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once making a shopping excursion to Greg Shoes and Koochie Koo a week or so ago. Several other moms and their children were also at the stores, picking up gym shoes, leather dress shoes and cool kindergarten threads.

"It's exciting for her and it's exciting for me, too," said Lazare about going kindergarten shopping. "It's like having a little play doll, dressing her all up. She's a typical girl." That means always wearing a dress.

"I don't know what it's going to be like at school," Lazare said. "Particularly when they play on the jungle gym."

Let's shop

For her shopping spree, Cara were a bright, yellow print dress and a yellow scrunchie in her brown hair. She also was beaming, looking forward for days to the excursion.

"This girl likes clothes," Lazare said. "... She's all bubbles and bows."

And, as the gathering of

moms and kids at Greg Shoes illustrated, the Lazares weren't alone. That's why, stressed Amy, "if you don't buy it now it's gone before you know it."

With a budget of \$200 to \$300, the task was to find shoes and outfits deemed "hip, but versatile," Lazare said. "I'm hoping to get away with one pair of shoes."

After Cara tried on some gym shoes, the friendly child slipped on some black leather shoes, complete with buckles.

"Cara, do you like those shoes?" asked Amy.

The response: Cara jumped up and down with enthusiasm and joy. The shoes fit and felt great.

With Cara and Jarrett holding pink and blue balloons, respectively, the family left Greg Shoes and went down the hallway to Koochie Koo. Cara liked the new purchase so much, she wore them out of the shoe store.

"She had to have them on her little feet!" exclaimed Lazare.

Even though other moms have told Lazare that little girls such as Cara usually switch over from dresses to blue jeans before too long, the next objective was to find an outfit.

"I like this kind of dress, Mommy," said Cara, tugging at one dress on the rack. "This one looks pretty."

In a few minutes, the girl exited the dressing room, wearing a pink corduroy dress with buttons down the front. The choice made perfect sense, because pink is Cara's favorite color.

Lazare decided to go ahead and buy that outfit, with some accessories next on the list. "She already has a backpack."

Finally, Amy, Cara and Jarrett left Orchard Mall and drove to a sushi restaurant in Farmington Hills.

"I told them if they were good I'd take them to a sushi bar," Lazare said. "They love it."

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avoid the potential for conflict of interest between the school district and his new employer, RCI Electric of Farmington Hills.

RCI is handling electrical work for phase two of bond issue-related construction at Farmington High School.

If a choice cannot be made before Sept. 7, the process will be taken over by Oakland Schools.

Application forms and procedure sheets for those interested in the position also will be posted in every school district building, both branches of the Farmington Community Library, on the district Web site and on cable TV-10. For more information, call (248) 489-3331.

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Susan Greer, who said instances of drivers ignoring the flashers and signs happens on a regular basis. "This car just blew past me like I was nothing."

Scott was lucky. But what about the next time?

Lawrence-Weak said drivers need to be reminded about the school bus safety law, particularly with classes starting up again.

"That is the law," said Lawrence-Weak, about motorists stopping behind - or in front of - school buses where children are being picked up or dropped off. "I really think people, when they're driving to work and see a group

of children, need to be cautious.

"Children are our most precious resources and we don't want to see them hurt."

The mom was almost as shaken up by the incident as Scott, who wasn't injured. She telephoned the Farmington Hills Police Department, and was promised that officers would come out to the bus stop and conduct a speed survey.

Farmington Hills Police Lt. Dennis Green, who talked to Lawrence-Weak about the need for bus stop safety, could not be reached for comment Friday.

Lawrence-Weak said Scott is

one of about "eight or nine" children who usually board the bus at Eldred and Redcliffe, near Middlebelt and Eight Mile. Clarenceville includes portions of Farmington Hills, Livonia and Redford Township.

"I'd like to see some of the other bus stops monitored as well," Greer said.

The bus driver added that establishing a public awareness campaign about the issue is crucial to avoiding future tragedy.

"People need to understand what the yellow amber lights mean and what the red lights mean," Greer said.



Studying: Noah and Miriam Liebman recently returned from Interlochen Arts Camp.

Harmony

Brother, sister study music

BY TIM SMITH

STAFF WRITER
Miriam and Noah Liebman already are back home in Farmington Hills, after spending four weeks at picturesque Interlochen Arts Camp.

But who could blame them if their minds were still preoccupied with Interlochen? Located in northern Michigan, near Traverse City, the 1,200-acre camp brings music and nature into harmony.

"I like walking around the camp," said 12-year-old Miriam, who studied flute and musical theater during her fourth trip to Interlochen, which ended two weeks ago. "Anywhere you go, you can hear music. I like concerts. I like trying new things."

These attributes undoubtedly helped draw nearly 2,100 students from all over the globe to listen and learn all about the fine arts - all at a place where trees, lakes and music intertwine perfectly.

Among those attending their first full Interlochen camp session was Miriam's 14-year-old brother, Noah, who plays alto saxophone. Like his sister, Noah said he enjoyed the experience of being constantly around music.

"There's nowhere else where you're going to hear people discussing classical music in knowledgeable fashion," said Noah, who spent two weeks at Interlochen in 1997. "You can hear music wherever you go. It's a

very artsy place."

Spending a month up there this summer, performing in bands and practicing by cabins, said Noah, will hopefully pay dividends at North Farmington High School. He is planning on being part of North's marching and jazz bands.

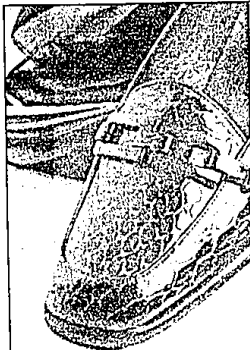
"What's improved the most (from being at Interlochen) is my ability to read music," Noah continued, adding that he liked the pressure of focusing only on music.

Miriam, who attends Hillcl Day School in Farmington Hills, said the physical setting of Interlochen, and the total commitment to the arts, made for a rewarding experience. "When you come here, a lot of people have stuff in common."

Both of the Liebman's, whose parents are musicians and who encouraged them to attend the camp, concurred that some of the leisure activity at Interlochen was pretty jazzy stuff, too.

Because the camp ran at the same time as the Interlochen Summer Arts Festival, young musicians, artists and dancers were able to watch international performers such as The Temptations, Four Tops, Vince Gill, Boston Pops, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Bill Cosby.

Those Sunday night concerts, Noah said, were "very cool to see."



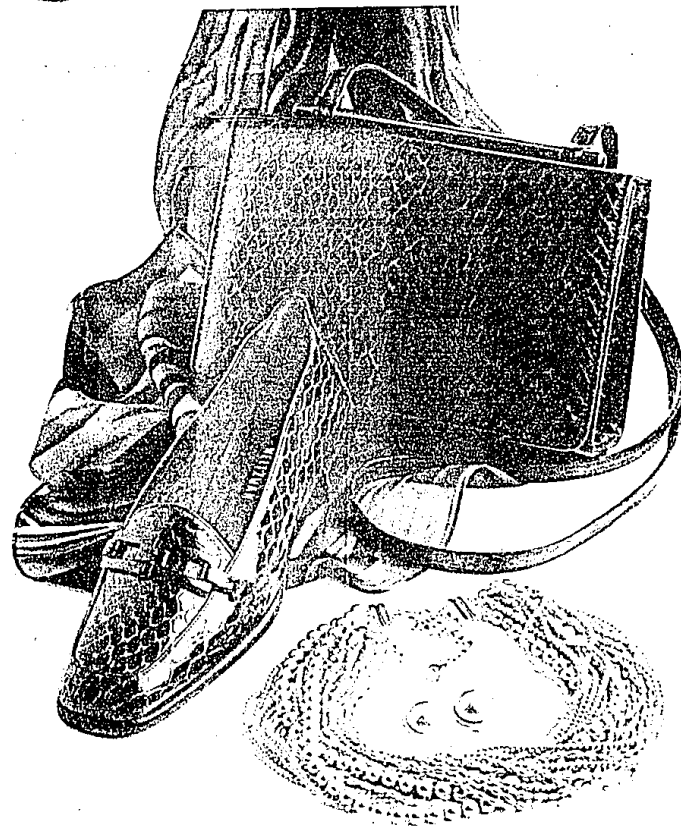
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