
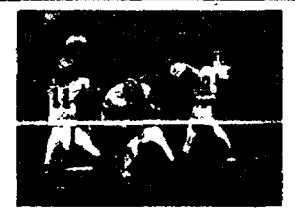


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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Oct. 8
 Learn about the local legends of old Grosse Pointe at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Legends of the Fall from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Provencal-Weir House.
 For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

Saturday, Oct. 9
 The Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Jubilee, a silent and live auction event, will be held at the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center at 26001 East Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.
 Friends level tickets are \$75 each, and patron level tickets are \$150 each. An elegant dinner, including beer and wine and a chocolate fountain for dessert, are included in the ticket price. For more information or for tickets, call (586) 779-7018.

Sunday, Oct. 10
 The Cottage Hospital Auxiliary hosts its annual kitchen tour from noon to 5 p.m.
 Advance tickets are \$18 and are available at the Cottage Hospital gift shop and the Pointe Pedlar. Tickets will be available at the door at 1060 Devonshire in Grosse Pointe Park and at 23253 Robert John in St. Clair Shores at a cost of \$20. Proceeds benefit the Bon Secours Cottage Women's Diagnostic Center.

Monday, Oct. 11
 The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets for a special session at 7:15 p.m. followed by a work session at 7:30 p.m. The council will be interviewing candidates for the city assessor position.

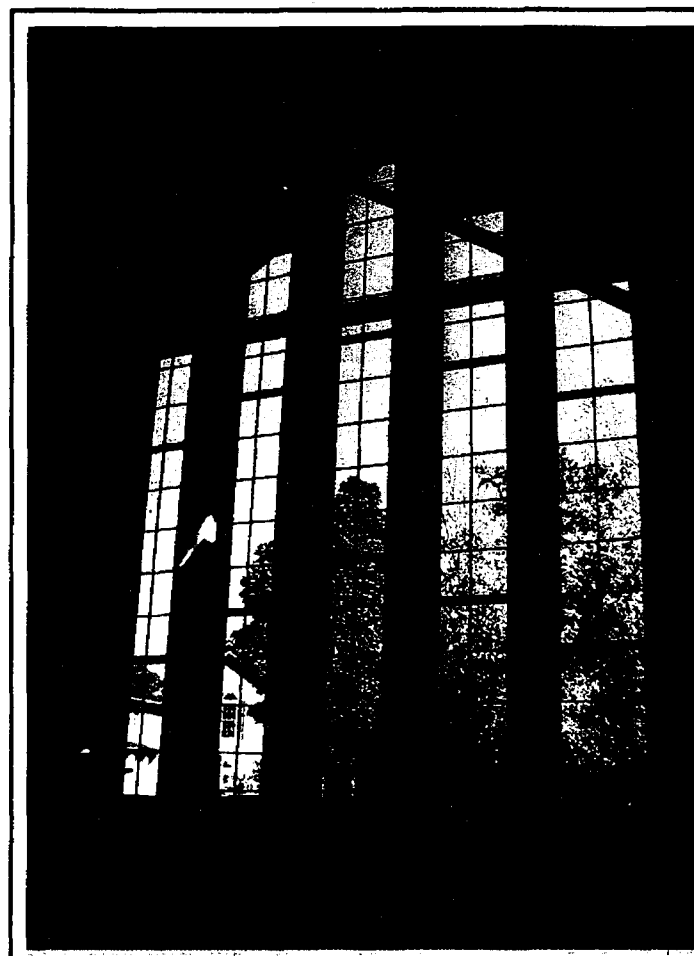
The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets in the Farms municipal building at 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 12
 Join the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe for Coffee and Conversation With Your Local Mayors at the Children's Home of Detroit at 9:30 p.m.

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Light reading
 A massive amount of natural light will penetrate through the interior of the new Park branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, as seen above. The 15,000-square-foot facility is expected to open in January. See story, page 3A.

Trowerns honored as Peacemakers of the Year

From blind clients to inner city children and World War II veterans, not to mention economically disadvantaged adults, Nancy and Joe Trowern have spent countless hours, days and weeks helping others in five organizations. Now they are being named Peacemakers of the Year by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, with ceremonies set for this Sunday, Oct. 10.

Their longest commitment has been to Open Door, a program of Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. Open Door offers free meals, haircuts and clothes every Thursday with no questions asked. The Trowerns have been organizing members of Memorial Church to help out once a month since 1980.

Transportation for those in need became another Trowern tradition. Blind clients in St. Clair Shores, especially those who were single,

needed a ride to attend a weekly support group at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, located in Grosse Pointe Park. So the Trowerns helped out.

Their clients loved getting out "because they're stuck at home all week," Nancy Trowern recalls.

See PEACEMAKERS, page 4A



Nancy and Joe Trowern of Grosse Pointe Park were named Peacemakers of the Year by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for their countless hours, days and weeks helping others in five organizations.

Jacobson's site has new owner; plans unknown

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Mayor Dale Scrace announced toward the end of a 2 1/2-hour special city council meeting Monday night that the former Jacobson's property in the City of Grosse Pointe has been sold to a developer.

He wouldn't name names. "A deal with Jacobson's has been made," Scrace said. "We're expecting that in the near future the new owner will be coming in to discuss things with staff. At some point we're quite certain there will be issues related to zoning, parking decks, setbacks and whatever."

In the two years since Jacobson's declared bankruptcy, the block-long building it occupied on Kercheval in the Village has been vacant.

"I think one of the initial discussions will be about the parking deck, to be quite candid with you," Scrace said. "How we dispose of the parking deck is almost more legal than it is should we do it or shouldn't we do it. There's no vote on it. There're going to be protracted discussions."

City Manager Mike Overton and Charles Kennedy, municipal attorney, were reappointed to represent the City during initial meetings with developers of the Jacobson's property. Overton and Kennedy are empowered to gather information, not make decisions.

Councilman John Stevens opposed making Overton and Kennedy the city's point men on the Jacobson's site negotiations and development. He felt the men lacked the necessary business experience to do the job properly.

The Jacobson's discussion ended Scrace's first effort this week at holding two short monthly council meetings instead of one long one.

Scrace proposed holding zoning sessions separate from council meetings on a six-month trial basis. Council meetings, which normally include zoning appeals, had begun lasting longer into the night, usually past 11 p.m.

Hoping to make meetings proceed more quickly, Scrace recommended dividing them in half.

Accordingly, council members will convene as the Board of Zoning Appeals on the first Monday of each month. Council meetings will continue the third Monday of each month.

The new schedule will be evaluated in six months.

"I promised my colleagues when we did two meetings that we could be quick and punctual," Scrace said upon opening the zoning session Monday at 7:30 p.m.

At 10:05 p.m., it was over. The group's first action was to deny a resident's request to increase the height of her 40-foot-tall house to 50 feet. The 100-year-old house has been undergoing extensive restoration and renovation for three years.

If approved, the dwelling would have stood above school headquarters on St. Clair and the former Jacobson's building in the Village.

Numerous residents living near the applicant attended. One called the proposal "absurd."

Discussion on the matter concluded at 8:35 p.m.

The same applicant requested permission to erect a seven-foot picket fence anchored by brick columns.


"Our home sits sideways on our lot," she said. "So, unlike most back yards we

See JAKE'S, page 3A

POINTER OF INTEREST

Gordon Nelson

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Age: 73
Family: Wife, Dr. Valerie Hudson; two daughters, Christine Rouse and Tatiana Hudson-Nelson, 2 1/2; and a stepson, Christian Hudson, 15
Occupation: Founder and artistic director of the Detroit Concert Choir
Quote: "The churches have been wonderful to us."
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Dow surges ahead, ignoring early choppy water

The stock market, measured by the Dow, endured a choppy early start last week. On Wednesday, it rose 59 points but gave back 56 points on Thursday. The real fireworks began at the opening last Friday and held its 112-point gain to close at 10,193. For the week, the DJI gained 1.5 percent.

The Nasdaq composite was even more boisterous, rising 63 points on the

week, or 3.3 percent.

Sen. John Kerry boosters claim the gain reflected Kerry's winning the presidential debate last Thursday night. Few TV listeners are aware that the "debate winner" is determined by the Collegiate Rules of Debate.

LTS' older brother, now deceased, was a debate champion in Texas in 1940, but he gave up debate the following year because of

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

the requirement that the presentation "for" or "against" the agreed upon topic is determined by the flip of a coin.

The debater's personal beliefs regarding the topic are never disclosed, and only the delivery techniques earn "winning points."

During an inter-collegiate debate contest, a debater might deliver the positive (for) position in the morning session, and, by the flip of the coin, deliver the negative (against) position on the same topic in the afternoon session.

Debates are often lost for reasons of etiquette or picking one's nose or nodding asleep, etc., etc.

Some NYSE floor traders said that Friday's rally reflected in part the not unusual buying associated with reinvestment programs related to the first trading day of a new calendar quarter.

Most investors don't question why the market surged; they're just thankful for a nice up-day, after the soggy summer.

As usual, LTS commented, "The market went up because there were more buyers than sellers!"

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 10/1/04

Dow Jones Ind.	10,193
Nasdaq Comp.	1,942
S&P 500 Index	1,132
Euro	1.2412
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	50.12
Gold (Oz.)	419.50
3-Mo. T-Bills	1.68%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.94%

Getting 'Simpsons' on a single disc — doh!

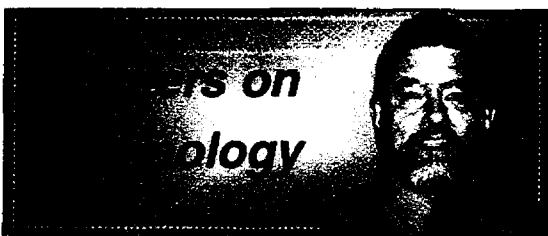
Cutting class just got harder, but schools are probably safer thanks to computer chips that help track students, Japanese officials say.

Some schools there began trial runs recently in which students carry chips that have tiny antennae and can be traced by radio. The kids attach the tags to their backpacks. The chips send signals to receivers at school gates.

A computer in the system shows when a student enters or leaves. School officials say rising concerns about student safety prompted the idea.

"More than 70 percent of parents supported the trials, indicating there is wide appreciation for this kind of effort," said Ichiro Ishihara, a teacher at a public elementary school 170 miles west of Tokyo. "And the kids love it. They think it's cool."

My advice to Ichiro? Watch the little darlings closely. It won't be long before they figure out they can be two places at once: One place where the chip is and one where they are. Oh, the mischief I could have gotten into way back



when I had such a chip.

Doh! This one is surely good news for "Simpsons" fans. Physicists at Imperial College, London, are developing a new optical disk that could store all 350 episodes of "The Simpsons," totaling 8,080 minutes of programming.

The scientists, led by Dr. Peter Tsvrk (Wasn't he one of the Monkeys?), estimate that the new disk, dubbed MODS (Multiplexed Optical Data Storage) could potentially encode and store up to one terabyte (1,000 gigabytes) of data, or 472 hours of mindless TV drivel.

Unlike today's disks, the one terabyte disk would be double-sided and dual-layered, but even a single-sided, single-layer, MODS disk could hold the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy 13 times

over, or all 238 episodes of "Friends." "Sponge Bob Square Pants" was not discussed.

The researchers worked closely with colleagues at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. They estimate that MODS disks would cost approximately the same to manufacture as an ordinary DVD and could play CDs and DVDs.

According to experimental results, they optimistically estimate that they will be able to store about one Terabyte per disk in total using this new method. This translates to about 250 gigabytes per layer, 10 times the amount that a regular disk can hold.

You do realize what this means, don't you?

First, if I start using these disks with my penchant for saving things, I will never be able to find a specific piece of information I saved ever again.

Second, my wife is a librarian. Hopefully she can help me sort and catalog this material. (Laughter is coming from another room.)

Did you know you share 99.9 percent of the same genes as everyone else? Only an astounding 1/10th of 1 percent of DNA separates you from the world's greatest athletes, Einstein and everyone else.

Now you and your kids can discover why and learn the real facts of life in "Genome: The Secret of How Life Works." This new traveling exhibit is now being hosted by The New Detroit Science Center

through December.

The exhibit, sponsored by Pfizer Inc., explores the nature, history of discovery and impact of genes through interactive, family oriented, hands-on exhibits.

Kids and adults will uncover some of the mysteries of genes, how and why the human genome (a person's entire set of genes) was mapped and the potential benefits of gene research, including preventing and curing diseases, living longer, solving crimes and producing better food and drugs.

(Better foods? I thought the potato chip had already been invented.)

Kids can navigate a large map of a cell and discover how a person grows from a cell to a complete human being. They can look up the recipe for your hair color in a giant genetic recipe book. (Insert Clairor joke here.)

My spies tell me there are classroom programs for grades 1-12. One program called "Alive and Kickin'" helps students understand if something is living or non-living, like my Uncle Bob.

"Fit as a Fiddle" helps students develop an understanding of what it takes to maintain a healthy body. (No potato chips.)

Students enter their very own crime lab and allows them to use forensics to solve a crime. (Who ate my potato chips? OK, I'll stop.)

For more information, call The Science Center, (313) 577-8400, or visit its Web site at www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

And while you're there, don't forget to visit the IMAX movie theater and the planetarium.

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

Business people

The Motor Vehicle Lighting Council (MVL) announced today that the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology (DIO) has joined the automotive safety group as an affiliate member. Dr. Phillip Hessburg, president of the DIO and resident of Grosse Pointe Park, will represent the organization in MVL activities.

The addition of the DIO, a not-for-profit organization devoted to education and research in the field of ophthalmology and aid to the visually impaired, will further strengthen the council by bringing medical expertise to MVL's efforts to enhance driver and pedestrian safety by improving lighting and visibility for all drivers.

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants has just appointed one of the members of its Board of Directors, John M. Rickel, CPA, CFA, of Grosse Pointe Shores, as a member of its Professional Ethics Task Force, which is charged with investigation of violations of professional standards and professional conduct, in accordance with American Association of Certified Public Accountants standards.

Rickel is concluding his term-limited third of three one-year terms as worldwide chairman of the 130 presidents of the Chartered Financial Analysts Societies. He led CFA meetings this year in Melbourne, Australia; Bangkok, Thailand; and Johannesburg and Cape

Town, South Africa.

The Ferrara Dermatology Clinic is preparing to open the Skin and Vein Laser Center of Grosse Pointe. Under one roof, the center will incorporate a full service medical dermatology facility and a new dedicated corridor for aesthetics and skin care.

The clinic and center, located in Grosse Pointe Woods, are owned by Dr. Richard J. Ferrara Jr.

TEC Detroit, an organization dedicated to the personal and professional development of chief executives, honored Brian Demkowicz, one of eleven CEOs, with the prestigious Eagle Award at its annual All-TEC event held recently at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

Demkowicz is a managing partner and co-founder of Huron Capital Partners LLC and serves as a director on the boards of several companies.

Demkowicz resides in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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Letters

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work together to ensure such accountability by taking the steps necessary to bring about an elected library board.

Diana Howbert
President, Grosse Pointe Public Librarians Association MEA-NEA, Local 1
Lynne Severini
President, Grosse Pointe Public Library Support Staff Association MEA-NEA, Local 1

Superintendent thanks HW community

To the Editor:

"What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all its children. Any other ideal for our schools is narrow and unlovely; acted upon, it destroys our democracy."

— John Dewey

To all Harper Woods citizens:

John Dewey is considered by many to be the father of modern education. In the first third of the last century,

John Dewey redefined public education in America but his thought, quoted above, is at least as true to today as it was when first spoken.

Thanks to the generosity of the voters in the Harper Woods School District, we will soon have what the "community wants for all its children." With the approval of the school bond proposal on Sept. 28, the Harper Woods community can look forward to a revitalization of the schools and of the community's pride. The action taken on Tuesday will define this community for the next 30 years, and that new identity will be one of which everyone can be proud.

Thank you for having the trust in the board of education and in the professionals in the school system to allow us to assure that another of the district's indicators of success can be achieved: "We will know we are successful when the instructional facilities of the district are conducive to teaching and learning and allow for the effective implementation of the district's curricular and non-curricular programs."

One of the district's guiding principles established a few years ago is that we are committed to the principle of stewardship. Among other

things, we believe in accountability for the prudent management and care of all district resources. And I promise, on behalf of the school board and every employee of the Harper Woods Public Schools, the resource that is now in our near future will be maintained and will serve as the primary source of pride, not only to the schools but to the entire community.

With the generosity displayed on Sept. 28, we can say that we are truly "building bridges for future generations."

Thank you to everyone.

Daniel E. Danosky
Superintendent
Harper Woods School District

Good service at swim club

To the Editor:

I read with interest Jennie Miller's story, "Gators dive into area pools" (Sept. 23, Grosse Pointe News), about Grosse Pointe's new swim club, the Gators.

While everyone — be it individuals or organizations — improves through competition, I recognized a need to challenge the negative impression that this report may have left with some

readers about Grosse Pointe's long-established swim club, Pointe Aquatics.

This fall, my wife, Mary, and I returned with numerous other families — and many new ones — to the club that has served our two children and us well since we moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 2000. Caitlin and Connor, now 11 and 12, respectively, have not only developed as competitive swimmers and swum themselves into great physical condition but also made many new friends. They've trained under one excellent coach after another — at present, Dan Hafner and head coach Mike O'Connor.

Mike O'Connor is, of course, the longtime coach of the Grosse Pointe North boys and girls swim teams, which have achieved much success over the years, and the former coach of Pointe Aquatics alumna and 2004 Olympic gold medalist Carly Piper.

We've never been placed on a waiting list at Pointe Aquatics. Everyone's always been welcome at the Grosse Pointe North pool, where the Pointe Aquatics swimmers began their 2004-05 season just after Labor Day.

There have been no filter or other problems, either, at North's new pool, which

opened last year.

Interested parents and swimmers may check out Pointe Aquatics at its Web site pointequatics.com, or by calling the Splashline at (313) 882-7914.

Douglas W. Buchanan
Grosse Pointe Park

Deadline for Letters is 3 p.m. Monday, space permitting

Rotary

From page 9A

tions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as they are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas.

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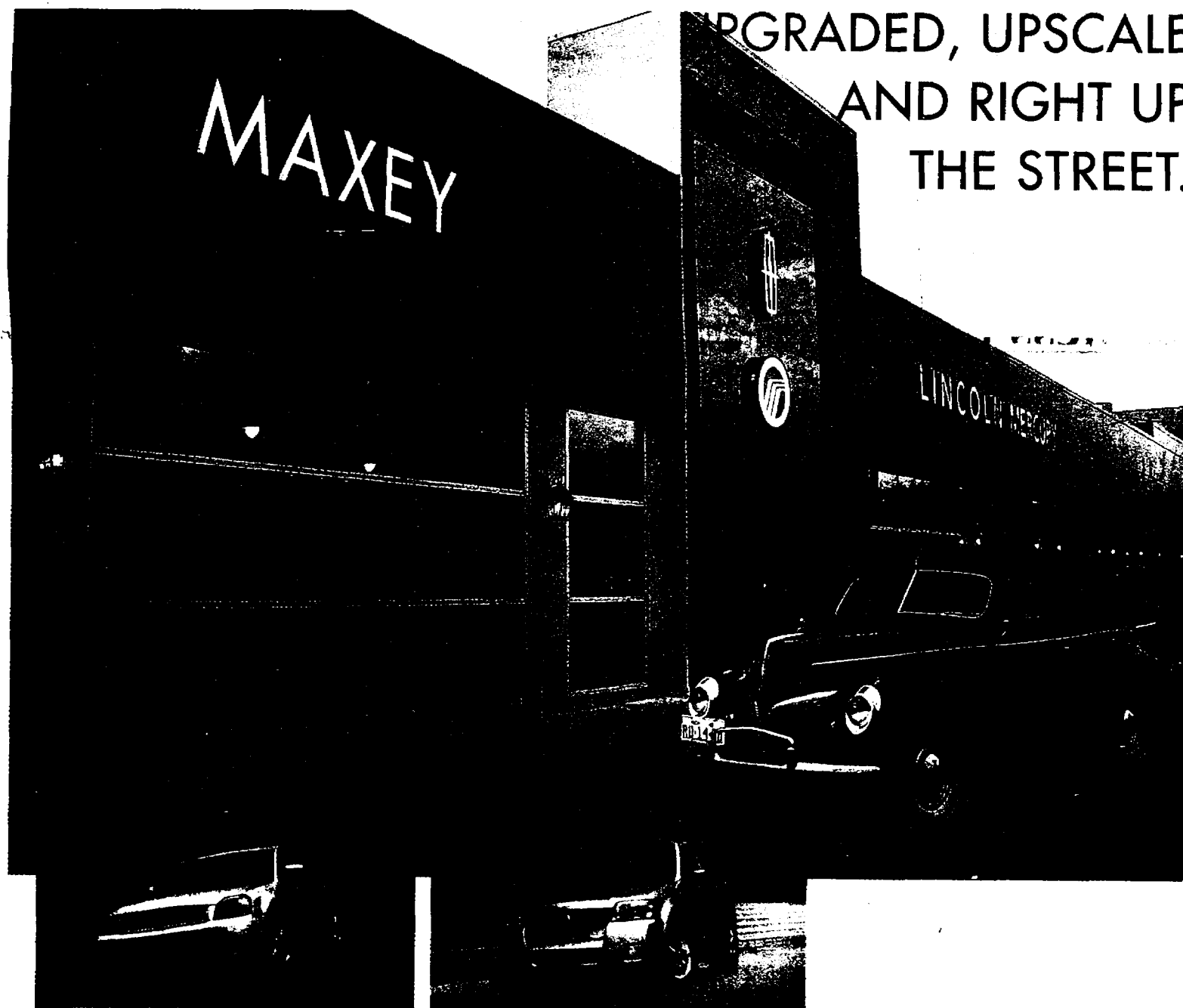
A group study exchange team consists of four non-Rotarian business or professional people and a Rotarian team leader. Applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 40, be committed to remaining in the work force after the exchange, and be in the early stages of their own careers. They must live or be employed in the Rotary district and must be citizens of the country where they live.

They must also be proficient in the language of the country they are to visit.

For each team member, Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air fare. Local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel within their district. Team members are responsible for their own personal expenses.

Between mid-April and mid-May, district 6400 (of which the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe is a member) will send a Group Study Exchange team to New Zealand.

Anyone who meets the qualifications and who is interested in being part of the group should contact the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Applications must be received by Friday, Oct. 15.



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Ewald Library awaits its grand opening

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

The massive structure peeks out at drivers on their early morning commute.

It stands, awaiting completion, patiently allowing builders to do final work.

It longs for the grand opening, which lies but a few months away, when all can finally see its glory.

Books will line the shelves; the fireplace will roar, and patrons, hungry for knowledge, will stream under the archway and through its doors to discover all it has to offer.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's new Park branch, located on the corner of Jefferson and Lakepointe, has been nearly five years in the planning. Ground was broken just 16 months ago, and now the community has but a few more months left until its new library is unveiled.

"We are very excited to demonstrate to our library patrons what modern libraries can contribute to a community," said John Bruce, president of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board. "This is an extraordinary building — certainly a significant public building in Grosse Pointe — and the architects and contractors have done a wonderful job moving this along."

Bruce noted that one can't help but notice the structure when passing by, but also that planners worked hard to make sure the facade matched that of the surrounding buildings.

"It fits into its setting

well, with the municipal building, the condo complex and the residential neighborhood," Bruce said. "David Milling, the architect, did an exceptional job relating to the other buildings. It's amazing how well it fits in the neighborhood but still manages to catch your eye. It draws you in, and speaks to you to come inside and see what this library is all about."

At nearly four times the size of the Park's current library branch, the new facility's 15,000 square feet will be filled with resources to offer its patrons. Bruce's personal favorite is the children's section, which is alone larger than the current Park branch.

"The children's room is just going to demonstrate what community libraries have grown into in the 21st century," he said of its appeal.

The interior of the structure is just as awe-inspiring as the exterior. With a massive fireplace centered in the building with chimneys that stretch to the high ceilings and windows that blast sunlight into the rooms, the facility exudes strength and peace.

"The great reading room just explodes on you," Bruce said. "I've recognized that it is a challenge for a library to bring in a lot of natural light. Because shelves and books are so important, wall space is an integral part to provide the materials a library has. I think this building does it in an extraordinary way, with a wave of sunshine from the skylight

and the one huge window. It's an incredible amount of natural light. It makes it much more of a comfortable and inviting place that can provide an element of peacefulness."

Carpentry work is still heavily underway as furniture and furnishings are being ordered. Library staff is eagerly awaiting the move from its current location at Pierce Middle School. A minimal amount of landscaping will also take place before the winter chill sets in, with much of it to be completed in the early spring.

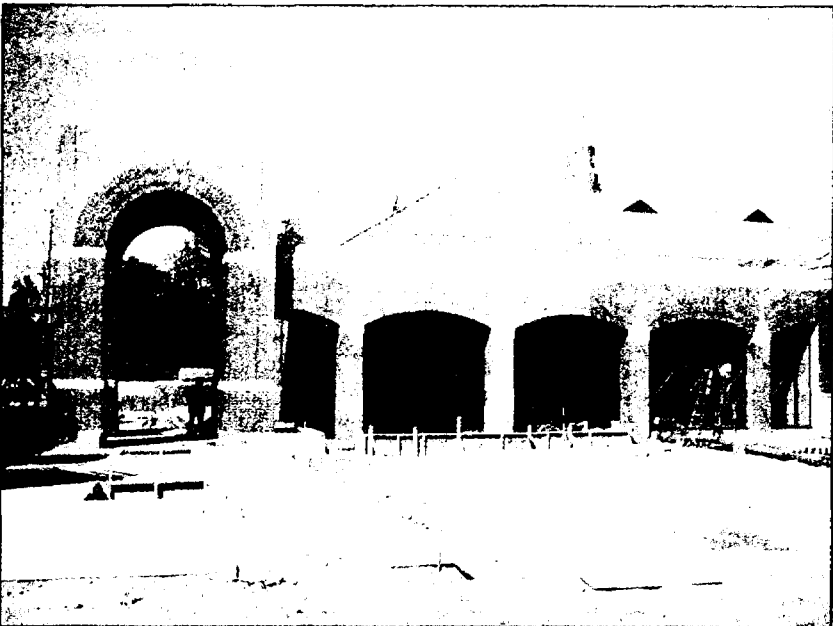
"We're hoping to have the grand opening in early January," Bruce said.

Meanwhile, the Grosse Pointe Public Library Foundation is kicking off a major gift campaign for the new branch. The foundation has already received its largest donation — \$1 million to name the library The Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Branch.

"We're very excited to have the privilege to name this after (a family) who has contributed so much to education and quality of life in the Grosse Pointe area," Bruce said.

Another quarter of a million dollars in various individual donations has helped pave the way.

"We have the money to build a good library, but through fundraising, we have the ability to make it great," said Marcia Scavarda, Foundation director. "The community is getting so excited about the library, and this is the first community wide fundrais-



An archway welcome patrons into the new library facility at the corner of Jefferson and Lakepointe.

Due to open in early January, the 15,000 square-foot facility features dramatic architectural elements like the fireplace, below, that towers to the ceiling in the center of the general reading room, below. Several quiet study rooms are being constructed in the background, located on either side of the entrance to the programming room.



ing campaign that will absolutely touch everyone as patrons."

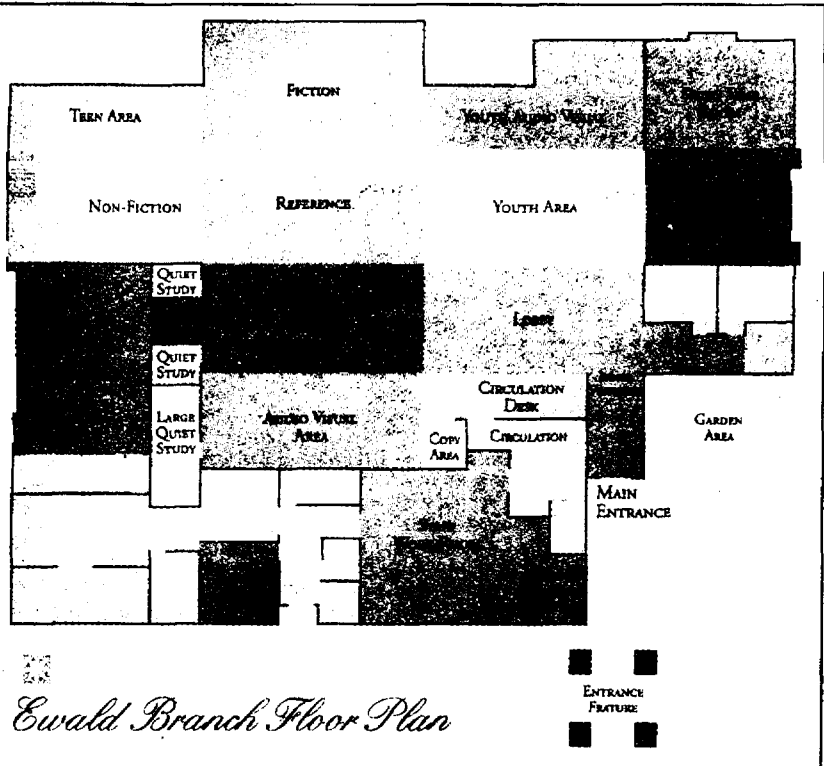
A gift catalog is already in the mail to Grosse Pointe Park and City of Grosse Pointe residents. Commemorative gifts are needed for improving architectural features like the fireplace, special rooms and activity areas, interior design and decorative elements like sculptures and stained glass paneling.

Each gift category is distinctive by monetary size, designed to reach as many citizens as possible.

"This gives an opportunity to those who understand the value of giving back to the community," Scavarda

said, adding that recognition will be given, and money will be funneled into the library for capital projects.

For more information regarding the gifts, contact the foundation at (313) 822-2035.



Woods city administrator a bargain?

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

When making a career move, most people are looking for a larger salary and benefits package from their next employer.

Not Mark Wollenweber.

The St. Clair Shores city manager who is being courted to take on the city administrator position in Grosse Pointe Woods has requested pay and perks that surprised some of the Woods council members.

During informal discussions with the Woods council's search consultant Frank Gerstenecker, Wollenweber reportedly asked for an annual salary of \$93,000 — \$11,100 less than his current salary.

"Comparing city manager salaries for cities of this size, we estimated the salary offering to be \$92,750," Gerstenecker said.

Wollenweber also declined to accept health benefits and pension packages. Instead, he requested the option to participate in an employee contributor deferred compensation program, such as a 401(B), in lieu of a municipal pension.

Wollenweber also asked for a \$6,000 annual car allowance — \$6,000 less than what had been offered to his predecessor — and an 800 gallon per year gas allowance from the city-owned pump, an estimated cost of \$800 to the city.

Wollenweber also asked for four weeks of vacation and 10 sick days. He currently gets six weeks of

vacation at St. Clair Shores.

In all, the cost of Wollenweber's requests came in at \$115,320 — \$16,900 less than Gerstenecker reportedly expected the Woods would have to shell out for salary and benefits.

The sticking point, however, could be Wollenweber's request for a three-year rolling contract in which the council would have the option to renew another year onto this contract during every yearly performance evaluation.

Such a provision could be in violation of the city code and state law which state the city administrator be an at-will employee.

Also controversial with some members of the council is Wollenweber's request that in case of termination, he would be offered a severance package equal to the remainder of this contracted salary, unless dismissed for

taking part in illegal or unethical activities.

"The reason for the request is because of the instability of the city administrator's position," Gerstenecker said, referring to the council's dismissal of former city administrator Ted Bidigare in March. "Also, it has been practiced in other positions such as with school superintendents."

After an hour-long discussion of constructing a possible employment package at a council work session on Monday, Oct. 4, Councilman Darryl Spicher said, "I was shocked it's lower than anticipated with no health benefits."

"When you retire and get your pension, you almost double your salary," said Wollenweber, who was not at the council's work session.

"I'm troubled by the severance package," Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle said.

"More and more communities need to do that in order to keep someone," Wollenweber said.



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Conductor makes choir home in the Grosse Pointes

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

At 73, Gordon Nelson has no intention of retiring — from fun.

For Nelson, his job as artistic director of the Detroit Concert Choir for the past 18 years is a second career he didn't just choose, but also developed.

"I taught at Denby High School in Detroit during the '60s and '70s," Nelson said. "I left teaching in the mid-80s to be with my parents in California, who weren't doing well at the time."

"While I was there, my aunt, who went by the stage name of Rita Roselle, passed away. She had been a dancer during the silent era and later became the assistant to the director at one of the movie studios. My aunt, in her will, left part of her estate to establish a foundation for music. This gave me the seed money to get a choir started. All I had to do was make a decision whether to stay there or come back to Detroit."

Knowing Detroit was where his daughter Christine Rouse lived, Nelson chose to come back to Detroit to found the Detroit Concert Choir. Many of the choir's first members were his former choir students from Denby.

Founding the choir gave

Nelson the opportunity to conduct and present a wide range of music. While the choir focuses mostly on classical music, it also performs gospel, spiritual, folk and pop.

"I try to make the choir attractive to as many people as possible, and it's attainable to people of all different levels," Nelson said.

At the same time, Nelson is committed to challenging his performers.

"We tour about every 1 1/2 years," Nelson said. "We've been to Wales three times, and we've been to Spain, Ireland and Austria. This past summer we went to Italy. We started in Gorizia in northern Italy, sang in a competition and at the Vatican. When I taught at Denby, I took the kids to Wales twice. The reason why I take them to international competitions is to get them to the highest level possible."

In all, the DCC has won 14 international awards, including the title of Choir of the World from the 1996 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales, first place awards at the 1994 Sligo International Choral Festival in Ireland, and the Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence at the 1997 Chorus America Convention.

POINTER OF INTEREST



Grosse Pointe Park resident Gordon Nelson has made the Grosse Pointes the unofficial home of the Detroit Concert Choir. "We rehearse at Grosse Pointe North High School, and our offices are at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church," Nelson said. "The churches have been wonderful to us. We've performed at St. Clare, St. Paul and St. Ambrose. They're very supportive of us, and the churches are a lot less expensive than renting performance halls."

Nelson also raises the bar for his performers at home as well. The DCC has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra four times. Just a few weeks ago, the women of the choir performed a four-day schedule of "The Planets" with the DSO. On Sunday, Oct. 24, the choir will perform favorites from their Italian tour in The Splendor of Italy at St. Paul Catholic Church

in Grosse Pointe Farms. The trick to attaining excellence means finding a balance. Of the 90 members of the choir, about 20 of them are professional singers.

"Some of our singers sing with the Michigan Opera Theater, some of them are composers trying to make it on their own, and some of them are caseworkers and chiropractors," Nelson said.

"The unique challenge I have is realizing most of my people have jobs, other commitments and families."

However, it's Nelson's drive that brings the group to a high level. He'll often work with members of the choir individually and in small groups outside of rehearsals.

"In a lot of groups, the conductor has a full-time job," Nelson said. "With me, I put all of my time into this."

Although a metropolitan institution much like the DSO, the DCC has strong ties to the Grosse Pointes.

"We rehearse at Grosse Pointe North High School, and our offices are at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church," Nelson said. "The churches have been wonderful to us. We've performed at St. Clare, St. Paul and St. Ambrose. They're very supportive of us, and the churches are a lot less expensive than renting performance halls."

Likewise, many of the choir members come from the Grosse Pointes — about 20 of them. Local performers include professionals, such as former Grosse Pointe North High School interim choir director Stan Harr of Grosse Pointe Shores, and dedicated amateurs, such as Third Circuit Judge William Giovan of Grosse Pointe Park.

So what has kept the Park

resident in a second career for the past 18 years?

"Gordon is very passionate about music," said his daughter Rouse, who is also executive director of the DCC and sings soprano in the choir. "His passion draws people to the group, and his focus for excellence makes it what it is."

Before he started teaching at Denby, Nelson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College.

"I majored in voice," Nelson said. "I felt I had to make a decision in high school whether to become a singer or a teacher/conductor. When you're using your voice all day, I decided to go into conducting."

Later, Nelson earned a Master in Education degree from Wayne State University and a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan. His commitment to education continued later in life having studied with Robert Shaw, Helmuth Rilling and Bev Henson.

Obviously, Nelson shows no signs of slowing down any time soon.

"The advantage to doing this is giving people an opportunity to perform outside of the school system and bring people together who have a love for music," Nelson said. "I have the time to specialize and give the training they need. It's a special calling."

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Work ends on G.P. Woods water main

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

After two summers, water and traffic now flow freely along Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Work on the Mack water main project officially ended on Tuesday, Sept. 28, as the final link from the 20-inch main was connected at the northern city limits.

City residents and businesses now receive their water from 12- and 20-inch pipes made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE). About 2.2 miles of pipe were bored six to nine feet under the Mack medians.

"The old pipes were up to 75 years old, made of cast iron and were prone to breakage," Director of Public Works Director Joseph Ahee said. "We now have better pressure and better flow for residents, businesses and fire fighters."

Ahee said this year's project was completed a month ahead of last year, primarily because of a commitment made by the project contractor, Corby Energy.

"When Corby came back to bid for the work this year, they said, 'We can knock off a month,'" Ahee said.

Ahee credited Corby's work to the lessons that were learned from working on the first two phases of the project last year in which the new main was installed

from the north city limits to Oxford. Last year, the Corby and the city's engineers ran into several unmapped or mismarked underground utility lines, which prolonged completion by just over two weeks. He also said Corby improved downtime on making connections at businesses and side streets.

"We learned a lot from Phases I and II," Ahee said. Ahee also credited communication between Corby and the city's engineering

firm, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick and the local businesses along Mack in part of the success of the project. He said a weekly newsletter to Mack businesses informing them of progress helped, too.

While partial road closures were in effect at times, Ahee said the project was "pretty painless" in comparison to going about the project the original way, which would have involved making an open cut along the park-

ing lane along the west side of Mack.

Only a few sections of pavement recently poured south of Bournemouth must cure before an asphalt layer is added. Sod replacement is nearly complete except where an irrigation system is to be installed.

The project was completed at an approximate cost of \$5.3 million.

"We hope this will last us another 50 years to come," Ahee said.

Peacemakers

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of Ophthalmology, said, "If the institute had 50 couples like the Trowerns, we could rule the world!"

Driving inner city children home from the Foundation for Exceptional Children became another pastime for the couple.

The Trowerns, who first met when she was 8, and he was a 13-year-old neighbor on Long Island, N.Y., like doing things together.

"We're better at it that way," says Joe Trowern, adding that he knows how to play golf, and Nancy Trowern can play bridge, "but they don't interest us that much." Trowern says they get "instant gratification" by helping others.

Adult literacy tutoring also caught their attention. They enrolled in a 12-hour training workshop and began tutoring in 1998, according to Sister Marlene at the Dominican Literacy

Center in Detroit, who noted the "many dimensions" of the couple's peacemaking efforts.

But Joe Trowern learned about war first. Signing up the day after his high school graduation, he served as an infantry platoon leader in Gen. Patton's Third Army during WWII and was wounded twice. Later he was instrumental in founding the Veterans Club of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and working with staff at the Grosse Pointe News to assemble WWII veterans' stories for a series of articles in the mid-1990s. (The stories have since been published in a book, "Call to Arms: Grosse Pointers in WWII," which is available at the War Memorial for \$5.)

An undergraduate degree from Rutgers and an MBA from Harvard followed WWII for Joe Trowern, who married Nancy Trowern in 1951 when he was 25 and she was 20. His career as a

"rescue management" CEO encompassed 14 subsidiaries or companies affiliated with DuPont and, later, Warner Lambert.

After retiring, he and Nancy Trowern discovered they could no longer afford health insurance; so in 1986, he became a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. While on duty in 1990, he was struck by a vehicle and sustained injuries which required five months of hospitalization.

"The Trowerns are the type of volunteers I can call anytime, anywhere, and they respond with hard work and dedication," says Marcus Shelley, chair of the Outreach Council at Memorial Church.

The Trowerns will be recognized during services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, as well as during the 10 a.m. middle hour at Memorial Church. The church is located at 16 Lakeshore, and the public is welcome.

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Jake's lesson

I learned the hard way to buy a suit from the top down.

Meaning, first make sure the coat fits comfortably through the shoulders and across the back.

As long as the shoulders and underarms are roomy, the rest can be altered. Especially the pants.

If pants have to be taken in more than usual, which results in the back pockets being drawn too close together, no problem. Good men's clothing stores have tailors who will recut pants if necessary.

When I walked down to the Village to buy my first suit, I hadn't learned the

top-down rule.

This was before athletic-cut suits had become widespread, especially in a conservative market like the Grosse Pointes. Athletic suits have a deeper drop than regular suits.

At the time, if the coat of a regular suit measured 44 inches across the chest, the pants measured 38 inches. A six-inch drop. Perfect for pot-bellied American men.

Athletic suits dropped at least eight inches, offering a more comfortable fit, natural silhouette and less expensive alteration fee for guys who weren't overweight and needed their trousers recut and reduced.

Under guidance from a clerk at the local Jacobson's store, my first suit was sized from the bottom up. Fit the pants first. Tailor everything else accordingly.



No need to recut the pants. A time-taking job, the clerk said.

My then-32-inch waistline governed the transaction. I accepted the arrangement passively.

I soon showed up at work in a brand new, two-piece, Oxford gray suit that encased my torso like a stovepipe. Think Abe Lincoln. It felt fine when standing straight, shoulders hunched in, lungs excused of

air.

Forget being able to drive a car with the coat on. Couldn't reach the steering wheel. Forget sitting at a desk and reaching for the telephone.

I needed a new suit.

Brooks Brothers had a store downtown in the Penobscot Building, two blocks from where I worked. In I went.

The pants will have to be recut, said the clerk, a squat

and sincere man with a yellow tape measure draped around his thick neck. He wore the tape like a physician with a stethoscope.

I'd been told recutting pants was a pain. So time-consuming.

Maybe, but it has to be done, said the clerk. I'd made a friend.

I soon showed up at work wearing a two-piece, Oxford gray, subtly pinstriped suit. Nothing flashy. Trends aren't for me. That's why I went to Jake's in the first place.

I went back to Brooks Brothers and bought another suit. Dark blue. And another, plain Oxford gray.

We had a Nurf football in the office. Every once in a while, someone would pick it up and throw it at a coworker. Out of the blue. Generally from behind. Often while the

target was on the telephone. It was fun.

Our department head didn't care. He was a retired Army officer who knew when to go by the book and when to let it fly. Whatever it took to get things done right the first time.

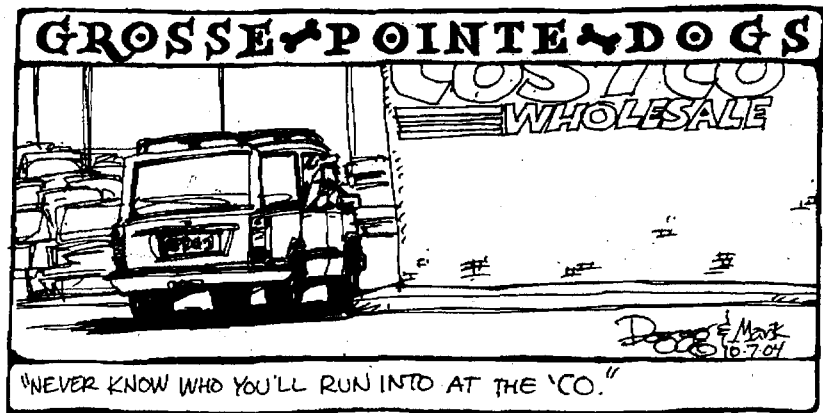
I remember my first three Brooks Brothers suits being so roomy I could toss around that Nurf ball while wearing my coat. No more restrictive stove pipes.

It seems once Jacobson's closed everyone had a favorite memory of the store — the a special lunch in the restaurant, tempting Christmas displays in the children's department. On and on.

My memory? Learning the hard way to resist salesmen working on commission. I never bought another thing full price at Jacobson's.

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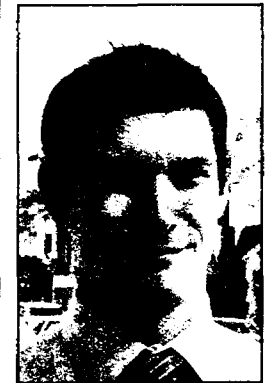
Question of the Week:
Who do you think did better in the first presidential election debate: President George W. Bush or Sen. John Kerry?



Cynthia Pease

"I'm undecided. I thought Kerry was good because he talked like a politician, but he sounded like he was reading a script. I saw Bush talk to the people, but I thought he could've defended himself better."

Cynthia Pease
Fraser



Peter Lucas

"I thought Kerry did. He was able to keep Bush on the defensive most of the time."

Marty Potter
City of Grosse Pointe



Barbara Anderson

"I think Kerry did better."

Barbara Anderson
Grosse Pointe Woods

"It was a good debate, but it didn't change my vote. I'm still going to vote for Bush."

Karen Rossello
Grosse Pointe Farms

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by Ben Burns

Creatures

The Christ Church Episcopal choir marched out the front door of the sanctuary into crisp, golden autumn air and onto the front lawn on Grosse Pointe Boulevard at 10:15 a.m. last Sunday singing, "All creatures of our God and King."

Several hundred parishioners and dozens of those great and small creatures ranging from birds and dogs to horses and cats took part in the annual blessing of animals to celebrate the feast of St. Francis.

"Our focus today not only is intended to remind us of one extraordinary individual, St. Francis of Assisi, who understood the reality of humanity's interconnectiveness with all of creation and that God is present in every living thing, but also to confront our own selfishness in the way we take our world for granted, even the beloved animals and plants that enrich our daily lives," the Rev. David Dieter said in a program note.

Among those waiting patiently in the back of the service to have their pets blessed were Elizabeth, 5, and Christina, 3, daughters of John and Nicky Gersch of the Park, with their English cocker spaniel, Teddy; Erin Krysinaki, 13, with her liver-spotted field spaniel, Ellie, and Hiromi Suzuki, 17, of the City, with her host family's Heinz 57 hounds, Daisy and Missy.



Waiting to be blessed, above right, are Christina, 3, left, and Elizabeth Gersch, 5, and their dog, Teddy, an English cocker spaniel. The girls are appropriately wearing faux leopard skin coats for the occasion. They are the daughters of John and Nicky Gersch of the Park.

Erin Krysinaki, 13, of the Farms, above left, cuddles her field spaniel, Ellie before the blessings.

The congregation then sang: "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all."

And the Episcopal priests then blessed each of them

human and animal alike.

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The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International offers a cultural and exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women.

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travel grants for teams of young participants for exchange visits between countries. For four or six weeks, team members study the host country's institu-

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Points about the Pointes

Preparing our kids for jobs that don't exist...
...what's a parent and a school system to do?

Fellow School Board "newbie" Angela Kennedy and I attended a series of seminars hosted by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) this past weekend in Lansing. Both Angela and I left Lansing with notebooks full of ideas on how we can do better jobs as Board members in serving the community.

Being a "factoid addict", I was taken aback when I learned that...

...90% of the children in kindergarten will end up working in a job that doesn't even exist today?

...60% of our high school seniors will end up working in a job that doesn't exist today?

What does this tell us as parents? Quite simply, we have to educate our children in logical thinking, information analysis and communication skills, as they will be the key components of an education that won't be out of date tomorrow.

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Obituaries

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Ralph H. Backus

Ralph H. Backus, 77, of Bloomfield Hills died on Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at Wm. Beaumont Hospital.

Born in Detroit in 1927, Mr. Backus graduated from Birmingham High School and Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo. He worked for Jacobson's in Birmingham, the J.L. Hudson Co., and the Richmond and Backus Co. of Detroit.

Mr. Backus was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his two sons, Gregory and Christopher and their wives; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Arrangements were made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075, Ste. 100 or the First Presbyterian Church's Music Department, Organ Fund.

Dorothy C. Dely

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dorothy C. Dely, 78, died on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at SCCI Hospital in Detroit.

Born in 1926 in Detroit, Mrs. Dely was a 29-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. She was the owner of the Dely Travel and also Classic Tours in Grosse Pointe Woods. She loved to read and to travel.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin; her daughters, Dorothy (Tony) Pittiglio, Dale Childs and Diane (Richard) Janis; her sons, Douglas (Lee), Donald (Mary Ann) and David (Susan); her sisters, Mary Ellen Garbrecht, Beverly Skora and Nancy McDaniels; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bertram and Dorothy Balkema; her daughter, Patricia Dely; and her sisters, Geraldine Collins and Loretta Balkema.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Detroit. Interment is in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or the Capuchin Monastery.



Ruth Rush Ragland

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Ruth Rush Ragland, 90, a former Grosse Pointe resident, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, of complications from pneumonia, at Oakbridge Healthcare Center in Lakeland, Fla.

Born in Philadelphia in 1914 to Lydia (Starr) and Joseph Rush, Mrs. Ragland and her sister, Marietta (Zimmerman) were raised in Grosse Pointe. She attended Grosse Pointe High School, and married John "Jack" Stovall Ragland at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in May of 1934.

Together, the Raglands traveled the country for four years prior to settling in Garden City, N.Y., where their children, Janet and Jon were born and raised.

In 1958, they moved to Lakeland, Fla., where they owned a business, Stevenson Tile & Terrazzo Co., for many years. Mrs. Ragland served as treasurer of the company. In addition to her job-related duties, Mrs. Ragland always found time to play with and enjoy her children and grandchildren. She tended to a lovely container garden that she maintained at her home.

Mrs. Ragland is survived by her daughter, Janet

(Graham) of Grosse Pointe Park; her son, Jon, of New Port Richey, Fla.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sister, Marietta of Grosse Pointe; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jack.

A memorial service will be held in Longboat Key, Fla., at a later date. Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Ilene B. Rowe

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ilene B. Rowe, 85, of Lansing, died on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004.

Born Aug. 18, 1919, in Clinton, Ind., the daughter of Harvey and Doxie (Lee) Holmes, Mrs. Rowe moved to Detroit and later to the Grosse Pointe area.

She was an active member of the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and enjoyed her career as an insurance broker and real estate agent.

She is survived by her children, Linda (Walter) Manor and Millie (Pat) Hogan; and her grandchildren, Eric Pell and Claire and Joe Hogan.

She was predeceased by her husband, Paul in 1971.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Interment is in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eagle's Nest Adult Foster Care Home, 13282 S. Hinman Rd., Eagle, MI 48822.

Family condolences may be sent to the Web site palmerbush.com.

Jeffrey Anthony Simon

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Jeffrey Anthony Simon, 43, died unexpectedly Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital.

"He will be remembered as a loving husband and father and for his work with community youth," said his wife of 20 years, Katherine Hancheruk Simon. The couple resided in Grosse Pointe

Woods and have three children, Jeffrey, 13; Kaylee, 11; and Emily, 9.

He coached the Grosse Pointe Red Barons football team from 2000 to present, and also coached in the Babe Ruth baseball league. He was an avid supporter of the Children's Hospital of Detroit and taught religious education at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Simon grew up in Grosse Pointe Park, the second youngest of 12 children. He attended Grosse Pointe Public Schools, graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School, and attended Wayne State University.

He entered the real estate profession in 1980 and was founder of his company, Simcom Real Estate.

Mr. Simon loved golf and was often seen playing at the Lochmoor Club, where

he was a longstanding member.

He is survived by his wife and children: his mother,

Florence Simon; his brothers, Mitchell of Clinton Township, Gregory of St. Clair Shores, John of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mark of St. Clair Shores, Joseph P. of Grosse Pointe Woods and Steven of Roseville; his sisters, Nora Satrun of St. Clair Shores, Mary of Grosse Pointe Woods, Patricia VandenBroeck of Grosse Pointe Woods, Nancy Dunn of Grosse Pointe Woods and Pamela Grant of Grosse Pointe Park; and his many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Mitchell Simon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jeffrey A. Simon Children's Educational Fund, 26640 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Notre Dame High School celebrates its 50th anniversary

Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods is celebrating its 50th year this weekend, in conjunction with the school's annual

Homecoming festivities. The all-boys college preparatory high school, operated by the Mariet Fathers, opened in 1954 to meet the educational needs of six local parishes and the burgeoning population of northeast Detroit.

Distinguished graduates include former congressman David Bonior, St. Louis Blues hockey player Doug Weight, actors Dave Coulier and Matt Servito, and local restaurateur Joe Vicari.

The anniversary weekend kicks off on Friday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m., as the Fighting Irish take on Detroit's DePue's in the Homecoming football game.

Saturday will feature an anniversary Mass and reception beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Tom Kelly Memorial Gym. In attendance will be former faculty and staff, as well as students, alumni and their family and friends. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served following Mass.

"This is our chance to celebrate this wonderful



school," said Mike Reese, principal and graduate of the Class of 1979. "We'll share memories and look to the future, too. This place is alive with energy and promise."

"We have a newly refurbished gym, a renovated boiler room, a state-of-the-art chemistry lab — but most of all, we have a hard-working, diverse, scholarly group of students. We plan on being here another 50 years."

Students and their dates will round out the weekend's festivities at the Homecoming dance Sunday night at the Vintage House.

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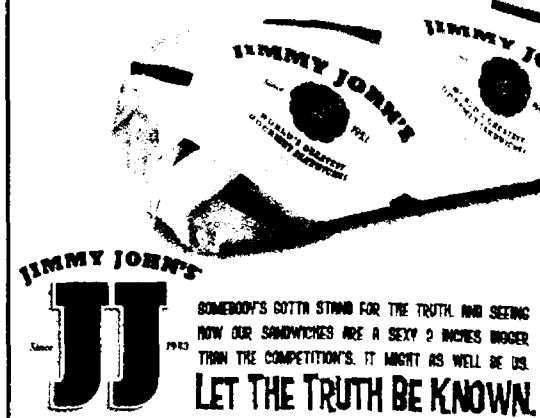
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ULS, G.P.: The same, yet different

Matthew H. Hanly
Head of School
University Liggett School

I want to scream from the top of the highest building in Grosse Pointe! Knowing, however, the heights of the buildings in the Grosse Pointes, I have opted to use the best community vehicle for communication, the Grosse Pointe News.

Recently, in the major Detroit daily newspapers, I have read portrayals of University Liggett School (ULS) as "arrogant" and "people who think they are a little more special than everyone else." My question is: "When did these folks last visit University Liggett School?"

I know that I am biased in saying ULS is a great school. We have an excellent academic program, talented students and two beautiful campuses. We have a community that is grounded in the school's values of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness and compassion.

People who continue to see ULS as exclusive and elite are operating on assumptions. These assumptions do not reflect the school that ULS is today. (Or even yesterday, for that matter.) In many ways, ULS is as misunderstood and stereotyped as Grosse Pointe.

In Grosse Pointe, neighbors know

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neighbors. Children ride bikes to friends' homes. Shop owners know customers. In many ways, it is an anomaly that hearkens back to an earlier time. But while Grosse Pointe is conservative, it possesses a quiet thread of innovation.

It's in the new construction taking place on Kercheval and Mack. You see it when looking at the impressive professions that our residents occupy. Accomplished captains of industry, artists, physicians, architects, lawyers and entrepreneurs all make their homes here. In most cases, they could live anywhere else in the world, but they choose to live in Grosse Pointe. I suspect that they make this choice because they are nurtured here. There is benefit to knowing your neighbors and being known in the midst of a world that has become increasingly more fast-paced.

What does this tell us? It tells us that Grosse Pointe is a traditional place with traditional values. However, we can't embrace tradition to the exclusion of innovation. ULS is also a traditional place that embraces innovation. Our small class sizes make it possible for students to be known and nurtured. That's what the school stands for, and it is lived out in the practices of our students, admin-

istration and faculty and in the curriculum and extra-curricular activities that we provide.

Still not clear on who we are today? Well, read on.

ULS middle school students are afforded the opportunity to compete on interscholastic sports teams alongside classmates — without having to deal with the rigors of being on a travel team outside of the community. In our lower school, students lead assemblies and sit on student councils. These leadership opportunities are a normal and frequent part of the lower school experience, not just isolated occurrences. In the upper school, seniors compete for three weeks each year in the "real" world as part of the senior project intern program. The upper school also has an individualized college guidance program where three professional counselors work with a typical graduating class of 65 students. Even our 3-year-olds are exposed to innovative, project-based teaching and learning. Our teachers implement the latest early childhood development "best practices" while giving our youngest students a sound academic foundation upon which to build.

The composition of our student

body is unique in the independent school world and even more so in the Grosse Pointe community. With students from over 50 ZIP codes, the school is an environment rich with diverse influences. The school promotes socioeconomic diversity by offering nearly 40 percent of our upper school financial assistance and merit scholarships. (The middle-income families, many of whom reside in the Pointes, who get this assistance, would hardly agree!) It's also important to note that one-third of our students reside outside the Grosse Pointes. In fact, 30 percent of our upper school community is African American, Asian, Middle Eastern or representing other ethnicities. Our students get a balanced view of the world, and the most amazing thing is that it all happens within Grosse Pointe. In a relatively small school, in a relatively small community, students are given a safe environment to question, explore and learn.

Many people think that Grosse Pointe is old-fashioned and traditional. They are right. Many people think that Grosse Pointe is changing and that it is different from the old days. They are right too — as are those who think these same things about University Liggett School! A healthy Grosse Pointe, one that will attract future, young families, is dependent upon strong and innovative schools — both public and private. I am most proud of the historical role ULS has played in our community, and I am equally proud of our commitment to making University Liggett School part of the reason families choose Grosse Pointe!

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Reporting for duty

By Michael Goodell

While John F. Kerry was reporting for duty of the 2004 presidential debate last week — doing his best to convince the viewing public that the United States was fighting the wrong war at the wrong time and against the wrong enemy for the wrong reasons — a crowd of Iraqi citizens gathered to celebrate the opening of a sewage treatment plant in Baghdad. Among them were many children hoping American soldiers would hand out candy. While Kerry prattled on about respecting the international community, two subhuman creatures drove into the crowd and blew themselves up. Forty-one people died, including 34 children, and hundreds more were brutally wounded.

To call these attackers jihadists does a disservice, not just to Islam, but to all systems of belief. There is no God who sanctions such anti-human acts. This goes beyond any conception of legitimate behavior. This is terror in its rawest form. It must be destroyed at all costs.

Nothing Kerry has said since the presidential campaign began in earnest would lead anyone to believe that he wants the American mission to succeed.

What must a special forces soldier think after a night spent dodging sniper fire in the mountains of southern Afghanistan when he hears Kerry claim that we have abandoned our effort there? What must a marine stationed outside Fallujah think when he hears Kerry say that this is the wrong war at the wrong time and that everything his commander in chief has done is wrong. Does he wonder, "How can

you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?" What must those "Iraqis" who "put" their life on the line every single day in an effort to build a civil society think when their prime minister addresses Congress and a sitting Senator doesn't deem his message worthy of his attendance? What must they think when that senator, that candidate for president, responds to that message of gratitude to Americans for rescuing his nation by calling him a puppet?

Is it possible to imagine a more shameful act by a public figure? Is it possible to imagine an act which would render a man less qualified to lead a nation? Is it possible to imagine an act more likely to give aid and comfort to despicable terrorists bent on killing American soldiers and maiming innocent children?

Make no mistake about it. This recent upsurge of coordinated attacks in Iraq has nothing to do with Iraqi elections. It has everything to do with the American one. Things will continue to deteriorate until Nov. 2. There will be more attacks, more heinous massacres of innocents, more kidnappings and videotaped beheadings of people trying to bring aid to a desperate land, a campaign as much in concert with Kerry's efforts as television ads paid for by MoveOn.org and Americans Coming Together.

It is hard to imagine a political campaign as inimical to our nation's interests as this one. It is easy to envision John Kerry saluting the Democratic National Convention and announcing, "Jihadist Kerry, reporting for duty."

Michael Goodell is a freelance writer living in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dodge the Lodge

A prominent Grosse Pointe Park businessman reported last week that one of his employees was attacked in Detroit. The details he related are chilling.

Apparently the employee was on his way home to Redford. He left Grosse Pointe at 10:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27. When he got to I-94 and the Lodge freeway, he somehow got turned around following the detour.

He found himself on Livernois, where he was stopped at the light. While waiting for the light to change, the employee's car was surrounded by three men armed with a baseball bat and a gun.

The men smashed out the car's

windshield and forced the employee out of his car. The motorist was pistol-whipped and ordered to hand over his belongings and car keys.

The employee began to comply and then, according to his Park employer, "He ran like hell. He ran literally out of his shoes."

The assailants gave up pursuit. The employee called police and was told to call the precinct. He did. It took 45 minutes for officers to respond, we are told.

Police apparently told the victim that 35 such ambushes have occurred since the Lodge over I-94 was closed.

This gives new meaning to "dodge the Lodge."



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepointenews.com or go to www.philtoons.com

Letters

GP library staff says thanks

To the Editor:

The staff of the Grosse Pointe Public Library would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the community who supported us during our long and difficult struggle to achieve new contracts for both the librarians and the support staff.

The staff was overwhelmed by and exceedingly grateful for the outpouring of public support. We believe in and love our community and throughout these trying circumstances we strived to provide the same excellent level of service to the public. We would never have come this far without the help of all the Grosse Pointe residents who came forward to express their concern and support. We cannot thank them enough.

Heartfelt thanks go out to those of you who wrote letters on our behalf to the Grosse Pointe News, the library board, the school board and Rep. Ed Gaffney. Those of you who came to picket with us on hot summer days will never be forgotten. Your dedication and

encouragement surpassed anything we could have hoped for. The citizens who made their voices heard at library and school board meetings were invaluable and must be commended for their courage when met with opposition. The library patrons who approached us daily to offer their support gave us the strength and energy to stay the course.

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We would also like to thank the Grosse Pointe News for its coverage of the proceedings. We appreciate the interest and the space that the newspaper devoted to the issues, printing the numerous letters written on our behalf, reporting on the various school and library board meetings, as well as providing the public with a thorough analysis and endorsement of the finder's report which confirmed that, as of 2003-2004, the Grosse Pointe library staff was the lowest paid and had the worst benefits of all comparable libraries in

southeast Michigan. After two and one-half years of extremely adversarial negotiations, only because of the interest of the community and the Grosse Pointe News were we finally able to reach agreements with the library board. The present agreements contain significant improvements over the prior contracts as to salaries for those hired by the library board since July 1, 1994, but we remain well below the metro area average as to pensions and health insurance benefits. We intend to rectify the pension and health issues in the next contract. With the community's help we will do so.

In the meantime, we join the library board in encouraging the public to continue to attend board meetings. In addition, we encourage the public to stay fully informed with regards to the administration and operation of their library so that they might help shape its future.

Accountability and public oversight are vital to the long-range success of the library. Accordingly, we urge the community to actively

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ULS sixth-graders dig for buried treasure

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

While digging for treasure like seasoned archeologists, University Liggett School sixth-graders found their latest class project thrilling. Utilizing skills from science, social studies and language arts, the annual archeology dig proves schoolwork can be fun.

"This project brings the class together early in the year," said social studies teacher Jeff Bond, who looks forward to new sixth-graders experiencing the dig.

For the second time, this year's dig site was at 50 Oxford, a vacant lot in Grosse Pointe Woods donated by the Simon family. Joseph Simon is a sixth-grader at ULS. The land dates back to the French ribbon farmers of the early 19th century, and may even have been home to Native American tribes, Bond said.

Previous dig locations included Windmill Pointe Park and a site in Grosse Ile, a former dumping ground for World War II military supplies.

The actual process took five hours on Thursday, Sept. 31, and the class found numerous treasures to take home.

"I found this weird shard of pottery with stones embedded in it," said Alex Fuller. "It's probably 50 to 75 years old."

Simon found an arrowhead while Blaire Chennault found a piece of copper. Some of the other kids had to put their science knowledge to the test to figure out what they had found.

"I've got a rock with sand and black dots in it," said Gregory LaHood. "I have no clue what it is, but I know it's something. We were digging through clay — not sand."

Others just used their imagination.

"We found a piece of marble with a nail through it, and it looks like a part for a toilet," said Nikki Homfeld and Catherine Fowler.

The "find" of the day was a 1927 half-dollar coin discovered by Tess Bandos.

"I was sifting and I thought it



Photos by Jennie Miller

During the school's annual archeological dig, University Liggett School sixth-grader Tess Bandos (left) had the "find" of the day: a half-dollar coin from 1927. Ellie Ottaway found a piece of pottery and Sarah Altmore found a piece of a china plate she thinks is anywhere from 15 to 25 years old. Medea Shanidze found a torn-apart tennis ball and Keith Johnson found pieces of copper sticking out of the ground.

was a clump of dirt," she said. "But then I read the date and I said, 'Wow!'"

The students were expected to carefully examine their various artifacts and record relevant data like weight, size, color and texture.

"They're learning how carefully you must observe things as an archeologist, or you could miss something of importance," Bond said.

The groups are now creating displays of their treasures and soil samples,

and then must individually compose a paper that includes all the details.

"Who might've had that; what does it do; and when did it land on the Oxford lot?" Bond asked the students, encouraging their creativity.

The students also received a treat on Monday, Oct. 4. A real live archeologist who walks the halls of the middle school on a daily basis

shared her own experiences.

Language arts teacher Kelly Boll, at the age of 21, was paid a meager \$50 a week to travel with marine archeologist Mel Fisher, who is known for spending 16 years searching for the treasure of the Atocha, a Spanish galleon from the 1600s. Boll shared with the students a National Geographic video which detailed the crew's search and findings.

"The kids are so excited about this entire project," Bond said.



Gregory LaHood isn't sure what his artifact is. "I know it's something," he said of the rock with sand and black dots inside as he carefully examined it.



Nikki Homfeld and Catherine Fowler found a piece of marble with a nail through it. Teachers encouraged the students to use their imaginations to figure out what items could have been. "It looks like a part for a toilet," the girls said.

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University Liggett School

TAKE THE LEAD

Richard tests fourth grade rotational teaching

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Richard Elementary School's new principal Mary MacDonald-Barrett thinks she has found a way to increase educational success in her fourth grade students. Just a few months into her new leadership role, Barrett and her staff have decided to temporarily return to a past practice of using rotational teaching at the fourth grade level.

The schedule will shift for one month, during which time Barrett will carefully watch students and work with parents and teachers to discover how successful this can be.

"Richard has done this other years with much success," Barrett said, adding that it has been five or six years since the last time rotation was used.

Implementation has been sought this year because the school has the means to do so, Barrett said.

"Each teacher has individual expertise in various subject matters," she explained. "One has a special endorsement in math, one in science and one in language arts. They are qualified to teach all subjects, but these are their areas of expertise. (Using this rotational schedule will) capitalize on the teachers' strengths, and that benefits the kids."

The change was made on

Monday, Sept. 27, and parents were sent letters announcing the details of the pilot.

Some expressed concern over being in the dark throughout the planning process. Tina LaGrou and Patty Blondell spoke before the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 4, expressing concern over the way this pilot was communicated to parents.

"We want the best education for our children, and we want to be a part of it," Blondell said.

"I still have questions, and they still have not been answered. We want to know what's going on," LeGrew said.

Barrett acknowledged that communication could have been more clear, but pointed out that the planning process happened rapidly as teachers looked ahead to the school year.

"At the beginning of the year, the fourth grade teachers spent the first few weeks getting to know their kids," Barrett said. "They were working together, discussing the possibilities of changing classes."

But even during Back to School Night, which took place just days before the new schedule began, parents were not yet informed of the plans.

"There was some confusion," Barrett acknowledged. "But the teachers did not have it all planned out yet. In retrospect, we should have had the schedule ready in time for Back to School Night."

In regard to measuring the success of the new schedule, Barrett said classes will be monitored, and once the month is over, surveys will be given to teachers, students and parents.

"It would take a while before we could use test data and scores (to measure success or failure)," Barrett noted.

But she remains confident the rotational schedule can only benefit Richard students. "I don't see any disadvantages," she said. "This was a unanimous decision by the teachers, and I think that is important."

The approximately 75 fourth-graders will be separated into three groups, according to homeroom teachers Anne Holman, Linda Piasecki and Rand Swansey.

"Students are with that homeroom teacher most of the day," Barrett explained. "They'll go for instruction with another teacher for two subjects for 45 minutes each."

Holman has expertise in math while Piasecki focuses on science and Swansey on language arts.

"They all do social studies, where they also integrate language arts," Barrett said. "That is being done most of the day."

Barrett pointed out that Richard's fifth-graders have had a similar rotational schedule for years. Other elementary schools like Defer, Trombly, Maire and Poupard also practice this same format.

Kerby also participated until this year, when a change in staffing made it too challenging to work the schedule.

Joanne Difazio teaches fourth grade at Defer and has seen success with this rotational schedule for many years. Most notably, she finds her students have demonstrated additional success on the MEAP.

"To have an expert in areas like science and math is really significant for state-driven curriculum goals," she said.

Difazio also found that students benefit socially from this schedule.

"Students experience changes in their peer group as they go through these rotations," she said, adding that it also helps to experience a variety of teaching styles.

"Teachers' styles and voices may be enchanting to some while irritating to others," she said. "This schedule makes it new and exciting for students; plus it is a beginning of what they're headed for later. It can be very rewarding for them."

Barrett is thankful that Richard has a staff that is

capable of tackling this kind of focused education.

"It depends on if the teachers have the expertise and are willing to do it," she said. "The Richard teachers are wonderful, and I have confidence they will pull this off. There has been a lot of support for this."

But Tuesday morning, following the school board meeting, Blondell said she still was not satisfied with the school district's response to her and other parents' concerns about the last-minute schedule change at Richard.

"I'm just really frustrated," she said. "They didn't address our questions. They did not mention the 33 petition signatures. This is not fair to a 9-year-old."



Michigan author spooks Star students

Author Johnathan Rand paid a visit to Our Lady Star of the Sea School last week, entertaining students in grades three, four and five. He shared stories about his path to becoming a prolific writer of creepy tales for kids with the books, "American Chillers" and "Michigan Chillers."

The resident of Topinabee, who has penned stories such as "Aliens Attack Alpena" and "Creepy Klowns of Kalamazoo," just released his 15th book, "Nebraska Night-crawlers."

Using humor, Rand encouraged the students to read and express themselves through writing. "Reading isn't something you do; it is someplace you go," he said.

The visit was sponsored by Star's Parent Teacher Guild.

Pictured above, students were roaring with laughter as they watched Rand's presentation, which included teaching the kids how to deliver a spooky laugh. Pictured right, Star student Anthony Patton of Clinton Township helps display some of the Michigan author's props.



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Safety

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Saab story

Grosse Pointe Shores police arrested a 33-year-old Kalamazoo man for drunken driving on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1:57 a.m.

A patrolman saw the man weaving a black 1998 Saab four-door across the center line on northbound Lakeshore.

Police tried to pull over the man in the 1100 block of Lakeshore, but he didn't stop until Marter.

"I noticed vomit on the outside of the driver door and a strong odor of intoxicants emanating from the driver," said the arresting officer.

The man admitted drinking "a little" and tested positive for a 129 percent blood alcohol level.

Police impounded the car and released the driver at 10:30 a.m. on \$100 bond.

—Brid Lindberg

Bikes stolen

A purple 24-inch Schwinn Frontline bike was taken from a garage in the 1000 block of Devonshire in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Thursday, Sept. 23, and Thursday, Sept. 30.

A light blue 24-inch Gary Fisher bike was taken from outside of a market at the corner of Beaconsfield and Fairfax in Grosse Pointe Park at 4:30 p.m. on

Thursday, Sept. 30.

Three youths on a playfield in the rear of a school in the 15400 block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park reported their bikes were taken by three youths approximately 15 years old at 3:10 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3.

A cell phone was also reported missing from that area at that time.

Public safety officers were unable to locate the theft suspects who were last seen traveling westbound on Kercheval.

Possible accosters

Two Grosse Pointe Woods boys reported they were approached by two males in their late teens in the area of Mason Elementary School before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Both boys said they were asked if they wanted some candy by the males, who were in a white or silver car in the area of Hawthorne near Charlevoix. The boys said "No," and reported the incident to their parents, who called the public safety department.

The driver of the car was described as a 16- to 18-year-old white male with brown hair and a thin face with acne. The boys said he was wearing a white shirt and a baseball cap and had a pierced lip and ears.

The passenger was described as an 18- to 20-year-old white male with a

heavy build and short brown hair who was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt.

Clubs taken

Two sets of Callaway golf clubs and bags — one red and one white — were taken from an unlocked garage in the 1000 block of Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Broken door

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers were called to investigate a broken front door window of a house in the 600 block of Hollywood on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

The window was believed to have been broken between 8:35 and 10 a.m. Nothing was found out of place in the house.

Bad checks

A man suspected of writing bad checks isn't likely to be returning to a store in the 20100 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. The suspect took off when he suspected a store employee was calling the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department about the check he had written for two cases of beer and two bottles of cognac at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29. He left the store in a newer model Ford Taurus which was last seen going north in the Mack alley.

The store employee called the public safety department after recognizing the check matched three previous bad checks that were written to that store over the past weekend.

The bank from where the checks were issued said the account had been inactive for a couple of years.

Smoked lunch & throwing knives

Four 17-year-old boys — three from Grosse Pointe Woods and one from Grosse Pointe Shores — were arrested for violating the public health code and being minors in possession of tobacco during their lunch break on Friday, Oct. 1.

A caller reported the four were smoking marijuana in a red 1994 Isuzu station wagon parked at the corner of Jackson and Kenmore in the Woods at noon that afternoon. The responding officer did not see anyone smoking marijuana but did see the driver of the car, a 17-year-old Woods boy, place something inside the dash board. A search of the car netted a substance that tested positive for marijuana, drug paraphernalia and two partial packs of cigarettes for which all the boys were found responsible.

The search also turned up a set of throwing knives and a billy club. The driver was also charged with possession of dangerous weapons.

A court date of Dec. 15 has been set for all four boys.

Car windows smashed

The rear windshield and the front and rear passenger windows of a green 2000 Saturn parked in a driveway of a house in the 2000 block of Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Woods were smashed sometime during the night of Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 2-3.

A neighbor noticed the broken windows at 7 a.m. The wife of the owner of the car said she heard a smashing sound at about 2:30 a.m. but did not notice any damage to the car at that time.

Hit & run

Grosse Pointe Woods police are looking for a 30-year-old Guatemalan man with black hair who is believed to be responsible for knocking over a utility pole in a Mack alley on Sunday, Oct. 3.

A nearby resident, who heard a loud cracking sound at 5:20 p.m., looked out of his house and saw a delivery van with Chinese lettering tangled in utility wires in the alley. He then saw the van back out of and drive away from the wreckaage.

An employee of a nearby restaurant said the van matched the description of one that had just made a food delivery to the restaurant. The woman also provided officers with a physical description of the driver.

Bag found

A black leather bag was found in the middle of the street on Marter near Roslyn in Grosse Pointe Woods at about 9 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3.

According to identification found in the bag, Woods officers determined the bag belonged to a Woods man, who was not at home when officers tried to return the bag.

The bag is being held at the Woods public safety station.

Car chase ends in wreck

A chase to capture two carjacking suspects ended in a wreck in a flower bed in the 19700 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods in the early morning hours of Monday, Oct. 4.

The chase began at about 1 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Farms, where officers responded to a "be on the lookout" call for a 1999 Bonneville stolen at gunpoint out of the 9th Precinct in Detroit.

Farms officers lost the vehicle, which reappeared traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of Cook near Kings Court in the Woods.

The driver lost control of the car while making a left turn from Cook onto Mack, and landed in the flower box.

G.P. Park businesses, park dept. hold Fall Fest Satday, Oct. 16

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Following the success of this past August's Summer Fest, the Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Department and the Grosse Pointe Park Business Owners Association are hosting a Fall Fest in the West Park business district on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, Oct. 16.

"It's to bring people down to the area and to show customer appreciation for everyone who shops here," said Scott Kilpatrick, president of the business owners association.

From morning until late afternoon, for young and old, both groups have a variety of events planned from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For children, a petting zoo and pony rides will be offered in the morning, and free face painting and free moon walk will be offered all day. For a small fee, children can show off their artistic sides with pumpkin painting. All of the children's events are sponsored by the business owners association.

Cooks can show off their talents at the pie and chili contests. Local celebrities will judge who makes the best pie in the Pointes while the public will get a chance to cast their vote for best chili by making a \$1 donation to sample each entry. Chili sampling will take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information on the pie contest, call Diane

Finken (313) 824-FISH. For more information on the chili contest, call Kilpatrick at 822-1355.

There will be plenty to drink, too. A beer tent hosted by the Motor City Brew Works will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. AHD Vinters holds a wine tasting featuring 12 different wines from 3 to 6 p.m.

The street will be alive with the sound of music starting with the St. Andrew's Bagpipe Band which plays from noon to 3 p.m. The Festival Flutes and Grosse Pointe Symphony String Quartet will play between 3 and 6 p.m.

There's something not only for people of all ages, but pets, too. Owners are encouraged to dress up their pets for the pet parade beginning at 1 p.m. Call Cheri Musial at (313) 822-2822 for more information.

The Fall Fest was planned to coincide with the closing of the West Park Farmers Market, which is run by the Park Parks and Recreation Department.

"I've been very excited about bringing people down to this area with the market," said Jennifer Meldrum, market master. "And the market is a great place to pick up all your fall decorating needs with pumpkins, corn stalks and hay bales."

"We're hoping to carry this through for four events per year in the spring, summer, fall and winter," Kilpatrick said.

Officers forced the driver, a 19-year-old Detroit man, out of the car at gunpoint. The 17-year-old Detroit male passenger had to be physically removed from the wreckaage.

The pair was charged with fleeing and eluding police by officers in the Woods. They were then turned over to Detroit police, who charged them with armed robbery and for unlawfully driving away an automobile.

and proceeded through the red light at 1:35 a.m.

After smelling a strong odor of intoxicants on the driver, the officer conducted a series of field sobriety tests, which the driver failed.

A Datamaster test confirmed the driver's blood alcohol level to be in the range of 0.26 percent to 0.28 percent.

—Bonnie Caprara

Drunken driver arrest

A 31-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Woods on Monday, Oct. 4.

The man was pulled over after his red 1996 Chevrolet pickup stopped for a red light at Harper and Allard



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Gas generator taken in City

Sometime between 11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, and 8 a.m. the next day, unknown thieves stole a gas powered generator from a garage in the 900 block of Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"(I) observed trampled garden area where suspects entered (the) yard," said a public safety officer. "(I) observed minimal damage to the door lock from a prying instrument (and) a dolly used to wheel the generator out of the garage into the driveway."

CDs and player taken from car

A \$225 radio-compact disk player and 25 compact disks worth \$375 were stolen from a locked 1999 Plymouth Neon parked behind a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval on Saturday, Oct. 2, between 9:30 a.m. and 1:25 p.m.

Bad check

On Friday, Sept. 24, a City of Grosse Pointe woman learned from a bank representative that a \$6,825 check she'd received from a Grosse Pointe Park man had been written on a closed account.

Fundtaker

A Florida woman told City of Grosse Pointe police on Friday, Sept. 24, that she wants to prosecute a Detroit man for writing a \$40.40 check without sufficient funds.

The man wrote the check in May to buy artwork at a local hospital fundraiser.

Flat drunk

On Saturday, Oct. 2, at 3:43 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Farms officer saw a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man driving westbound on

Lakeshore near Provencal in a black 2002 Saturn SLi four-door without passenger-side tires.

"(The) vehicle was emitting heavy sparks and swerving out of its lane," police said.

Police stopped the Saturn in the first block of Woodland Shore Drive, just over the border in Grosse Pointe Shores.

What happened to the tires, the officer asked.

"Nothing," the driver reportedly answered.

Had anything to drink?

"Too much." The man registered a .25 percent blood alcohol level.

He had three outstanding warrants: failure to appear in Farms municipal court regarding a boat certificate, malicious destruction of property in Grosse Pointe Woods and minor in possession from 51st District Court in Waterford.

Drugs found

Grosse Pointe Farms police found drugs on a 19-year-old Detroit man stopped for a traffic violation near Mack and Moross on Friday, Oct. 1, at 7:50 p.m.

The man smelled of marijuana but denied possessing drugs.

"The marijuana was stuffed in (his) sock," police said.

Police said the man's 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass had a burned-out taillight and broken windshield.

Slow chase ends in crash

A 40-year-old Detroit man engaged Grosse Pointe Farms police in a slow-speed pursuit last weekend. Action ended with the man crashing his silver 1987 Ford Thunderbird into a City cruiser and bursting through a fence at Jefferson and Fisher.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, at 12:02 a.m., Farms police

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saw the man's car straddling both lanes of eastbound Mack near Moross. He ignored police emergency lights and headed south on Moross at about 20 mph. He ran a red light at Kercheval, turned right onto Lakeshore and hit a City cruiser stationed at Fisher.

"He lost control of the vehicle, drove over a curb, across the grass and through a fence," police said. "He appeared dazed and confused."

Police measured his blood alcohol level at .289 percent.

The man's record included a 2001 drunken driving conviction in Detroit, three license suspensions and four outstanding warrants:

- failure to appear in Hamtramck court regarding income tax,
- disorderly conduct, failure to appear in court regarding drunken driving and public order crimes in Detroit.

Strangers enter elem. school

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, at about 4 p.m., two unknown men wearing blue shirts and jeans were seen following a teacher into an elementary school in the 100 block of McKinley in Grosse Pointe Farms. One man also wore a blue baseball cap.

Both were seen on the school's second and third floors. When approached by a female employee, they left the building and walked toward Kercheval.

Locker theft

A 14-year-old female public high school student in Grosse Pointe Farms said someone entered her locker in the S Building and stole her light blue Nike gym bag containing a cellular telephone.

She said the theft

occurred on Thursday, Sept. 30, between 8 and 11:43 a.m.

Felon squeals on himself

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 8:30 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman was tailing a blue 1994 Ford Thunderbird when the driver squealed his tires on southbound Moross near Earl Court. The man did it again when the light turned green at Moross and Kercheval.

During a traffic stop on Kercheval and Tonnancour, the driver let his record do the talking.

"(He) claimed not to speak English," police said.

Records showed the man wanted for violating probation on a drug conviction. His driver license had been suspended four times.

Second arrest

A 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman failed to conceal her identity last weekend when a Grosse Pointe Farms policeman recognized her from a previous drunken driving arrest.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 2:45 a.m., police stopped the woman on eastbound Mack near Calvin. Police noticed her gold 1995 Ford Escort station wagon because a 22-year-old male passenger from the Park was standing part way out the front passenger window.

"I just drank too much," the man explained.

Police measured the driver's blood alcohol level at .133 percent.

She gave police a fake name and birth date.

Bike thief

On Monday, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m., an unknown man was seen stealing a \$600 Gary Fisher mountain bike that

Arrest made in G.P. Park home robbery

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A 22-year-old Detroit man has been charged with the robbery of a Grosse Pointe Park woman inside of her house in the 1200 block of Berkshire on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The suspect was arrested by Park public safety officers on Monday, Oct. 4. He was charged with armed robbery and assault with intent to rob, charges which carry a maximum lifetime sentence; first-degree home invasion, which carries a 20-year maximum sentence; and felonious assault and felonious firearms possession, which carry four-year maximum sentences.

The suspect's name is being withheld pending arraignment in the Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court on Wednesday, Oct. 6, after press time.

Although one person was actually robbed in the incident, Hiller said other people were in the house at the time. He said they have aided in the investigation.

"This turned out to be quite an extensive investigation," said David Hiller, Park public safety chief. "We believe he is responsible for similar incidents in Detroit, Hazel Park, Warren, Harper Woods as well as in Grosse Pointe Park over a three- to four-day time period. This type of offense is very rare, and we are glad the matter is being put to rest with an arrest. I'm sure this guy is going to be put away for a long time."

Hiller credited the arrest to a good interdepartmental working relationship between the Park's public safety department and the other law enforcement agencies.

The suspect was initially arrested in Detroit on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Other charges are pending in Harper Woods, Hazel Park and Warren.

had been parked beside a garage in the 100 block of Touraine. The man headed northbound on Vendome from Ridge.

Wallet taken

On Monday, Sept. 27, at 12:30 p.m., a woman working in the first block of Kercheval told Grosse Pointe Farms police someone stole her wallet, \$20 cash and credit cards from her purse.

\$300 power washer taken

Sometime between 5 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, and 1 p.m. Sunday, a \$300 Craftsman power washer was stolen from an unlocked garage in the 100 block of

Muir in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Burglar caught

On Monday, Sept. 27, Grosse Pointe Farms police turned over a 28-year-old Detroit man to Sterling Heights police on a felony burglary.

The man had been pulled over at 12:40 a.m. for driving a 1992 Oldsmobile Cutlass erratically on Moross near Mack.

The driver smelled of marijuana. Police didn't find drugs.

A 21-year-old male passenger from Kentucky possessed \$4,000 cash. He said it was "vacation money."

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St. Clare's new principal is eternally optimistic

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

When Patricia Ferguson-Chaney was in grade school, she was always the shy student in the classroom.

She could have gone unnoticed — as some shy kids tend to do — but some gifted teachers paid close attention.

"Teachers had a big influence on my life," she said. "They saw potential and were always very supportive."

Ferguson-Chaney broke out of the mold and found her dreams at a young age. She knew in high school she wanted to follow the same path as her mentors and become a teacher. She was so committed to this dream that she became active in her quest — she and some classmates formed the Future Teachers Club at her school. She helped encourage students who were younger than she was to find their own dreams and take every opportunity to follow them.

And throughout her career as a teacher, the one thing that has continued to inspire her is those young minds searching for growth.

"Without a doubt, the best part about teaching is the students," she said. "I am an eternal optimist, and I think I always see good things in people."

And now, in her first stint as principal of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, Ferguson-Chaney is using that mantra to inspire others. This year's school motto is "We are the light," a phrase borrowed from that gifted junior high school teacher who saw the good in Ferguson-Chaney.

"Through proper training, the light gets brighter and brighter," she explained.

She has had a fulfilling career as a teacher at every level in public, private, parochial and charter schools, including St. Clare, where, ironically, her own daughter was baptized.

"Change is good," she said of her new position. "I'm trying to learn everything I can. As principal, you really get to see everything that goes on here in the school. I'm meeting with parents, working with teachers," and she still gets to interact with the students.

She is proud of what St.

Clare has to offer and hopes to bring everything she can to the programs the school already provides.

"We feel like we are a beacon on the east side," she said of St. Clare. "We talk the talk, and we walk the walk. We have diversity here. We have strong academic programs and after-school programs. We offer some very exciting things. We're not just a school; we're a community."

Bishop John McNabb echoed these sentiments with regard to the school.

"It is a good family spirit here," he said. "Everyone is caring for one another."

The Catholicism that is affiliated with the school is also something Ferguson-Chaney cherishes.

"We have a strong Catholic identity," she said. "And we are very proud of that."



St. Paul students meet role models

St. Paul Catholic School sixth-graders got a treat this month when Staff Sgt. Rob Skrowronski returned from duty in Afghanistan to visit with the students and talk about his experiences.

The visit was apart of the school's TAP program, an advisory period that meets one day a week. Created by sixth-grade teacher Evelyn McShane, the program is designed to give students the opportunity to interact with role models and mentors. Speakers are brought in such as Skrowronski, who is the son of a St. Paul employee. He thanked the students for a care package they sent last year.

During a recent TAP retreat held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, the students met with Father Halfpenny, who spoke on "How do I know what to do?" and how to be true to one's values. Sister Kathleen Matz spoke on the gifts individuals possess and how to be a better listener and express oneself. Officer Dan Koerber of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department spoke on drugs, alcohol and their effects.



Photo by Michael Shelton

What's up, Doc?

Grosse Pointe North High School presents its production of the Pulitzer Prize winning comedy "Harvey," next week, with everyone in the audience having a front row seat.

The play takes place at the Community Performing Arts Center on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m., and Friday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m.

Due to construction, the audience will enter off Morningside behind the school, through the backstage area, and will be seated on risers on the stage with the actors.

Tickets are only available at the door for \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Seating is limited.

The story follows a kindhearted man named Elwood P. Dowd, played by senior Turner Shelton and his relationship with Harvey, an imaginary eight-foot tall rabbit. Elwood's behavior has a profound effect on his family and community.

"The story is one that many people are familiar with, thanks in great part to the movie starring Jimmy Stewart," said Michelle Stackpole, North drama teacher and the play's director. "It is a story that all ages can enjoy."

Pictured are (seated left to right) Lindsay Cameron, Michelle El-Hosni, Turner Shelton, "Harvey" the invisible rabbit, Michelle Holloway and Jenna Evola. Standing (left to right) are Nick Coates, Lindsay Smale, Dante Bufalini, Danny Rusinow, George Abud, Alex P. Weatherup and Alaina Whitney.

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Woods public works employees save the Torrey pumping station dike during heavy rains.

Despite the station pumping at full capacity, water reaches six inches from spilling over the dike, which would have crumbled from the pressure if DPW crews hadn't shored it up with mounds of dirt.

Streets in the area flood up to the porches of homes. Basements fill with water up to three feet.

■ Two hot-rodders, in a snit over a Grosse Pointe Woods crackdown on loud mufflers, loose a legal battle before Municipal Judge Don Goodrow.

The defendants claimed there was no legal dividing line between noise and excessive noise.

Not so, Goodrow says. He rules that noise doesn't have to be excessive to violate city ordinance. He says if the sound is unnecessary, even though not loud, it violates the law.

■ An ordinance is passed in Grosse Pointe Shores requiring dogs to be leashed when not in the confines of their home.

The ordinance prohibits dogs from running at large in the village.

25 years ago this week

■ Robert G. Edgar becomes publisher of the Grosse Pointe News.

He succeeds his father, the late Robert B. Edgar, who founded the newspaper

in 1940 and was editor and publisher until his death Aug. 1.

■ State Sen. John Kelly's proposal to replace Grosse Pointes' five municipal courts with two full-time district courts early next year will be discussed at two public forums this month in the Farms and Park.

Locally, Kelly's proposal is meeting mixed reactions. Concerns center around the potential increased costs and loss of local control of a district court operation.

■ The temporary barricade experiment to reduce cut-through traffic on Brys Drive in the northwest area of Grosse Pointe Woods is called a failure by Public Safety Director John Dankel.

Mayor Benjamin Pinkos opposes removing barricades until a plan is developed to alleviate the expected return of unwanted traffic.

10 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe North High School boosters pay \$1,200 to install temporary lights for a nighttime football game next weekend.

Action follows a 7-0 vote by the Grosse Pointe Woods council to deny permanent lights. Council members also contend it violates ordinances to erect temporary illumination without approval of elected officials.

But boosters drive up the middle by asking to see such proscriptions. When city officials are unable to back

up their claim, boosters score points of their own.

■ A \$1.24 million contract is approved to convert a duplex at Neff and Maumee into new offices for the City of Grosse Pointe.

The present municipal headquarters structure will be renovated, with second-floor city council chambers relocated to ground level.

The second floor is to be used for public safety purposes, including accommodations for female officers.

Project plans are drawn up by architect and City resident Robert Wakely, who renovated Grosse Pointe Shores municipal headquarters on Lakeshore.

■ More than three dozen Grosse Pointe Farms residents attend a city council meeting to make sure a non-resident property owner can't convert a house on Mack into medical offices.

Council members' side with residents and deny the proposal unanimously.

5 years ago this week

■ Ric-Man Construction wins a \$13 million bid to

separate Grosse Pointe Farms sanitary and storm water sewers below Ridge Road. Construction is to begin Oct. 13.

The action is part of a long-term effort by federal, state and local authorities to reduce pollution in the Great Lakes.

■ Lake Wobegone isn't the only place children are above average.

Grosse Pointe high school students exceed state norms in the 1999 MEAP test.

In the reading test, 95.5 percent of last year's juniors score passing endorsements compared to 82.2 statewide.

In science, the same group of Pointers score 94.4 percent compared to an 82.2 percent average throughout the state.

■ Grosse Pointe Public Library patrons are able to renew items on the system's Web site. Reference librarians also are able to receive and answer questions through e-mail.

"This was a service not allowed in the original Internet policy, and many patrons have asked to have this policy changed," says Vicky Bloom, library director.

—Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Cottage Hospital Isolette has a customer

The new Isolette, given to Cottage Hospital by the Hospital's Auxiliary, received its first customer Sept. 16 when Maureen Lou Crosby was born three months premature. Since that time the tiny infant, who weighed one pound 11 ounces at birth, has gained two ounces. Nurse Grace Benson, left, explains to Mrs. Henry Klein, auxiliary president, that the small weight gain represents excellent progress. The Isolette permits a nurse to care for a premature infant without removing it from the unit, in which oxygen, humidity and temperature are automatically controlled. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the October 7, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

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Practical PT goes topless

By Derek Price

I love the magic of convertibles. Chrysler's 2005 PT Cruiser convertible gets more attention than virtually any car in its price range. Two of the hardtop Cruiser's four doors were dropped for the ragtop version, so it remains a practical and stylish alternative to the mundane look of minivans.

When you drop the top and start the engine, they delightfully make you forget about things like mortgage payments, jerks at work, leaky faucets, and the IRS. Convertibles are designed for fun — nothing more, nothing less.

So when Chrysler delivered a ragtop version of its oh-so-practical PT Cruiser for a test drive, I was left scratching my head. Inside,

the PT Cruiser convertible has colored panels that are painted to match the body. It makes the car look almost like a custom hot rod.

As expected, it had a soft top that folded down with the push of a button, plus the PT's famous retro-styled front end. But at the same time, it looked oddly like a minivan with a square roof, lots of headroom, and a big cargo area behind the fairly roomy back seat. It's stylish, I thought, but how could something that looks like a drop-top delivery van be any fun to drive?

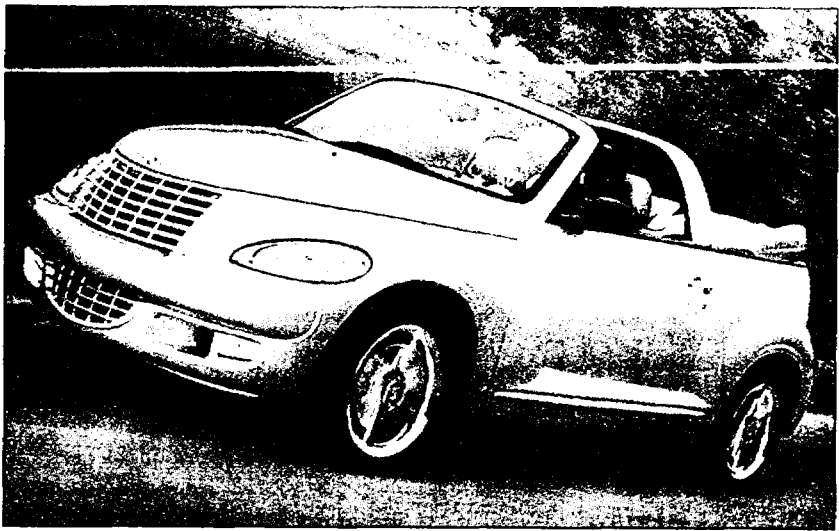
Easy. Give it a turbocharger, a manual transmission and a bright purple paint job. With this setup, it turns out the ragtop PT was almost as much fun to drive as a two-seater sports car,

just not in a squeal-the-tires-and-race-through-traffic kind of way. Instead, it was the kind of fun where you put on James Dean sunglasses, smile real big, and slowly cruise around town to see how many heads you can turn.

But this PT Cruiser doesn't just turn heads. It could strain every neck at a chiropractic convention. Overall, it has a more friendly, youthful personality than the standard four-door Cruiser. And it gets much more attention.

It looks truly stunning, especially with the top down, where it shows the undeniable influence of classic American hot rods. The front end is identical to the hardtop PT's, but everything from the windshield back is new to allow for a two-door body and space for the big top to fold away.

Unlike most attention-getting convertibles the PT Cruiser is fairly practical. The front seats are very roomy, and even the back seat has a surprising amount of space. The rear cargo area is big enough for most uses, but it can be a pain to load and unload because the rear hatch opens straight back, block-



The 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser Convertible

Photo courtesy of Chrysler Internet Media

ing your access.

If you like the PT convertible for its style and practicality — and those are great reasons to like it — then you'd be perfectly happy with the base drop-top model with a \$19,995 sticker price.

That's no typo. Less than \$20 grand will buy you a convertible Cruiser that gets more attention than some Ferraris. Of course, the base model comes with a relatively wimpy 2.4-liter engine that makes 150 horsepower, barely enough for the portly

PT when you choose an automatic transmission.

But if you're willing to pay a little more and want some extra performance, a turbocharger can boost horsepower to 180 with the 2.4-liter engine. But the ultimate Cruiser is the GT model with its high-output, 220-horsepower engine and a starting price around \$28,000.

The test Cruiser, a GT version with a five-speed gearbox, was more than just fast. It was a rocket capable of spinning its tires at will and

embarrassing teenage boys when stoplights turned green. Nobody needs a PT Cruiser that fast, but it sure is fun. And in this car's case, fun doesn't have to come with the unwelcome baggage of impracticality.

Why buy it? Few cars that look this stylish cost this little. It starts under \$20,000, and it gets plenty of attention on the road because of how cool it looks, and it's also surprisingly practical.

— AutoWire

Q. Greg, I was wondering if you knew how many 1968 Chevelle Malibus and Super Sports Convertibles were produced in 1968?

— Carl from Ohio.

A. Glad to help, Carl. In 1968, 266,300 Chevelle Malibus were produced in all fashions, and another 45,500 Chevelle wagons were produced. As for the SS 396 models, which are not included in the above figures, 60,499 hardtop coupes were built, but only 2,286 SS 396 convertibles.

Therefore, when you add all this up, out of a total of 329,085 Malibu and Super Sports built, less than 1 percent were convertibles. Also, more than 54,000 additional Chevelle 300 models were built in 1968, making that SS convertible even more rare. In 1966, the SS convertible numbered 2,984, and in 1967, it was 3,033. Thus, the 1968 SS



Convertible is the rarest of the 1966-68 Chevilles.

Q. Greg, how accurate are the antique and collector car price guides?

— Bob from Florida.

A. I've always felt they were somewhat high in their estimates, but that's just my opinion. Periodicals that list cars for sale — such as Hemmings Motor News and Auto Roundup Magazine — are usually closer to actual prices being paid for cars that are NOT Barrett Jackson Auction material. And, in reality, most collector cars are not frame-off, professional restorations.

Write to Greg Zyla in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Diesel engines make the grade in winter

With the resurgence of high fuel prices, Americans are turning in ever-larger numbers to diesel-powered vehicles as a fuel-efficient alternative. Once regarded as noisy, smelly and difficult to start in the winter, diesel engines have come a long way.

According to a 2003 forecast by J.D. Power-LMC, diesel-powered cars and light trucks are expected to com-

prise 28 percent of global light-vehicle sales by 2015, with a significant increase of diesel sales anticipated in North America.

To assist motorists who currently own a diesel vehicle — and those who are considering the purchase of a diesel vehicle — AAA offers the following winter maintenance tips:

Diesel vehicles don't have spark plugs, but

they do have glow plugs, which are designed to heat the interior of the car's cylinders to aid ignition in cold weather. The amount of time required for proper warming varies. On cold winter nights, up to 10 seconds is typical. Note: switch the key to the "on" position and wait for the glow plug lamp to go out before starting the vehicle.

Diesel vehicles have batteries and are susceptible to the same reduced cranking power that is experienced by conventional gasoline-powered vehicles during cold weather. Take your diesel car to an AAA-Approved Auto Repair (AAR) facility for a battery-load test.

Most oil companies in the United States provide winterized

diesel fuel to retail diesel outlets. This should be sufficient to start your vehicle in all but the most severe cold conditions. In the case of extreme cold (-10 to -20 degrees Fahrenheit), anti-gel additives are available at most truck stops and auto parts stores. Note: do not use regular gasoline or kerosene as a substitute.

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Truck built to take abuse

By Derek Price

Ford's lineup of Super Duty trucks has a tough, rugged look that matches its fantastic work ability and with the right options, it can tow over 7 tons. While it's not nearly as comfortable and classy as the latest F-150's cabin, the inside of Ford's Super Duty work truck is still fairly nice.

The F-series Super Duty - called the F-250 or F-350 depending on its layout - looks an awful lot like the new and popular F-150, but it's completely different underneath. It's designed for intense work and high-capacity towing, not just an occasional trip to Lowe's or Home Depot.

Although the cabin has lots of space, the truck's massive size can be a pain in parking lots and drive-thru lanes. That's because Super Duty trucks are designed entirely for tough, Paul Bunyan-type work like towing an aircraft carrier or hauling the contents of Fort Knox, not simply making comfortable trips on the highway. Seriously, this rugged Ford can safely tow up to 14,200 pounds when properly equipped. Now that's impressive.

The heart of a Super Duty truck is in the engine bay, where no wimpy V-6s are offered like in the civilized pickups. Instead Ford makes its base engine the 5.4-liter Triton V-8, which makes 260 horsepower and 350 foot-pounds of torque for heavy-duty hauling. You can step up to the Triton V-10 if you want an extra 50 horsepower and 75 foot-pounds.

But the real monster engine - the one that could put Mr. Bunyan's giant ox to shame - is the 6.0-liter Power Stroke V8. This turbocharged, diesel-powered giant has a cast iron block and cylinder head for the

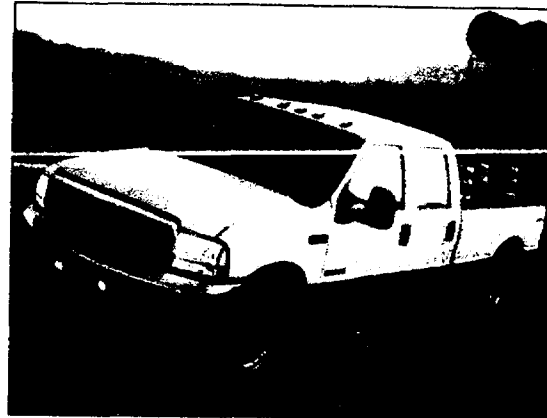


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The 2004 Ford F-250 4X4 Crew Cab

ultimate in long-lasting power as it makes 325 horsepower and a whopping 560 foot-pounds of torque, the most in its class. It's remarkable how strong the Power Stroke diesel feels, giving you the impression that you could tie the truck to a granite mountain and tug it down the highway.

On the downside, driving a Super Duty truck around town is a nightmare.

You have to fight the truck's massive size with every maneuver, whether changing lanes or going around a 90-degree corner. A parking lot is the Super Duty's worst enemy, as its 80-inch width and wide and barge-like turning radius makes it almost impossible to park in narrow spots. Some small drive-thru lanes can pose problems too.

The F-250's ride is rough and bouncy, but so are all heavy-duty trucks. Again, if you don't need serious towing capacity, do yourself a favor and buy the slightly smaller new Ford F-150 pickup instead. It has a much better ride, quieter cabin, and still boasts decent work capability.

Like most pickups, the

Super Duty line can be customized to meet a buyer's needs. Ford offers the company's typical packages ranging from simple to luxurious called XL, XLT, Lariat, XLT Sport, FX4 Off Road, and King Ranch. With all the different options available there are more versions of the Ford Super Duty than most folks care to count.

Base prices start at \$21,750 for a simple, two-wheel drive XL regular cab up to \$41,705 for the high-end, four-wheel drive King Ranch Crew Cab with a "dually" configuration - double the wheels in back.

Overall, it's easy to see why the Ford Super Duty is the sales leader in its class. It has plenty of capability, potential for serious customization, and a price that's not much higher than the less rugged F-150.

Why buy it? Few trucks can match the towing potential of the new Ford Super Duty with a 6.0-liter Power Stroke diesel engine. It has plenty of power and a reasonable price, and you can customize it to your heart's content.

—AutoWire

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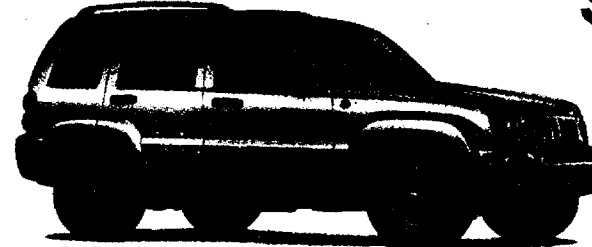
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Following the success of their Superior Ford in Flat Rock and Crest Lincoln-Mercury in Sterling Heights, Crest Volvo's new building is



constructed to Volvo's latest dealership prototypes specifications. Expansive panes of glass open the two-story dealership into the lot and into its 17-bay service department. Blonde wood, Crest brushed nickel, granite and pearlized cream leather accents accentuate the showroom's Swedish minimalist luxury look. And the showroom is as convenient as it is stylish with a 50-inch flat-screen television and Internet access in the customer waiting area and a child's playroom that's visible from a number of key vantage points.

"So many luxury dealerships are trying to make their showrooms more homelike," Alandt said. "We want to set the ambiance of a place where you buy a luxury car. We feel we've accomplished in what we've set out to do, and most people will agree."

Crest Volvo's service department is equally impressive with a full staff of certified Volvo technicians, which also includes a Volvo master certified technician and a Volvo quality certified technician.

Not only is Crest Volvo an easy 20- to 30-minute drive from the Grosse Pointes, but extended hours make planning a visit or servicing your Volvo even easier. Crest Volvo's showroom is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Crest

Volvo service hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays; from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Although personal service is a hallmark at Crest Volvo, it is also possible to purchase a new Volvo online at www.crestvolvo.com.

Plan to visit Crest Volvo during its Grand Opening Week. Special events planned for Friday, Oct. 8; Saturday, Oct. 9; and Sunday, Oct. 11, include:

- Test drive for charity. Test drive any new Volvo between Friday, Oct. 8, and Monday, Oct. 11, and Crest Volvo will donate \$10 to the Ronald McDonald House.

• Alexandra Scott was a Volvo

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- See a full-size Volvo XC90 made entirely of Legos courtesy of Legoland.

- Visit the Volvo Jumbotron, a traveling display full of sound and video productions featuring Volvo's latest models.

- Visit from members of the Macomb Township Fire Department on Saturday, Oct. 9.

- Child fingerprinting service

provided by the Macomb County Sheriff's Department on Saturday, Oct. 9.

"It goes along with Ford Motor Company's commitment to children," Chope said.

- Free Kerby Koney Islands served after 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9.

- See the longest-running Volvo on Monday, Oct. 11.

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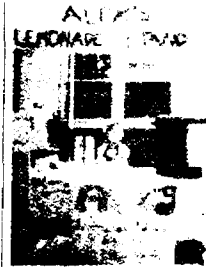
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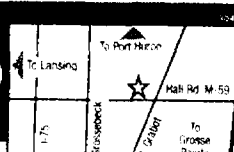
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Meetings

KKG Alumnae

The Detroit East Suburban Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the home of Mary Shafer for a Founders Day luncheon. All Kappas are invited. For more information, call (313) 884-9669.

Questers

No. 147

The Grosse Pointe Questers Chapter No. 147 will meet on Friday, Oct. 8, for a tour of Champagne's Wine Cellar and Market Place in Warren. Carpools will depart promptly at 9:30 a.m. from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The hostess is Violet Champagne. Co-hostesses are Rosemary Bay, JoAnn Krueger and Louise Papista.

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Lecture about shoulder pain

Dr. Paul Schreck, a Bon Secours Cottage orthopedic surgeon and specialist in sports medicine, will discuss the causes and treatments of the painful shoulder. A Bon Secours Cottage physical therapist will also introduce shoulder-strengthen-

ing exercises to prevent injury and promote optimal athletic performance. The free program will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7, in the Connelly Auditorium on the Bon Secours Hospital campus. Call (586) 779-7900.

Herb Society

The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods. Sue Ternes will present a program about heather. The community is invited.

Questers

No. 193

Pear Tree Questers will meet for lunch on Oct. 1, at the home of Dorothy Bejin. Members celebrated the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Pear Tree chapter of the international Questers organization.

Association will present Jane Wilhelm, a master framer, who will discuss framing art for competitive exhibitions, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11. Wilhelm is the former director of exhibitions at the Mount Clemens Art Center. The free lecture is open to the public.

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will go on a field trip on Thursday, Oct. 7, to Baumgartner House, Museum and Barn, located at Masonic and Kelly. Lunch will follow at the Georgian Inn. RSVP to Mandy Scranton at (313) 886-5031.

Ski Club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, October through April, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The group is planning a nature hike and several ski trips. Boarders, seniors, singles and couples are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call President Ron Malis at (313) 823-2288.

Genealogical Society

The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research will present a program, "Charting Your Genealogy for Fun and Decoration," beginning at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, in the new

Friends' Conference Room of the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward.

Laurel A. Emerson, an author, teacher and past president of the Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society will present the program. The public is invited to the free program. Free fenced parking is available on the Putnam Street side of the library.

For more information, call Mary Lou Duncan at (313) 884-0039 or Catherine Phillips at (248) 541-0403 or e-mail cpsrch@aol.com.

Newcomers Club

The Grosse Pointe Social & Newcomers Club will hold its annual Feather Bowling Tournament from 6:45 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Cadieux Cafe.

Jay and Kathleen Bonnell are chairmen of the event. Membership is open to any couple in the Grosse Pointe area.

The club's mission is to organize a range of social activities that provide members with fun and exciting events and enable new friendships within the community.

For more information, call Keith and Stacy Spondike, membership chairmen, at (313) 640-1794.



Jenny Lind Club

The Jenny Lind Club members gathered for their annual luncheon on Sept. 14 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The purpose of the club is to perpetuate the culture of Sweden and Scandinavia. The guest speaker, Kevin Kraus, gave a slide presentation about the historical link between the ancestry of Sweden and Russia.

Kathryn Buehrig, at the left, a charter member and past president of the club, was honored for her 90th birthday and her years of service to the club. At the right is Ingrid Berge, also a past president.

Lillian Lagerkvist was honored for her many contributions to the Swedish community. She served as director of the Scandia Swedish Woman's Chorus for 17 years and took the group on a singing tour of Sweden in 1997. She also took the women from all the choruses of the American Union of Swedish Singers on a singing tour to Sweden in 1999 and became its national assistant director in chief. Lagerkvist is also a past president of the Jenny Lind Club.

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Christ Church Boys and Girls Choir will sing at Fox Theatre on Oct. 16

 By Mimi Drennan
 Special Writer

Together with the Ford Motor Company Chorus, the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Boys and Girls Choir will join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to perform The Lord of the Rings Symphony: A Symphony in Six Movements, at the Fox Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The multimedia event will feature music from all three of The Lord of the Rings films in the motion picture trilogy composed by Academy Award-winner Howard Shore. Composer of musical scores for more than 60 films, Shore received the Oscar and Grammy Awards for Best Original Score for The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring.

The soundtracks for The Fellowship of the Ring and The Two Towers have sold more than 3 million albums worldwide.

According to Shore, his challenge was "to capture the spirit of the books. It was about creating a piece that was the musical equivalent of the books," he explained. "It is really a two-hour piece based on the 12 hours (of music) I wrote for the three

films." The hauntingly beautiful music paints many vivid images of the fascinating world created by J.R.R. Tolkien. It is the eloquent music of Middle Earth, painting the background for a comradeship of men, elves, hobbits and dwarves who pursued a mission that would lead to the salvation of the world.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presentation will also highlight original concept and storybook artwork from the films by artists Alan Lee and John Howe. As the story of Tolkien's hobbits and their journey unfolds, projected images will chronologically align with the music. The choruses sing in Tolkien's languages — elvish and dwarvish — in such a way that the poetry and lyrics used in the book resound in the music and carry the audience through the narrative in concert form. The music rises and falls as the action and drama unfolds.

The Ford Motor Company Chorus, celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, will perform The Lord of the Rings Symphony in the elvish language familiar to Tolkien enthusiasts. Elvish has been described as very lilting — similar to Welsh with a mixture of other Celtic languages.

The chorus, made up of Ford employees, retirees, family members and friends, performs three concerts annually as well as special appearances in this country and abroad.

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The Christ Church Grosse Pointe Choir of Boys and Girls has toured and entertained in England, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. The group has been invited to perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at least once every year. Choir director is Fred DeHaven. This photograph was taken of the Choir of Girls and Men while they were touring and performing in Switzerland.

choral director, Fred DeHaven, the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Choir of Boys and Girls is comprised of talented young singers, ages 8-18.

They have toured and entertained in Europe, Australia and New Zealand, and there are only a few cathedrals in England where they have not performed.

They have been recognized for years by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, which invites the choir to perform with them at least once a year. During this presentation, 12-year-old choir member Brad Manchl will sing the boy's solo part.

Tickets for The Lord of the Rings Symphony range in price

from \$35 to \$75 and may be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets, including Marshall Field's.

Tickets may be charged by calling (248) 433-1515. Purchase tickets online at Ticketmaster.com or OlympiaEntertainment.com. For more, call (313) 471-6611.

Correction

In "What's Cooking?" in the Sept. 26 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, the name of Kathy Rentenbach of Grosse Pointe Woods was misspelled in the story. Her kitchen, along with eight others, will be featured in the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary Kitchen Tour on Sunday, Oct. 10.

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Words

By the Rev. John Corrado
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

"We tried to talk it over, but the words got in the way."
— Masquerade

Words are the main coin of human communication. Words are also the main source of human misunderstanding. This can happen when we love words more than communication. I see this happening everywhere I look and listen. Take a couple of music reviews from a recent Saturday newspaper, for example.

I was among the lucky who heard the Detroit Symphony Orchestra perform the night before. Since the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News critics seem to hear the same works from different ethers, I searched out their reviews.

For once they seemed to agree. Seemed. It was hard to discern this exactly owing to the purple nature of their prose.

Phrases from one included: "... a rectifying light on the majestic old edifice ... bespoke joy fully as much as triumph — unless that might be the triumph of optimism." And so on.

The other: "... jumps with the pulse of a bon vivant ... imparts an alluringly tannic finish ... a catlike spring alternated with expansive sensuality." I'm reminded of a New Yorker cartoon in which an editor says to his sports reporter: "Wonderful prose, Dingly, but who won the game?" By pointing out this harmless example, I almost feel a little like a boy tossing pebbles at a frog. My verbal house is made of glass, too.

Not all examples are as harmless. The Monday after the music reviews appeared, the Free Press carried a letter opposing choice on the matter of abortion. It was signed by three professors from a local seminary. The prose was learned and took us down winding syllogistic lanes. There was no question that these folks had got-

ten beyond grade school. They made their case. Too bad they left a couple of significant matters out of it: the circumstances of the pregnancy, the woman who was pregnant, and any danger to her health the pregnancy might present.

But the words were impressive. And so it goes.

So it goes through this election year with candidates spewing forth clever clichés, not-so-clever clichés, half-truths, spun-truths and non-truths, most of which are well-worded and impressive.

This wordpersonship is not limited to the election of candidates. It works on issues, too. Watch the ads for and against public votes about potential gambling sites, and you'll be convinced campaigners on either side of the issue are not only after your best interests, but are your only protection from the crooks on the other side.

I hear their words. What's the truth?

If you really want a bad taste of good words gone awry, go to a church conference where issues of moral concern are debated by mere mortals, but God (or God's equivalent) is claimed by all. Righteousness rigidifies, prose thickens, positions harden, words turn into commandments on stone tablets. People of the good news make bad news. But you don't have to be a believer to play the game.

What happens in the larger public sphere happens in more intimate settings — within families, between spouses, friends, lovers. As the old pop song avers, "We tried to talk it over, but the words got in the way."

It doesn't have to be that way. We can strive to embrace the highest value that informs what we are trying to communicate. Above all, we can love those we are hoping to communicate with more than we love our own words — no matter how deathless we believe them to be. Easy it ain't, but possible it is.

When St. Paul said, "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life," he was on to something — and it is more than a clever aphorism.

Music at Memorial's first concert is Oct. 10

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will present "The Genius of Handel" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at the church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The concert marks the opening of the 2004-05 series, Music at Memorial.

The first concert will highlight members of the Memorial Church Choir and soloists, under the direction of Charles Raines.

The singers and an 8-piece chamber instrumental ensemble will perform a variety of works by the beloved 18th-century English composer, George

Frederic Handel. The program will include an organ concerto; three of Handel's nine German Arias; two sonatas, one for two violins and one for two oboes; a concerto grosso; and a cantata.

Vocal soloists Alison Mauro, Rachael Barr and Brian White will join instrumental soloists Daniel Foster, Constance Markwick, Judi Scramlin, Ann Lemke and Charles Raines.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students/seniors. A reception will follow the concert.

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

LTA presents 'Fundamentalist Challenge to the Modern World'

The Lay Theological Academy will present a lecture by R. Scott Appleby, Ph.D., "The Fundamentalist Challenge to the Modern World," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

Appleby is a professor of

history at the University of Notre Dame, where he is also the director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The talk is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the church at (313) 886-4301.

Woods Presbyterian's new associate pastor named

The Rev. Elizabeth Carlson has been named associate pastor of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19500 Mack.

Carlson earned degrees in psychology and social work and a Master of Divinity degree. She was ordained in the Presbyterian Church on Aug. 15.



The Rev. Elizabeth Carlson

LTA presents Crossfire concert

Crossfire is a Minnesota-based Christian witness team that presents the Gospel with song, slides and the spoken word.

The Lay Theological Academy will present Crossfire at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at St. Paul

Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms. The presentation is free, but a freewill offering will be taken.

For more information, call the church at (313) 881-6670.

FELC slates adult classes

First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods, will offer several educational opportunities this fall.

• The adult Sunday School class meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the lounge. The topic is "The Case For Christ," a book by Les Strobel.

• Thursday morning Bible study meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the lounge. This fall's topic is the Old Testament story of Joseph.

• The Men's Club breakfast and Bible study meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Boy restaurant at 9 Mile and Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. The current discussion is the 12 disciples of Jesus and their impact on spreading the gospel.

• The women's Bible study group is focusing on the parables of Jesus. Call the church office for times and dates at (313) 884-5040.

Rabbi Wine to give 3-part lecture series

Rabbi Sherwin Wine will present a three-part lecture series at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 7, 14 and 21, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Wine will speak on his recent trip to Cuba on Oct. 7.

On Oct. 14, he will discuss the Middle East and Israel.

On Oct. 21 he will talk about the election.

Lectures are \$10 each; \$25 dollar for all three. Reservations are not necessary.

RECYCLE

Fall Craft Show is Oct. 9 at First English Church

The 12th annual Fall Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at First English Ev. Lutheran Church, in the church's brand-new Luther Center.

The women of the church invite the community to the

annual event which includes the work of local crafters as well as paintings, baked goods and candy.

Special items this year include walking sticks and ice fishing rods.

Admission is \$1; children

10 and under are admitted free, and strollers are allowed. A light lunch will be available.

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Dance, folk melodies permeate DSO concert

Dance rhythms use melodies and harmonies that lend themselves to movement. In symphonic music, these provide the most lively, joyous and stirring program material. Detroit Symphony Orchestra Music Director Neeme Järvi provided an eloquent case in point last weekend in a program titled "Invitation to the Dance."

In the first half of the program, the two works offered were unabashedly based on folk dance material from the composers' native lands. In "Dances of Galanta," Zoltan Kodaly indulged in reminiscence of a time in his youth when he heard gypsies playing in the Hungarian village of Galanta. Less fiery but no less eloquent, the "Symphonic Dances" of Eino Tamberg, based on folk music of Estonia, provided a notable contrast in mood.

While Kodaly recast his thematic material in a symphonic form, there was an

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By
Alex
Suczek

undeniable resemblance to the famous Hungarian folk dance called the Czardas. Recalling the traditional form of that dance, Kodaly's piece opened at a slow, hesitating tempo with an air of mystery. Maestro Järvi brought out a feeling of the Magyar spirit with a tightly controlled, relentlessly moving development.

Again, as in the traditional approach to the Czardas, he very slowly increased the tempo until for the climax of each segment, it reached a frenzied pace.

In a later segment, during the slow section, there

is a plaintive solo that migrates back and forth among piccolo, flute, clarinet and oboe. For those with a little gypsy in their souls, it was a musical conversation among the instruments, highly evocative of the passionate Hungarian temperament.

As the title suggests, Tamberg's "Symphonic Dances" are more formal in their structural treatment, yet unmistakably based on dance forms. It is happy music with a pastoral feeling of being performed for a festivity in the open air.

Järvi was particularly adept at emphasizing the special characteristics inherent in the score. The andante, for example, begins with the character of a music box. You would expect dancing dolls to appear with this light and automatic-sounding music.

The allegro required a greater sense of drama, opening with a spectacular solo by concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert.

There were highly accented rhythms at an intense pace in music that danced around the scale and harmonic cycle in an exciting style. Tamberg's use of three saxophones in his orchestration added a distinctive sound to the overall effect. Järvi displayed his uncanny mastery of the tricky syncopations throughout.

Taking the dance influence a step higher, Järvi offered Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 to end the program. While less noticeably based on folk traditions, it is nonetheless a jubilant and often joyful, song-like expression.

Moreover, Järvi is particularly adept at bringing out the lyricism and playfulness inherent in much of Beethoven's music, especially in this symphony.

The slow movement was tender and loving. The presto was vivacious and energizing and it was fascinating, as always, to watch the Maestro use his entire

body to telegraph to the orchestra the subtleties, fast cues and momentary decelerations that make his phrasing so interesting.

Opening the last movement at a really brisk tempo, he gave the orchestra an opportunity to display just how expertly and precisely they can play. Their rendering was etched sharply with the utmost clarity and sparkling impact without sacrificing an iota of the passion in their music-making. It brought them, with the Maestro, to a highly energized and satisfying dance on the wild side. It is a side of Beethoven that we do not always acknowledge.

Bringing us back to earth to end the evening, Järvi offered an encore by Puccini in a totally different vein. A short orchestral piece, like a meditative etude, it was restful and soothing.

We finally explored a relatively new feature of

the Max M. Fisher Music Center — the Paradise Cafe overlooking Woodward on the second level. Audience members with seats on the main floor could easily overlook it. With small tables by the windows, the Cafe has a menu of salads, sandwiches, beverages and tempting desserts. For a concertgoer seeking a light supper that won't put him to sleep in the concert, it offers an attractive bonus: Park once for dinner and the concert in a relaxing and attractive setting.

The next concert in the DSO classical series will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21, 22 and 23. Roberto Abbado will conduct "The Unanswered Question" and "Central Park in the Dark" by Charles Ives; "Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra" by Aaron Copland and Beethoven's 8th Symphony. Soloist is clarinetist David Shifrin. For tickets, call (313) 576-5111.

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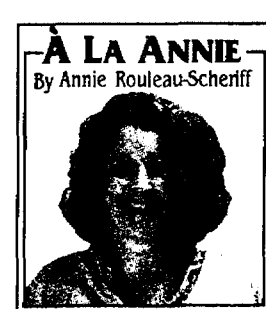
It's pumpkin season. We have two short months to enjoy nature's big orange rounds. Carve them, eat the seeds, bake a pie. Do something with a pumpkin this fall to celebrate the change of seasons. Each Thursday in October I'll feature a different recipe that calls for pumpkin. I'm beginning with a (slightly altered) Martha Stewart recipe that adds pumpkin to a cool-weather favorite. Pumpkin bread pudding is a delightful finish to a harvest meal.

Pumpkin Bread Pudding

1 1-lb. quality baguette, cut into 1/2-

inch slices
4 large eggs
1 quart half & half
1 15-oz. can pumpkin puree
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
Confectioners' sugar for dusting

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, half & half, pumpkin puree, brown sugar, pie spice, vanilla and salt. Add the bread, cover with plastic wrap, pressing directly onto the surface. Place a plate small



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

enough to fit inside the bowl on top of the plastic. Soak until the bread is saturated, about 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Arrange the mixture in a large baking dish that has been coated

with nonstick spray. (Pour excess batter over the bread.)

Place the dish in a larger shallow pan and fill it with 1-inch of water. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until slightly firm and an inserted knife comes out clean.

Serve warm or at room temperature, dusted with confectioners' sugar. For a sweeter treat, top with homemade whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

I was happily surprised that my pumpkin bread pudding wasn't too sweet. This delicious version of bread pudding is a great choice for breakfast on a chilly morning.

Grosse Pointe library to host 'Reel Politics' Oct. 12

Film critic and Oakland Community College film instructor Lawrence Jeziak will lead a preselection discussion on political films, "Reel Politics," at 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Forum presents special concert

The Jazz Forum will present a special event, an intimate evening with trumpet legend Joe Wilder, beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Wilder has received many honors during his seven-decade career.

He has played with Lionel Hampton, Jimmie Lunceford, Lucky Millender, Sam Donahue, Dizzy Gillespie and Count Basie.

For the Oct. 14 concert, he will be backed by a group of Detroit musicians with special guests Alma Smith and Molly Scates.

Tickets are \$20 and may be ordered by calling (313) 961-1714 or sending a check to Jazz Forum, 1347 Bedford, Grosse Pointe Park, 48230.

Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Central Library, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Reel Politics" will deliver a light but thoughtful examination of films that define politicians and the American political process.

Jeziak will discuss a broad range of films, from "The Candidate" and "Being There" to "Bulworth" and "Wag the Dog," while encouraging participants to have more fun watching and talking about movies. The

presentation is for the novice or veteran film buff — there are no tests, no prerequisites and never any homework.

For more than a decade, Jeziak has made numerous presentations across Michigan on the essence of fine cinema. He has delivered presentations on great directors, film noir, hard-boiled detectives and "buddy" films. His "All About Oscar" discussions have become annual events at the Grosse Pointe Public

Library.

The program is free, but seating is limited. To register, call the Central branch at (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

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October 7, 2004
Grosse Pointe News

Annual Holiday Mart is Friday-Sunday, Oct. 15-17

Twenty-seven of the country's finest specialty vendors will set up booths at the 2004 Holiday Mart from Friday, Oct. 15, through Sunday, Oct. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The fundraiser is sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan, and proceeds are used for its community education programs.

Three features are new this year:

- Holiday Mart mesh tote bags will be given to every shopper to use during and after the event.

- Shoppers will be able to have their purchases gift wrapped before they leave at no charge.

- And from noon to 2 p.m. each day, local musicians will provide entertainment.

Shops were chosen because of their unique and unusual merchandise for men, women, children and for the home. Old favorites that will return are Just Cufflinks! from Winnetka, Ill., Green Apple Blue Stem Gallery of Harbor Springs, and Leah Nestel of North Hollywood, Calif.

Three Grosse Pointe merchandisers will be represented: Histoire de France, which specializes in quimper faience; A Girl That Paints, which creates hand painted home decorations; and Kristin Henchel Designs, which designs fashion accessories made from ribbons.

A Preview Party, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, will kick off the event by giving guests a head start on shopping. Tickets to the preview are \$60 in advance or \$70 at the door.

The preview includes complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Tom's Oyster Bar, Sierra Station, Meaghan's and Antonio's in the Park. Ten pairs of tickets to see "Fosse" on opening night Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Fox Theatre, will be raffled off during the evening. Complimentary valet parking will be available. To purchase



Photo by Beth Quinn
Chairmen of the 2004 Holiday Mart are, from left, Jo Judson of Grosse Pointe Farms, Joan Emerick of Fraser and Scottie Knight of Grosse Pointe Farms.

tickets to the preview, call (313) 884-7624.

Chairmen for the 2004 Holiday Mart are **Joan Emerick** of Fraser and **Scottie Knight** and **Jo Judson**, both of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Shops chairmen are **Gloria Kostas**, **Kim Tripp** and **Sue Martin**, all of the City of Grosse Pointe. Honorary chairmen are **Mr. and Mrs. Gail Warden** and **Mr. and Mrs. William O. Bradley Jr.**

Merchandise will include hand-carved German accessories and ornaments, personalized gifts, sterling silver jewelry, hand-painted children's clothing, educational toys and books, needlepoint shoes, hand-knitted scarves, custom cashmere clothing, gourmet cherry products from northern Michigan, organic soaps, elegant neckties and dress shirts, ribbon purses and more.

The Holiday Mart opens to the general public on Friday. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5. Parking is free.

For more information, call (586) 405-6738 or go to www.holidaymart.org.

Good grief: Open Arms, a grieving children's program sponsored by St. John Health, is planning its 6th annual "Good Grief" fundraiser from 6 to 8 p.m.,

Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Roostertail in Detroit.

Proceeds will assist the organization in its outreach to children who have lost a loved one due to violence, illness or accident. The evening includes dinner, a silent auction and an award reception. The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Roostertail in Detroit.

Carol Quarterman, director of the Child Care Coordinating Council of Detroit, and Youth Sports and Recreation Commission, an initiative of the Skillman Foundation, will be honored with the Vernice Davis Anthony Award of Dedication for her impact on the youth in the community.

Event chairman is **Rhonda Walker**, WDIV-TV morning co-anchor.

Honorary co-chairs are **Donna Burke**, **Johnathon Cartwright**, **Christine Estreicher**, the **Rev. Horace Sheffield III**, and **O'Neil Swanson**.

The services provided by Open Arms to children and their families are free; so donations are vital to its success.

"The donations we receive from the community for the Good Grief fundraising event support the focus of Open Arms, which is to provide support for grieving children and their families and educate the community on the issue and impact of grief," said Karen Sheffield,

Open Arms program director. "We help participants learn to cope with feelings of sadness, anger or frustration in positive, constructive ways. Addressing grief in children is critical to their long-term emotional and physical development. Statistics have shown that unacknowledged grief can lead to unhealthy behaviors such as violence, substance abuse, suicide and poor performance in school."

Tickets for the Good Grief event are \$75 or \$600 for a table of eight. For ticket information, more details about Open Arms, or to make silent auction donations call (313) 921-7983.

Walk for HOPE:

Focus: HOPE expects thousands to walk to celebrate diversity on Sunday, Oct. 10, in Detroit. The eight-mile walk, titled "One Walk, One World, One Dream," begins at 1 p.m. at Focus: HOPE's campus on Oakman Boulevard in Detroit. It winds past some neighborhoods and businesses in Detroit and Highland Park that have rebounded in recent years as well as some neighborhoods that need rehabilitation.

Courtesy vans will cruise the area to pick up participants who are unable to complete the walk or to drop off walkers who want to participate in the last few miles.

Focus: HOPE was founded by **Eleanor Josaitis** and the late **Father Cunningham** in 1968, after Detroit's riots. The organization fights racism, poverty and injustice through practical means. Funds raised during the walk will benefit these programs.

To register for the walk in advance, call (313) 494-5500.

Oktoberfest: St. John Hospice will hold its fundraiser, "Oktoberfest 2004," starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.

St. John Hospice provides

care and support to people with a life-threatening illness and six months or less to live. Illnesses include not only cancer but also heart disease, kidney failure, or any illness that is life-limiting. Hospice offers patients the opportunity to make the most of the time they have left through pain and symptom management, allowing them to spend time with their loved ones in the setting of their choice, whether that be at home, in a nursing facility or hospital.

Grosse Pointe **Sharon Burke** is chairman of the event. Business attire is appropriate, and complimentary valet parking will be available.

The evening will feature entertainment by musician **Josea Taylor**, a strolling supper and a silent auction. Taylor, of Detroit, is a volunteer at the Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, where he plays the piano, saxophone, flute and clarinet for patients, staff and visitors.

Tickets for Oktoberfest 2004 are \$60 and are available by calling (313) 343-7480. Donations are also accepted from those who are unable to attend the event. Proceeds from Oktoberfest 2004 will be used to help defray the costs of hospice services not reimbursed by patients' insurance.

Hope tour: Grosse Pointe Park resident **David Landuyt** will join some 100 of his fellow employees on Saturday, Oct. 9, in the last 30-mile leg of this week's Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope.

The Tour of Hope is a weeklong, 3,500-mile cross-country journey across the country from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., by a team of 20 people who have been touched by cancer. Landuyt and his fellow employees will travel to Washington to usher the team into Washington.

Landuyt, an imaging manager for Bristol-Myers Squibb, said bicycling is a regular form of exercise for

himself and that he shared his employer's commitment to cancer research.

However, the real push in going to Washington was to honor his parents, **Richard** and **Sylvia Landuyt**, also of the Park, who are cancer survivors.

Both David Landuyt and his brother **Steven Landuyt**, now of Atlanta, Ga., will participate in the final leg in the Tour of Hope, in which they both collected over \$500 in donations to the Lance Armstrong Foundation to participate. To aid in their fundraising efforts, visit www.tourofhope.org and click on "Support a Rider."

Jubilee: The Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Jubilee, a silent and live auction event, begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at the Nursing Care Center, 26001 East Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. A wide variety of unique auction items are up for bid, including a luxury Fort Lauderdale weekend, three northern Michigan vacations, Lalique crystal, a topaz earring-and-pendant set, and a membership to the Otsego Club in Gaylord, Mich.

Honorary chairs of the event are City of Grosse Pointe residents **Leila** and **Ray Lynch**. Ray Lynch served on the Nursing Care Center's board of directors in 1987 and was chairman of the board in 1988. He also served on the Bon Secours of Michigan board of directors from 1986-1991. Leila Lynch has been a member of the Bon Secours Assistance League for more than 20 years.

The Jubilee committee includes Grosse Pointe Woods residents **Jeri Ellis**, chairman; **Peg Cole**; **Jean Doyle**; **Betsy Martin**; and **Laura Bommarito**; City of Grosse Pointe resident **Jeanne Meathe**; Grosse Pointe Farms residents **Joan Frear**, **Dorothea Williams** and **Carol Sine**; Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Sandra Vandenberghe**; Grosse Pointe Park resident **Mary Ann Boll**; St. Clair Shores resident **Pam Smith**; and Warren resident **Bev Belding**.

The Nursing Care Center (NCC) Auxiliary presents the Jubilee every other year. This year's event recognizes the Nursing Care Center's 20th anniversary. Proceeds benefit NCC programs and provide enhancements for resident services and projects.

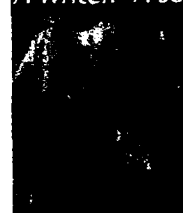
Friend-level tickets are \$75 each; patron-level tickets are \$150 each. An elegant dinner, including beer and wine and a chocolate fountain for dessert, are included in the ticket price. For information or tickets, call the Nursing Care Center Gift Shop at (586) 779-7018.

Win a car: Raffle tickets for a Cadillac STS donated by General Motors are now on sale for \$1 each. The drawing will take place at Hospice of Michigan's Faces of Hospice Mask Project, a fundraiser slated for Saturday, Oct. 23, at the General Motors VEC Center in Warren. The winner of the car doesn't have to be present. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Michigan programs and services, which include comprehensive, compassionate care for people who are terminally ill and support for their families.

To purchase tickets, call (313) 578-6268 or go to www.hom.org.

Cuts: Leon's will donate proceeds from all appointments at the salon on Sunday, Oct. 10 (Dream Cuts Day) to Camp Mak-a-Dream, a cost-free camp for children and young adults with cancer. Leon's is located at 112 Kercheval. For an appointment between noon and 4 p.m., call (313) 884-9393.

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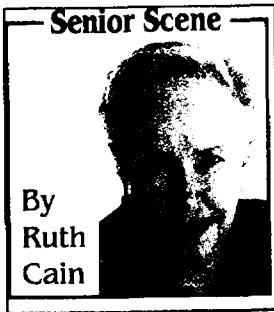
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Automobile designers keep seniors in mind

Population experts tell us that close to one-third of adult Americans have arthritis. Many of these could benefit from redesigned autos that would allow not only safer driving but more comfortable driving.



Senior Scene

By
Ruth
Cain

The auto industry began delving into this problem in the mid-'90s. Here's the approach Ford Motor Co. took.

It developed a third age referred to the Baby Boomers who are in the 50 to 75 age range and already beginning to suffer the pains of arthritis. The suit was designed with

joint stiffeners in the back, neck and knees; added girth and weight around the torso; glasses that simulate the effects of aging eyes; and gloves that limit sense of touch and the ability to manipulate controls.

The suit helped engineers to design the most needed features for older consumers.

General Motors took a different approach with its Paragon Team, comprised of employees and retirees who represent consumers with limited mobility. The team meets regularly to offer advice and set engineering standards.

Virtually all automobile manufacturers today are involved in design enhancements for older folks.

Here are changes that are available now

- A dash-mounted ignition that bypasses the need to turn the key to start.
- Knobs and switches that are larger, easier to identify and strategically grouped to minimize stretching and reaching. Some luxury vehicles have touch pad controls and/or voice activated pad systems.
- Bench seats are roomier and easier to access. A power-adjustable driver seat with eight-way adjustment or higher helps seats match the driver's physiognomy. Some seats are heated, which is helpful for aching joints.
- Wider door openings. Adjustable pedals offer minimum strain on the legs and feet. Adaptive cruise control automatically decreases vehicle speed if necessary, to keep a safe distance from the car ahead.
- A Web site with a Mobility Buying Guide (www.edmunds.com) describes features available on the various cars and also gives price ranges.

Recently I had tests at a local hospital which involved lots of waiting. I had not brought any reading material, so I was forced to read a magazine called Jane. I say "forced" because the only other reading material available was six copies of Skiing magazine, two February issues of news magazines, and a March 2003 issue of People.

"Jane" at least had a current date. Its audience is very young women. This quote, from a monthly feature called "Dish," stunned me: "Forty-year-old Courtney Love's appealingly flawed persona shows us that messy celebrities are charming."

What say? Love regularly makes the papers by being arrested, then taken to court and then off to drug rehab. How terrible to describe such behavior as appealing or charming for its young readers. I've been with alcoholics and have found them anything but appealing or charming. That's probably true also of drug addicts. But then, who am I to make judgments? I'm just not hip.

A sign of what's happening with seniors. We're living not only longer lives, but more vigorous and healthier lives. So commercial airline pilots want the mandatory retirement age of 60 changed.

Congress passed this age for retirement in 1959, which reflected the generally accepted belief that the risk of incapacitation due to medical causes after 60 years of age was unacceptably high. Sen. Larry Craig, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, agrees that the time has come to change this mandatory retirement rule.

Who could argue with that? I want all the safety measures possible when I fly, but I'd far rather be in a plane piloted by a veteran flier in good health, no matter what his or her age, who had experienced and dealt with many different kinds of emergency situations while flying.

Craig said, however, that changing the retirement age for others in the industry may not be valid. For example, a member of the policy council for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association recently testified that air traffic controllers should still be required to retire at age 56.

He said that the risks of stress levels, potential health problems and declining cognitive abilities are the same today as when Congress set retirement mandates for controllers more than 30 years ago.

I think it's reasonable to acknowledge that changes do take place in our bodies, vision and reaction time as we age.

If you have a comment or question for Cain her e-mail is: rutcain@comcast.net.

Seniors may need more natural sunlight

(ARA) — It may come as a surprise to seniors that as they age, their eye lenses thicken and their pupils shrink. This causes their eyes to adapt more slowly to changing light conditions.

According to organizations including the Center of Design For An Aging Society and the National Foundation for the Blind, older people need more light (about three to five times

more than younger people) for both vision and maintaining their health. Other issues related to the aging eye, the foundation says, include difficulty with light/dark adaptation, reduced sensitivity to color perception and contrast and reduced depth perception.

Part of the solution is more softer, natural light.

Many seniors don't get outside enough; so there are

even more reasons to consider bringing more light in. We need vitamin D for calcium to be absorbed by the body to strengthen teeth, bones and tissue to maintain a healthy skeleton throughout life.

Two sources of vitamin D are diet and sunlight. In healthy human bodies, 80 percent of vitamin D is produced in the skin when it is exposed to natural light. A vitamin D deficiency could contribute to the brittle-bone disease osteoporosis, a major issue for women today.

The benefits of having abundant daylight in our homes aren't just physical. Studies show that Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), evidenced by emotional depression, a drop in physical energy, increased

appetite, and need for more sleep, is directly linked to a lack of sufficient daylight.

Some researchers are concluding that light therapy may help to alleviate SAD symptoms faster than antidepressant drugs. In a recent review of clinical trials of light therapy, Dr. Daniel Kripke and his colleagues at the Circadian Pacemaker Laboratory at the University of California, San Diego reported that light therapy benefits not only SAD patients but also people suffering from other forms of depression.

For government information on window and skylight energy efficiency visit the Web site energystar.gov, and for independent agency information visit the Web site nfrf.org or efficientwindows.org.

Elder Law on Medicare prescription card

Michigan seniors should be cautious before enrolling for the Medicare Prescription Discount Card, according to Elder Law of Michigan, a nonprofit senior advocacy organization.

"The federal government's prescription discount cards have potential, but there's a lot of confusion about who is eligible, how to enroll, and how much savings there will really be," said Kate White, executive director of Elder Law of Michigan.

Elder Law's attorneys point to several issues for seniors to consider as they investigate whether the card is a good investment for their particular circumstances:

- Discounts are likely to be different depending on location and pharmacy.
- Discounts vary by prescription.
- The program may not offer any savings on some drugs.
- Discounts on individual drugs can change frequently.
- The availability of specific cards may change frequently.

Enrollment in the card program costs up to \$30 annually.

Some seniors will qualify for an estimated saving of between 11 and 30 percent of the usual retail prescription cost. It is possible for

seniors with low-to-moderate income and large monthly prescription costs to qualify for this savings.

Seniors with a more limited income might qualify for additional savings called "transitional assistance." A single senior with an annual income of \$12,569 or a married couple with an income of up to \$16,862 may qualify for a \$600 a year prescription credit without any enrollment fee. If you qualify under this section, you will pay only about 5 to 10 percent of drug costs up to \$600.

There are many different cards available, and each user may only have one card and may only change cards once during the 18-month program, said White.

Beware of scams. Do not select a card that does not carry the official Medicare approved logo or enroll for a card that costs more than \$30. Beware of solicitations you receive offering Medicare discount cards. Medicare-approved plans should not contact you unless you contacted them first.

To schedule a phone appointment, call the Legal Hotline at (800) 347-5297. For more information on Elder Law of Michigan's services, call (800) Medicare.

BSC's women's services

The Mary Gene Buhl Oppermann Women's Diagnostic Center and Wellness Resource Center is available at the Cottage Hospital campus. Services offered at the center include mammograms (both film screen and digital), computer-aided second read of mammography results, four-dimensional ultrasound for breast and OB/GYN imaging, minimally invasive breast biopsy, and bone density screening.

A Health Resource Center is also on-site where women can research topics from current literature and videos and access the Internet to investigate online sources of health information.

With a personalized

approach to providing women's care, a registered nurse BreastCare Coordinator oversees coordination of testing, and offers support to patients and their families, and shares information regarding procedures and options.

The center is located on the main floor at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (313) 640-2626.

'Make a Difference' Oct. 23

Make a Difference Day — this year, Saturday, Oct. 23 — is an opportunity for church youth groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school groups, individuals and families to help senior citizens in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods by visiting, delivering flowers, raking leaves and offering a listening ear.

Last year, more than 450

people participated in Make a Difference Day in Grosse Pointe. The day begins at 10 a.m. with breakfast at Services for Older Citizens (SOC) at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

To participate or to nominate someone who would appreciate a helping hand, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings opens concert series

The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings will open its 2004-05 season with a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. The concert, titled "Beethoven and a Baker's Dozen," will include Beethoven's Octet, Op. 130 Dances, a suite from Carl Orff's "Der Mond," the impressionistic "Divertissement" of Emile Bernard and "Six Miniatures" by Gyorgy Legeti.

An encore concert will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Birmingham Unitarian Church. A DCSW fundraiser will be held after this concert in the church's social hall. Tickets for the evening's benefit, "Wine, Women and Song" range from \$60 to \$100 for patrons.

Tickets for the six regular concerts are \$60 for students, \$110 for seniors and \$120 for others.

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Minimally invasive surgery for carpal tunnel?

By Dr. James Dietz
Special Writer

Minimally invasive fiberoptic surgery has revolutionized the way surgeons perform some procedures. Because this type of surgery requires smaller incisions, there is less pain, and patients often enjoy shorter recovery times.

Today, arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgery is fairly routine. Now, specially trained surgeons are using endoscopic procedures to treat carpal tunnel syndrome. Results are as effective as traditional open surgery for those physicians who are experienced with the technique.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is nerve compression in the wrist that causes tingling and numbness in the hand and fingers. Patients often experience pain in the hand and forearm. Weakness of the hand and the tendency to drop things are symptoms as well.

The carpal tunnel is located at the base of the palm. The tendons that bend the fingers and the median nerve pass through this narrow compartment and then branch out into the hand. The nerve that is

compressed in carpal tunnel syndrome supplies sensation to the thumb, index, middle and one-half of the ring finger. This is the typical distribution of the symptoms.

What can cause carpal tunnel syndrome?

There are two distinct patient populations that develop carpal tunnel syndrome. The younger group (typically 25 to 50 years) usually have work-related carpal tunnel syndrome. Patients whose jobs require repetitive movements or use of the hand are commonly affected. This includes people who work on computers or keyboards for extended periods of time, factory or assembly line workers, dental hygienists, grocery store cashiers and construction workers, to name a few.

The other patient population is slightly older (60 and up) and have what is called idiopathic carpal tunnel syndrome. In these cases, there is not usually an identifiable cause for the nerve compression.

Occasionally, medical conditions such as diabetes, thyroid disease or pregnancy can cause or contribute

to carpal tunnel syndrome.

Treatment options

The tingling and numbness from carpal tunnel syndrome may improve in individuals who are able to stop the repetitive activity. In many occupations, however, this may be impossible.

Often the use of a removable wrist splint can control the symptoms by limiting the motion in the wrist. Splints are especially useful at night when symptoms are often more pronounced. Oral anti-inflammatory medications can sometimes help. Steroid injections often improve or relieve the symptoms, but generally this is a temporary effect.

In many cases, the symptoms can progress despite nonsurgical treatment. In severe cases, patients experience constant numbness, which can lead to permanent nerve damage.

Outpatient surgery opens the carpal tunnel

When patients have persistent symptoms despite conservative treatment, surgery is considered. A simple outpatient surgical procedure opens the carpal

tunnel by releasing the ligament that forms the roof of the tunnel. This widens the tunnel, relieving the pressure on the median nerve.

The traditional method of releasing the carpal tunnel is through open surgery. With this method, the surgeon makes a two-inch incision at the base of the palm to release the ligament over the carpal tunnel. The patient is immobilized in a splint or cast for seven to 10 days. The hand is typically sore afterward. After six to eight weeks, most patients are back to normal function and usually are able to return to work.

A less invasive way to do this outpatient surgery is using the endoscopic tech-

nique. With this method, a half-inch incision is made at the wrist and a small camera or scope is introduced into the carpal tunnel. The ligament is visualized from the inside. A cutting device is attached to the scope, and the camera allows the surgeon to see as the ligament is released.

After the five to 10-minute procedure, two stitches close the incision and a soft dressing is applied. Patients can begin restricted use of their hand the same day. Typically, patients can use the hand normally one to two weeks after the surgery.

Patients who may not be candidates for the endoscopic procedure are those who

have had a recurrence of carpal tunnel syndrome after previous surgery. This is fairly uncommon, and may require a second traditional open surgery.

Dr. Dietz is a Bon Secours Cottage board certified orthopedic surgeon with additional fellowship training in hand surgery. He is one of the few eastside surgeons who perform the endoscopic carpal tunnel release, and was recently recognized by *Hour Detroit* magazine as one of the area's "Top Docs" in orthopedics. His practice is with St. Clair Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

Chicago trip changes 'meds' outlook

By Theodore G. Coutilish
and Mary Beth Langan
Special Writers

Imagine yourself sitting in a second-grade classroom. You're focusing on the lesson, but only because you are in a NyQuil-like state of fog. For Ted, that's what it was like growing up on Ritalin in the mid-1970s while attending Monteith Elementary School.

On class days he did not take his "meds," Ted was bouncing off the classroom walls, collecting demerits and driving his teachers to ask him, "Did you take your Ritalin today?"

A "No" answer was followed by a phone call to Ted's mother to bring his medication. Ted was so hyper, his kindergarten schoolteacher decided to hold him back a year, citing immaturity. This was against the wishes of Ted's mother, although she allowed Ted's older brother, Peter, to be held back one grade a few years earlier for the same reason.

Fearing a delay would devastate Ted because of



his special sensitivity, his mother took on his teacher, the principal and the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Board of Education. She convinced her attorney, Sam Sanom, to negotiate a first-ever deal to create and give Ted a benchmark test to determine if he could handle the work of a first-grade student.

If he did, Sanom argued, then he could not legally be held back. Up until this point, many students were held back, uncontested, for whatever reason the district concocted.

The result of the landmark test? He passed with flying colors, Ted's mother was told; so he moved forward with his class.

Three years later, Ted's third-grade teacher came to the same conclusion as his kindergarten teacher, but was told by Principal John

Hamel, "Do you know this boy, and do you know what his mother did for him? Leave this boy alone."

Making matters worse for Ted was his mother's decision to declare nonschool days Ritalin-free, believing less was better. Replacing the medication for Ted on weekends were cream-soaked sugar cereals such as Fruity Pebbles and Count Chocula, because he would eat them and his mom was happy if Ted (who looked like a victim from a Nazi concentration camp) simply ate. Anything. Please. Talk about highs and lows.

Remembering his foggy, roller-coaster elementary school years did not make Ted eager to start Andrew, near 3 1/2-year-old son, on "meds" to improve his concentration. Even the thought elicited nightmares for Ted.

All that changed after we visited Rush University Medical Center in Chicago in late August to talk with Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, who is on Mary Beth's list of the world's top Fragile X Syndrome gurus. Berry-Kravis discussed first trying folate, or folic acid, which is a B-vitamin that can be found in enriched foods and vitamins.

Megadoses of folate have improved behaviors in a percentage of children with FX. If folic acid does not help, Berry-Kravis explained how to help determine the proper medicine for Andrew.

Virtually all children with FX have both anxiety and hyperactivity, Berry-Kravis said. One of the two is typically more prevalent. Determine which one is "running the show" and address it with the appropriate medication. If it is too early in a child's life to determine which is running the show, use a medication that may target both anxiety and hyperactivity.

Add this information to our Evanston visit, just north of Chicago, with Mary Beth's friend, Jean, and her son, Harry, 4 1/2, who also has FX.

Jean talked about how Harry used to act like Andrew, including frequent pacing and screaming, before he began taking medication. Jean saw a 180-degree turnaround. Harry became calmer and more focused, and his speech improved. We were enlightened to see Harry's demeanor and engagement with his mother and us. All because of the miracle of medication.

Sold. Pointers Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome. Send comments to toutilish@dmac.wayne.edu or blangan@hotmail.com.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



It's fall, and your tan has begun to fade (of course you did use sunscreen every day this summer?). Do you know if there are any new spots that weren't there before?

Personal skin exams. Do you inspect your whole skin every one to two months? While studies show that one in two respondents claim "yes", that they do look everywhere, when they were more closely questioned, in reality less than one in ten actually did.

Regular skin exams are especially important. Why? Because most skin cancers, especially the most deadly melanomas, are usually

asymptomatic—that is, unless you or someone else sees them, you will likely not be aware of them.

When completing a skin exam, look everywhere, including soles of feet, back of neck, torso and legs and the scalp. A useful website on skin self exams can be found at www.dermnetnz.org/lesions/self-skin-examination.html.

To learn more about the early detection of suspicious lesions, 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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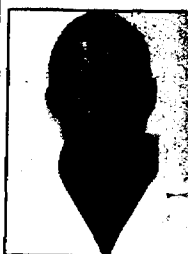
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Weddings/Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lloyd Gehlert

Spangler-Gehlert

Julia Lynn Spangler, daughter of Steve and Chris Spangler of St. Clair Shores, married Richard Lloyd Gehlert, son of Kenneth and Barbara Gehlert of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Aug. 23, 2004, in Cancun, Mexico.

The Rev. Miguel Morio Angelo Sala officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony. A reception was held at the Partridge Creek Golf Club in Clinton Township on Aug. 28.

The bride wore a long white chiffon gown with a train and carried a bouquet

of white and lavender roses and stephanotis.

The bride's sister, Kelly Spangler of St. Clair Shores, was the maid of honor.

Bridesmaid was Nikki David of St. Clair Shores.

Attendants wore light lavender dresses and carried bouquets of lavender roses.

David Kraft of Grosse Pointe Farms was the best man.

Kyle Bott of Grosse Pointe Farms was the groomsman.

The mother of the bride wore a long silver and gold sheath and a white orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a short silver and gray-blue dress and a silver orchid wrist corsage.

The bride works as an assistant in a pediatric dental office.

The groom is a regional manager with Cadillac Coffee Co.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. They live in Sterling Heights.

Simpson-Gast

Rebecca Anne Simpson, daughter of Lloyd and Diane Simpson of Grosse Pointe Shores, married Peter Bernard Gast III, son of Peter and Patricia Gast of Grosse Pointe Woods, on July 2, 2004, at Grosse



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bernard Gast III

Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. Thomas Rice officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride wore a strapless white floor-length satin gown that featured a pearl beaded bodice. She carried a nosegay of pastel roses, stock and freesia.

The matron of honor was Julie Simpson of Royal Oak.

Bridesmaids were Katherine Van Elslander of Grosse Pointe Park, Adena Wright of Reston, Va., Amy Greb of Sylvan Lake, Laura Viviano of Sterling Heights and Kristen Alix of Denver.

Attendants wore floor-length strapless periwinkle

dresses and carried nosegays of Gerbera daisies, lilies, stock and delphiniums.

The best man was Matthew Schaden of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Groomsmen were Eric Gast of Grand Rapids, Scott Simpson of Royal Oak, Joseph Schaden of Chicago, Jonathon Stewart of Centennial, Colo., and Brian Huck of Warren.

The mother of the bride wore a navy dress with a periwinkle diamond design on the bodice and jacket.

The groom's mother wore a cream-colored beaded sheath and a matching jacket.

Readers were the bride's father, Lloyd Simpson, and the groom's father, Peter Gast.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Hillsdale College.

She is a teacher at University Liggett Middle School.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from John Carroll University.

He works in industrial sales for p.b. gast & sons.

The couple honeymooned in the Abaco Islands.

They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Jeffrey C. Mertz and Dr. Jennifer Leigh Kuester

Kuester-Mertz

William and Elaine Kuester of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Jennifer Leigh Kuester, to Jeffrey C. Mertz, son of Dr. Richard and Alyssa Mertz of Grosse Pointe Shores. A July wedding is planned.

Kuester earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Michigan and a D.D.S. degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She is an orthodontic resident at the University of Detroit

Mercy. Mertz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from the University of Michigan. He is general manager of Apollo Plating Inc.

Ament-Morath

Gerald and Patricia Ament of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Etheldreda Ament, to Eric Thomas Morath, son of Thomas and Terri Morath of Grosse Pointe Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Ament earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan. She is the legislative correspondent for Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow, in Washington, D.C.

Morath earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Michigan State University. He is a reporter for the Oakland Business Review in Novi.



Amy Etheldreda Ament and Eric Thomas Morath

Babies

Andrew Robert Bertani

Bob and Stacy Bertani of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Andrew Robert Bertani, born April 23, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Bonnie Perkins of Grosse Pointe Shores. Paternal grandparents are Lou and Lois Bertani of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Mary Bertani.

Ruby Grace Moellering

Dolly and Tom Moellering of Chicago are the parents of a daughter, Ruby Grace Moellering, born Aug. 6, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Young Choi of Chicago. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Emily Moellering of Grosse Pointe Park. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. OK Lee of Chicago.

Avalon Elizabeth Bellamy

John and Joanie Bellamy of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Avalon Elizabeth Bellamy, born Aug. 9, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Lawrence Conlan of Detroit and Sue Conlan of Harper Woods. Paternal grandparents are Fred and Janette Bellamy of Grosse Pointe Park.

Samantha Carol Kitchen

Jennifer and Matthew Kitchen of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Samantha Carol Kitchen, born Aug. 13, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Carl Swanson of Sterling Heights, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, and the late Carol Riley. Paternal grandparents are Joan and Dallas Kitchen of Grosse Pointe Farms. Great-grandparents are Irene and Henry Spiechowicz of Shelby Township.

Skylar Elisabeth Smigels

Eric and Jennifer Smigels of Oceanside, Calif., are the parents of a daughter, Skylar Elisabeth Smigels, born May 26, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Norman and Sharon Cure of Grosse Pointe Park.

Paternal grandparents are John and Terri Smigels of St. Clair Shores. Paternal great-grandmother is Ann Smigels of Madison Heights.

Alexander Thomas Prather

Ken and Susan Prather of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Alexander Thomas Prather, born July 28, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Kathy Quilter of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Ken and Jeannie Prather of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Maternal great-grandmother is Thelma Brady of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Ian James Donahue

John and Julie Donahue of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Ian James Donahue, born June 29, 2004. Maternal grandparents are John and Jean Wezalis of Warren. Paternal grandparents are Jack and Judy Donahue of Saginaw.

Jack Davies Maday

Erin and Matthew Maday of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a son, Jack Davies Maday, born Feb. 23, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Marianne Davies of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Norma Maday of St. Clair Shores

and the late Richard Maday.

Brendan Timothy and Dillon Paul Maddigan

Patrick and Kelly Maddigan of Mars, Pa., are the parents of twin sons, Brendan Timothy Maddigan and Dillon Paul Maddigan, born Aug. 14, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are T.J. and Sandra Diem of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Mary Ann Maddigan of Conneaut Lake, Pa. Great-grandparents are Donna Sieber of

Benton Harbor and Herbert and Ruth Lange of Saline.

Gillian Elizabeth Emerick

Josh and Catherine Emerick of Royal Oak are the parents of a daughter, Gillian Elizabeth Emerick, born July 12, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Norman and Sharon Cure of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Jacquelyn Emerick of Grand Blanc and Steven and Barbara Emerick of Dexter. Great-grandparents are Tom and Betty Ann Johnson of Bloomfield Hills and Ruth Emerick of Grand Rapids.

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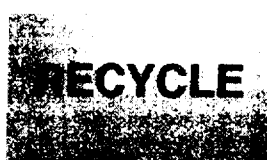
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All-Americans

Two relay teams and one individual from Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team received All-American certificates from United States Swimming. In the top photo is the 200-yard medley relay team of, from left, Ben Jenzen, Dave Richardson-Rossbach, Luke Richard and Pete Stevens, which qualified with a time of 1:37.52. In the bottom photo is the 200 freestyle relay team of, from left, Michael Dunaway, Casey Browning, Richard and Jenzen, which had a qualifying time of 1:28.10. Jenzen received an individual certificate for posting a time of 21.37 in the 50 freestyle.



Farms manager's fighters return to Warren on Oct. 8

With a 1-1 record on the road, Grosse Pointe Farms boxing manager John Carlisle will be glad to host fights on his home ring this weekend.

Carlisle's young heavyweight, Rydell Booker, 23, suffered his first defeat Sept. 23 in a nationally televised bout at the Penchanga Resort in California.

While all three judges favored veteran opponent James Toney, 36, two of the judges gave two or three rounds to the younger fighter.

Booker, now 22-1 with 12 knockouts, suffered under Toney's skilled jabs and hard punches and was knocked to his knees in the eighth round.

Carlisle told reporters he showed Booker the towel, but the determined fighter refused to give up. He stubbornly lasted all 12 rounds and denied Toney the pleasure knocking him out as Toney had done to his last opponent, Evander Holyfield on Oct. 5, 2003.

Booker's defeat follows fellow team member Leo Nolan's national victory May 7 when he lasted 12 rounds against veteran

heavyweight Lou Savarese in New Jersey.

In his "David vs. Goliath" victory, Nolan landed 145 punches to his opponent's mere 39. Nolan won by a unanimous decision and earned the IBA Continental title.

On Friday, Oct. 8, at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren, Nolan and teammate Rubin Williams will be on the card, along with Team Cannon heavyweight Robert Davis and light welterweight Marlon Davis.

Williams won the American Boxing Council super-middleweight Intercontinental title in June and hopes to add the vacant IBU Intercontinental super-middleweight title to his resume.

DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center is located on 10 Mile, east of Mound Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. prior to the first fight at 7:30 p.m. A cash bar and concessions are available.

VIP seats can be purchased through DeCarlo's at (586) 759-6500. General admission seats are \$25.

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North boys fifth at Hanson's

A look at last year's times made Grosse Pointe North's performance in last weekend's Hanson's Invitational boys cross country meet seem a lot better to coach Pat Wilson.

"We stayed about where we've been," Wilson said after the Norsemen's 'A' team finished fifth in the meet at Delia Park in Sterling Heights.

"They ran pretty well against a strong field, but we've done better."

However, compared to last year's times from the same meet, the Norsemen have improved by leaps and bounds.

"Robbie Fisher was a minute and a half better than last year and the rest of our top five were 20 to 30 seconds faster than last year," Wilson said.

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South swimmers sink Fraser

Leeann Mocer gave Grosse Pointe South's girls swimming team another state qualifier when she posted a winning time of 25.74 in the 50-yard freestyle during the Blue Devils' 140-45 victory over Fraser in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

South's depth was the difference again as several members of the team posted personal-best times.

Mocer also won the 100 freestyle, just out-touching teammate Kim Grady. Greta Wenk was third to complete a sweep by the Blue Devils.

Those three joined Kate Muelle to win the 200 freestyle relay, and they teamed with Stephanie Johnson to take first place in the 400 freestyle relay.

South started the meet with a first in the 200 medley relay with the team of Emily Richardson-

Rossbach, Liz Adamo, Johnson and Natalie Relich.

The Blue Devils followed with a sweep in the 200 freestyle with Muelle, Michelle Martinelli and

Morgan Laney.

Grady then won the 200 individual medley.

South swept the 100 butterfly behind Amanda Palffy, Sarah Jenzen and Zoe Berkery. All three posted qualifying times for the Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association meet.

It was the same in the 100 breaststroke with Adamo leading the way, followed by Melissa Oddo and Jennifer Dunaway.

Richardson-Rossbach touched first for South in the 500 freestyle, and Laney and Lauren Youngblood completed the sweep.

Fraser won the 100 backstroke, but South's Samantha John, Kim Stevens and Jenzen took the next three places.

Fraser's other victory was in diving where South's Olivia Vandenbussche was second.

South's sophomore 200 freestyle relay team of Hillary Kay, Courtney Graham, Amy Hathaway and Rachel Neumeyer was second in an MISCA qualifying time of 1:54.86.



Leeann Mocer

Swim

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times. Both swimmers had state cuts. South freshmen Melissa Oddo and Jennifer Dunaway were third and fourth, respectively.

Mocer won the 50 and 100 freestyle races, with North's Cullen finishing second in each. Stieler and Wenk were third and fourth in the 50, while North's Everett was third in the 100.

South's Olivia Vandenbussche scored the most points in diving.

Schmidt also had state-qualifying times in the 50 and 100 freestyle with her leadoff legs in the two relays.

North swimmers posted several season-best times. They were Schmidt, Cullen, Everett, Lindsey Rader, Samantha Obell, Kendra Beedle and Ashley Thomas, 50 freestyle; Schmidt, Cullen, Everett, Obell, Jacqueline Zarb, Elizabeth Kalina and Sarah Adelson, 100 freestyle; Schmit, Juliana Zarb, Sara Yakamovich and Adelson; 200 freestyle; Schmidt, Meghan Moore, Lindsey Kurtz and Juliana Kurtz, 500 freestyle; Michelle Carolan and Katherine Cartwright, 100 backstroke; Christine Stevens, Courtney Kohler, Jesse Stevens and Jacqueline Zarb, 100 breaststroke; Christine Stevens, Neely Sullivan and Christie Listwan, 100 butterfly; and Natalie Carolan, Sullivan, Lauren Nixon, Kohler and Jesse Stevens, 200 individual medley.

South followed its emotional meet with North with a double-dual against state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer and Portage Central.

Pioneer beat the Blue Devils 124-59, but South defeated Portage Central 106-70.

Grady got South's only win with a first in the 50 freestyle. She was third in the 100 breaststroke.

Johnson was second in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, while Mocer was second in the 100 freestyle.

Samantha John was third for South in the 100 backstroke.

Sarah Jenzen was the Blue Devils' highest scorer in the 500 freestyle as she posted a personal best in the event.

The 200 medley relay team of Richardson-Rossbach, Adamo, Johnson and Grady, and the 200 freestyle relay team of Wenk, Mocer, Stieler and Grady took second places. The team of Mocer, Wenk, Stieler and Kate Muelle had the third-fastest time in the 400 freestyle relay.

ULS soccer team ends string of ties

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

David Backhurst was beginning to wonder how long he was going to be destined to kissing his sister.

"I don't ever remember playing three tie games in a row," the University Liggett School soccer coach said. "A lot of times we haven't played three ties in a season."

Duffy Daugherty, the old Michigan State football coach, said once after playing a tie game that "a tie game is like kissing your sister."

However it beats a loss, especially when the Knights tied Lutheran Westland 1-1 in a Metro Conference game. "We hadn't won at Westland since 1999, so I guess a tie was a step in the right direction," Backhurst said.

The game was scoreless at halftime. Westland, which played in the state championship game last year, had a chance to take the lead on a penalty kick about 13 minutes into the second half but ULS goalie Greg Jones came up with a brilliant save.

Finally, with 7:40 remaining, Peter Spina took a shot from the 18-yard line. The Warriors' goalie made the save but Anthony Provenzano knocked in the rebound.

Less than half a minute later, Westland tied the score.

"There was some confusion as we tried to move people back on defense to protect the lead and one of their players knifed through the defense on a breakaway," Backhurst said.

"We went from an exhilarating moment to disappointment."

That was the only breakdown on defense as the Knights' defense corps of Chris Andreovich, Ryan Deane, Barrett Young and Brian Zymowski were outstanding throughout the game.

ULS tied its third game in a row when it played a 2-2 standoff against Ann Arbor Greenhills, but it could have been much worse without some heroics from freshman Curtis Fisher.

With 17 minutes remaining and the game tied 2-2, Jones got a yellow card and had to go to the bench for 10 minutes.

"We didn't have a backup goalie, so Fisher volunteered to go into the net," Backhurst said. "He made a couple of brilliant stops to preserve the tie, but it hurt not having him in the field because he's one of our top scorers."

ULS scored an early goal for a change as Zymowski scored off Jeff Heaney's corner kick. The Gryphons tied the game at 1-1, but seven minutes later, Fisher broke the tie after taking a pass from Provenzano.

A defensive breakdown 5 1/2 minutes into the second half led to Greenhills scoring the tying goal.

ULS finally broke the string of tie games with a 1-0 victory over Metro Conference rival Lutheran Northwest but it was a lot tougher than it should have been.

"We were all over them, but couldn't score," Backhurst said. "We outshot them 28-1 in the first half. Their goalie was good, but we had a lot of shots that went wide or over the net."

Finally, 10 minutes into the second half, Heaney sent a crossing pass to Fisher, who scored the only goal of the game.

ULS finished with a 44-7 shot advantage for the game.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARPER WOODS

EXHIBIT "A" NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR ELECTION DATE

Please take notice that pursuant to the provision of the Consolidated Election Law enacted in December of 2003, the Board of Education, School District of the City of Harper Woods will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to law.

The dates authorized by law for the regular school elections are:

- (a) The odd year May regular election date.
- (b) The general election date in both even and odd years.
- (c) The May regular election date in both even and odd years.

The Board has tentatively established the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May as the regular election date on an annual basis.

The hearing will be held in the Secondary School Media Center in the district at seven o'clock in the evening on the 10th day of October, 2004.

If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date on any other date authorized by law, the regular election will be held at the odd year elections held in November commencing with the election to be held November 2, 2005.

The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution setting the regular elections date immediately subsequent to the public hearing.

G.P.N. October 7, 2004
October 14, 2004

Joel Killenberg,
Secretary, Board of Education

CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE

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Sgt. Ralph E. Selvaggi,
Traffic Safety Section

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 2, Administration By Amending Sec. 2-131, Voluntary Retirement

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Friday, Satur- day, 9am- 3pm. Great holiday gifts- new books, DVDs, quality housewares, furniture, decor, costume jewel- ry, some vintage. No early birds.</p> <p>2 family garage sale! 20057 Holiday Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Stroller, kid's & adult clothes, books, houseware items. Great stuff! Fri- day, Saturday. 10am- 3pm.</p> <p>20673 Washtenaw (be- tween Harper/ San- lac), Saturday, Sun- day, 9- 5. Costumes, Barbie, educational games, household.</p> <p>3 family sale, 1683 Se- veren (north Moross/ west Mack). Friday 9am- 4pm, Saturday 8am- 2pm. Children's clothes, toys, house- wares, computer.</p> <p>324 Touraine. Friday and Saturday, 9am- 3pm. Lawn mower, kitchenware, teen clothing, printer, household furniture.</p> <p>DEFER Flea Market booths available \$25. Call John, (313)884- 1644</p>	<p>409 GARAGE/YARD/ BASEMENT SALE 5 family garage sale! Furniture, men's jack- ets/ shirts/ sweaters, jewelry, postcards, misc. collectibles, glassware, Christmas items & more! 21413 Willow Wisp, west of Harper, north of 13 Mile Road. Thursday, Friday, Saturday. 10am- 4pm.</p> <p>5 family sale, Grosse Pointe Farms, 230 McMillan. Saturday 9am- 1pm. Vintage bamboo couch & chair, lots of beautiful vintage wool blankets, many gorgeous vin- tage cuff links, great for Christmas gifts, double stroller, port-a- crib. Much, much more. All at great pri- ces.</p> <p>708 Hawthorne. October 9/ 10, 10am- 5pm. Boys/ young mens clothing, like new! Gap, Structure, Utility. New Sega Dreamcast System. New wood CD towers. Women's clothing, jewelry hold- ers, odds/ ends. Clean stuff.</p> <p>71 Moross, Saturday, 8am- 1p.m. Moving. Home & office furni- ture, household, com- puters.</p> <p>711 Washington, Satur- day, 9am- 2pm. Pressed back oak chairs, household items, clothing. 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Jewelry, trunk, full Queen mat- resses, boy's clothes, stroller, games, Bea- nies, air hockey, treasures.</p> <p>HUGE moving sale! 5903 Yorkshire. Sat- urday, October 9th. 9am- 2pm. Art work, furniture, appliances, etc.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, 8am- 1pm. 632 Lochmoor. Many home accessories, furniture, Waterford Crystal, keyboard, pa- tio set, drapes, Little Tykes, toys, children's clothing. Mercedes Wheels.</p> <p>GIANT flea market! His- toric Fort Wayne, 6325 West Jefferson. Over 100 dealers. Oc- tober 9, 10. 10am- 4pm. Fort tours also available.</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe City, 733 Rivard/ Charle- voix. Saturday, Sun- day, 9am- 5pm. Kayak, etc.</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe City, 872 Rivard. Friday, Saturday. 9am- 2pm. Antiques, 2 sets of end tables- 1 wood/ 1 iron, loveseat, 6' Lane couch, 4 shabby chic chairs, boy's & girl's clothes newborn- size 5, Halloween, toys, 4x 6 rug, box of free stuff!</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe Park, 1151 Kensington. Oc- tober 7, 8, 9. 10am- 3pm. Something for everything!</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe Park, 1349 Lakepointe. Fri- day- Sunday 10am- 5pm Big yard sale. Household items, clothing, books, games, toys, lawn mower, miscellane- ous.</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1174 Anita/ Marter- Vernier. Satur- day, 9am- 3pm. 3 families Household items, furniture, chil- dren's items, clothing.</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1552 Hamp- ton. Thursday, 2- 6pm. Friday, Satur- day, 6am- 6pm. No early birds. European baby and girls clothes.</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1691 Man- chester. Friday, Satur- day, 11am- 4pm. Dresser, single bed, basketball hoop, books, cat stand, in- line skates, etc.</p> <p>GROSSE Pointe, 10 Dodge (off Jefferson), Friday, 10a.m.- 3p.m., Saturday 9a.m.- 3p.m. Redecorating, lots of stuff! Lots of designer clothes/ shoes, men's clothing. Clean out!</p> <p>HARPER Woods, 19996 Huntington. October 9, 9am- 4pm. Lots of bargains! Some furni- ture.</p> <p>HEATHER Lane. 3 house sale. October 8- 9. 9am- 2pm. Off Morningside, 1 block south of Vernier. Computer equipment. Kid's bikes, weight bench, TV's, sinks, wicker chairs/ bas- kets. New tires. Brand new 8 pane door. Lots of treasures!</p> <p>MOVING sale! October 9, 10. 9am- 5pm. 23745 Wilmot, East- pointe. Household items.</p>	<p>HOUSE remodeling sale. Sliding glass doors. 5' American Standard cast- iron tub, dishwasher, 2 chandeliers. Best of- fers. 16316 Harper, Detroit. Tuesday thru Friday 9am- 5pm. Sat- urday 9am- 1pm.</p> <p>HUGE garage sale. An- tiques, Avon collecti- bles, furniture, old re- cords, clothes, baby furniture, too much more to list. 4878 Guilford, Thursday- Sunday, 9a.m.- 6p.m.</p> <p>MOVING sale! Every- thing must go- priced to sell! Saturday, 9am- 4pm. Sunday, 11:30am- 4pm. 5115 Chatsworth, off War- ren.</p> <p>MOVING sale, 651 Neff, Grosse Pointe City, Friday, Saturday, 9am- 3pm. Washer, dryer. Shoes- ladies size 7 1/2. Size 6 & 8 dresses, suits, clothes. Lamps & de- corative items.</p> <p>MOVING- picnic table, plants, tables, futon, antique Singer, hatch. 28942 Beste, St. Clair Shores. Thursday- Saturday. 8am- 4pm.</p> <p>RUMMAGE sale com- ing! Grosse Pointe United Church, 240 Chalfonte. October 15th, 16th.</p> <p>ST. Clair Shores, 19725 Mauer, corner East- lawn. Friday, Satur- day. 9am- 5pm. Old trunk, Rattan couch & chair, Formica table & chairs, desk, much more.</p> <p>ST. Clair Shores- 21921 Englehardt. Between 8/ 9, Mack/ Harper. Friday- Sunday, 9am- 6pm.</p> <p>THURSDAY, October 7. 10am- 5pm. Friday, October 8. 12nn- 6pm. Saturday, Octo- ber 9, 9am- 4pm. Ba- by/ kid's items, tram- poline, etc. 18795 Eastwood, between 7 & 8 Mile, between Beaconsfield & Kelly, Harper Woods.</p>	<p>412 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES</p> <p>LARGE & small animal carriers, \$20 & \$35. Beautiful Lynx coat, full length, never worn, was \$9,000, asking 4,000. Vintage trunks, \$20 & \$35. All great condition. (313)886-1131</p> <p>LAWN mower, \$25. 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Photo by Lori Wilson
Paul Thomas controls the ball for Grosse Pointe South's soccer team.

South ties Dakota on last-minute goal

Jake Vega scored from a goalmouth scramble with a minute remaining to lift Grosse Pointe South into a 2-2 with Dakota in a Macomb Area Conference White Division soccer game.

"Our players came out strong and outworked Dakota in the first half, but we were down 1-0 at half-time," said Blue Devils coach Frank Tymrak.

"We dominated the second half and the ball was in the Dakota end most of the 40 minutes."

After hitting several goalposts and suffering through half a dozen near misses, South finally tied the game on a shot by Bob Barker off a pass from Tom Porter.

Knights netters in a good rut

There was a common thread in all three of University Liggett School's tennis victories last week.

The Knights beat Harper Woods, Regina, Warren Cousino and Riverview Gabriel Richard by identical 6-2 scores.

In the Regina match, Denine Simmons's victory at No. 2 singles was a highlight for ULS, along with a three-set victory by Carrie Taylor at No. 4 singles.

Holly Huth won easily at first singles. ULS also had wins at No. 1 doubles (Chrissie Keersmaekers and Sam Troyanovich), No. 2 doubles (Allison Jones and Katie Boccaccio) and No. 4 doubles (Jamie Bow and Lauren Russell).

In the Cousino match, Huth won a three-setter at No. 1 singles and Taylor posted a 7-5, 6-4 victory at No. 4.

ULS swept the doubles flights with Kim Dickinson and Leeza Kossak beating the Patriots' No. 3 doubles team.

The Knights also swept the four doubles flights against Richard, which will be in the same regional as ULS this weekend.

ULS also got singles wins from Huth and Taylor.

"Carrie has done a nice job filling in at fourth singles after Grace (D'Arcy) got hurt," said coach Chuck Wright.

ULS finished second to Cranbrook Kingswood in the Metro Conference tournament.

Simmons won the No. 2 singles flight and Bow and Russell finished on top in fourth doubles.

"Denine played three good

North turns the tables with 2-1 victory over South in boys soccer match

It looks like the boys soccer teams at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South are evenly matched this season.

In their two meetings, each team has come away with a 2-1 victory.

South won the first crosstown match, and last week North came away with a 2-1 win in the Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

The Norsemen opened the scoring with three minutes remaining in the first half. Brendan Symington's shot hit the crossbar, but teammate Andy Bennett knocked in the rebound.

North's second goal came from Jonathan Van Sickie.

South scored with 4:30 remaining as Tom Porter headed in a corner kick by Paul Thomas.

"It was a very fast game with good passing by both teams," said South coach Frank Tymrak. "The intensity was there and it certainly should help us as we enter state district competition the week of Oct. 18."

South continued to put on the pressure in the closing minutes but North goalie Eric Shovein came up with some key saves to preserve the slim lead.

Last weekend, North played a 1-1 tie with defending state Division I champion Troy.

Both teams played excellent soccer and had outstanding contributions from offensive and defensive players.

All the scoring came early in the first half. The Norsemen's Christian King opened the scoring six min-

utes into the game off a nice feed from midfielder Van Sickie.

Troy got the equalizer three minutes later, heading the ball into the net off a corner kick.

North had some excellent chances to break the tie. Troy's goalie stopped two breakaways, and the Norsemen's best chance with 2 1/2 minutes left, was shot wide of the net.

Shovein also made some fine saves in goal for North.

North improved to 4-1-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a 6-0 victory over Fraser.

It was a balanced scoring attack for the Norsemen, who scored three goals in each half, and had five different players get the goals.

Colin Maloney opened the scoring, and Ryan Symington and Adam Miller followed with first-half goals. Dan Gassel had two assists.

Brendan Symington opened the second-half scoring. Miller picked up his second goal of the game and Steven Joseph completed the scoring with his first varsity goal.

Junior goalie Jonathan Bay played in the second half and combined with Shovein for the shutout.

North got good contributions off the bench from defenders Dan Sauer and Michael Cusmano and forwards Mario Sexton and Scott Dyle.

The Norsemen are 7-4-3 overall.

South girls improving with each meet

Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team continues to show dramatic improvement.

Last week, South beat Warren-Mott 15-50 in a Macomb Area Conference crossover meet to improve to 6-1 in dual competition.

In that meet, 52 Blue Devils runners raced to season-best times.

Later in the week, South finished second in the 40-team Center Line Schoensee Invitational, and 71 Blue Devils runners posted their best times of the season.

Coach Steve Zaranek said the Center Line meet was a highlight of South's season.

"Our team took advantage of a fast course and put together a spectacular performance," he said. "To have 71 season-best times is amazing. We've never had so many in one meet before."

South also entered a second varsity team in the meet and it placed sixth overall.

"Our depth was wonderful, and combined with so many great performances, shows the team is making huge improvement from week to week."

At Center Line, South's top four finishers broke 20 minutes.

Natalie Humphry led the way in 19:24, followed by Emily McLaughlin (19:33), Maggie Collison (19:34) and Jill McLaughlin (19:41).

"One team goal is to have all seven varsity runners under 20 minutes for the 5K races," Zaranek said. "We are very close."

Sam Mackenzie was South's fifth runner in 20:07.

Rounding out the top seven were Ashley Thibodeau (20:28) and

Sarah Petit (20:45).

South's second varsity team all finished in under 22 minutes. That group consisted of Katie Dosch, Lena Ulrich, Liz Baxter, Libby Singelyn, Stephanie Garbarino, Iris Alao and Becca Scholtes.

All 14 Blue Devils runners in the varsity race earned medals.

South took nine of the top 15 places in the junior varsity race.

The Blue Devils were led by Kat Carmody's second-place finish in 21:19.

Michelle Arthur, Emily Franchett, Sandy Chu, Liza Hudock, Kaitlin Arnold, Laura Wenzel, Katie Gerow

and Beth Ansaldi also finished in the top 15 in the 175-runner JV race.

Jill McLaughlin, Emily Humphry, Mackenzie, Erica Menchl, Thibodeau and Garbarino led the way in South's win over Warren-Mott.

Those posting season-best times included Elizabeth Baldwin, Jane Singelyn, Morgan Weaver, Eileen Fitzgerald, Ellen Chamberlin, Liz Trexler, Mary Dosch, Katherine Zurek, Carlin Hauck, Claire Flood, Margaret Schneider, Page Louisell, Lisa Hamm, Brittany Gilpin, Gerow and Nicole Stieber.

South boys use depth to beat Mott:

Warren-Mott had the fastest runner but Grosse Pointe South had better depth when the two teams met in a Macomb Area Conference crossover meet last week.

South took second through fourth place as the Blue Devils posted a 23-35 victory.

Jake Wernet was second overall in 16:52, while Joe Palowski and Sean O'Donnell-Daudlin took the next two places for the Blue Devils.

Joel Gilpin was sixth and John Konen finished eighth as South improved to 5-2 in dual meets.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils were seventh in the 43-team Center Line Schoensee Invitational.

Wernet and Palowski were fifth and sixth, and they recorded season-best times of 16:37 and 16:28, respectively.

O'Donnell-Daudlin, Gilpin, Andrew Davenport and Konen also won medals for South. Gilpin and Davenport had personal records.

Monroe finished first, followed by Troy and South Lyon.

South had several PRs in the junior varsity race. They came from Kevin Lynch, Fred Schaible, Brendan Buckley, Rob Batten, Roger Klein, Matt Candela, Mike Warren, Alex Keller, Mike Connolly-Ng, Matt Moore, Mike Laciura, Will Dawson, John Elsey, Spencer Hughes, Ty Gehring and Mickey Champion.

"It was the first time that South had four freshman runners finish this race in under 19 minutes," said coach Tom Wise.

This weekend, the Blue Devils will race in the Saginaw Heritage Classic.



The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs 13-year-old team won the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation 14-year-old B Division championship. In front, from left, are Mark Karam, Matt Crandall, Johnny Hackett, Bobby Barrett and Chris Vens. In the middle row, from left, are John-Michael Guest, Joey Lambers, Clarke Dirksen, Mike Cunningham, Tommy Carion and Andy Wybo. In back, from left, are coaches John Vens, Jim Karam, John Hackett and Bill Carion. Not pictured are Aaron Cisco, Keith Sklarski, Kelly O'Donnell-Daudlin and coaches Steve Wybo and Mike Hackett.

Bulldogs 13-year-olds win MABF crown in upper division

The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs 13-year-old baseball team won the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation championship in the 14-and-under B Division.

The squad, consisting of all 13-year-olds, finished 17-2 and ended the season with 10 straight victories.

Several of the wins in the final week came against teams made up entirely of 14-year-old players.

The Bulldogs scored an

average of nine runs-per-game, while allowing an average of four.

The Bulldogs travel team players also participated in the Babe Ruth League during the regular season.

Team members were Bobby Barrett, Tommy Carion, Aaron Cisco, Mike Cunningham, Clarke Dirksen, John-Michael Guest, Johnny Hackett, Mark Karam, Joey Lambers, Kelly O'Donnell-Daudlin, Keith Sklarski,

Chris Vens and Andy Wybo.

The Bulldogs were coached by John Hackett and his assistants Mike Hackett, Bill Carion, Steve Wybo, John Vens and Jim Karam.

The coaches and players thanked the Grosse Pointe South Babe Ruth program for a contribution to the team, and to league directors John Hoben and Earl Koester for their support and cooperation in making the season successful.



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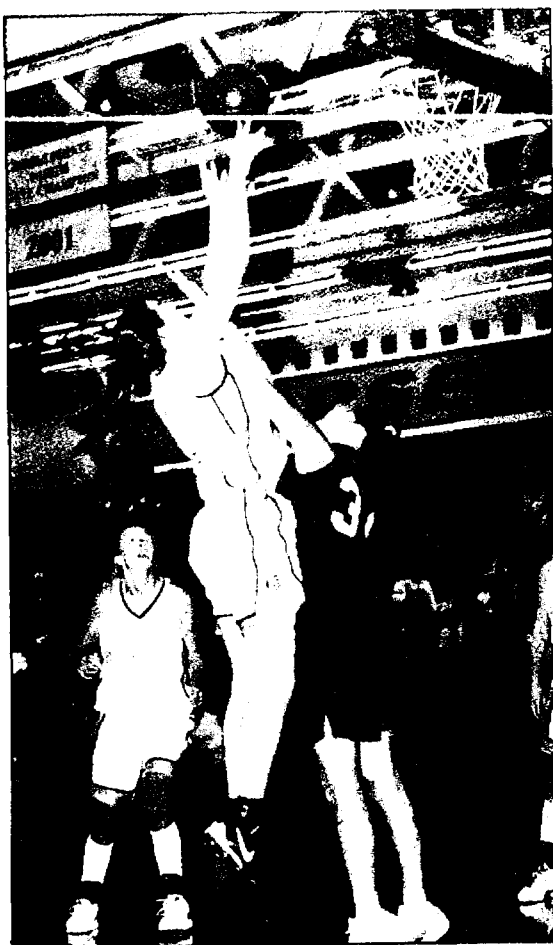


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Jennifer DeFauw scores two of her 12 points for Grosse Pointe North despite the defensive efforts of Utica's Mandy Piechowski. In the background are North's Megan Warren (10) and Mary Embree (20).

North plays well in two league victories

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls basketball coach Gary Bennett was a happy man after both of his team's Macomb Area Conference Red Division games last week.

"It was a real good week," Bennett said after the victories over Utica (46-31) and Eisenhower (61-23) kept the Norsemen unbeaten in division play with a 3-0 record.

"We had hoped to take our game to another level last week, and we did."

North established the tone early against Utica as the Norsemen jumped out to an 18-4 lead after the first quarter.

"We came out with a lot of urgency," Bennett said.

North's lead reached 20 points in the second quarter before the Chieftains got within 12 points at halftime.

The Norsemen came out strong again in the second half and outscored Utica 12-6 in the third quarter.

Jenny DeFauw had an excellent game on both ends of the court. She scored a team-high 12 points and also had the difficult assignment of guarding Utica's top player, Mandy Piechowski, who has verbally committed to play at Michigan State.

"Jenny did a good job of taking the ball to the basket, and she did a great job on Mandy when she was guarding her," Bennett said. "I was really happy with the way she played."

Piechowski finished with 17 points, but nine of those game in the fourth quarter.

Liz Andary added 10 points for North.

Bennett was surprised that the game with Eisenhower turned out to be so one-sided. Last year, both regular-season games against the Eagles were close, and Eisenhower beat

North in the state regional game.

"They had three of their top players back so I was very concerned about the game," he said. "They had trouble getting the ball up the court. We just kept attacking them."

One of the reasons for North's success is its depth and balance.

The Norsemen's three leading scorers — Andary, DeFauw and Caitlin Bennett — are all within a point of each other in scoring average.

"Nobody cares who scores the points," Gary Bennett said. "In both of our games last week, 11 of the 12 players who got into the game scored points."

By contrast, in the Norsemen's last three games, their opponents have had four, five and five players score points.

"I feel that it's imperative to play everybody in our non-league games, even if it might cost us a game," Bennett said. "They have to play if we expect them to contribute later in the season."

Andary led North with 14 points, while Caitlin Bennett, Jenny DeFauw and Andrea Bedway added eight apiece. The Norsemen also got a season-high six points from Kayliegh Krystoforski.

"Betsy Schrage, Kelly DeFauw and Anna Staperfenne came off the bench and played good perimeter defense," Gary Bennett said.

North's only game this week is at home tonight, Oct. 7, against Fraser.

South stays unbeaten in field hockey

Grosse Pointe South's field hockey team stayed undefeated with a 5-0 win over crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North.

The Norsemen took the play to South in the early stages of the game with an aggressive attack spearheaded by midfielders Ashley Rogers and Melissa Carron, however, the Blue Devils' defense and strength in the middle thwarted any serious scoring chances.

The game changed dramatically midway through the first half when forward Meg Varty got the game-winning goal by deflecting a

hard shot by Ali Morawski past goalie Elle D'Angelo.

Defender Margi Scholtes also picked up an assist.

South scored again before halftime when Kelly Hughes slipped a shot into the net after some nifty passing by Aimee O'Brien and Morawski.

The Blue Devils controlled the tempo in the second half, consistently putting pressure on North's defense.

The hard work paid off with goals by Morawski, Scholtes and Andrea Caralis. O'Brien assisted on Morawski's goal, while C.C. Mengel and Elisabeth Alber

drew assists on crisp passes on the other two goals.

Caralis had 12 goals in South's first seven games.

"She has worked very hard and it shows," said coach Monica Dennis.

South's defense was outstanding throughout the game.

"We are in a rebuilding year on defense, but Mengel and Scholtes in back are solid, and they provide a great example for young players like Emily Cumpata and Alissa Tassopoulos, who have stepped up quite nicely," Dennis said.

When tested, sophomore Jenna Lankford has been solid as the Blue Devils goalkeeper.

The victory was bitter-sweet for South's players, coaches and even the fans. This is the first season that North has had a varsity team.

In the past, the schools sponsored a unified team, so many of the players were facing their friends and former teammates.

North's D'Angelo was the starter for last year's unified team, while Caralis is a senior at North and lives in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Kick return gives Red Barons a boost

Playing against a tough Romeo team and leading 13-6, Grosse Pointe Red Barons junior varsity coach Lou Ray knew he needed a fast start in the second half.

Bobby Peltz gave it to him.

The speedy Peltz took the second-half kickoff and raced 70 yards for a touchdown, giving Ray and the Barons the momentum they needed for a 27-6 victory at Romeo.

"The kick return was huge," Ray said. "We have four excellent backs and Bobby is one of our quickest. During the game his right leg was hurting and a little stiff, but when we needed him, he came up big."

So did the Barons' defensive front, which frustrated the Romeo offense, including a big stop in the second half when Romeo had fourth down and less than a foot at the Barons' 30-yard line.

"Our D-line was fantastic," Ray said.

Among the defensive line standouts were Tom Schneider, Jacob Merritt, Dan Dusina, Scottie Boynton, Scott Posada, Dan Gallagher and Dylan Balicki. Cornerback Ben Fry intercepted a pass to stop a long Romeo drive.

"I was very happy with our play," Ray said. "Romeo is a very good football team."

VARSITY

There were a few fine performances in the Barons varsity's 26-0 loss to Romeo.

John-Michael Guest, one of the team's hardest hitters, was in on several tackles and had an interception.

Drew Tech, normally a hard-slashing runner, was needed in the offensive line and coach Paul Monark said he was the team's most effective lineman.

Monark also praised lineman Paul Brucker, who

after weeks of hard work, was able to make the weight limit and played a strong game.

"We will work hard to get better," Monark said.

FRESHMEN

Coach Tony Cimmarrusti saw a lot of positives in his team's 28-0 victory over Romeo.

Running back Cam Gibson played his best game, scoring an eight-yard touchdown and consistently gaining big yardage.

Brian Cleary threw a touchdown pass, ran 14 yards for another score, and returned a punt 50 yards.

Jon Parker caught Cleary's touchdown pass, had an interception and team with Mike Abiragi to provide excellent play in the secondary.

However, there was one play that brought a special smile to Cimmarrusti's face.

After Cleary scored to give the Barons a 26-0 lead, Cimmarrusti sent in Liam McIlroy to attempt the two-point kick conversion, and the 17-year-old McIlroy calmly kicked the ball perfectly through the uprights.

"It's the first time in my five years (as freshman head coach) that we had a successful kick conversion," Cimmarrusti said. "That kid is 9 and he just won the Pass, Punt and Kick competition for 8- and 9-year-olds. On his first attempt, he kicked it right through. He's good. He has improved a ton in three weeks."

Cimmarrusti was also pleased with the blocking of runners Chris Weldon and Robbie Kish and the play of defensive ends Bailey Labadie, Clark Ditzhazy, Nathan Gaggin, Jack Doyle, Marty Moesta, Alex Wilson, Sal Rizzo, Peter Cozad, Steven Mitchell and Richie Cieszkowski.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
The Grosse Pointe Red Barons head coaches this year are, from left, Tony Cimmarrusti, Lou Ray and Paul Monark.

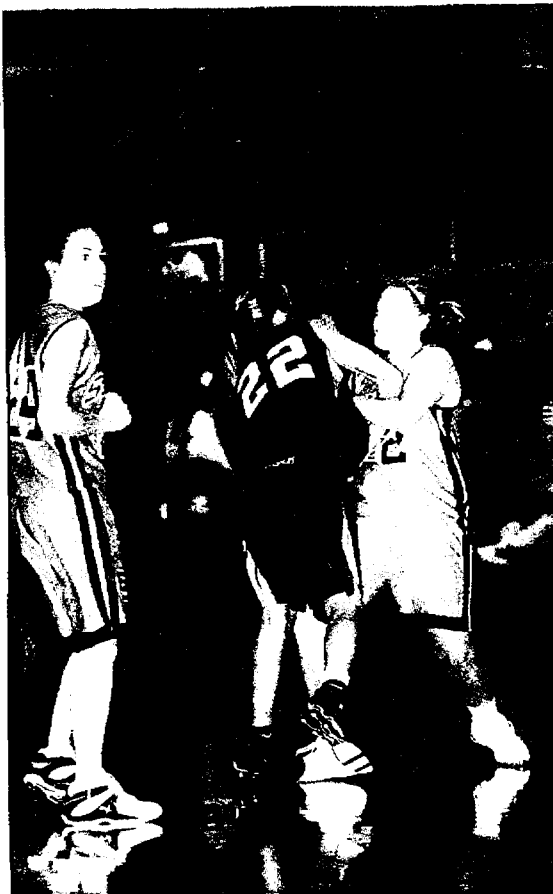


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's Annie Dalby and a L'Anse Creuse North player battle for the basketball.

South bounces back from poor outing

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Peggy Van Eckoute hopes that the Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team that showed up for last Thursday's game with L'Anse Creuse North is the same one the Blue Devils coach sees for the rest of the season.

"We played well as a team against L'Anse Creuse North, which is something we didn't do against Dakota," Van Eckoute said.

"We came to play and the kids worked well together."

The result was a 52-37 victory for South, which led all the way in the Macomb Area Conference White Division contest.

The Blue Devils got contributions from several players as 10 of the 12 who played scored at least one point.

Emily Koltuniak led the way with 12 points and eight rebounds, and Annie Dalby had 10 points and five rebounds.

Katie Petz scored nine points; Kara Peters had eight points, four rebounds and four assists; Kara Trowell collected four points and three steals; and Sara Crandall had two points and nine rebounds.

It was a different story a couple of nights earlier when Dakota beat the Blue Devils 47-34.

A 17-8 advantage in the second quarter turned the tide in favor of the Cougars.

"It was a game that we thought we could win, which makes it so disappointing," Van Eckoute said. "We didn't come out with our usual intensity. We didn't bring the things we usually bring to our games, and this is what happened."

"If the L'Anse Creuse North game is any indication, we learned from it."

Peters led South with 12 points and Dalby added six.

The Blue Devils are 1-1 in the MAC White and 5-4 overall.

Farms-City team had a strong run in state tourney

It was a great run for the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League's 9-and-10-year-old All-Star baseball team in the district and state tournaments, but the 7-1 record was short of what the players had hoped for.

After winning the district tournament, Farms-City went to Iron Mountain for the state championship, and there was much to cheer about during that week.

Joey Aliotta pitched a no-hit shutout in the opener. Nick Pangori hit the only home run of the tournament. Jon Parker finished third in the state baserunning competition. Pangori threw a shutout against Grand Rapids, and Aliotta finished second in the state

hitting competition.

Farms-City tore the cover off the ball in its first two games, scoring 29 runs, and it appeared that the Grosse Pointe squad might be the only one to challenge Union Township, the eventual state champion, for the title.

However, it was not to be as a heartbreaking defeat ended the Farms-City's quest for the crown.

In the opener against Taylor, it was all Aliotta.

He dueling Taylor's Jordan Hill, who hadn't been beaten in two years, in a scoreless tie until the fifth inning. That's when Farms-City's bats came alive, and Eddy Mollison tripled to the fence to drive in the game's first two runs.

Farms-City scored 11 runs in the sixth to break the game open.

Aliotta struck out 14 and was supported by the outstanding catching of Connor Martinuzzi.

The defensive play of the game came in the fourth inning. Hill lined a one-hopper to right, but Scotty Dirksen fired a throw to first to nip Hill and preserve the no-hitter.

Parker, John Laciura, Mollison, Geoff Welsner and Rob Cerwin collected two hits apiece in the 13-0 victory.

Farms-City faced District 9 champion Grand Rapids in its next game and the Grosse Pointers' bats were booming again as they rolled

to a 16-0 victory.

Parker and K.J. Schaeffner had three hits apiece, while Laciura, Aliotta, Wesley Cimmarrusti and Pangori collected two hits apiece.

Pangori's two-run homer was the highlight. Andrew Addy and Martinuzzi each hit doubles and had multiple RBIs.

Pangori scattered four hits in posting the shutout.

Everything seemed to go wrong for Farms-City in its 6-2 loss to District 4 champion Birmingham.

The game was tied 2-2 until the bottom of the fifth when several errors by the usually-tight Farms-City defense and three hits by Birmingham paved the way

for Farms-City's only post-season defeat.

Dirksen and Pangori had two hits apiece and Laciura extended his string of extra-base hits against the team that eventually finished third in the tournament.

"This is one of the greatest groups of young men I have ever had the privilege of coaching in the past 24 years," said manager Tony Cimmarrusti.

"Over the past two seasons, these young men have achieved a 13-1 record in postseason play and have a great future in front of them. God blessed us with some great experiences, new friendships and wonderful memories. It was truly a season to remember."

ULS

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matches," Wright said, "and Jamie and Lauren beat Cranbrook in the final. In second doubles we lost a three-setter to Cranbrook."

Wright is looking forward to Friday's regional which the Knights will host.

"The girls are working hard and the chemistry on the team is good," he said. "A lot of the credit goes to my assistant coaches, Ken Rychwalski and Lesia Schinnerer."

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Depth helps North girls finish fifth in Hanson's Invitational

Grosse Pointe North's girls cross country team used its depth to earn a fifth-place finish in last weekend's Hanson's Invitational.

"I sat several varsity runners for this race to rest sore legs and to recuperate from two hard weeks of training," said coach Scott Cooper. "This was great because it gave several new runners a chance to run in a varsity race. This invitational also allows teams to run a second varsity team of seven runners in the varsity race. This let me dig deeper into my roster to give many new runners a taste of varsity in

a big race. They all stepped up to the challenge and performed very well." All seven of North's A team in Division I earned medals.

Betsy Graney led the way, followed by Kelly Szymborski, Melissa Ciaravino, Jenny Bohannon, Liz Rabadoux, Lauren Major and Jennie Bressoll. "Going into the race, I thought we had a chance of coming in dead last, if not close," Cooper said, pointing out that the Norsemen were missing four of their top seven varsity runners. "We finished fifth out of nine teams, which was very

impressive to me." Major, a freshman, ran in the top seven for the first time.

"She has been a very hard worker in practice, and has been coming on lately," Cooper said. "I'm not surprised to see her do well."

"Melissa Ciaravino had her third great race in a row. In the past, she has been somewhat inconsistent in her racing. It is great to see her mature in her racing and come through for us in a consistent manner. Jenny Bohannon has been a strong runner for us all season. She has struggled with some injuries but has been tough running through them and being a dependable runner for us."

North's 'B' team, which ran in the Division II varsity race consisted of Caitlin Hoffman, Allison Mikula, Denise Koueiter, Karon Koski, Shelby Sharples, Brittney Furgal and Stephanie Siewert. Hoffman, Mikula, Koueiter and Koski each earned medals. Mikula was the only one who had ever run a varsity race before.

"This was a new experience for six of them," Cooper said. "I was very concerned that they would struggle going up against other teams' top seven runners, but they all stepped up to the challenge and performed very well."

North's 'B' squad finished ninth in a 15-team field.

"Hoffman ran almost one minute better than her best

time last year, and this is not a fast course at all," Cooper said. "She could really make a difference on our varsity team if she gets a little more confidence in her ability."

All seven 'B' runners had their best times of the season.

"It is a tough course with many hills and it was muddy and slippery," Cooper said of the Delia Park layout in Sterling Heights. "They

all should be very proud of themselves."

Ashley Payton, Andrea Koueiter, Katie D'Hondt, Marina Metes and Nicole Vitale earned medals in the junior varsity race.

"Nicole Vitale came up to me after the race to show me the medal that she was obviously very proud of," Cooper said. "As a coach, it is great to see your athletes perform well, but it is very satisfying when the athletes themselves

are openly proud of what they have accomplished."

"I was proud of all the girls who ran. Several teams did not show up, likely because it was a rainy day. The race director called them 'rain wimps,' but none of our runners were 'rain wimps.' They all stood tall and ran great races that they all should be proud of."

North

From page 1C

"Everyone has improved from last year."

North is heading into the final month of the season and Wilson is expecting good things from his team.

"This week we have our second (Macomb Area Conference Red Division) jamboree, next week we have a tough meet at Oxford, then the division and regional meets," Wilson said. "I'm looking forward to a big month from the kids." All seven members of North's 'A' team medaled at the Hanson's meet, led by Fisher's fourth-place finish in 16:38.

"Robbie ran a real nice race," Wilson said. "His best time last year was 16:37 and he did 16:38 on a tougher course."

North's next five runners finished in intervals of two. Mike Pokladek was 24th, Stefan Cross 26th, Alex Davenport 28th, David Watson 30th and John Joseph 32nd.

Barclay Smyly was 50th to earn the final medal awarded.

"Joseph has been doing a nice job," Wilson said. "He's close to the top five. And Barclay has been hurt, but he's close to last year's best time."

North had personal records from Mark Miotto, Chris Siewert and George Berger.

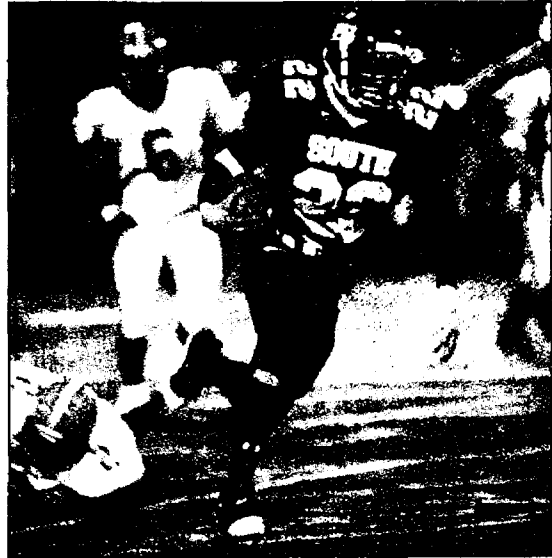


Photo by Lori Wilson

Vinnie Panizzi scored Grosse Pointe South's only touchdown on a 53-yard run.



Photo by Lori Wilson

Cam Cecchini attracted quite a crowd of Grosse Pointe South tacklers, including Mackenzie Brookes (10) whenever he had the football.

Football

From page 1C

Hilaire kicked the extra point to tie the game at 7-7.

Key plays in the drive were an 11-yard pass from Hinz to Zac Matthews on third-and-10, and a 32-yard run by Brad Herrin.

"We had terrible field position the whole first half," Sumner said. "The second half it was a little better."

South threatened late in the third quarter. A.J. Dixon recovered a fumble at the Blue Devils' 35-yard line and South drove to the North 35, but Remillet's 52-yard field goal attempt was about five yards short.

The Norsemen got the ball on their own 31 after a South punt with 2:46 left in the game. On first down, Herman picked up 12 yards. Two runs by Cecchini gave North another first down, and a defensive holding penalty against the Blue Devils gave North another first down at the South 30.

A pass interference penalty against South gave the Norsemen a first down at the 15, and on the next play Hinz sprinted to the left and flipped a short pass to Cecchini coming out of the backfield.

"It's a goal line play that we've used a lot," Sumner said. "We line up like it's going to be a run so that the defense reads it and comes up. Cam was the No. 1 receiver and Jon did a nice job of getting the ball to him."

That touched off a North

celebration in the end zone that probably resulted in the extra point kick getting blocked by Mackenzie Brookes.

"I tried to call a timeout because I wanted to give our offensive linemen a minute to rest because they were tired from jumping around and celebrating," Sumner said.

"That could have been a big point if South had come back to score."

That didn't happen as the Blue Devils tried two passes from their 26, and both were incomplete.

"That was our best defensive game," McLeod said. "We blocked well, too, and I thought we won the special teams battle. We were worried about their punt returns. The only thing I was disappointed in was the onside kick."

South was the first team this season to hold Cecchini under 100 yards. McLeod gave credit to Paul Brosnan, Dixon, Steven Saylor, Debets, Brian Commar, Chris Arnold, David DeBoer, Debets, Evan Wouters and Jim Cotzias for their efforts in containing the Norsemen's ground game.

"Cotzias is probably our most consistent defensive player," McLeod said. "He's too slow and too small (for big-time college football), but he gets the job done. He's one of those good high school players that every team needs."

"Wouters played his best game. He took a lot of hits playing linebacker and fullback. He was in for 80 per-

cent of the snaps, and those are two positions where you take a beating."

McLeod said that offensive lineman Stefan Smolenski played his best game of the season.

Jacob Nellis led North with nine tackles, while Anthony Jantz had eight stops, Jason Gula made seven and Michael Kniser had six. David Sheill, Richard Weiss, Don Thill, Chris Court and Michael Powers each had five tackles. Weiss also had an interception.

"Powers put some great pressure on the quarterback and had a sack," Sumner said. "Jim Solomon had to play both ways and he did a good job (at tight end and linebacker)."

"It was a solid team win. It's one of the great rivalry games. This might not have been the most picturesque, but it was one of the most exciting. South had a good, solid game plan and they played well."

McLeod said that penalties hurt his team.

"We were in a lot of first-and-15 situations and a lot of our punts were on fourth-and-two or three," McLeod said. "That meant we would have had the first down without the penalties."

"I told the kids before the game to play hard for 48 minutes and leave it all on the field. They did that."

South, which fell to 1-5 overall and 1-4 in the MAC White, visits Utica Ford II in a MAC crossover on Friday.



The St. Paul girls track team set a school record in the 4x400-meter relay at the St. Michael Invitational in Livonia. Team members from left, are Beth Ponkowski, Janice Kulik, Laura Faiver and Christine Nelson.

St. Paul girls do well at Livonia meet

The St. Paul girls track team took several individual first places and won the team trophy at the St. Michael Invitational at Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Among the winners for St. Paul were Janice Kulik, high jump; Christine Nelson, 400-meter dash; Beth Ponkowski, mile; and Taylor Moore, 100.

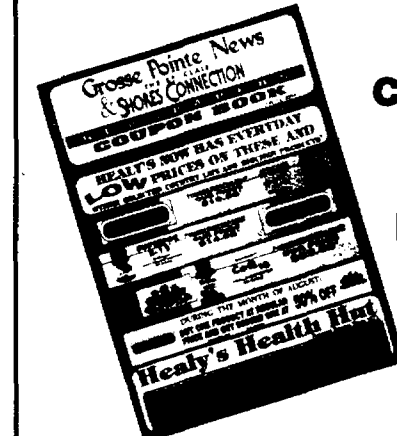
Ponkowski set a school record in the mile, Juliette Lacombe was second to team trophy at the St. Michael Invitational at Ladywood High School in fifth.

Ponkowski, Kulik, Laura Faiver and Nelson set a school record in the 4x400 relay. St. Paul's 4x200 relay team of Moore, Lacombe, Kulik and Nelson also finished first.

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