, Don Hirt and Robert Herdegen.

Since conducting extensive research on the community since the 1970s, Cosgrove and his fellow historians have amassed a database of 4,500 names who have at one time resided in the Village. He said the community has survived through the years "because of the tenacity of the people who have lived here."

Rich beauty and esteemed architecture have been preserved by the Detroit Historic Commission to ensure no home loses its original character.

While the Village plays host every year to an extensive Home and Garden Tour, this Saturday, Sept. 11, Cosgrove will lead a



Photos by Jennie Miller

The oldest home in Indian Village lies on Burns, although it was first constructed in 1895 on Jefferson, where the Detroit Towers now stand. The three-story double mansion then cost a whopping \$33,000. It was removed and re-erected at its current location in 1928.

walking tour at 11 a.m. He knows the streets like the back of his hand; Cosgrove himself has lived in Indian Village since the 1960s.

He lives in a house built by Albert Kahn, who is remembered mostly for his innovative design of automotive plants like Packard and Ford. Kahn designed and constructed 18 homes in the Village, each unique yet under the same style Cosgrove calls "arts and crafts Tudor cottages."

Across the street from Cosgrove, he points out the home where Sladen's grandfather once lived, just around the block from his own childhood home.

But these homes are not known for the numbers on the door. They're recognized and casually referred to by their original owners, such as the "Dodge house," or the "Ford house," or the "Buhl house." New inhabitants may roam, but history remains alive.

The oldest home in Indian Village lies on Burns. It dates back to 1895, the residence of Dr. Theodore A. McGraw, but the location at the time was on Jefferson, where the Detroit Towers now stand. The house, distinctive by the rocks which decorate the exterior, was removed and re-erected in 1928 at its

current site.

Moving an entire home was not a strange occurrence in Indian Village. Two homes which originated in the community now lie in the Pointes. One is currently on Windmill Pointe; the other is on Provencal. Both homes have at one time been Junior League Show Houses.

When the community was formed, the Cook Farm Company was dedicated to developing a "first-class residential district on a generous scale." The property was once the ribbon farms of Francois Rivard and Jacques St. Aubin, but also served at one time as a trotting racetrack and home to the Michigan State Fair.

Homeowners who settled in Indian Village were largely high-up in the auto industry. Cosgrove calls them "Detroit's elite."

"We've had the president of every motor car company," Cosgrove said, instantly naming 20 different companies from Buick to Hudson, Oldsmobile to Cadillac.

Some of Detroit's most prominent architects have also graced the addresses of Indian Village — by designing homes and then residing in them — such as Louis Kamper, Frederick Smith, Theodore Hinchman, William Stratton, James Rogers and Walter MacFarlane.

Now, it's lawyers, doctors and professionals — "still prominent names today," Cosgrove said, motioning to newscaster Carmen Harlan's home and later to that of John O'Hair, the former Wayne County prosecutor, that of Bill Brooks, president of the Detroit Public Schools Board of Education and former mayoral candidate, and that of Barbara Stanton, retired editorial writer for the Detroit Free Press.

The community is also home to four churches, the Waldorf School, and a campus of the Cornerstone Schools, of which Grosse Pointe Farms resident Clark Durant is the first chairman and CEO. The Waldorf School is located at the site of the old Liggett School, before its merger with Detroit University School and Grosse Pointe Country Day and the move to Grosse Pointe.

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The "Ford House" on Iroquois was actually the honeymoon cottage of Edsel and Eleanor Ford from 1917 to 1922. Henry Ford II and Benson were both born while the Fords lived here.

This house on Iroquois was built by John Dodge as a wedding present for his daughter, Winnifred Seyburn. Casually referred to as the "Dodge House," it was designed by Smith, Hinchman & Grylls.



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INDIAN VILLAGE

Grace Church offers free 6-week class on finances

Investing can be a source of confusion for many people. Most people know they should invest for the long run, but don't know where to begin. Those who are unfamiliar to investing often have questions about the structure of basic investments such as stocks, bonds, CDs and how they make money. How do inflation and interest rates impact financial decisions?

As a public service, Grace Community Church is hosting a free six-week series of financial seminars which will be facilitated by a financial adviser, an attorney and a representative from Social Security.

Caring for growing families and planning for college and retirement requires careful financial planning and an understanding of how to make informed financial decisions in our current economic environment. Many in the "sandwich generation" find themselves caring for parents or relatives and making difficult decisions about long-range issues such as medical care should their relative become incapacitated.

The legal issues surrounding the care of aging parents are complex, requiring knowledge of government rules and regulations. Most people are not aware that Social Security offers many categories of benefits in addition to the federal health insurance programs Medicare and Medicaid.

A representative from Social Security will explain the many programs offered by Social Security and eligibility. And while savings and insurance are two ways of providing long-term financial security as well as an inheritance for those you leave behind, it is equally important to preserve your wealth which can be lost to estate taxes without informed estate planning.

The seminars, which will also offer basic budgeting information, will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 15 and running through Oct. 20.

Week 1: "Understanding the Economy." Take the confusion out of investing by learning the structure of basic investments such as stocks, bonds, CDs and more.

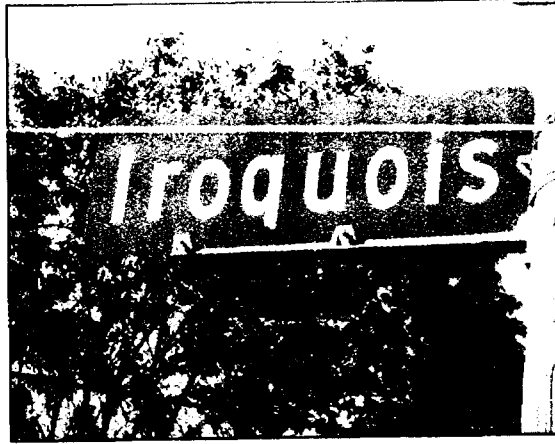
Week 2: "Your Finances." Careful financial planning requires you to make informed decisions in the current economic environment.

Week 3: "Elder Care." Understand the legal issues surrounding the care of aging parents.

Week 4: "Estate Planning." How to preserve wealth that could be lost to estate taxes.

Week 5: "Social Security." Understanding the programs and your eligibility.

Week 6: "Controlling Your Finances." Budgeting 101. Grace Community Church is located at 21001 Moross, at the corner of Moross and I-94. For more information and registration, call (313) 882-3000. Walk-ins are welcome.



Indian Village is located three miles east of downtown Detroit, on the one-mile stretch between Jefferson and Mack. It encompasses the streets Iroquois, Seminole and Burns. The Detroit Historical Society's walking tour on Saturday, Sept. 11, will mostly take place on Iroquois. Call (313) 833-4727 for tickets and more information.

Village

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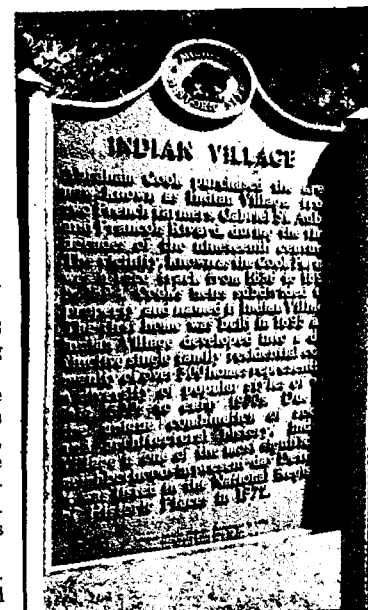
"It's really a great place to live," Cosgrove said. "You can know everyone if you want to, or you can keep to yourself. It's a very strong neighborhood."

The public is welcome to stroll the streets on Saturday with a two-to-three-hour guided tour by Cosgrove. Architecture buffs can view the myriad of styles such as American Colonial, Arts and Crafts, Romanesque Revival, Federal colonial, Mediterranean and those replicated after homes out East.

Tickets are \$10 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$15 for all others.

Tickets can be ordered by calling (313) 833-4727.

The Detroit Historical Society's ongoing Behind the Scenes program series will also feature a historic stroll through the Boston-Edison district on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m.; a tour of the Masonic Temple on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m.; a tour of Venus Bronze Works on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m.; a stroll through Elmwood Cemetery on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m.; a look at the world of advertising at Doner on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m.; and dinner and a show at The Players in Detroit on Friday, Nov. 12.



The 351 homes of Indian Village were built between 1895 and 1966. The property was once the ribbon farms of Francois Rivard and Jacques St. Aubin, and was later purchased by the Cook family. It was once the site of a trotting racetrack and also the Michigan State Fair. The neighborhood has been recognized as a city and state historic site and has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

First English to dedicate new building Sept. 19

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 890 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods, will dedicate its newly completed expanded facility on Sunday, Sept. 19, at an 11 a.m. worship service. Communion will be offered, and child care will be provided for youngsters up to age 3.

The formal dedication ceremony will be incorporated as a part of the worship service. After the dedication, First English will host an open house to welcome members, neighbors and guests for a tour of the building and refreshments. The open house will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The centerpiece of the new building is the Luther Center, featuring a multi-purpose room/gymnasium and stage on the main floor. A new youth room, choir room, handbell choir room and showers are on the lower level, with an elevator designed to service the new addition as well as the existing church building.

The expanded facility is designed not only for use by First English Ev. Lutheran Church, but also to meet the needs of the surrounding community. The facility will accommodate an annual fall musical. It will have a sizable room to rent for private parties, showers and wedding receptions. It will be a place to hold community youth gatherings such as the ongoing Pizza Lunch Day on Tuesdays for Grosse Pointe North High School students.

First English Ev. Lutheran Church is served by the Rev. Walter A. Schmidt. Coordinator of music is Robert Foster. President of the congregation is Tim Olson of Grosse Pointe Woods.

First English was founded in 1896 on the east side of Detroit on Mt. Elliott at Mack. It was the first Lutheran church in Detroit that featured regularly scheduled services in the English language, instead of German or Scandinavian languages as was the custom in other area Lutheran churches at the end of the 19th century.

The existing church building on Vernier was begun in 1956.

"Our purpose, when building this new addition to our church, was to serve our congregation and the surrounding community," Schmidt said.

"We have also made it accessible for handicapped individuals," he added. "The new addition is at ground level and access to other floors will be by elevator. The facility will be available to community groups. We've had contact with a drama club, a choral group and the Neighborhood Club. It can also be used for blood drives, weddings, receptions and more. We already are home to an annual craft show in October, the Grosse Pointe North High School Christmas concert, the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus and many adult classes."

St. Clare of Montefalco holds 20th annual used book sale

The 20th annual used book sale of the St. Clare of Montefalco PTO will be from Wednesday, Sept. 15, through Sunday, Sept. 19, at the St. Clare church social hall.

Presale hours (when books are marked 50 percent higher) are on Wednesday, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Regular prices are in effect on Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Saturday, from 9 a.m.

to 8 p.m. books are at bargain prices.

Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is "bag day." Fill a bag with bargain-priced books.

The event will feature more than 50,000 titles including novels, biography, mystery, romance, science fiction, history, health, cookbooks and children's books. Audio and visual selections will also be for sale.

All proceeds support St. Clare School's library and enrichment programs.

Interdenominational Bible study offered at Grace Church

Bible Study Fellowship is an international, interdenominational Bible study for local women, held at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit. Introductory classes will be held from 9:10 to 11:10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 and Thursday, Sept. 23. This year's topic will be The Acts of the Apostles.

A children's program meets at the same time. It's for preschool children (ages 2-6) of registered class members.

However, mothers should make other arrangements for children on the day of the introductory classes.

For more information, call Janie Ditrupani at (313) 882-9265.

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Cool recipe
hot off
the press

Finding a new and interesting recipe to feature each week at times can feel like homework.

Thankfully, my friend Mary Mitts of Grosse Pointe Woods sent me this quick and easy recipe just in time for a perfect after-school treat your kids will love.

Frozen turtle cake takes a mere 10 minutes to assemble and just one hour in the freezer. This frozen delight will cool you down on a warm autumn afternoon. I slightly altered the Southern Living recipe.

Frozen Turtle Cake

- 1 1/4 cups coarsely chopped pecans, toasted
- 16 ice cream sandwich

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



- bars (traditional)
- 1 10-oz. jar Sanders butterscotch-caramel sauce
- 1 8-oz. container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 10-oz. jar Sanders hot fudge sauce (your choice)

Line a 9x13 (or similar size) baking dish with eight of the ice cream sandwiches. Top with the jar of butterscotch-caramel sauce and spread evenly over the sandwiches. Spread one cup of the toasted pecans over the sauce. Top with the remaining eight ice cream

sandwiches. Spread the whipped topping over the top evenly. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup of toasted pecans. Cover and place in freezer for at least one hour before serving. Let stand five minutes before cutting.

Serve frozen turtle cake cut into squares and drizzle with warm hot fudge sauce. The yield was 10 servings, but I think this rich dessert will serve 16 or so, depending on how you cut it.

I chose Sanders toppings for the quality. A less expensive caramel or hot fudge sauce will also work (it just won't be as good). You can make this cake a day before serving. Store in the freezer, covered.

Frozen turtle cake will be a great option the next time you have to make a birthday cake.

Thanks to Mary for doing my homework last week. Add this hip, new dessert to your recipe file. Is it Friday yet?

Faces & Places

Fikany Golf Outing will
fund new reading program

The seventh annual James R. Fikany Memorial Golf Outing, to be held on Monday, Sept. 20, will fund an unusual scholarship program this year for Grosse Pointe middle school students, **Jim Fikany Jr.** announced this week.

A James and Jeanette Fikany Rotary Book Scholarship will be awarded each month during the school year to an outstanding eighth-grade student nominated by his or her principal. Criteria include superior grades and participation in sports or community activities.

The student will receive a \$50 gift card from a major bookstore and a certificate for \$500 worth of books and school supplies when he or she enrolls in college. Winners will be honored at a Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe luncheon.

"We think this is a wonderful way to encourage young achievers as they prepare to enter high school and make them aware of the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self,'" Fikany said. "We hope it will inspire the students to join Rotary Interact or other service clubs while they are in high school."

Other proceeds from the outing will go to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation for its various community and international programs, which include fighting to eradicate polio worldwide, literacy projects, building homes in Detroit and for orphans in Nicaragua, the Grosse Pointe Central Library tool bank, and community tot lots.

The golf outing will have a shotgun start in a scramble format at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Greens and cart fees for golfers are \$185 and include lunch, dinner, beverages, a complimentary raffle ticket and a charitable contribution.

Dinner tickets for the 6:30 p.m. awards program are \$75 a person and include beverages, a raffle ticket and a charitable contribution.

For more information on program ads, golf outing or dinner tickets, call Fikany at (586) 774-5300.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Fikany Rotary Book Scholarship Fund, administered by the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, send it to: Box 36366 Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Jim and Jeanette Fikany raised eight children in the area and were active in community and sports activities on the east side for nearly half a century.



Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision (FOV), the volunteer arm of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, held a membership tea at the Grosse Pointe Farms home of Mrs. Roger Sulad on June 15.

In addition to the tea, FOV announced plans for a luncheon fashion show to be held at Lochmoor Club on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Fashions will be presented by Marshall Field's with makeup by Estee Lauder.

Anyone interested in more information should contact **Friends of Vision** at (313) 824-4710.

From left, are Carla Teagan, Darlene Sulad and Nancy Pilorget.

Classes

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everyday movement. Balance work also is included. Start your day with a good stretch. Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 to 9 a.m. \$49; \$29, if registered in another fitness class.

ChickFIT New

Make this a special bonding time for moms and daughters. Fun and funky music accompanies this "awesome" fitness class. A mix of cardio, flexibility and conditioning, using body balls, bands and weights will make this hour enjoyable and physically beneficial to both mother and daughter. Daughters should be at least 10 years old. It meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. \$54 mom and one daughter; \$10 extra if more than one daughter.

CardioKick FIT "High Energy"

This is a great cardio and strength class that utilizes various punches, kicks and foot drills. A definite stress-reducing and fat-burning class, this class offers an extra punch with 15 minutes added for a bit more sweat. All fitness levels are welcome on Monday and Wednesday from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. \$61.

CardioMix

This high-energy class guarantees to keep you challenged and motivated with high- and low-impact aerobics, flexibility, balance and strength training. It meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. \$65; and Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. \$45.

CardioMix II

Introducing a class especially designed with you in mind. Beginners are always welcomed. Now, enjoy every component of your fitness program — cardio, strength, endurance and flexibility with this new "morning glory" format. Please join us in creating positive energy as you begin to understand proper body alignment

through form, function, and mind/body awareness. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 a.m. \$65.

Step

This ultimate workout uses the Reebok Step to enhance cardiovascular endurance. Weights, resistances work and body balls also are used to strengthen and tone all major muscle groups. Meets Tuesday and Thursday from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. \$53.

Forever FIT (New)

As we age, bone density and loss of muscle are two major physical concerns. Join us in this class to help combat osteoporosis while developing muscles that support the skeleton. Class will include a variety of fitness components such as cardio, strength and conditioning, stretching and balance. This is a great class to join if you have been inactive. Meets Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. \$53.

Core Combo

Your core strength is the focus of this class. Exercises promote strengthening and toning major muscles as well as creating a stronger, healthier body. Hand weights, resistance bands, body bars and body balls are incorporated into this class to target problem areas. It meets Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. \$35.

FastFIT30 (new)

30 minutes is all it takes. Join FAST FIT30 and let our personal trainers help you through a safe, effective 30-minute workout using Nautilus equipment. This workout is the perfect companion to your weight-loss program. It's also great for bone density improvement and strength conditioning. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. This program is a great place to start for the inactive adult — and there is no membership fee. It meets Monday through Thursday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 to 10:30 a.m. \$53.

GPAA presents
free lecture

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will present a free lecture by guest artist **Stanley Rosenthal** at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the GPAA's headquarters, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

Rosenthal will critique artwork by GPAA members. The public is invited. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

G.P. Woman's
Club to meet

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 15, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Detroit newscaster and commentator **Dwayne X. Riley** will be the speaker. His topic: "Close Encounters of the Presidential Kind."

The club meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Guests are welcome. Guest reservations must be made before Saturday, Sept. 11. Call (313) 881-6251.

Community
Chorus meets
Sept. 14

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus will begin rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the choral room of Grosse Pointe North High School. No auditions are required.

The chorus will present a holiday concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at First English Ev. Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call Diane at (313) 882-2482.



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Kids create tiles for charity

Kids affected by cancer can feel overwhelmed by the potentially life-threatening disease that affects them and their families. St. John Health's cancer staff and volunteers have spearheaded a program to make a positive difference while raising funds for cancer.

Staff and volunteers from the Providence Center for the Healing Arts (a member of St. John Health) engaged children affected by cancer, including cancer patients and siblings, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center to produce handmade tiles reflecting what makes them happy in nature.

The tiles will be incorporated into a handmade table and mirror to donate to a



Courtney McComas, 11, of Shelby Township is shown with her tile. She and other kids and cancer staff from the St. John Van Elslander Cancer Center and the Providence Center for the Healing Arts produced unique tiles that will be incorporated into a handmade table and mirror to donate to a local charity.

DYClub plans reception for prospective members

The Detroit Yacht Club, a year-round club offering a wide range of activities appealing to boaters and non-boaters, will present a special initiation fee of \$100 — a \$900 savings — for its Active General (social) membership.

The DYC will host a prospective member reception from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16. Tours of the clubhouse will be given, along with an opportunity to meet DYC members, officers and staff.

Reservations are required. Call Membership Director Rosemary Tokatlian at (313) 824-1200, ext. 233, or by e-mail at membership@dyc.com.

Founded in 1868, shortly after the Civil War, the Detroit Yacht Club continues to thrive as an affordable, family-oriented club. Activities and facilities provide year-round enjoyment for members of all ages as well as a special place for social and business entertainment. Nearly two-thirds of DYC's 1,100 members are social members. Boat ownership is not required.

G.P. Power Squadron offers boating safety classes

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron offers a 10-week Boating Safety course for sail boaters, power boaters and personal watercraft operators. In addition to providing knowledge about boating safety, navigation, weather and rules of the road, completion of the course may provide a substantial discount on boaters' insurance.

Classes begin on Monday, Sept. 13, and will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Monday at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

On Sept. 13, registration will begin at 7 p.m. outside Room No. 312.

The cost of the course is \$55, which includes a USPS student manual, Lake St. Clair chart No. 14850 and the exam fee. Plotting instruments needed for the chart work will be available for a fee or may be supplied by the student.

For more information, call the GPPS information line at (313) 418-5911 or go to the GPPS Web site at www.usps.org/localusps/grosspointe.

Meetings
Pointer Bridge

The Pointer Bridge Club will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for lunch and bridge.

For more information, call (313) 886-7595.

Babies

Douglas Gmeiner Cowan

Michael and Amy Cowan of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Douglas Gmeiner Cowan, born Aug. 2, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Patricia M. Gmeiner of the City of Grosse Pointe and the late Douglas W. Gmeiner. Paternal grandparents are Martha Cowan of Woodstock, Vt., and Stuart Cowan of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Great-grandparents are Dr. Daniel W. McKinley of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jeanne C. Gmeiner of Hendersonville, N.C., and Jane Meincke of Chatham, Mass.

Andrew Michael Van de Putte

Michael and Laura Van de Putte of Harper Woods are the parents of a son, Andrew Michael Van de Putte, born July 24, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Ezra and Kathy Scott of New Buffalo. Paternal grandparents are Fred and Lynn Van de Putte of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Elizabeth Clark Ottaway

Tamra and Michael Ottaway of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Clark Ottaway, born Aug. 16,

2004.

Maternal grandparents are Nancy Miller of Commerce Township and David Killinger of Lincoln Park.

Paternal grandparents are the late Angela Ottaway and the late John Ottaway. Great-grandmother is Elizabeth Gorecki of Southfield.

Natalie Elizabeth Rowady

Dan and Kochitl Rowady of Pasadena, Calif., are the parents of a daughter, Natalie Elizabeth Rowady, born April 23, 2004. Paternal grandparents are Edward and Judy Rowady of the City of Grosse Pointe. Maternal grandparents are Oscar and Gabriella Godoy of Rialto, Calif.

Gavin Mackenzie Ulp

Matthew and Rebecca Ulp of Harper Woods are the parents of a son, Gavin Mackenzie Ulp, born July 16, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Stephen and Mary White of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Chris and Debbie Teno of Macomb Township. Great-grandmothers are Marge Reygaert of Grosse Pointe Farms and Phyllis Finlinson of Port Orange, Fla.

Back-to-school checklist for parents of asthmatic students

The first days of school signal the period when emergency departments see a sharp increase in visits due to asthma attacks among youth. While most schools have a well-trained and experienced teaching staff on hand to deal with medical emergencies, asthma continues to be frequently misunderstood and underestimated among school personnel.

With an estimated 76,200 residents of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties under the age of 18 living with asthma, the American Lung Association of Michigan recommends that parents help their children keep their asthma under control at school by preparing themselves, their child and school staff by utilizing the following checklist:

- Fill out all school, activity, medication and health forms; don't forget the ones for sports or other activities.
- Check to see if all inhalers are full and in working order.

- If your child uses a nebulizer, make sure all of its parts are clean.
- Label all medications and asthma tools with child's name and classroom.
- Arrange a meeting with the child's teacher and other school staff; include the child in the meeting if possible.
- Arrange a meeting with the child's after-school day-care teachers, if needed.

At the meeting with the school/daycare staff, discuss the following:

- Basics of asthma and allergies.
- Warning signs for your child's asthma episodes.
- Triggers, such as animals in the classroom, cold air at recess, and strong odors.
- Your child's asthma management/action plan.
- Your child's emergency plan; make sure staff knows what to do and how to do it.
- Medications and access to medications. There is a law in Michigan that allows students to carry their

inhalers with them at all times.


- Asthma tools, such as peak flow meters, spacers and nebulizers.
- Emotional aspects of your child's asthma.
- Gym class and other times they play hard.
- Missing school and making up school work.
- A time for asthma education for the class — ask the school nurse, doctor or local asthma coalition if you need help talking about this or arranging for someone else to do the talking.
- Any other things parents and people caring for your child can do to help the teacher/staff.

Senior Men's Club to meet; barbershop singing on agenda

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. After lunch and a

short business meeting, Mr. Niccone will discuss the history of barbershop singing. A short question-and-answer period will follow.

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



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Other common conditions affecting older African Americans include Dermatitis Papulosa Nigra, dark raised spots on the face which are easily removed. Guttate Hypomelanosis, a benign condition in which light spots appear on the legs and arms; and Melasma, which is dark patches, especially on the face, a condition that can be difficult to treat.

To learn more about skin conditions affecting African Americans, contact your dermatologist or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates with offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

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How do we keep him safe? Breast cancer and alcohol

Many things may run through a parent's mind after he or she reads about certain tragedies.

In the past month, you may have heard of three people with autism who died after wandering from their homes. One died as the result of being hit by an automobile; two drowned within a short distance of home.

How do we keep Andrew, our 3 1/2-year-old son, safe? How does anyone keep his or her child safe?

To learn more, Mary Beth began by visiting www.leanonus.org, L.E.A.N. On Us, or the Law Enforcement Awareness Network, was founded by two police officers, who also happen to have a son with autism. The organization's mission is to create a network for first responders, advocates, individuals with hidden disabilities and families of loved ones affected to come together to provide resources and information.

L.E.A.N. On Us wants to help alleviate the occurrence of unfortunate situations such as those mentioned above. The organization feels by providing first responders with some additional tools, they will be able to provide more appropriate responses to individuals and also stay safe themselves.

One important thing a parent can do is to complete a child safety ID card for each of their children. If a child wanders off or is missing for any reason, it is very hard to remember or find all of the information that is needed while you are under such stress. L.E.A.N. On Us recommends updating a card each year and keeping the card in a spot where it will be easily found should it be necessary.

Mary Beth visited www.leanonus.org to easily download and print a safety

X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs



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

ID card.

Within 45 minutes of calling Lt. Ron Wiczorek of the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, Andrew was being fingerprinted for his safety ID card. All of the Grosse Pointe officers they saw were friendly.

We hope Andrew will continue to learn officers are not people of whom to be afraid. If he's afraid of them, he may run away from them at a time when he actually needs them and should be running toward them.

There are even more reasons to teach this lesson to a child with special needs:

- It is five to 10 times more likely for a person with a disability to have

contact with the police.

- Individuals with a disability are four to 10 times more likely to be victims of crime.

- Individuals with a disability are 50 to 99 percent more likely to be victimized by someone they know, such as a relative, teacher or bus driver ("Protecting Loved Ones With Autism," C. Gammicchia, ASA Advocate, 2003, 2nd edition).

While at the police station for the fingerprinting, Mary Beth and Andrew dropped off a flier that invites folks, including first responders, to a Dennis Debbaudt presentation on Sept. 27. Debbaudt is an internationally recognized authority on autism spectrum disorders and safety issues. His presentation that morning will be "Autism Spectrum Disorders — Preventing Unfortunate Situations and Recognizing the Needs of Individuals with ASD in Our Communities."

By the end of the day, Mary Beth had Andrew's safety ID card completed, including his little fingerprints, and the knowledge that the City of Grosse Pointe police department was sending someone to participate in the training with Debbaudt. She slept a bit more soundly that night knowing she had done a little to help keep Andrew safe.

Visit www.leanonus.org to download the flier on the Debbaudt training. Do it for yourself, your police department or others who might need to know some ways to keep your children safe.

Dear Jeff and Debra,

I was surprised when a friend warned me about drinking, especially since my aunt is recovering from breast cancer. She said I need to watch my alcohol consumption, as I may be putting myself at additional risk. Is there any scientific evidence that breast cancer is linked to drinking alcohol?

— A safely social drinker

Dear Safely Social,

Your friend is right. In 2000, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services stated that alcohol was a "known carcinogen." This means that there is enough evidence to show a direct cause-and-effect relationship between a substance and cancer, according to the HHS "Report on Carcinogen, 9th Edition."

The risk is also tied to how much you drink. Women who drank more were more likely to develop breast cancer.

The Journal of the American Medical Association states: "Alcohol consumption is associated with a linear increase in breast cancer incidence in women over the range of consumption reported by most women. Among women who consume alcohol regularly, reducing alco-



Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of, "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or through their web site: <http://lovefirst.net>.

hol consumption is a potential means to reduce breast cancer risk."

Daily drinking can also increase the risk, according to Dr. Thomas A. Sellers, professor of epidemiology at the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center. He says, "Our findings suggest that women with a family history of breast cancer, primarily close relatives, are placing themselves at further risk by consuming alcohol daily."

Interestingly, it does not seem to matter whether the alcohol is consumed in the form of beer, wine or hard liquor. A European study uncovered this detail as a secondary detail in their research.

"Our study confirms earlier reports that heavy alcohol consumption is a risk for breast cancer," said Morten Gronbaek, a professor at the Centre for Alcohol Research at the National Institute of Public Health in Denmark. "The second main finding is that there seems to be no difference in the effect of the different types of alcohol, which indicates that it is ethanol itself and not the type of drink that is responsible for breast-cancer development."

The bottom line is that alcohol does not cause breast cancer in everyone who drinks, but that drinking alcohol will increase your risk of getting breast cancer, particularly if the disease runs in your family. Moreover, the risk is dose dependent; so the more you drink, the more you will increase your vulnerability.

Many people like to drink wine for the well-publicized benefits to the heart. The same benefits are available by drinking dark grape juice, without the risk of ingesting a known carcinogen.

Women who have breast cancer in their family are naturally worried about health. Eliminating this risk factor is one proactive step they can take to protect themselves from this devastating illness.

Bon Secours Cottage offers fitness classes throughout fall

The autumn change of season signals the arrival of cooler weather, shorter days and more time spent indoors. While brisk temperatures and a more sedentary lifestyle might seem more appealing after the long hot summer, it's important to remember that exercise is the key to remaining healthy and fit.

Stay in shape this fall by taking advantage of special fitness programs offered by Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion. All classes are taught by nationally certified, experienced fitness instructors at the Bon Brae Center in St. Clair Shores.

Preregistration and payment are required. For more information or to receive a fitness class registration form, call Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. The classes are not designed for pregnant women.

Autumn I classes run from Monday, Sept. 13 through Saturday, Oct. 30. Autumn II classes will run from Monday, November 1 through Saturday, Dec. 18. No classes will be held on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

For more information, a registration form or a schedule of fitness classes, call Community Health

Promotion at (586) 779-7900. Classes take place at the Bon Brae Center in St. Clair Shores.

SeniorFit

SeniorFit welcomes anyone over age 60 of any fitness level. Both classes include stretching and flexibility to prevent stiffness, strength training for muscle tone and an aerobic movement segment for cardiovascular health. Come join the fun while exercising to great old tunes.

Average paced days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. \$50.

Slower paced days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. \$50.

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Senior Strength & Conditioning Program

Strength training can benefit all individuals as they age. Stretch bands, hand-held weights and chair exercises are incorporated into this class to help strengthen bones, improve muscle tone and increase energy levels. (No floor exercises.) It is held on Monday,

Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. \$67; and Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. \$45.

Senior VIGOR

By following a regular exercise program, you can help prevent bone density loss and build strength needed for everyday activities. Nautilus equipment designed especially for older adults is used in this class, geared to all fitness levels for older adults. It meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. \$78; the Tuesday and Thursday classes from 6:45 to 8 a.m. include a stretching segment. \$64.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese martial art form that blends slow movements into a standing meditation. This class is for anyone between the ages of 18 and 108. It meets on Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 8 a.m. \$59 (2 days); \$37 (1 day).

Yoga

Learn suppleness and stability from a certified yoga instructor. Work with an energetic spine sensitizer for proper alignment of the spine. Improve your mental and physical abilities. Each class ends with a "flowing" series and full body relaxation. It meets Tuesday and Thursday from 7:45 to 9 a.m. \$62 (2 days); \$37 (1 day).

YogaFit

YogaFit is a nationally recognized yoga program that is fitness oriented. The YogaFit style follows the traditional group exercise model of warm-up, work and cool down. You can reap the benefits of YogaFit at any age and any fitness level. Most people continue YogaFit to gain flexibility, strength and balance. This class helps rejuvenate the body, relax the mind and revitalize the spirit. It meets on Saturday from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. \$45.

Flexfit (Stretch, Flex and Balance)

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**Drs. Gregory and
Jaclyn Arends**

Ho-Arends

Dr. Jaclyn Ho, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jong Nak Ho of Clifton, Va., married Dr. Gregory Arends, son of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Arends of Grosse Pointe Woods, on Nov. 1, 2003, in McLean, Va.

The Rev. Wesley Peyton officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, D.C.

The bride wore an ivory satin strapless gown and carried a bouquet of red roses and an ivory lace handkerchief belonging to the groom's grandmother, Anna Taylor.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Soo Y. Ho of New York City.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Kathleen O'Donnell of Winchester, Mass.; the groom's sister, Laura Calcaterra of Grosse Pointe Park; Lana Kim of Burr Ridge, Ill.; Silpa Reddy of Atlanta, Ga.; and Wilma Lee of Los Gatos, Calif.

The flower children were Sara and Christopher Cheung of San Diego, Calif.

Attendants wore floor-length satin berry-colored dresses and carried bouquets of roses, calla lilies and freesia in shades of burgundy, rust and gold.

The best man was Patrick Villani of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Groomsmen were Michael Gualtieri and Joseph Craparotta, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; Larry Calcaterra of Grosse Pointe Park; and Timothy O'Donnell of Winchester, Mass.

The ring bearer was Alexander Arends of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The mother of the bride wore a two-piece floor-length gray-blue dress and carried a single long-stemmed ivory rose.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length, long-sleeved two-piece ivory dress and carried a single long-stemmed ivory rose.

The Scripture reader was Dr. Austin Dixon of Portalis, N.M.

The bride earned an undergraduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an M.D. degree from the Medical College of Virginia and completed her residency at the Rehab Institute of Chicago/Northwestern University. She is a physician.

The groom earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, an M.D. degree from Wayne State University, and he completed his residency at the Rehab Institute of Chicago/Northwestern University. He is a spinal interventionalist.

The couple lives in Boulder, Colo.

Turnbull- Ciconte

Elizabeth Dempsey Turnbull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Turnbull of Harbor Springs, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Thomas Anthony Ciconte III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Ciconte Jr. of Wilmington Del., on June 11, 2004, at Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs.



**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Anthony Ciconte III**

The Rev. Joseph P. Graff officiated at the nuptial Mass, which was followed by a reception at the Little Harbor Club.

The bride wore an ivory peau de soie gown and an antique veil of Belgian lace. She carried a bouquet of ivory and pale pink peonies.

The maid of honor was Denise Tracy Summers of Harbor Springs.

Bridesmaids were Eleanor FitzSimons of New York City; Elizabeth FitzSimons, Melanie Buhalis, Molly Houlihan, Molly Nelson and Amy Pappas, all of Chicago; Molly Dewick of Long Island; and the groom's sister, Kim Ciconte of Chandler, Ariz.

Kara French was the junior bridesmaid.

Attendants wore long ivory organza dresses appliqued with cerise flowers and green trim. They carried bouquets of hot pink peonies.

The best man was the groom's brother, Jeffery Thomas Ciconte of Wilmington, Del.

Groomsmen were the bride's brothers, Dainforth French Jr. and Michael French, both of Grosse Pointe Farms; the bride's brother, John Turnbull of Chicago; Matthew Bradley of Chicago; Daniel Witham of New York City; Paul Jessup of Atlanta; Charles Trapp of New Jersey; and Eli Wulfmeier of Los Angeles.

The junior groomsman was Dainforth French III.

Ring bearers were Michael French Jr. and Jack French.

The bride graduated from Fairfield University and works in child development.

The groom also graduated from Fairfield University and works for Marsh and McLennan in Detroit. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms.



**Mr. and Mrs. Scott
Michael Palus**

Golec- Palus

Mary Elizabeth Golec, daughter of Gary and Carol Golec of Clinton Township, married Scott Michael Palus, son of Norman and Alberta Palus of Harper Woods, on July 24, 2004, at Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

The Rev. Mark Borkowski officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Yacht Club.

The bride wore an ivory strapless A-line satin gown that featured a beaded bodice and a cathedral-length train. She carried a bouquet of light pink and soft yellow roses, hot pink Gerbera daisies, purple

hydrangea and pink heather.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Karen Golec of Clinton Township.

Bridesmaids were Lisa Montgomery of Farmington Hills and the groom's sister, MaryAnn Palus Mitchell of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Flower girls were Marissa and Jessica Wasmund, both of Clinton Township.

Attendants wore ivory and black satin floor-length dresses and carried bouquets that were smaller versions of the bride's bouquet.

Paul Berry of Auburn was the best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Patrick Palus of Detroit and Daryn Kienschler of Royal Oak.

Ushers were the groom's brother, Thomas Palus of Crofton, Md., and William Vargo of Detroit.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length blue dress that featured a beaded bodice and a pink sweetheart rose corsage.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length black and white dress and a pink sweetheart rose corsage.

Scripture readers were Melissa Palus and Dr. Robert Zurack.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Wayne State University and a master's degree in education from Saginaw Valley State University. She is a teacher in the Fraser Public Schools.

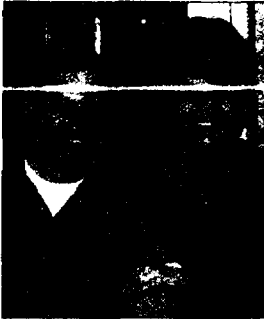
The groom earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Detroit Mercy. He is manager of accounting with Campbell & Co. in Dearborn.

The couple honeymooned in Bora Bora and Tahiti. They live in Harper Woods.

Voelker- Wisniewski

Susan and Richard Garbacz of Elma, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandy Voelker, to Steve Wisniewski, son of Joanne and Anthony Wisniewski of the City of Grosse Pointe. An August wedding is planned.

Voelker earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a master's degree in accounting and corporate finance from the State University of New York. She is a budget and forecast supervisor with



**Steve Wisniewski
and Sandy Voelker**

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Wisniewski earned a bachelor's degree in general studies, accounting and psychology from the University of Michigan. He is Overseas Operations Analysis Supervisor with Delphi Corp.-Energy and Chassis division.



**Arthur Thomas
O'Reilly and Rebecca
Anne D'Arcy**

D'Arcy- O'Reilly

Stephen and Deborah D'Arcy of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Anne D'Arcy, to Arthur Thomas O'Reilly, son of Vincent and Tomike O'Reilly of Mahopac, N.Y. A September 2005 wedding is planned.

D'Arcy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Notre Dame Law School. She is an associate at the law firm of Slevin & Hart in Washington, D.C.

O'Reilly is a graduate of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and Notre Dame Law School. He recently departed from an associate position at Jones Day to serve a one-year

clerkship to the District of Columbia Federal District Court.



**Sarah E. Cunningham
and Richard J. Watkin**

Cunningham- Watkin

Gary and Shelia Cunningham of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah E. Cunningham, to Richard J. Watkin, son of John Watkin of Valrico, Fla., and Ann Watkin of Denver, Colo. A September 2005 wedding is planned.

Cunningham is a graduate student at the University of Michigan, working on a degree in social work.

Watkin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international business from Fort Lewis College. He is a landscape design specialist.

Lloyd-Carr

Dr. and Mrs. Larry Lloyd of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emily Victoria Lloyd, to Matthew Wilfred Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carr of Branchburg, N.J. A summer 2005 wedding is planned.

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Carr is an associate director of indirect sales for Verizon Wireless for New York and New Jersey.



**Tara Fisher Grow and
Robert E. Scott Parker**

Grow- Parker

Richard D. Grow and Tina Fisher Grow of Palm Beach, Fla., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tara Fisher Grow, to Robert E. Scott Parker, son of Robert Parker of Bloomfield Hills and Dona Scott Laskey of Leland. An April wedding is planned.

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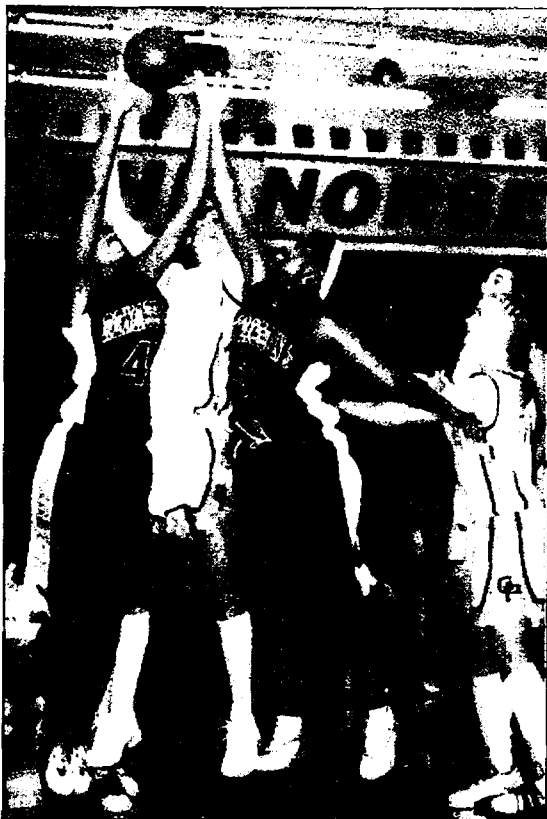


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Grosse Pointe North's Meghan Potthoff goes up for a rebound against Detroit Renaissance. Teammates Caitlin Bennett and Jennifer DeFauw are ready to assist.

North faces another tough hoops sked

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A grueling preseason schedule was one of the reasons that Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team has a district championship trophy in its showcase.

And if the Norsemen continue to have success in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and in the state playoffs, the schedule will be another key factor.

"Last year we opened 0-6, but I don't think we would have won our district if we hadn't played that tough schedule," said North coach Gary Bennett after his team split its first two games.

"I think we'll gain from our schedule again this year."

North opened with a 50-33 loss to a strong Detroit Renaissance team, but Bennett felt that his team was competitive.

"We lost every quarter by between three and five points," he said. "I thought we did a good job defensively, but we made some mistakes on offense that led to their baskets."

"If we're able to take care of the ball better, we'll be

OK. It was our first game, and the speed factor was a problem. We'll learn to deal with the speed factor as the season goes on."

Caitlin Bennett and Jenny DeFauw each had eight points to lead North, while freshman Kelly DeFauw added six points in her varsity debut.

By the time North's second game rolled around, the Norsemen already looked like a better team.

"We played really well," Gary Bennett said of the 59-32 victory over Dakota in the Macomb Area Conference crossover.

"They had trouble against our defense, and offensively we did a good job. We came out of the gate strong, and we kept building on our lead."

The Norsemen held a 30-14 halftime lead, and stretched the margin to 46-22 after three quarters.

Caitlin Bennett collected 14 points, three assists and three steals. Jenny DeFauw finished with 10 points, five rebounds and three steals, and Betsy Schrage had nine points and three steals.

Megan Warren led North with seven rebounds.

North spoils Romeo's 'Peach Bowl'

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Cam Cecchini's 126-yard performance against East Detroit in Grosse Pointe North's football season opener was nothing to scoff at.

However, coach Frank Sumner knew that his senior running back was capable of even more.

"Cam never really broke one against East Detroit so we really stressed our offensive line play last week," Sumner said.

"They didn't play badly last week, but this week they were even better. They blocked another second longer and Cam's running ignited the whole team. He's a bulldog and he ran hard."

Cecchini carried the ball 28 times for 222 yards and four touchdowns as the Norsemen got the Macomb Area Conference White Division season off on the right foot with a 28-17 victory over Romeo.

Tom Ciotti, Spencer Channell, Jake Masinick, Stephen Johnson and Brent Brown were instrumental in giving Cecchini room to run.

"That's a big win for us," Sumner said. "Romeo is a good team, but we played a solid game defensively, offensively and on special teams."

There's still a long way to go in the season, but that might be a key game in deciding the division title.

North's victory spoiled the Bulldogs' home opener and put a damper on some of Romeo's Peach Festival festivities.

Romeo fans packed one side of the stands, but North also had a large contingent of fans.

"I think we used up our allotment of Peach Bowl tickets," Sumner joked. "We had a nice crowd."

North is on the road again this week when it travels to Port Huron Northern.

"They have good size and pretty good movement on defense, but offensively, they haven't seemed to move the ball a lot, although they looked better in the second half against L'Anse Creuse," Sumner said.

North's defense did a good job of making Romeo's offense one-dimensional.

Running back Adam Pokorney, who's usually a threat to rush for close to 100 yards, was held to only 33 yards rushing.

That left it up to quarterback Kevin Mill and his receiving corps, and they couldn't do it all.

Romeo led 10-7 at halftime, but the Bulldogs had

some help.

"We gave them their 10 points in the first half," Sumner said.

A blocked punt at the North 31-yard line set up a 29-yard field goal by the Bulldogs' Mike Krieg to open the scoring early in the second quarter.

North moved ahead 7-3 on a 17-yard run by Cecchini to cap a 56-yard drive. Brian St. Hilaire added the first of his four extra points.

Key plays in the drive were a 12-yard run by Cecchini, an 11-yard pass from quarterback Josh Lewis to tight end Jacob Bloomhuff, and a pass interference penalty against Romeo.

The Bulldogs regained the lead with a minute left in the half when Craig Pussehl returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown.

"We had three things go wrong on that interception," Sumner said.

The late score by Romeo didn't seem to have an

adverse effect on the Norsemen. David Sheill blocked a Romeo punt late in the third quarter and North got the ball on the Bulldogs 28. Four plays later, Cecchini took a pitch from Lewis and scampered 19 yards for the touchdown.

Less than two minutes later, North scored again as the result of a turnover. Anthony Jantz intercepted a pass and returned it 12 yards to the Romeo 28. On the next play, Cecchini scored to increase North's lead to 21-10.

A third Romeo turnover led to the Norsemen's final touchdown.

Two Romeo players collided on a punt return and the ball popped loose and North recovered on the Romeo 29. Except for a 13-yard pass from Lewis to Bloomhuff, the Norsemen stayed on the ground to eat up the clock, and on the seventh play of the drive, Cecchini scored on a four-yard run.

Romeo marched 90 yards

in five plays to cut the lead to 28-17 on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Mill to Pussehl.

The Bulldogs attempted an onside kick, but North's Michael Kaiser recovered at the Norsemen's 47. North was able to run out the clock, helped by a 37-yard pass from Lewis to Bloomhuff on a third-down play and a 35-yard run by Cecchini that took the Norsemen to the Romeo 1.

"It was good to get Bloomhuff back," Sumner said. "He made some big catches, and he also helped improve our blocking."

Bloomhuff missed the opener after suffering a concussion.

Jantz led North with nine tackles, while Don Thill, Kaiser and Grant Ditzhazy had six apiece. Ryan Stephens had a hand in five stops, while Jacob Nellis, Jimmy Solomon and Jon Hinz each figured in four tackles. Solomon and Richard Weiss had the other

Wright's all right for Knights

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Jon Wright did all he could, but University Liggett School's one-man wrecking crew could only do so much damage to Lutheran Westland's football team.

"Jon just about beat them by himself," said coach Tracy Sewell after the Knights' 44-18 defeat in the Metro Conference game.

"He was our whole offense, he was all over the

field on defense, and he ran back two kickoffs for touchdowns. He was running on all cylinders, but finally he just ran out of gas."

ULS had only 13 players dressed for the game, and Sewell said that the Knights would likely forfeit this week's game against Clawson, which is one of the top Division 6 teams in the state.

"We'll evaluate our situation week-by-week," Sewell said. "Our young kids aren't

ready to play against the bigger schools in our league. And players like Jon and Tony (Evangelista) are going to have to do so much, that they'll wear down, too. I'm not going to put any of our kids in jeopardy of getting hurt."

Evangelista missed the Lutheran Westland game while he was attending a hockey tryout camp, so Wright played quarterback

See ULS, page 3C

Blue Devils drop two close ones

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's first two basketball games were like night and day.

Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, the outcome was the same in each of the contests.

That was the only thing, however, that disappointed South coach Peggy Van Eckoute.

"We could have won either game," Van Eckoute said. "I was pleased with the way we started the season. It was a superb effort by the kids."

"Our goals are to win more games than we did last year and to finish in the top half of our league. If we continue to play like this, I think we will."

South dropped its opener, 32-26, to Farmington Hills Mercy.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Grosse Pointe South's Samantha Palazzolo and a teammate battle a Farmington Hills Mercy player for a loose ball, while the Blue Devils' Lauren Burke is ready to jump into the action.

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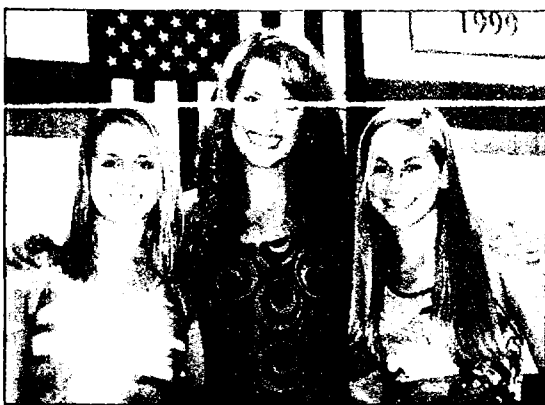
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Three Grosse Pointe North swimmers qualified for the state meet in the Norsemen's first dual meet of the season. From left, are Carolyn Jacobs, who qualified in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 backstroke; Juliana Schmidt, 200 and 500 freestyle; and Lauren Hanna, 100 breaststroke.

North trio gets state cuts in first meet of the year

Grosse Pointe North's girls swimming team had several outstanding individual performances in its season-opening loss to Livonia Stevenson.

Stevenson, which was ranked 11th in the state in the preseason ratings, posted a 108-75 victory.

North lost 13 points by not having any divers enter the meet.

Carolyn Jacobs won the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 backstroke and achieved state-qualifying

times in each event.

Juliana Schmidt was also a double winner with state qualifying times in the 200 and 500 freestyle races.

Lauren Hanna posted a state cut in the 100 breaststroke.

Other good early-season times came from Hanna in the 200 individual medley; Megan Moore, 200 and 500 freestyle; Sarah Cullen and Allison Howle, 50 freestyle; Michelle Carolan, 100 backstroke; and Christine Stevens, 100 breaststroke.

ULS gets win, tie

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's tennis team got a taste of every emotion in sports in its last three dual meets.

The Knights lost 5-3 to Grosse Pointe North, posted a 6-2 victory over Dearborn Fordson, and played to a 4-4 tie with Port Huron Northern.

In the North match, ULS got a 6-2, 6-3 win from Holly Huth at No. 1 singles. The

Knights' other winners were Denine Simmons at No. 2 singles and Grace D'Arcy at No. 4.

"We had some good matches in doubles, although we didn't win," coach Chuck Wright said.

In first doubles, Chrissie Keersmaekers and Sam Troyanovich went three sets before losing in a tie-breaker.

ULS swept the doubles matches against Fordson.

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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FINAL PROJECT SELECTION

At a Public Hearing held on Monday, June 21, 2004 at 7:30 pm by the City of Grosse Pointe City Council the following projects were selected to meet federal guidelines and service objectives and was approved as follows:

- Approved a transfer of 2003 Community Development Block Grant Funds from Clearance/Demolition Programs to Planning Programs. Funds Total \$58,400.
- Approved the allocation of 2004 Community Development Block Grant Funds for removal of Architectural Barriers. Funds Total \$57,981.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GPN: 09/09/2004

MEETING SCHEDULE

GROSSE POINTES-CLINTON REFUSE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

September 14, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Clinton Township Civic Center 40700 Romeo Plank Road Clinton Township, Mi. 48036 586.286.9313
November 16, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Grosse Pointe Park 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue Grosse Pointe Park, Mi. 48230 313.882.6200
January 11, 2005	7:00 p.m.	City of Mount Clemens One Crocker Blvd. Mount Clemens, Mi. 48053-2537 586.469.6803
March 8, 2005	7:00 p.m.	City of Grosse Pointe Farms 90 Kerby Road Grosse Pointe Farms, Mi. 48236-3100 313.885.6600
May 10, 2005	7:00 p.m.	City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods, Mi. 48236 313.343.2440
July 12, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Village of Grosse Pointe Shores 795 Lake Shore Grosse Pointe Shores, Mi. 48236 313.881.6565
September 13, 2005	7:00 p.m.	City of Harper Woods 19617 Harper Avenue Harper Woods, Mi. 48225 313.343.2500

For further information, please contact our General Counsel:

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Red Barons ready for season openers

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons are ready to begin the East Suburban Football League season with two new head coaches.

Paul Monark replaces Bret Kurily as the varsity head coach. Lou Ray is the new junior varsity head coach, taking over for Doug Luttenberger.

"Replacing two coaches that meant so much to the organization, and to do it in one season, is a difficult challenge," said Barons president Rene St. Hilaire.

"Doug Luttenberger and Bret Kurily served as head coaches for the Red Barons for 19 and six years, respectively. Their leadership, expertise, passion for football, and love for these kids will be sorely missed.

"That said, we are very excited and fortunate to have head coaches Paul Monark and Lou Ray. Both gentlemen have coached in the organization and are very familiar with the kids, the program, and what we strive to teach — a sense of fair play, a competitive spirit and a true understanding of sportsmanship and citizenship."

Tony Cimmarrusti, who returns as freshman head

coach, has worked with both new coaches and is confident they will succeed.

"They are both strong-minded, fundamental football guys," Cimmarrusti said. "They bring a grounded approach to the game."

The Barons, entering their 51st year serving the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, begin the new season on Sunday, Sept. 12 at Grosse Pointe South High School against the St. Clair Shores Green Hornets.

The freshman game will start at noon, followed by the junior varsity and varsity.

All three squads are talented and should have successful seasons, but St. Hilaire said that wins and losses aren't important to

the organization.

"We never stress the importance of winning or losing," St. Hilaire said. "Rather, we teach these children how to win with class and to lose with dignity."

Cimmarrusti agreed.

"Our four primary goals are to get better every day, to grow in mental discipline and focus, to come together as a team and to have fun," he said. "If we accomplish those goals we will be successful regardless of our record."

The Barons also feature three cheerleading squads which have been reorganized this season.

"Our cheerleading squad is much improved over last season," St. Hilaire said. "The young ladies have been

practicing hard on many new routines. Cindy Tech and her staff have done a tremendous job preparing the squads for the upcoming season."

Following is the schedule for the Red Barons. All freshman games begin at noon except for the Oct. 30 game which starts at 3 p.m. The freshman games are followed by the junior varsity and varsity.

Sept. 12 vs. St. Clair Shores at Grosse Pointe South
Sept. 19 at Romeo
Sept. 26 vs. Northeast Detroit at Grosse Pointe North
Oct. 3 vs. Macomb at South
Oct. 10 at Sterling Heights
Oct. 17 vs. Huntington Woods at North
Oct. 24 at Mount Clemens
Oct. 30 at East Detroit

Knights have some new roles

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Three key members of University Liggett School's girls basketball will have new roles this season.

"Chalene Jones, Alex Houghtalin and Monique Squiers are going to be asked to do a lot more this year," said Maurice Taylor, who is a first-year assistant

coach under Dean Ristovski.

"As they get more experience and confidence, they'll feel more comfortable in their new roles."

ULS opened its season at the Royal Oak Shrine Invitational. The Knights lost both of their games but Taylor saw some encouraging signs.

"We played better against

Shrine than we did in our first game against Southfield Christian," Taylor said. "I think both of those teams are better than some of the teams in the (Metro) Conference."

ULS lost 29-19 to Southfield Christian, then bowed 53-35 in the Shrine

See HOOPS, page 3C

Knights open with a pair of shutouts

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Boys soccer is one of the few sports that seems to be winning the numbers game at University Liggett School this fall.

The football, girls basketball and tennis teams have some of their smallest teams in years this season, but so far that malady has affected the soccer team.

"We have 16 players on the varsity and we also have enough for a junior varsity team," said coach David Backhurst after the Knights opened the season with a pair of non-league shutout victories.

"One of the things I like about this year is that our scoring seems more balanced."

Five players scored goals in the Knights' 6-0 victory over Sterling Heights Bethesda, and ULS had four more players pick up goals in a 10-0 win over Macomb Christian.

The Knights' defense has also been impressive in the first two games. After giving up four goals in a scrimmage against Northern Michigan

Christian, Backhurst switched to a zone defense, which was effective for the ULS girls team last spring.

In their first two games, the ULS defense of seniors Barrett Young, Chris Andreovich and Brian Zymowski and sophomore Ryan Deane has allowed only 11 shots on goal.

Although he hasn't been overworked, sophomore goalkeeper Greg Jones has played well.

"He made some big saves against Bethesda," Backhurst said.

Good goalkeeping runs in the Jones family. Greg's sister, Allison, is the netminder for the ULS girls team.

Spencer Logan has been the offensive standout for the Knights in their first two games. He scored two goals and assisted on another against Bethesda, and he had four goals against Macomb Christian.

"He's playing outside midfield and that's a position he's comfortable with," Backhurst said. "He played well as a freshman, but he struggled some last season, and I think that's because he

injured his ankle the previous summer and hadn't completely recovered. He's our fastest player and he's playing with more confidence."

Logan's six goals already would have ranked him third on last year's team at the end of the season.

Freshman Curtis Fisher, Jeff Heaney, Ryan League and Adam Heaney had ULS's other goals against Bethesda.

Logan opened the scoring after taking a short pass from Adam Heaney seven

minutes into the game.

"Adam is playing the center-midfield spot that (leading scorer) Chris MacGriff played last year," Backhurst said.

The Knights held a 5-0 halftime lead.

Adam Heaney had two goals and three assists against Macomb Christian as ULS built a 6-0 halftime advantage.

Fisher and Anthony Provenzano each scored a pair of goals as the Knights had a 36-6 shot advantage.

South ties Lakeview in MAC crossover

Grosse Pointe South's soccer team made a strong bid to score the winning goal in its Macomb Area Conference crossover game with Lakeview last week, but it wasn't in the cards.

"We came back very strong in the closing minutes but couldn't put the ball in the net," said coach Frank Tymrak after the teams played to a 2-2 tie.

"We played very well throughout most of the game."

South came out strong and scored in the first 10 minutes. David Haberkorn

got the first goal, assisted by Tom Porter.

The Blue Devils made it 2-0 early in the second half on a goal by Bob Barker, but Lakeview scored with 15 minutes to go, and the Huskies got the equalizer with four minutes left.

Tymrak said that several of his players turned in fine all-around games.

"Alex Breitmeyer had a strong game in the midfield," he said. "Robbie Greening had a good game on defense, and Justin McMillen played well at striker."

Seniors spark North

A trio of seniors helped stake Grosse Pointe North's soccer team to a 5-1 halftime lead, and the Norsemen held on for a 6-4 victory over L'Anse Creuse North in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

Dan Gassel scored two goals, and Andy Bennett and Ryan Symington added a goal apiece for North in the first half.

Sophomore Brendan Symington also had a first-half goal for the Norsemen, who improved to 2-1 overall.

Adam Miller scored North's second-half goal.



Dan Gassel

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

The City Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will accept bids from Qualified Contractors until 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 17th, 2004 at 15115 E. Jefferson Ave. for sewer jetting/Videoging and replacement of damaged catch basins. All contractors must comply with Davis Bacon act and affirmative Action. Bid specifications are available from the office of Public Service.

Any Questions contact (313) 822-4281.

Chris Reimel,
Director of Public Service

G.P.N.: 09/09/2004

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004, 7:30 PM
17147 MAUMEE, GROSSE POINTE MI 48230

FLAGSTAR BANK SPECIAL USE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider the Special Use Application for the proposed Flagstar Bank project at 16821 Kercheval. The applicant is Stucky-Vitale Architects, on behalf of Flagstar Bank.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-298. Permitted uses after special approval, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance, which allows banks in the central business district subject to special use approval.

The property to be developed is described by the following specifications which are proposed for the project:

1. Project Type: Bank
2. Current Zoning: C-2, Central Business District
3. Total Parcel Size: Less than one acre
4. The applicant is requesting special use approval for a bank located at 16821 Kercheval.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the City Offices during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GPN: 09/09/2004

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS—HYDRAULIC BREAKERS:

Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 16, 2004, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following items: JCB Model 360 Hydraulic Breaker or approved equal and/or JCB Model 360Q Hydraulic Breaker or approved equal. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Louise S. Warnke,
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Farms-City 11-year-olds win district and sectional titles

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 11-year-old All-Star team took advantage of the first opportunity to advance past the district level.

After going 4-0 to win the district championship, the Farms-City team won all three of its sectional games to qualify for the eight-team state tournament in Bay City.

Farms-City won one of its three games in the state tournament.

Hoops

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Jones was the leading scorer in both contests. She had 11 points against Southfield Christian and 18 against Shrine.

Jones was the Knights' second-leading scorer last season.

"She has to take it to the next level this year, and we think she can," Taylor said. "She has a great attitude and work ethic."

Two other excellent athletes will play guard. Captain Laura Nicholl will play the point, while Jordan McIlroy has looked good at shooting guard.

Center Jasmine Hughley provides the Knights with an inside presence, although she lacks some experience.

South

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"It was a great defensive game," Van Eckoute said. "We had a total team effort on defense. We kept Mercy at bay the whole game. We didn't let them do what they wanted to do."

It was the third game of the season for Mercy, and the first of the year for the young Blue Devils squad. South has only four players with varsity experience.

Emily Koltuniak led the Blue Devils with nine points and freshman Megan DeBoer had eight. Sara Crandall had a team-high six rebounds.

"We're young," Van Eckoute said. "DeBoer is the first freshman I've ever had on the varsity. We also have three sophomores, seven juniors and only two seniors."

South followed that effort with a 60-58 overtime loss to Utica Eisenhower.

"It wasn't so much that we didn't play well defensively, but Eisenhower plays a similar game to ours, so there's going to be a lot of up-and-down play," Van Eckoute said.

The contest was a game of streaks.

The teams were tied at halftime, but a South spurt in the third quarter gave the Blue Devils an 11-point lead. The Eagles had a spurt of their own that gave them a two-point advantage late in the game.

The game went into overtime on a late basket by South's Katie Petz.

Kara Trowell led the Blue Devils with 11 points, despite playing on a sore ankle. Koltuniak finished with nine rebounds.

Fitness Firm begins classes on Sept. 13

The Fitness Firm will begin an eight-week series of low-impact aerobics classes on Monday, Sept. 13 in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Classes are Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45. Call (313) 886-7534 for the location of the classes.

The cost for the eight weeks is \$58, and students may attend any or all classes. There will also be a \$3 building use fee for the Harper Woods classes.

District

Farms-City began district play with a 12-2 win over Clinton Valley.

Jeff Sparks pitched a complete game. He had defensive help from Charlie Weipert, who made an over-the-shoulder catch in left field early in the game with two runners in scoring position.

Nate Maiuri drove in five runs and Andrew Holder collected three hits.

Farms-City picked up the first of three one-run victories when it edged Harper Woods 5-4.

Maiuri pitched a complete game with 10 strikeouts. Max Galvin had two hits, including a bunt single in the fifth inning that led to the winning run. He stole second, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on an

Tennis

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Keersmaekers and Troyanovich posted a 6-4, 6-2 victory at No. 1; Allison Jones and Katie Boccaccio were 6-2, 6-0 winners at No. 2; Kim Dickinson and Leeza Kossak won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3; and Jamie Bow and Lauren Russell shutout their opponents at fourth doubles.

Huth breezed to a 6-1, 6-0 win at first singles, while Simmons won a three-set match at No. 2.

"Denine is getting better and better," Wright said.

Huth gave ULS its only singles victory against PHN when she posted a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

"Holly is working the ball well," Wright said.

Winning doubles matches were Keersmaekers and Troyanovich (6-4, 6-4), Jones and Boccaccio (6-1, 6-4), and the fourth doubles team of Carrie Taylor and Russell (4-6, 6-3, 7-4).

"We lost close matches at second and third singles (Simmons and Stefania Ford), and at No. 3 doubles (Dickinson and Kossak)," Wright said.

ULS finished second to Grosse Pointe South in the ULS Invitational.

Huth wound up in a three-way tie for first place at No. 1 singles as she won two of her three matches.

Also winning two matches were D'Arcy at fourth singles, the No. 1 doubles team of Keersmaekers and Troyanovich and the No. 3 doubles team of Dickinson and Kossak.

Ford won one match at No. 3 singles. The No. 2 doubles team of Jones and Boccaccio and the No. 4 team of Bow and Russell each won one match while losing three-set matches to Grosse Pointe North.

errant throw to third.

Karl Brecht threw out two runners attempting to steal.

Farms-City then nipped Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 1-0 as Sparks won a pitching duel with Paul Kappaz. Sparks posted 10 strikeouts. Kappaz pitched a three-hit-ter.

Brecht led off the game with a walk and scored the only run on Holder's hit.

Sparks worked out of a jam in the fifth inning after Woods-Shores put runners on second and third with no outs.

E.J. Wujek, who hit well throughout the tournament, had two hits for Woods-Shores.

The two Grosse Pointe teams met again in the championship game, and again Farms-City prevailed in a nail-biter, winning 6-5.

Maiuri's three-run double overcame a 4-1 deficit. Max Kaiser, struck out five and allowed one run in three innings in relief of Maiuri.

Brandon Dunaway scored

ULS

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for the first time.

"When you're in a situation like we were, you want to put the ball in the hands of your best player, so we had Jon at quarterback," Sewell said.

Evangelista is expected back for the Knights' next game, along with another experienced player, Gary Davis-Headd.

Wright returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown. He also had an 80-yard kickoff return. Wright rushed eight times for 145 yards and a touchdown.

"He had the Westland players looking like they were playing tag and couldn't touch him on those kickoff returns," Sewell said.

The Warriors had a 30-18 halftime lead, but ULS kept battling in the second half even though the Knights were outmanned.

"Jon refused to die, and that forced the others to pick it up as tired as they were," Sewell said.

There were some other bright spots in the Westland game.

Charlie Litch had an interception, a fumble recovery and made four tackles. He also caught a pass for 32 yards.

Jonathan Craig had six tackles and played well at offensive guard and defensive tackle. Cal Ward had six tackles, and blocked a kick for the second straight game.

"I call Cal our energizer bunny," Sewell said. "He never stops running. He also played well at center. We didn't have any bad exchanges."

the winning run and made the final putout in right field.

Sectional

Offensive fireworks and a strong pitching performance by Sparks carried Farms-City to a 7-2 win over Marysville in the sectional opener.

Sparks struck out nine, pitched a complete game and helped himself with a two-run homer. His homer followed a three-run shot by Maiuri.

Ben Fry had two hits and scored three times. Mike Esse drove in a run with a sharp single. Mike Ciaffone threw out a runner at home on a perfect throw from center field while the outcome was still in doubt.

Farms-City's 4-1 victory over Birmingham featured fine pitching by Maiuri and excellent defense.

Maiuri pitched a complete game and drove in three runs with a pair of doubles. Ciaffone singled home the other Farms-City run.

Farms-City fielders turned three double plays.

Third baseman Greg Griffin had a fine game and started one of the double plays.

The pitching of Sparks and the hitting of Maiuri carried Farms-City to a 6-1 win over Marysville in the championship game.

Sparks pitched another complete game and Maiuri had two hits and four RBIs. Kaiser had an RBI single.

The title game also featured outstanding defense by Farms-City. Esse made a running catch of a line drive to left field to halt a Marysville threat with two runners aboard. Third baseman Topher Bamford caught a sinking line drive to end one inning, and he made a fine play on a bunt to rob a Marysville batter of an apparent hit.

State

Farms-City started state tournament play with a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Midland, which was the eventual state runner-up.

The game took only 1:05 to complete and was scoreless until the fifth inning.

Maiuri suffered the loss.

despite allowing only one hit.

Griffin displayed quick hands at third base, and had five assists.

Fry and Holder got the only two Farms-City hits.

Everything that had gone right for Farms-City went wrong in its next game as it dropped a 9-2 decision to Muskegon Roosevelt Park.

Roosevelt Park made six diving catches, and also had six infield hits. The Farms-City's defense struggled for the first time in the postseason.

Farms-City ended state tournament play on a high note with an 18-8 win over South Portage, which was the state runner-up as 9-and 10-year-olds last year.

Kaiser pitched a complete game and struck out eight.

Holder drove in five runs with three hits, including a ball off the fence in the first inning. Griffin hit a three-run double, Maiuri had two hits and three RBIs, Weipert had two hits and scored three runs, and Dunaway also scored three times.



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121 GENERAL SERVICES

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CROSSING GUARD
City of Harper Woods is accepting applications for **Crossing Guards** for the 2004-2005 school year. Must pass physical, drug testing and background check. Applications available Monday thru Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm., 19617 Harper Ave. \$7.90 per hour depending on intersection.
Contact Sgt. Selvaggi at (313)343-2535
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Applicants must have at least ten years experience in the governmental assessment field, and experience with BS & A assessing software and its divisions.
Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience and qualifications.
Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and a copy of Level III Certification to Cliff Mason, Acting City Administrator, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.
Fax: 313-343-2658
E-mail: cityadmin@gpwwi.us

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Customer Service Reps (Harper Woods office) needed. 5:30pm-9:30pm Monday-Thursday/9am-3pm Saturday. Good phone skills & sales background helpful. Will train. **Work at home is option.** 32 year old family business also needs **manager/supervisor.** Excellent pay plan. Karen 313-886-1763.

EARN money from your home based E-Commerce business. Call 866-281-3439.

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MILLER Valet Parking- Is accepting applications online for valet parking attendants & cashiers to work in Grosse Pointe. Valet: 5am-1:30pm, Monday-Friday; Bon Secours Hospital (hourly plus tips). Cashier: 1:30pm-9:30pm, 5 days week; Cottage Hospital. Must be reliable, professional and exceptionally friendly. Please apply online at www.millerparking.com

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PERSONAL trainer needed, 3 days/week. 5:30am, my home on Nautlius machine. Call Janet evenings, (313)417-9858

PRIVATE club in Grosse Pointe area looking for experienced server. Please fax resume to: 313-885-8561

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WAIT staff needed. Full or part time. Apply within. Village Grille. 16930 Kercheval.

WAITRESS/ counter person needed. Apply in person. 16624 Mack.

201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER

AFTER school nanny for our 14 year old daughter and 8 year old son. 3:30-6:30pm. Tuesday, Thursday. Perfect for high school senior or college student. Provide care, drive kids to activities, some errands. Good driving record. Own reliable transportation. Non-smoker. References. (313)822-0376

BABYSITTER/ tutor wanted 4 to 8 hours per week. High school student with math and science skills preferred. 2 children, 6th and 8th grade. \$10/hour. Need own transportation. Call 313-617-0865 after 6pm to discuss.

FULL time nanny needed for 2 wonderful children ages 3 and 5, in our home. Experience required. (313)282-6937

NANNY needed part time for seven month and two year old. Flexible hours. Ideal for college student. (313)640-1757

202 HELP WANTED CLERICAL

ACCOUNTING/ Office Clerk. Flexible hours. Quickbooks, Excel, and Word experience preferred. 313-331-9911

ADMINISTRATIVE assistant to president of small Grosse Pointe ad agency. Responsibilities include answering phones, typing, proof reading, bookkeeping & project management. Must be proficient in Word, Excel & Quickbook. (313)331-5380

BOOKKEEPER. Downtown Detroit CPA firm, serving a diverse client base of predominantly closely held companies seeks team player with basic accounting skills, email: skeen@trowbridgehouse.com Fax: (313)259-3474

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203 HELP WANTED DENTAL/MEDICAL

DENTAL assistant- Up-scale practice seeks motivated self-starter; who loves to deliver first class service. Experience necessary. Benefit package included. Fax resume to: 313-885-7447

DENTAL front desk/clinical assistant to work flexible hours (8-20 hours per week, no evenings; hours could increase if desired). Dental experience, computer knowledge needed. Fax resume to 313-884-0777 and become part of our great team.

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NANNY/ housekeeper available full time in your home. Over 12 years experience. Non-smoking with transportation. Very reliable and honest. Excellent references. Please contact Marie, (586)875-6224

302 SITUATIONS WANTED CONVALESCENT CARE

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SEASONAL CLERICAL
Help Wanted Immediately- Seasonal Clerical (Beginning 10/1/04 - 11/03/04)
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For an employment application visit www.gpwwi.us or Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

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ESTATE/ moving/ open house. Vintage, new, old, books, furniture, shelving, kitchen, tools, skis, records, and more. Something for everyone, everything must go! 1160 Torrey Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods (between 7 & 8, east off Mack), September 10th, 11th, 10-6.

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