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**THURSDAY, JULY 7**  
◆ The Sun Messengers perform a free concert at 7 p.m. on the Village Festival Plaza, Kercheval at St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8**  
◆ Carole Harris, a professional fiber artist, is the feature lecturer at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The event is free and open to the public.

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**  
◆ West Park Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Kercheval, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.  
◆ Eastside Farmers Market is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alter Square parking lot, 14820 Mack, Detroit.

**SUNDAY, JULY 10**  
◆ The Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its annual free six-garden tour from noon to 6 p.m. See page 3B for address listing.

**MONDAY, JULY 11**  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza, at 7 p.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

**TUESDAY, JULY 12**  
◆ The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. for lunch at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Speaker Mary Jo Fresard's topic is "Retired - Now What?" For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

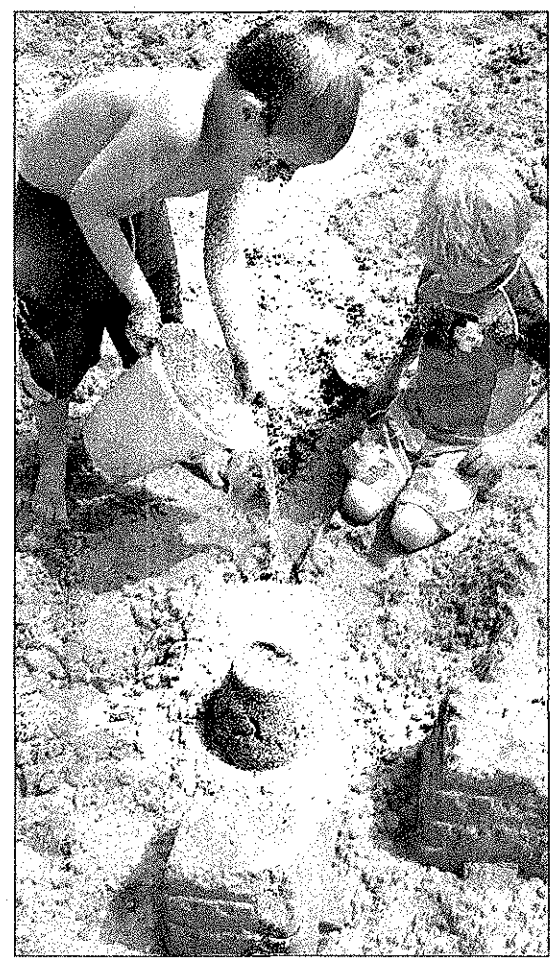
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13**  
◆ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Sidewalk Sales begin at 10 a.m.

**THURSDAY, JULY 14**  
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◆ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Sidewalk Sales begin at 10 a.m.  
◆ A bicycle decorating contest begins at 6 p.m. on lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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## Farms regatta

The Fourth of July weekend included dozens of events for Grosse Pointe Farms residents at the annual regatta, held at Pier Park. At right, Elizabeth Ziembra digs in during the apple pie eating contest.



Top, more than 300 rubber duckies and those who paid to race them hit the water. Above, more than 100 took part in the inflatable boat races. At right, 5-year-old Gus Christensen pours water in the moat his cousin, 6-year-old Michael Haran dug for their sand castle. Below left, Paws from the Detroit Tigers offers, well, a paw during pool cleaning time, while lifeguards Maddie Berschback, Eva Gouin-Davis and Caroline Hartman enjoy a laugh and a quick break.



Pie eating contest winners, from left, were Pete Martin in fifth place, Noah Stahl in second place, Claire Young in first place, Autumn Dewey in third place and Patrick Schmitz in fourth place.

## Unlocked cars a bonanza

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A couple of teenage castoffs were arraigned last week in municipal court for trolling the Grosse Pointes to steal cars and enter parked vehicles. Confessions cleared nearly 30 recent crimes in the Farms and City, according to police. Both defendants were due back in Farms court Wednesday, July 6, for preliminary examinations on felonies punishable by up to five years in prison and \$10,000 fines. The date is after this week's Grosse Pointe News deadline.

City Municipal Court officials were anticipating similar action in their jurisdiction Thursday, July 7. Although public safety departments in both cities assigned extra manpower to stop the crime spree, a Farms patrolman working his normal, overnight shift made the arrests. At 12:30 a.m. Thursday, June 30, Officer Tom Shimko came upon 17-year-old Ryan Ricardo Cain and Diante Michael Ray, 18, both of Detroit, walking southbound in the 450 block of Maison. "I asked (them) what was going on," according to Shimko's incident report. "They replied they were looking for their grandmother's house. They didn't know where it was."

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## Shores celebrates 100 years

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A military flyover could be part of this weekend's centennial festival in Grosse Pointe Shores. City officials are trying to line up a Navy FA-18 fighter to buzz the lakefront.

The supersonic aircraft is scheduled to be in the area for three days of aerobic demonstrations, at noon Friday, July 8, through Sunday, July 10, in support of Detroit APBA Gold Cup hydroplane races in the Detroit River off Belle Isle. The Shores three-day, 100th anniversary birthday party includes a parade Sunday, July 10, on Lakeshore. Featured participants include Vice Wing Commander Lt. Col. Philip Sheridan of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Sheridan will preside over a veterans ceremony. Events held at the municipal park are for residents with park passes and their guests. Sponsors of weekend activities include the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Ambassador Bridge Company, Edmund T. AHEE Jewelry, the Grosse Pointe News, MRA Experiential Tours, Pegasus Taverna, National Coney Island, Little

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GPS-September 26 M,T,W,TH 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
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## Storm doesn't delay fireworks

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Nature's prelude nearly upstaged last Saturday's lakeside fireworks.

A thunderous overture starting at 8 p.m. shook windows and cracked the coming dusk with shards of lightning.

The warmup evolved into a mustard-colored sky.

Police were prepared to cancel the 10 p.m. fireworks until the next night. But, high winds and heavy rain blew out in time for the main act to go off as scheduled from the peninsula at the foot of Harbor Hill.

The show, July 2, lasted 25 minutes and consisted of more than 650 shots.

Steve Reiber, of Wolverine Fireworks, headquartered near Ann Arbor, triggered liftoffs from an electronic control booth behind a temporary barrier of 4-by-8-foot plywood sheets stationed about 50 feet from the launch zone.

"It's basically flicking a switch every four seconds," Reiber said.

The Wolverine crew spent hours Saturday afternoon loading and wiring one mortar per firework. There's no re-loading during the show.

Rounds had descriptive



names, such as colorful butterfly, purple strobe, silver bow tie, flower baskets and Hummingbirds.

"The vast majority are flower baskets," Reiber said. "Hummingbirds make a sparkling trail."

The 86-shot opener flowed into the main show.

"The highest go to about 800 feet," Reiber said. "The lowest go about 300 feet."

Titanium salutes capped a 300-shot finale with bright, white flashes and loud booms.

The show is sponsored by Grosse Pointe Farms in conjunction with the weekend regatta at Pier Park, organized by the Farms Boat Club.

Nature stuck around from a distance. Muffled thunder and diffused lightening from the south broke through the over-cast night.

A crowd, estimated by police to be about half the size as normal, watched from lawns or

the stone breakwall along Lakeshore, at municipal lakeside parks and yacht clubs.

Many people responded to the more spectacular explosions in the universal language of fireworks fans, "Ooh, ahh."

"I like the ones that cover the sky," said Rosary Amore a former Grosse Pointe Park resident now living in Eastpointe.

Amore and friends, Valerie Naughton and Laura Gant, both of the City of Grosse Pointe, staked out a viewing spot before the storm near the breakwall in front of St. Paul Catholic Church.

"Usually, if you're not here by 7 p.m., it fills up," Naughton said.

They spent time before the show sitting in lawn chairs, eating snacks and taking in the view.

"It's nice to see the boats," Gant said. "Occasionally, there will be various birds and ducks."



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Friends Laura Gant, Valerie Naughton and Rosary Amore get early seats for last Saturday's fireworks over Lake St. Clair.

## Sailing away the summer

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

If the sloop, "Brandilee," an X-402 owned by Steve Nadeau, were a foot shorter, it wouldn't have faulted at the start of last week's sailboat race off of Pier Park.

Instead, she and another sailboat crossed a tick early. They had to circle back and start over.

Winds were light Thursday, June 30, for more than 40 boats competing in the final race of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club's spring racing series.

Following a break this month for the Port Huron and Chicago to Mackinac races, the club's summer series starts in August.

All races are Thursday nights. Boats are separated into five classes. Starts take place at five-minute intervals from 7 to 7:20 p.m. Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Sept. 1.

Turnout is increasing. "We have about 43 boats currently in the spring series," said Gene Carswell, club commodore. "Three years ago, we

were in the high 20s."

The club is a social group. Many members don't own boats. Many that do, own power boats.

Dues are plowed back into club activities, including the annual Independence Day weekend regatta.

"It's the best value on the lake," Carswell said. "We have a number of events throughout the year. The regatta is the largest."

Membership is open to all Farms residents.

"Throughout the year, we have events," Carswell said. "It's a good value for friends and family, and a great chance to interface with other Farms residents."

A general membership meeting is at the park from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 29. Bingo is scheduled.

A lobster roast Saturday, Sept. 17, is on the beach.

"The lobster roast is a favorite," Carswell said.

A Halloween costume party at the park is 7 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21.

The commodore's ball is during winter.



In the Cal 25 class, Never Alone (sail No. 758) leads Second Wind (No. 15861) and 39er (No. 39) toward the starting line.

PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG



George Jerow signals to sailboats that jumped the gun in last Thursday's Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club race off Pier Park. Jerow, 89, has sailed in the Mackinac race 28 times, making him an Old Goat. "We won it three times," he said. His boat, "Gitana," is a Tartan 37.

## Storm slows Park

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Saturday night's powerful thunderstorms brought down trees, power lines and holiday plans throughout Grosse Pointe Park.

DTE Energy reported about 2,500 customers in the area were without power immediately following the storm, with several blocks in the Park still being affected at press time Tuesday.

In addition to houses, the city's Windmill Pointe Park was also without power, which forced officials to close down much of the park, including the city's Olympic-size pool for the entire holiday weekend.

"We had to close most of the park, including the activities center and pool," said city manager Dale Krajniak. "Boaters were still able to get to their boats, but the pool at Windmill Pointe and the splash pad at Patterson Park were both closed. Some people who had picnics planned canceled, but some still used the parks."

While some residents thought they had dodged the bullet, they had a surprise Sunday morning when their power also went out.

The Park's public safety department regained power late

Monday night, according to Lt. James Smith.

"We were able to operate the 911 call center, administrative offices and the firehouse doors with backup generators," he said. "But the good news is, we have not seen any increase in crime during this time."

That doesn't mean public safety officers were not busy.

According to Smith, officers responded to 12 incidents of downed power lines, multiple burglary alarms set off by the power outage, and placed numerous portable stop signs at busy intersections where traffic signals were out.

Officers also assisted a resident who became disoriented after running a generator in his basement. He was transported to a nearby hospital for carbon dioxide poisoning. In addition, another resident was taken to the hospital when power was cut to her oxygen machine. There were no other reported injuries.

Krajniak said Tuesday most power outages were centered along Barrington and Pemberton, and DTE Energy told city officials they hoped to have power restored by Wednesday. The pool at Windmill Pointe Park remained closed Tuesday, while the splash pad at Patterson Park was working again.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Cracked curbs are being repaired with cold-patch in the City of Grosse Pointe.

## Curb repairs

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Paul Weitzel doesn't like doing things by halves.

Yet, with cuts to municipal budgets, he's making do this year with less expensive patch-work curb repairs.

Full-fledged curb work isn't in this year's budget.

Instead, City of Grosse Pointe public service department employees are patching concrete curbs with asphalt.

"We just don't have the funds," said Paul Weitzel, public service director.

Spot-patching with concrete won't work.

"With the freeze-thaw cycle,

it will pop out and you'll have a chunk of concrete laying there," Weitzel said. "In order to patch it, you have to cut out two to three feet of the curb. You just can't put a quick patch over a chip."

He's making do with asphalt until the number of curbs needing repair add up to justify a large construction project that achieves economies of scale.

"It has to be done as part of a bigger project to get unit prices down to a reasonable price," Weitzel said. "We did a program about two years ago of curb repairs in the Village. We were able to put together a small program. It's not in this year's budget."

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## Summer fun

Alexis Poulos and Rachel Koszrzewa, of Grosse Pointe Woods, show their decorated bikes at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14, on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza, in hope of winning a prize in the annual contest. The bike decorating contest is in conjunction with the Mack Avenue sidewalk sales running through Saturday, July 16.



## Sun Messengers tonight

The Sun Messengers perform at the St. John Hospital & Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series, at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7.

The concert is free on the Village Festival Plaza, at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, in the downtown Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The Sun Messenger's annual appearance at Music on The Plaza is the biggest party of the year in the Village. As the house band for the Detroit Pistons and the driving force behind the Saturday Night Dance Party at Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party, the Sun Messengers, which also played during Jay Leno's appearance in Michigan, mix it up with a sizzling combination of rhythm and blues, pop, Motown, big band classics and more.

In case of rain, concerts are at Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, two blocks west of the plaza.

Music on The Plaza is presented by St. John Hospital & Medical Center. It is produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association. For details, including the series schedule and location information, call (313) 886-7474 or visit [thevillagegp.com](http://thevillagegp.com).

## CARS: Larcenies common from unlocked vehicles

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They didn't know each other's last names. But, they told (me) they stayed together."

Police were surprised the pair didn't try to run away before back-up arrived.

"I think they were confident they could talk their way out of it, but they weren't so good," said Lt. Detective Richard Rosati, working that night in a four-man undercover task force.

"I talked to Ray first," Rosati continued. "I nodded my head and said, do you want to continue this ridiculous story?"

Officers frisking the teens found three cellular telephones, an iPod, a global positioning system and pockets weighted with change. Items matched the type of electronic gear and valuables many residents reported during the past couple of weeks stolen at night from vehicles parked in driveways.

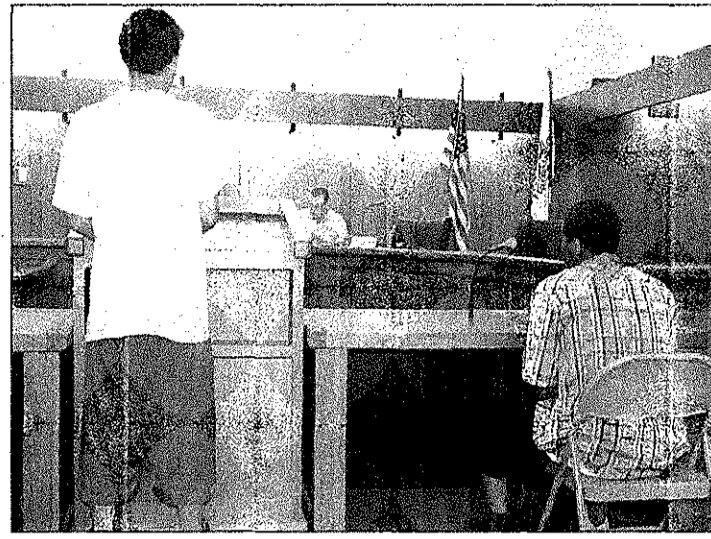
All vehicles, plus five stolen during the same period in the Farms and City, were unlocked.

"Cain admitted working the area the last 10 days and nights," Rosati said. "He hit us for between 15 and 20 larcenies from autos (last) week."

Many occurred in the 200 and 300 blocks of McKinley, and the 300 block of Chalfonte.

Cain, charged with stealing three cars in the Farms between June 24 and 26, is accused of recruiting Ray for last Friday's sweep.

Cain told Ray there are a lot of unlocked cars parked in Grosse Pointe, Rosati said.



Accused teenage felons Ryan Ricardo Cain, standing, and Diante Michael Ray, seated, both of Detroit, are arraigned by Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora.

Cars stolen in the Farms consisted of Chevy Equinoxes taken from the 400 block of Touraine and 300 block of McKinley, plus a Dodge Caravan from the 200 block of Stephens, according to police.

"All had keys in them," Rosati said. "He abandoned two on Lodewyck and Farmbrook (on Detroit's eastside)."

Farms Officer Frank Zielinski found the Caravan the morning of Tuesday, June 28, hidden behind a privacy fence in the 5100 block of Lodewyck near East Warren.

"The area is known for the disposal of stolen vehicles," Zielinski said. "The vehicle was intact and locked."

"An Equinox was found near Seven Mile and Shaefer," Rosati said. "Cain said his momma lives in the area."

The Equinox stolen on

McKinley was located through OnStar, a navigation and communications system.

"OnStar electronically disabled the vehicle," said Officer Stephen Puckett. "Detroit police (sent officers) to retrieve it."

Officers searching the Equinox found a global positioning unit stolen from another McKinley resident.

Cain also admitted entering five parked cars and stealing two unlocked vehicles in the City, according to James Fox, City public safety director.

"He crashed one into a parked car in Detroit," said City Detective Alan Gwyn. "The other, he told us he joyrided for 24 hours and dropped it."

Farms Judge Matthew Rumora arraigned Cain Friday, July 2, on three separate counts of receiving and concealing a

stolen motor vehicle, plus unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle.

"Where do you live?" Rumora asked Cain.

"I was living in Livonia, but I had got put out, so I don't really live anywhere," Cain answered.

Rumora entered not guilty pleas on Cain's behalf, set \$20,000 cash bond on each count and is assigning him a court-appointed attorney.

Cain has no documented criminal history, police said.

"He just hadn't been caught," Gwyn said.

Ray was arraigned for larceny from a motor vehicle.

"Where do you live?" Rumora asked.

"Seven Mile and Van Dyke. Eastside," Ray answered.

"Who do you live with?" "Seven other guys. I'm estimating."

"Where do your folks live?" "My first mother lives on the westside."

Ray is known to police.

"He has a fraudulent activities warrant requested in Dearborn, dated May 8," Farms Detective Rick Good told Rumora during the arraignment. "He also has a Southfield charge on May 17, for retail fraud third degree. Ray also has a criminal bench warrant for failure to appear (in court) out of Dearborn. They placed a hold on him."

Rumora entered a not guilty plea for Ray. Bond is \$20,000 cash. Rumora will appoint defense counsel.

Both suspects were taken to the Wayne County Jail, unable to post bond.

## 100: Grosse Pointe Shores celebrates rich history

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Caesar's at Mack and Alger, Colony Marine, Ronald and Kathleen Wagner, the Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee and many Shores residents.

The weekend rundown is:

### Friday, July 8

Detroit Symphony Orchestra pops concert, 8:30 p.m., at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Tickets may be sold out. Call city hall at (313) 881-6565. Fireworks follow at 10 p.m.

### Saturday, July 9

◆ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Schroeder Field House is dedicated. The structure is located next to the baseball field in Schroeder Park, behind city hall.

Festivities include an old-time ice cream social, live entertainment; bike, buggy and

wagon decorating for the parade Sunday; bicycle licensing, a display of public safety vehicles and items of historic interest.

The privately-funded field house is made possible by donations from the improvement foundation, Eleanor V. Schroeder, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League, Grosse Pointe Soccer Association, Famous Maintenance, Marshall Landscaping and many residents.

### Sunday, July 10

◆ Noon, a parade begins on Lakeshore from the Ford House to Osius Park. Viewing is from the west side of Lakeshore.

Scheduled marchers include:

- ◆ Detroit Mounted Police, Clown Corp.,
- ◆ Detroit Fire Department Honor Guard,
- ◆ Veterans Honor Guard,
- ◆ Arsenal of Democracy Motor Pool,
- ◆ 1st Michigan Fife and Drum,
- ◆ Police Highlander Bagpipe Band,
- ◆ South Lake High School Marching Band,
- ◆ Michigan Coast Guard,
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Swim Team,
- ◆ Woods-Shores Little League,
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Soccer Association,
- ◆ Dance Troop, Boy and Girl Scouts,
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores veterans,
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Historical Society,
- ◆ antique and historical cars,
- ◆ Neighborhood Club,
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores children on bikes and in wagons,
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary,
- ◆ local dignitaries,
- ◆ Centennial sponsors,
- ◆ Women's local hockey team,
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee,
- ◆ the 1912 Good Cheer Club,
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

Following the parade are speeches, a veteran's ceremony, a community photo, singing "Happy Birthday," free cake and food.

◆ 2 to 4 p.m., a splash party for children in the municipal pool, a viewing of historical items being put in a time capsule. Classic, historical and military vehicles are displayed. A new boat exhibition is in the marina.

Tours of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club are available.

Some residents may take home one of 100 special golden daylilies hybridized for the Shores. A daylily is on the Grosse Pointe Shores crest.

Centennial T-shirts are sold for \$7.50 at the city offices.

For more information, visit [gpshoresmi.gov](http://gpshoresmi.gov) or call the city at (313) 881-6565.

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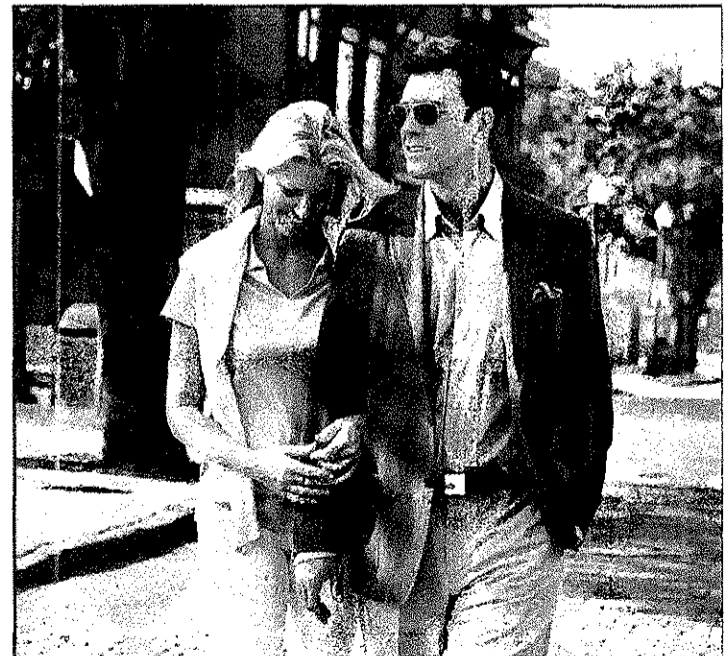
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GUEST OPINION By Karen O'Leary

## Wetter? Drier? Who NOAAs?

**L**ike you, I've noticed the strange weather we've had across the United States this spring.

I decided to investigate and see what summer might be offering. Taxpayer-funded scientific websites, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National

Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, are generally great weather resources for people like me — the always planning-ahead farmer and gardener.

Not this year. The NOAA forecast from now to August calls for chaos — literally. The predicted rainfall for most of the country is everywhere in the extreme, ranging from too

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much to too little. Considering what we've already been through, that's bad news for farms, gardens and cash-strapped families with children to feed.

Thanks to the weather, for the first time in history, our first crop all over the nation, is going, going and in some places, gone. The Texas and Oklahoma wheat crops, for example, were at least 50 percent below normal. In Kansas, the winter wheat crop is down 27 percent from last year, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Word isn't good for corn either. Record wet weather in the Midwest kept spring fields too wet to plant from North Dakota to Ohio, cutting USDA corn surplus estimates from 900 to 695 million bushels.

Add to U.S. crop losses the droughts sweeping Europe, Australia and China. It becomes clear we're headed for higher food prices for anything made from grains, including bread and cereals, beef, soft drinks and ethanol.

The lousy weather savaged wheat, corn and other crops, too. To get a local perspective, this spring I collected comments left by worried gardeners on the Commondreams.org website.

A man from Vancouver writes: "...where I live we had cold, heavy rain, hail, strong winds and bright, hot sunshine. All in four hours in one day last week. The local planting season is shot to hell, our record mountain snowpack is now melting all at once, flooding lower-lying communities."

Another from Ohio says: "After a brief break, we are back to daily heavy rains here in the Ohio River headwaters, so the Mississippi is not finished yet. It is certainly over for any possibility of crops from the huge area encompassing the Mississippi lowlands this year."

Yet another region responds: "In Arizona, the largest forest fire in the recorded history of the Chiricahua mountain range is burning out of control."

An Indiana gardener shares my concerns: "All my first planting was flooded to death. Second planting had a germination rate of no more than 50 percent, but the plants are growing very slowly, while for other plants it is zero percent again. I will need at least a third planting."

Our weather is more unpredictable and extreme than ever. This fact, no matter what or who you blame, undeniably jives with climate change models that say global warming brings stronger storms, bigger droughts and shifting regional climate patterns.

So what do we do about it? Adapt and modify.

To adapt, I'm changing the way I garden; digging ditches, putting in raised beds and waiting out the worst rains before planting. No matter what the weather brings, I won't give up. I now see my veggie patch as a form of life insurance — protection against economic hard times and higher food prices.

To modify, I'm stepping up my green ways and urging everyone to do the same. Even if you don't believe in human-caused global warming, it makes economic sense to drive less, reduce waste and be more energy efficient.

As to the realities of climate change, you only need to Google the national weather map to know it's not a matter of when, it's a matter of now.

Share your local weather weirdness and garden woes at blueridgepress.com or on Facebook.

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A GRAPHIC IMAGE THAT MIGHT DETER SMOKERS.

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### Head Start

To the Editor:

I would like to specifically address the four members of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education who recently voted against initiating a Head Start program at Poupard Elementary School.

Mr. Steininger, Mr. Jakubiec, Mrs. Pangborn and Mrs. Dindoffer, perhaps there was something you didn't understand about the Head Start program that Principal Penny Stocks and her staff enthusiastically proposed hosting at Poupard.

Just in case you missed it, here are some of the facts about Head Start:

- It is federally funded. That means it's free to the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

- The program promotes school readiness and would have provided comprehensive child development service to low-income children ages 3 to 5 years old and their families who already reside in the Poupard district. This means they would have access to early reading, math and social skills prior to entering kindergarten.

Studies show that children who benefit from Head Start are more prepared for class-

room learning and less disruptive in the early years. That means higher test scores for our district and fewer special education needs. In other words, it is a win/win for everyone.

According to Poupard Elementary School Principal Penny Stocks, room is available in the school. Two classrooms are projected to be completely empty next year.

The only other possible reason you might have voted "no" was fear of the stigma of having a Head Start classroom in the district. Personally, I am more concerned with children than stigmas ... and I thought you were too.

Please reconsider your vote and allow the Head Start program to help the 20 Poupard families who had hoped to send their younger children to school this fall.

CYNTHIA TENNENT SOHN  
City of Grosse Pointe

### Pit bulls

To the Editor:

I am a dog lover who cannot help but support spay and neuter laws when millions of dogs die in shelters and suffer in puppy mills every year.

I write this letter to remind State Rep. Tim Bledsoe there

are better ways to ensure the continued support of his constituents than colonizing the rest of Michigan with the Grosse Pointes' breed-specific ordinances.

Breed specific legislation is a failed experiment. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention agrees. Prince George's County in Maryland spends \$250,000 a year to enforce its pit bull ban.

Closer to home, Rochester Hills, Sterling Heights and Dearborn, among other cities, decided against a ban.

I am not a pit bull owner, but I have worked with them and many other types of dogs. During my time as a shelter volunteer, particular Lab mixes were the hardest dogs for me to manage. Yet somehow I hold back the cringe every time I see one's happy face prancing down Lakeshore.

The very thought of the American Kennel Club makes me want to vomit; this time, however, we find common ground in opposing Bledsoe's pointless agenda which calls for dogs who even "look like" pit bulls to disappear.

Think back to the recent time one of us "thought" we saw a pit bull creeping across Mack or barking in our neighbor's yard. If it is not the pit bull that is declared a public menace, it is the Rottweiler or the German shepherd, who, thanks to the AKC and like groups has become half-dog, half-frog.

If House Bill 4714 passes, dog fighting rings will continue while family dogs, who often live more than the proposed 6 years after sterilization, will have to be euthanized or go in to hiding (and then actually have a reason to become aggressive).

Let's not forget the jail and court fees taxpayers have to pay in addition to animal control expenses, which should go toward real animal problems, such as the countless puppy flippers and aforementioned rings in Metro-Detroit.

I realize the chances of the bill passing are slim, but I, for one, will certainly remember my representative's focus come election day.

AKSHAY VERMA  
Grosse Pointe Shores

### Open schools

To the Editor:

The Michigan Legislature is seriously considering an open schools policy that would provide the opportunity for non-residents to attend our schools.

There are, of course, advantages and disadvantages to such a wide-reaching change in attendance policies. This issue should be one of which all citizens are well informed.

Some would suggest that only current parents need be concerned, but I believe any homeowner concerned with property values and any citizen concerned with the nature of our education system should inform themselves about Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed changes.

Our representative, Tim Bledsoe, is hosting a forum on these very issues at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at Brownell Middle School.

If you want to learn more about this proposal requiring school districts to accept out-of-district students to fill available seats, then do take advantage of this opportunity to learn more.

GORDON MORLAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

## Attack on the car coming here?

**C**ities in Europe have waged a war against the automobile, according to an article in The

New York Times. Urban areas in Europe, such as Vienna, Munich and Copenhagen, have closed many streets to cars. And motorists in London and Stockholm are forced to pay hefty congestion fees if they want to drive downtown. Cities in Europe are making auto travel in urban areas impractical by severely restricting the number of parking spaces. Could this happen in America?

Transportation policy changes during the last few years appear to indicate many United States government officials seem to think when it comes to the automobile, we should be the "United States of Europe."

Driving in Washington, D.C. and other American cities, one is confronted with half the busy downtown streets designated for bicycles. Federal and state gasoline taxes paid by motorists are increasingly diverted

for alternative transportation measures, such as non-motorized paths, even though many highways and bridges in the nation are crumbling.

The latest anti-automobile measure being considered by the Obama Administration is to drastically increase federal corporate average fuel economy standards to levels that would substantially increase the cost of cars and force Americans into tiny autos so common in Europe.

Michigan, home to the recovering automobile industry, is particularly vulnerable to government policies that make owning and operating a car more inconvenient and expensive. Anti-auto government policies could easily drive the automobile industry back into red ink.

The mobility provided by the car is one of the greatest freedoms enjoyed by Americans and is the envy of many around the world. This freedom once lost may never be gained back.

### Coal plants

A new Michigan

Environmental Council study titled "Public Health Impacts of Old Coal-Fired Power Plants in Michigan" claims coal-fired power plants put in operation between 1949 and 1968 are causing health problems in the state. Authors of the study claim 10 percent of the coal-fired plants that are the oldest in the country account for 25 percent of the (power) generation and 43 percent of the public health threat. The study focuses on PM2.5 particles emitted from coal combustion that are about 1/100th the width of a human hair.

All areas in Michigan are in attainment with national standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency for PM2.5 and all other criteria air pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act — a fact the study fails to mention. Whether one agrees with the findings, the study should be more properly viewed as a criticism of the PM2.5 air quality standard rather than an indictment of air quality in Michigan.

The Michigan Environmental Council should

focus its attention on changing the national PM2.5 air quality standard if they believe it is not protective of public health.

With the state in attainment for the current PM2.5 air quality standard, the MEC should support the replacement of the older coal-fired power plants with new, cleaner ones instead of opposing their construction.

The opposition of environmental groups to clean technology power plants seems to have less to do with clean air than in promoting an idealistic push to alternative energy sources — mostly wind power in Michigan — that are generally more expensive and less reliable than coal-fired power plants. If Michigan households are forced to pay higher electric bills for alternative energy, they will have less to spend on other things like health care. The public health of Michigan residents will be better protected by using technology, not environmental ideology, to drive energy policy.

Harding is director of the Mackinac Center For Public Policy's Property Rights Network.

I SAY By A.J. Hakim

# Open mouth, insert foot



180-degree turn into something awful.

Well, that happened to me recently. Last week, in fact.

My girlfriend of six months decided to cut her hair short (just above her shoulders) for the first time in more than a decade. In the weeks leading up to her appointment, she was understandably nervous, second-guessing whether to go through with the cut or to stick with her usual trim. She perused pictures in hair style magazines and online, and confided in friends and family and me. We all told her to test out a shorter style. Worst-case scenario, her hair grows back in a few months and she knows never again to take our advice.

She listened, and I was happy she did. As was she.

She looked stunning. As pretty as pretty can be.

It's easy saying that now but, for whatever reason, despite my good intentions, that's not what I told her at the time.

Succumbing to that aforementioned lapse in judgment, instead of the cute, "Just when I didn't think it was possible for you to look any prettier," I said the awful, "I didn't think it was possible for you to look good."

The shock of what I said set in. I heard horror stories of similar slips. The ones that led to hours, days, weeks, months, years of discord, quarrels and spats. Some even ended relationships on the spot.

Needless to say, I feared the worst. I followed suit with a string of apologies, anything to extinguish the flames of my mistake (probably didn't help I did so between fits of laughter because the shock of it truly was funny, too).

Lucky for me, she was understanding and didn't take it personally. She even made a running joke of it. When sending her mom a picture message of her new do, she included the caption, "A.J. didn't think I could look this good!"

Disaster averted. Though, had she not been so understanding, I'm afraid I'd more than likely be girlfriendless. Regardless, I learned my lesson — when taking the cute

approach, choose your words or actions wisely and make sure to act them out or say them slowly, or you could be added to that growing list of horror stories.

I'm not alone in committing the unfortunate malapropism; the "did I really just say that?" moment. To prove it, here are a few famous quotables:

◆ "We cannot let terrorists and rogue nations hold this nation hostile or hold our allies hostile."

— former United States President George W. Bush

◆ "I might just fade into Bolivian, you know what I mean?"

— Mike Tyson, professional boxer

◆ "The doctors X-rayed my head and found nothing."

— Dizzy Dean, Major League Baseball pitcher from 1930-1947

◆ "What a waste it is to lose one's mind or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is."

— Former U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle attempting to quote the phrase, "a mind is a terrible thing to waste."

◆ "Any time Detroit scores more than 100 points and the other team below 100 points, they almost always win."

— Former Pistons head coach and TNT analyst Doug Collins.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What is your favorite holiday?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com



'Halloween because you get lots of candy and I like most of it.'

LAUREN VEITENGRUBER  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Easter because I get to see the Easter Bunny and we can look for eggs.'

FATIMA JAWAD  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Christmas because I love to dress up and I like it when it snows.'

LILY PARKER  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'America's birthday July 4th and my birthday which is a holiday to me.'

DEANGELO ALEXANDER  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Christmas and Easter because it is fun and you get candy and presents.'

ELLIE SMITH  
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Lawrence W. Reed

# Wilfrid Laurier: A Canadian statesman

Owing to where most Americans trace their ancestry from, we tend to know more European history than that of our immediate neighbors, Canada and Mexico.

We can name famous entrepreneurs and political leaders from across the sea, but rarely one from next door.

One man we should get to know left office as Canada's prime minister exactly 100 years ago. He's the guy with the bushy hair on the Canadian \$5 bill.

Wilfrid Laurier's political resume is impressive: fourth

longest-serving prime minister in Canada's history (1896-1911), the longest unbroken term of office of all 22 prime ministers); 45 years in the House of Commons, an all-time record; and longest-serving leader of any Canadian political party — almost 32 years. Across Canada to this day, he is widely regarded as one of the country's greatest statesmen.

It's not his tenure in government that makes Laurier an admirable figure, it's what he stood for. He really meant it when he declared, "Canada is free and freedom is its nationality" and "Nothing will pre-

vent me from continuing my task of preserving at all cost our civil liberty."

A new think tank in Ottawa honors Laurier and another Canadian prime minister, John MacDonal, in its name: the MacDonald-Laurier Institute. Founders Brian Crowley, Jason Clemens and Niels Veldhuis authored a new book, "The Canadian Century: Moving Out of America's Shadow," in which they explain the political principles and institutions Laurier stood for: limited government, light taxes, fiscal discipline, free trade, private property and the rule of law.

At a time when others in the British Commonwealth had begun to emulate the welfare-state policies of Bismarckian Germany, Laurier had a better idea. Crowley, Clemens and Veldhuis write:

"Laurier's objection to such schemes, like that of his Liberal colleagues, was one of principle: when people were expected to take responsibility for themselves and their families, they made better provision for their needs and directed their productive efforts where they would do the country and themselves the greatest good. When this natural necessity to strive was di-

luted by an easy access to the public purse, the ever-present danger was of the enervation of the individual and the stagnation of the progress of society."

Canadians in his time appreciated Laurier's sturdy character and his desire for goodwill and conciliation among the disparate cultures of Canada. Toleration and decentralized federalism became hallmarks of his long legacy in politics.

To help Canadians compete with the colossus to the south, Laurier hoped the country would rely on private enterprise and open markets. A key

ingredient, he believed, would be a lower cost of government and a lower tax burden.

I now keep a Canadian \$5 bill in my wallet, just for those occasions when I meet a Canadian and the conversation turns to politics. We will lament the caliber of more recent politicians on both sides of the border but at least I can now point to Laurier's picture and say, "We can do better, and indeed, you have."

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GUEST OPINION By Rob Bluey

# Trash day for regulated cribs

The deadline for United States retailers to unload any unsold cribs that don't meet the federal government's new safety standards has recently come and gone.

An estimated 100,000 cribs could be headed to the trash — even though they've never been declared unsafe or a hazard to children.

The Consumer Product

Safety Commission had the opportunity to spare businesses of the expense at a June meeting. But the Democrat-led commission voted against extending the deadline. As a result, retailers stand to lose at least \$32 million, according to the commission's own estimates.

Commissioner Anne Northup, who argued for an extension, condemned the left's assault on private enter-

prise in a 10-page statement on the controversy.

"I am truly at a loss to understand the motivation behind these actions," Northup said. "At a time when small businesses are struggling to survive, this commission has refused to throw even a short lifeline to retailers that will now suffer at least tens of millions of dollars of losses."

Retailers have the option of retrofitting cribs with new

equipment and have them tested. But that process is believed to be cost-prohibitive, prompting many to dispose of the cribs.

The commission followed a congressional mandate to update the safety standards, but it gave manufacturers and retailers six months to move their inventory. The agency never conducted a cost-benefit analysis.

According to a commission

staff survey of five retailers, an estimated 117,800 cribs faced disposal. Despite this alarming number, the commission voted 3-2 June 16 to stick with the end of June deadline.

Retailers might be suffering in the short term, but they'll get a boost over the next 18 months when child care centers, family child care houses and hotels are required to replace all cribs that don't meet the new standard — even those

that pose no safety threat. That deadline is Dec. 28, 2012.

The government-mandated crib replacement program comes at a time when President Barack Obama's handling of the economy hit 37 percent — an all-time low — in the new McClatchy Newspapers-Marist poll.

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GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

# The last president of the 20th century?

Sometime between 2008 and today, President Barack Obama lost the future.

He rose to high office on a gust of hope and change, but despite the future-oriented marketing, has proved himself devoted to old pieties and existing governmental structures. At this rate, he'll be remembered as the last president of the 20th century.

His economic policy has been a reprise of the best economic thinking circa 1932. It's been all Keynesian stimulus and the soggy results are all

around us. With the economy still weak and unemployment still high, he's checkmated by his own stale orthodoxy. He's unable to advance any significant proposals that wouldn't simply be more of the same and politically unacceptable in this era of anxiety over the debt.

In his misplaced faith in the "shovel ready" project, he must have had visions of the Hoover Dam and the interstate highway system rising up from his stimulus. Instead, the stimulus has built little or nothing anyone will remember.

Obama's health care pro-

gram is radical in its sweep, but distinctly mid-20th century in its orientation. An enormous part of it simply depends on the expansion of Medicaid, the pride of 1965. In the first blush of the Great Society, Medicaid might have seemed a glorious innovation. Now, its results are so poor some studies show the health outcomes for people on Medicaid aren't any better than those without insurance.

As the Baby Boomers retire, the 20th century entitlement state is under increasing strain. Paul Ryan proposes transforming Medicare to harness the power of the market and rein in

the program's costs over time. Obama proposes a bureaucratic board to dictate its future in command-and-control fashion out of World War II.

It is coming undone under the solvents of demographics (an aging population), fiscal realities (unsustainable levels of debt) and market changes (globalization and new technologies favoring the quick and nimble).

It's not the 1950s anymore, yet government lingers on. How many rounds of restructuring and downsizing has corporate America gone through over the decades? For the pri-

private sector, all is flux. For the public sector, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Obama has gone from agent of change to the best friend of government as we know it. He's gone from capturing the restlessness and discontent of the American public to relying on the sheer power of inertia to resist Republican plans to tackle the debt and update the entitlement state. He's the great obstacle to adjusting to new realities.

All around Obama the cracks in the edifice are showing. The American Association of

Retired Persons is signaling openness to Social Security cuts. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the son of liberal lion Mario Cuomo, is pursuing reformist measures unimaginable a few years ago. Yet Obama apparently still needs a weatherman to tell him which way the wind is blowing.

If Bill Clinton built the bridge to the 21st century, Barack Obama is adamantly refusing to cross it, rendered immobile by his ideology and self-interest.

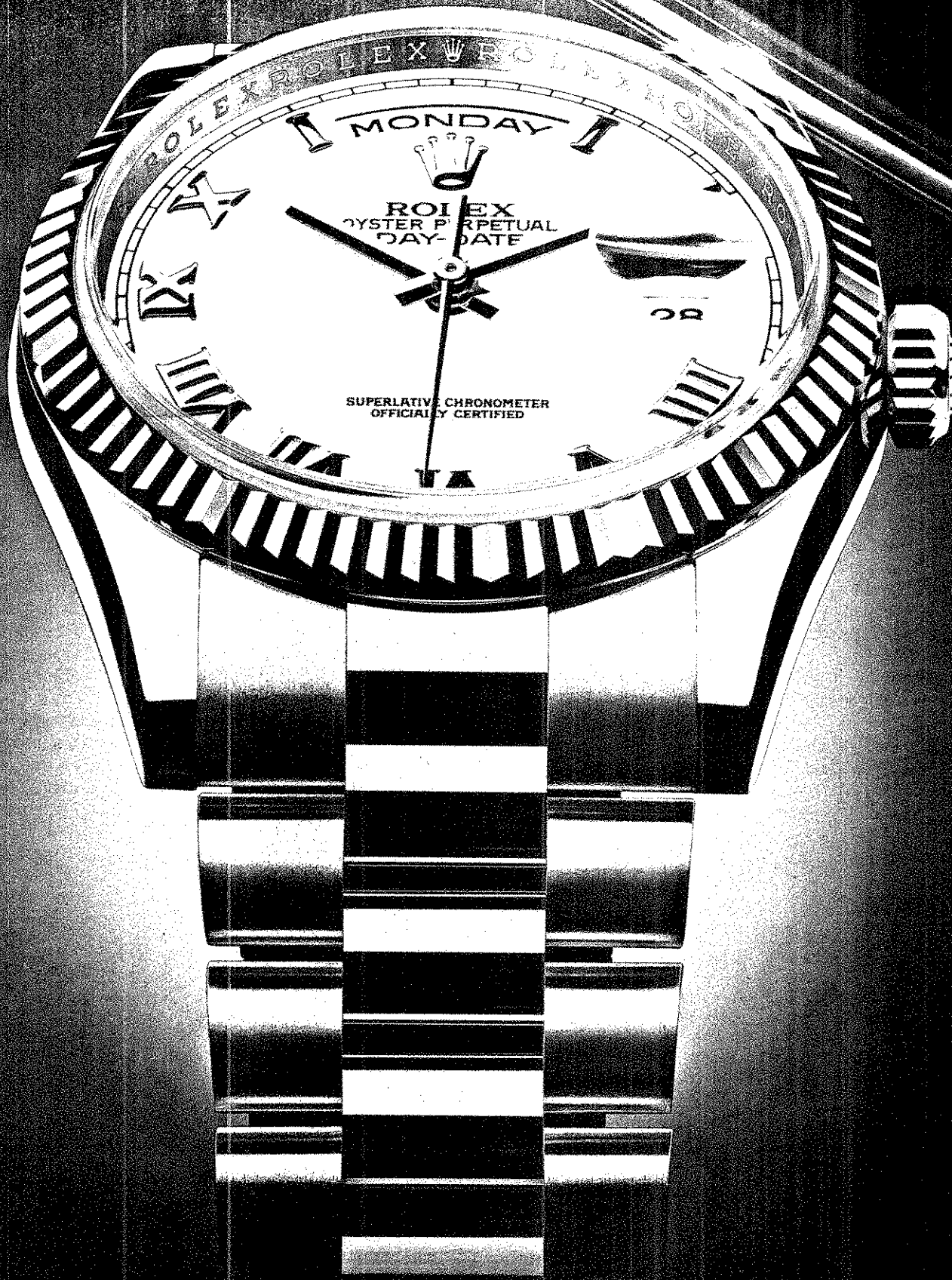
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## Poupard wins first Fishfly club meet



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Above left, a determined group, from left, Rhoby Rausch, Ian Ballinger and Heidi Montagne — all from Mason — ran the first leg of the relay race for their respective teams.

Above right, Mason Elementary School was the overall winner. It received a plaque, with the school name inscribed, to put on display at the school throughout the year.

Right, Charlie Klatt (Poupard) hands off the baton to teammate, Claire Keller (Poupard), during the 4x200 relay. Poupard won the race.

By A.J. Hakim  
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Fishflies elementary running club recently held its first inter-elementary meet, featuring three schools competing in long distance races and a 40-yard dash. The club started last year at Mason Elementary School and

expanded this year to include Ferry and Poupard Elementary Schools. Under the club motto, "we run like there's no tomorrow," a reference to the one-day life span of a fish fly, more than 70 members, ages kindergarten to fifth grade, participate in a long distance run (1.25 miles), 40-yard dash and 4x200 relay.

Students waiting to race are entertained with mini games and an obstacle course. Medals are awarded to the first-, second- and third-place finishers, and the top school overall received a plaque, with its name inscribed, to showcase in the school throughout the 2011-2012 school year. Mason won the meet, fol-

lowed by Ferry and Poupard. Wil Hofmann (Ferry) placed first in the 1.25-mile race with a time of 7 minutes, 51 seconds. Sam Stafford (8:53) and Sia Nezeritis (8:54), finished second and third, respectively. Poupard won the 4x200 relay, with Mason and Ferry placing second and third, respectively.




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# Differentiating the learning experience

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

An outgrowth of differentiation, the multi-age classroom at Trombly Elementary School offers students an alternative environment to learn.

It's a stand-alone program within the district that consists of a combination of 20 to 22 first-, second- and third-graders in a single classroom, with a single teacher. It groups students together according to learning ability and academic need. Started as a Trombly-only class, the district a few years ago opened it to all students due to budget constraints and a drop in enrollment.

"The idea is, when you have a mix of ages, readiness levels and learning styles, it's in that mix that you create the optimal environment for learning; that these kids will spark each other," said Mary O'Meara, who started the program at Trombly 15 years ago.

"The goal is, by choice, to create a heterogeneous group. What that allows for is, at any point, if I have an academically-abled first-grader, then I have all kinds of ways I can pair that child academically. By the same token, if I have kids who are in second and third grade, and they need more time for a concept, then I have people who I can pair them with respectively."

The program functions through a layering of teacher observations, anecdotal notes and informal assessments in all areas of the curriculum, but mainly reading, math and writing.

Science and social studies are taught cyclically, using traditional grade-level units, meaning, one year is the first-grade textbook, followed by the second-grade book the next year and third-grade book after that.

"I'll look at their interests, look at how they learn, what kind of learners they are,"

O'Meara said. "Those things aren't set in stone. Assessment will drive instruction. And there's continual assessment — observations or performance assessments or inventories or teacher tests or book tests."

"And as I look at that, then I figure out, what's the next step? There's a lot of watching them and coming to know what really makes them tick."

Instituting the program into Trombly was a five-year process, according to O'Meara, who first learned of the concept while attending summer college in England. The first two years consisted of researching the program, its philosophies, and attending workshops and conferences and visiting schools in which it was already in place. From there, the next two years involved putting together a curriculum-management plan and starting a pilot program.

It started with a looping of first- and second-graders;

third-graders were added the fifth year.

"We really tried to do a very thorough, by-the-book job to make sure all the I's were dotted and T's were crossed," O'Meara said. "They would look at our test scores and parent feedback and student feedback."

"Eventually, I think we showed we were a legitimate alternative to a traditional class, and we moved from that position of pilot to a regular program."

Despite its sustainability for the past 15 years, the program isn't without issue. O'Meara is the only teacher and has been since its inception. In a classroom characterized through familiarity and community-based learning, the need for consistency and stability is greater than that of a traditional classroom, particularly, as the curriculum grows and students are required to understand more concepts. As such, there's also the need to train a

possible replacement should O'Meara retire or leave suddenly.

"I think people attach the program to the teacher," Trombly principal Walt Fitzpatrick said. "Where it should be, you believe in the philosophy of that type of class. If the teacher was removed or reassigned or left, and somebody else was thrown in there, would the passion still be there?"

"Most individuals coming out of a university setting, you're not exposed as a teacher to the multiple-grade setting. You're not equipped to deal with that situation. And you don't want to insert somebody in there and say go to it. Somebody has to have training, have a comfort level and have a knowledge of how to blend curriculum ... If you don't have a very talented teacher in a split classroom, it makes things very, very difficult."

Adding to the difficulty is

the current budget. Because the program operates as a stand-alone in the district, it affords Trombly an additional teacher other schools don't have, placing it under recent scrutiny during discussions of program cuts to balance the budget.

"Unfortunately, in difficult budget times, because it's housed in a very, very small school, population-wise, it's looked at differently among administrators. If it was housed at a school with a larger population, it wouldn't be looked at as an extra because it'll help lower class size."

O'Meara added: "I think we've been around for a long time. For the most part, we have very satisfied people. I have some families where I've had four or five of the children."

"And when I look at how these kids come through over the years, I feel we do a good job at what we do. I think we're a valid alternative in instruction."

## Teacher of the week



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pierce Middle School guidance counselor Andrea Bolton with sixth-grader, Ivy Russell, the student who nominated her.

They play a key role in every child's development and inspire excellence in and out of the classroom.

This week, it's Pierce Middle School guidance counselor Andrea Bolton.

She was nominated by seventh-grader Ivy Russell: "Mrs. Bolton is an advocate for her students, as well as an excellent counselor. She truly cares about the issues facing middle

school students. She is a source of encouragement and hope in the sometimes crazy life of this seventh-grader, and I want her to know how much I appreciate her."

**Years at the Grosse Pointe Park school:** This is my 11th year working at Pierce Middle School.

I worked eight-and-a-half years as a seventh- and eighth-grade English and

journalism teacher, while enjoying the past two-and-a-half as the school guidance counselor.

**Previous work:** Prior to coming to work in a school, I was employed by Toyota Motor Corporation as a new employee trainer. I went back to school to get my master's degrees in teaching and counseling, and it led me to this point in my career.

**Why did you become a teacher/counselor:** I became involved in education when I no longer enjoyed working in Corporate America. I had a major in communications and a minor in English from Michigan State University, so I put those to use and found myself at Wayne State University to begin my programs in education.

It was a move well made and I couldn't be happier.

**What do you enjoy most about teaching/counseling:** I definitely enjoy my recent employment as a school guidance counselor most. Being a go-to person for a student/family in crisis or just being able to give many of our wonderful students positive feedback, I enjoy seeing that I can make a difference in their day.

There is something brand new to tackle on a daily basis, so it keeps the energy fresh and I am constantly on my toes.

**How do you feel about being nominated:** I am definitely very honored to be nominated. I work in a fantastic school and so many of my colleagues deserve this privilege. That one of my counselees selected me surprised me, but I feel very encouraged that the job I try to do daily was recognized and I am thrilled.

— A.J. Hakim

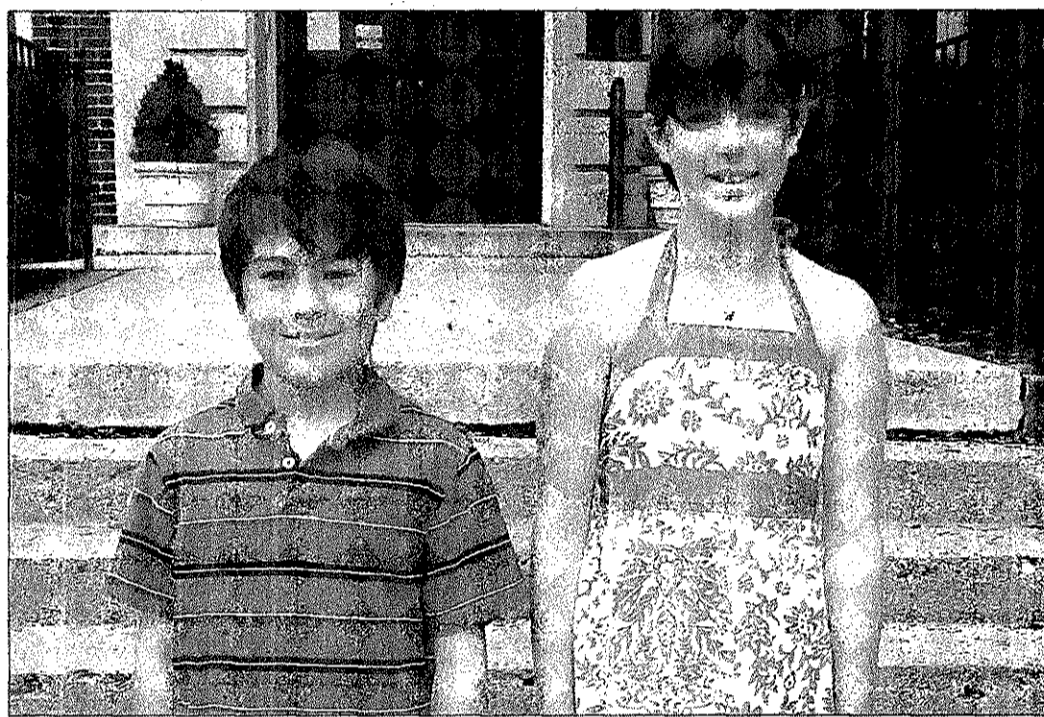


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## Students place high in contest

Richard Elementary School fifth-graders Evan Nguyen and Hannah Stevenson placed second and third, respectively, at the East Central division level of the Daughters of the American Revolution Junior American contest, "Preserving America's Past."

Students designed either a postage stamp or poster reflecting the theme. Nguyen decorated a stamp, while Stevenson created a poster.

Both students won at the local (Louisa St. Clair Chapter) and state levels of their respective categories. For their success, the students received certificates and a monetary prize.

## School briefs

### Community forum on open enrollment proposal

State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a community forum to discuss Gov. Rick Snyder's proposal requiring school districts to lend themselves to school of choice, or open enrollment.

The forum is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, in the multi-purpose room at Brownell Middle School.

"Grosse Pointe residents invest heavily in high quality schools for our children, and any proposals that affect our schools deserve careful consideration," Bledsoe said in a release. "The governor's proposal to require Grosse Pointe schools to fill seats with non-residents would have a significant impact on our local schools. This forum will provide an excellent opportunity to fully air the pros and cons of the governor's plan."

Michael Van Beek, director of education policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, and Brendan Walsh, treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, are scheduled to participate in discussion.

For more information, call Bledsoe at (888) 254-5291 or via e-mail, [timbledsoe@house.mi.gov](mailto:timbledsoe@house.mi.gov).

### North students create Ford Focus commercial

Grosse Pointe North students Danny Schrage and Chris Janson created a commercial for the 2012 Ford Focus competing in the Ford Focus on Schools contest.

In meeting the contest's ap-

proval, the students automatically won \$500 and entered into a competition with 50 other schools, in which the video receiving the most votes wins \$10,000.

With the cooperation of the Roy O'Brien Ford Dealership, Schrage and Janson created a one-minute commercial, referencing a scene from the John Hughes film, "Ferris Bueller's Day off," with Schrage portraying Bueller and Janson, his friend, Cameron Frye.

The contest was open to high schools specifically selected by participating dealers located in the Great Lakes market area.

The deadline to vote is Friday, July 15.

To vote, visit the students' video site at [https://www.fordfocusschools.com/Home/Video?videoid=YVY80bi\\_07w](https://www.fordfocusschools.com/Home/Video?videoid=YVY80bi_07w).

### Superintendent finalists set for community reception, second interviews

The three finalists in the search for the next Grosse Pointe public schools superintendent partake in a community reception preceding a second session of interviews.

The reception is in the Grosse Pointe South student commons and the interviews in the auditorium.

The schedule is as follows:

- Thomas Harwood, July 11, reception 7-8 a.m.; interview 6-8 p.m.


- Michael (Jon) Dean, July 11, reception 5-6 p.m.; interview 8-10 p.m.

- Richard Machesky, July 12, reception 5-6 p.m.; interview 6-8 p.m.



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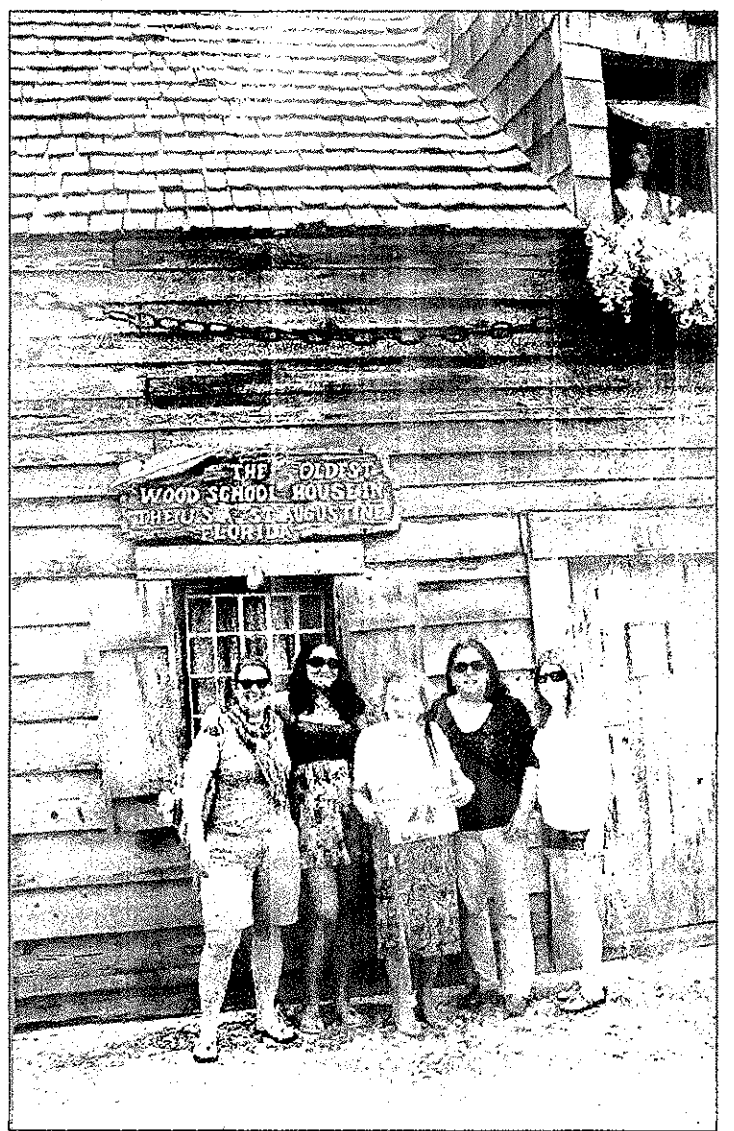
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OUR NEWS WILL TRAVEL



Life-long Grosse Pointe friends reunite on the beach in Cancun, Mexico, before the wedding of their friend, Jonathan Van Assche. Left to right are: Gabe Weinert of Manhattan Beach, Calif., Nick Chapie of Royal Oak, P.J. Vlahantones of Grosse Pointe Farms, Van Assche of Scottsdale, Ariz., Pete Gusmano of Grosse Pointe Woods, Robby Becker of Troy and Tom Keller of Manhattan Beach, Calif.



Three generations of the Gilbert family in St. Augustine, Fla. Matriarch Jean Gilbert of the City of Grosse Pointe is in the middle between by her daughters and granddaughters, left to right, Kathryn Gilbert, Jordan Kyle, Suzanne Hale and Elizabeth Hale.



Amy Bonner, left, and her sister, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Beth Kozik in Scottsdale, Ariz., after running the P.F. Chang's Rock 'n' Roll marathon.

When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



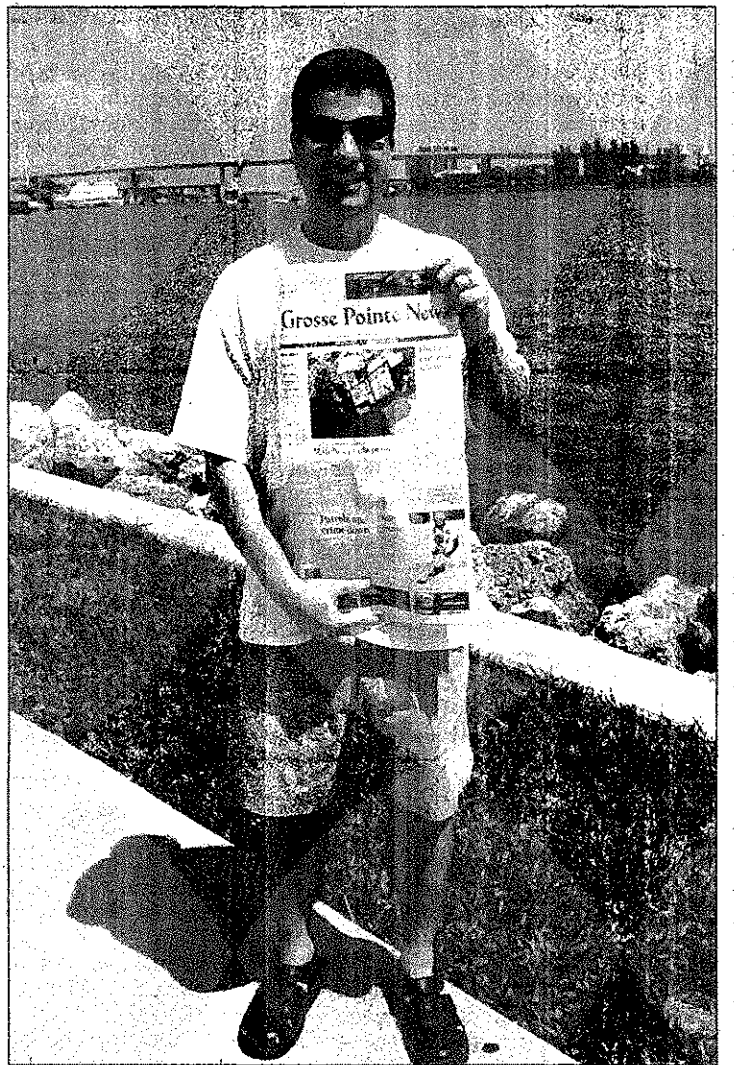
Paul Lavins of Grosse Pointe Park, right, in the Amazon Rain Forest with his guide holding a butterfly peacock bass.



Pam Webb of Grosse Pointe Farms vacationing in Naples, Fla.



Grosse Pointe North seniors on the beach in Destin, Fla., during spring break.



City of Grosse Pointe resident Theodore G. Coutilish with the Grosse Pointe News in Miami, Fla.



Scuba diving in Cozumel, Mexico, are City of Grosse Pointe residents Stephanie Flom, James Flom and Jimmy Flom and James Lingscheit of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Left to right, Laurie Rabaut Wren, Grosse Pointe Park resident Diane Howell Sullivan, Judy Weiss Buchanan and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Anna Mae Feist Reinhard in Punta Gorda, Fla. The four have been friends since meeting at St. Clare of Montefalco school in 1943 and attending Dominican High School.

# OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

## John Anthony De Foe

Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Anthony De Foe, 84, died Thursday, June 30, 2011, at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He was born May 22, 1927, in Detroit to Joseph and Francis De Foe. Soon after graduating from Southeastern High school in 1945 he joined the U.S. Army where he served as a staff sergeant stationed in France during World War II.

Shortly after returning to the United States, Mr. De Foe began his long career serving the City of Grosse Pointe Farms. He began by overseeing many of the transformations that occurred in the early years of Pier Park. He also helped commission the first beach sand to be brought to the park from Northern Michigan because he was so impressed with its high quality.

That same attention to detail and quality followed him throughout his nearly 50-year career as public service director of Grosse Pointe Farms. His love for the city was most evident with the beautification that came about from his prolific tree planting program. His dedication to the city was only surpassed by his love of his family, whom he

put above all else.

Mr. De Foe is survived by his daughter, Julianne and her husband, Brian Suarez; his beloved grandchildren, Adam, Ben and Catherine Suarez; his sisters, Marguerite DePuys, Marie VandenBoom and Joanne Leonard, as well as his former wife, Patricia De Foe (nee Bielman).

He will also be missed by his brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends and colleagues.

He was predeceased by his brother, Joseph De Foe.

A funeral service was held July 5 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass was celebrated July 6 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Our Lady Star of the Sea School, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or Capuchin Monastery, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

## David Miller McDonald

Former Grosse Pointe resident David Miller McDonald, 65, passed away peacefully with his daughters present in Anaheim, Calif., Thursday,

June 16, 2011, after a battle with cancer.

Born March 26, 1946, in Grosse Pointe, he attended De La Salle High School and Wayne State University, from which he received a bachelor's degree, followed by graduate studies at the University of Detroit.

Mr. McDonald's career in the medical sales field began in Michigan where he worked for Abbott and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Over the next 25 years, he specialized in orthopedic sales, first with Howmedica and later establishing his own firm, Western Ontario Orthopedic Sales in London, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. McDonald's interests included World War II military history, model building, fishing, camping, boats, golf and traveling. He was dedicated to his wife, and to his children in whom he instilled leadership skills, a desire to do right by others and an appreciation for home, the outdoors, and the funnier things in life.

Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife, Elaine; children, Tara, Krista and Kenneth; five grandchildren and his brothers, Michael and Brian.

He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Shirley McDonald.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to Orchards Childrens Services' "Summer Adventures Camp" at orchards.org.

## Milton Anthony Meininger Jr.

Milton "Milt" Anthony Meininger Jr., beloved husband, father, brother and friend, died peacefully at his home Thursday, June 30, 2011.

He will be greatly missed by his wife of 45 years, Elizabeth Joy (nee Amoroso) of Grosse



John Anthony De Foe



David Miller McDonald



Milton Anthony Meininger Jr.



Mardene Galanos Morykwas



Julia McMahon Tyler

Pointe Park; his children, Steven Michael (Laura) of Gilroy, Calif., and Thomas Milton of San Jose, Calif.; brother, James Anthony (Sharon) of Clearwater, Fla.; sister, Judith (Mario) Cudini; nephew, Robert Meininger Cudini, of Grosse Pointe Farms and niece, Diane Mary of Naples, Fla.

The Meininger family emigrated from Germany in the 1830s and became farmers in what was Grosse Pointe Township. They owned the farm for more than 100 years. The Meininger farm was located where Defer Elementary School is now located. The Meiningers were among the first parishioners at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Many relatives are buried in St. Paul Cemetery. The Meiningers are also descendants of former Michigan Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck.

Mr. Meininger was born Feb. 28, 1943, in Detroit to Milton A. Sr. and Elva Amelia (nee Sanders). The family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods where Milt attended St. Juliana and St. Joan of Arc Elementary Schools, and Austin Catholic Preparatory High School. A week after receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit in 1966, he married Joy. The couple lived briefly in Dallas where Mr. Meininger worked at Texas Instruments. They moved to West Lafayette, Ind., and had their two sons. After obtaining his master's and doctorate degrees from Purdue University, the family moved to St. Louis, Mo., where Mr. Meininger worked at McDonnell Douglas Corp. before moving to San Jose, Calif., where he worked at National Semiconductor, Hewlett-Packard and IBM. He

retired from IBM in 2001 after 22 years.

Mr. Meininger and his wife then settled in Lincoln, Calif.

Mr. Meininger loved working on his family's genealogy, keeping up with technology issues, exercising, walking his dog, Annie, and visiting with family and friends. He was a dedicated ethical vegetarian and respected all life.

Private services will be held.

Donations may be made to The Cancer Project, 51000 Wisconsin Avenue N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Express condolences or share a memory at lassilafuneralchapels.com.

## Mardene Galanos Morykwas

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mardene Galanos Morykwas, 55, died Saturday, May 14, 2011, at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C.

She was born Sept. 3, 1955, in Grosse Pointe Farms to Steven P. and Georgia Pappas Galanos and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Morykwas taught in the communications department at Wake Forest

University until retiring in 2001 to concentrate on her philanthropic pursuits. These included the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, for which she was inducted into the Circle of Distinction; children's causes through the national Philoptochos Society of the Greek Orthodox Church, for which she received a woman of the year award; and adaptive sports programs for disabled children and veterans.

She expressed her love of animals by founding and chairing the annual Furr Ball for the Forsyth Humane Society and she was a major supporter of Canine Companions for Independence, which named a service dog in honor of her support.

Mrs. Morykwas is survived by her husband, Michael; her aunt, Angeline Pappas of Rye, N.Y. and her half-sisters, Patricia Kosmas of Grosse Pointe Park, Dorothy Sideropolis of Warren, Ohio and Constance Szymczak of Bloomfield Hills.

A funeral service was held May 19 at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Winston-Salem. A 40 days memorial was held at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Detroit.

Donations may be made to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, 435 Keating Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 or the Forsyth Humane Society at forsythhumane.org.

## Julia McMahon Tyler

Julia Ann "Nancy" McMahon Tyler died Monday, June 27, 2011.

She was born Nov. 24, 1926, in Tulsa, Okla., to Charles L. and Mays (nee Cleveland) McMahon.

Mrs. McMahon and her husband, Tim, loved to ski and hike the mountains of Colorado. Traveling the world together, Mrs. McMahon surrounded herself with many friends and her devoted family. She actively volunteered for several charities. A cancer survivor for many years, she was an inspiration to all.

Mrs. McMahon is survived by her husband, John L. "Tim" Tyler, whom she married Jan. 2, 1989. Previously married to Cyril J. Edwards, who predeceased her, she is survived by their children, Charles, Keith, Phil, Stanley, and Janet; six grandchildren, as well as numerous stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 30 in Denver. Services will be held in Vail at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Children's Hospital Foundation, 13123 East 16th Ave., Aurora, CO 80045.

### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Lake Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on:

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to MCL 211.53.b, the Board of Review convenes on the Tuesday after the third Monday in July for the purpose of correcting assessments resulting from a clerical error or a mutual mistake of fact, late filed Principal Residence Exemptions, and 2011 Poverty Exemption Applications. Petitions will be accepted until, Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the City Hall.

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 6, 2011

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Hugh Marshall.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Hugh Marshall from tonight's meeting due to the passing of his father.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 16, 2011, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held on May 23, 2011 and the Planning Commission meeting held on May 25, 2011.
- 3) To table the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-01 entitled "An Ordinance Requiring Handbill Distributors to Obtain a License and to Register with the Police Department."
- 4) That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 be cancelled.
- 5) To add to the agenda discussion and/or action on directing the City Manager to prepare proposals for a private ambulance service, and furthermore, explore the possibility of contracting out our Police and Fire services as a means of addressing the City's financial situation with each item voted upon separately.
- 6) To direct the City Manager to prepare a report by the next meeting that provides City Council with options for contracting out Police and Fire Services, and the financial impact these changes, if pursued, would have on the budget.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 93762 through 93881 from our former check printing system and Check Numbers 94415 through 94501 from our new check printing system (93882 through 94414 have been destroyed) in the amount of \$1,006,888.97 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$8,401.70 for professional services during the month of April 2011 for the following projects: Traffic Signal Upgrades, #180-124; Handicap Ramp Upgrades, #180-126; 2010 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-129; 2011 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-136 and Johnston Park Tennis Courts, #180-096. (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$6,448.00 for grass cutting in various residential areas of the City. (4) Approve the appointment of Ms. Nicole Jackson to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term as recommended by the Council sub-committee on Boards/Commissions.
- 2) To receive and file the transcript of a Public Hearing held by the City of Harper Woods and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) on April 12, 2011 and to accept the recommendation of the City Manager as set forth in the February 2011 Management Report that the City's Dial-A-Ride service be discontinued effective July 1, 2011.
- 3) To approve payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$7,834.96 for the Beaconsfield Traffic Signal Upgrade project.
- 4) To approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$201,000.00 for workers' compensation insurance from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 5) To approve the Traffic Control Device Cost Sharing and Participation Agreement #2011-503 between Macomb County Department of Roads, the City of Eastpointe and the City of Harper Woods for the operation and maintenance of the traffic control device located at Beaconsfield and East Eight Mile Road.
- 6) That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 be cancelled.
- 7) To direct the City Manager to prepare proposals for a private ambulance service for the July 11 Council meeting for City Council's review and consideration.
- 8) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor  
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Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk



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# Explorer set to capture SUV intenders



The Ford Explorer, redesigned for 2011, can be described as: long, wide, comfortable, capacious, handsome, versatile and powerful.

And the base price of the 2011 XLT — one of three models available — is competitive.

The test Explorer XLT with 3.5-liter V-6, six-speed automatic and four-wheel drive had a sticker starting at \$33,190. That seemed like a very reasonable figure for such a large and powerful SUV. It included seating for seven (split bench second row), power windows and locks, a reverse sensing system, satellite radio, halogen headlights, roof rack, privacy glass for rear passengers and a leather-wrapped steering wheel with tilt function.

There also were some \$6,320 in options. A \$3,570 package comprised rearview camera, dual-zone air conditioning and the MyFord Touch for passenger comfort and entertainment.

As for the dual-zone air conditioning in this package, one would definitely want it in an SUV this size with such seating capacity. The rearview camera is also important, as the Explorer is a large vehicle, leading to some visibility issues.

Driven by the commitment to give customers unsurpassed fuel efficiency with each new vehicle, Ford at-

omatic transmission, this 3.5-liter V-6 is able to deliver more than 20 percent better fuel economy compared with the previous Explorer V6 model.

Explorer V6 models are available with a situation-selectable 4WD system with terrain management. Ford says the system takes the guesswork out of the 4WD range choice — especially for those new to 4WD. The driver turns the console-mounted 4WD control knob to deal with snow, sand, mud and normal modes. This system also includes a hill descent mode. Earlier models with 4WD offered “high,” “low” and “normal” settings. It was up to the driver to determine which was needed for current conditions.

Ford says Explorer’s variable-displacement air conditioning compressor and tires with reduced rolling resistance have helped increase fuel efficiency.

The 2011 Explorer XLT with the V-6 engine and four-wheel drive earned EPA fuel economy estimates of 17 miles per gallon city and 23 mpg highway. That puts it a little lower than mid-range among competing SUVs.

### New safety feature

Ford now offers what it says are the world’s first second-row inflatable rear belts. Rear-seat passengers often are children or mature adults who may be more vulnerable to head, chest and neck injuries. The inflatable rear belts spread impact forces across more than five times the area than conventional seat belts, reducing pressure on the chest while helping to control head and neck mo-



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

The redesigned 2011 Ford Explorer has sleeker lines and shows a kind of quiet confidence. Ford puts a 3.5-liter V-6 in all models of the 2011 Explorer. A 2.0-liter EcoBoost turbocharged four is available.



Even with a third row of seats, the Explorer has cargo space behind an optional adjustable power rear liftgate. Access to the two places in Explorer’s third row requires some climbing and bending skills.

tacked every detail to transform Explorer with significantly improved fuel economy:

Ford says Explorer’s available direct-injection 2.0-liter EcoBoost I-4 is primed to deliver power and fuel economy. The turbocharged and inter-cooled I-4 engine develops 237 horsepower and 250 pound-feet of torque from 1,700 through 4,000 rpm. The 2.0-liter EcoBoost is available as an option on base, XLT and Limited models.

Explorer’s standard power-train combines front-wheel drive with a 3.5-liter V-6 engine that cranks out some 290 horsepower and 255 pound-feet of torque. Individually optimized camshaft timing of valve opening and closing functions improve mechanical efficiency while delivering more power and reducing part-throttle emissions, Ford says. Mated to a six-speed au-

tion. Inflatable belts are said to be more comfortable for passengers, due to padding.

Explorer safety features include adaptive cruise control and collision warning with brake support and a blind spot system that alerts the driver to cross traffic passing behind the vehicle on the street or in a crowded parking lot.

### Explorer hauls

While the third row seats add people-hauling power, they are not easy to reach. Expect a high step up to get into the Explorer through the second-row passenger door. This must be followed by an athletic scrunching of the adult body to move into the third-row area.

Once there, the “mature” person is likely to feel some claustrophobia. The side windows are smaller; the legroom is comparable to economy-class on a plane.

Headroom is OK and there is a cupholder. Our advice: Let the children do the two-person third row.

Explorer models with V-6 power are rated to tow a maximum of 5,000 pounds. To aid with hookup, a reverse camera with zoom-in function is available to aid the driver. The Explorer towing package includes trailer sway control to help minimize trailer sway, Ford says. Trailer brake controller wiring is also included, as is a tow/haul mode. Engaging tow/haul mode increases engine braking to help slow the vehicle and trailer when descending steep grades, Ford says.

### Icing on the cake

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## EXPLORER: Top-of-line Limited

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ready well-equipped SUV. They include PowerFold side-view mirrors with driver's side memory, colorful ambient lighting, adjustable pedals with memory function, dual-zone electronic temperature control, a remote start system, a 10-way power driver's seat and a rearview camera.

We found the various beeping warning systems in the XLT confusing and annoying. One tone told of objects near the side of the vehicle; another warned of the closeness of something behind the Explorer. Those beeps increased as the driver came closer to the parked car, for example.

The XLT also had a backup camera which clearly showed on the information screen where the Explorer is in relation to objects behind it.

We were intrigued with the power rear liftgate which can be opened from the key fob and appears to have adjustable heights. A handy button at the door's base closes it automatically, eliminating the reach and haul effort.

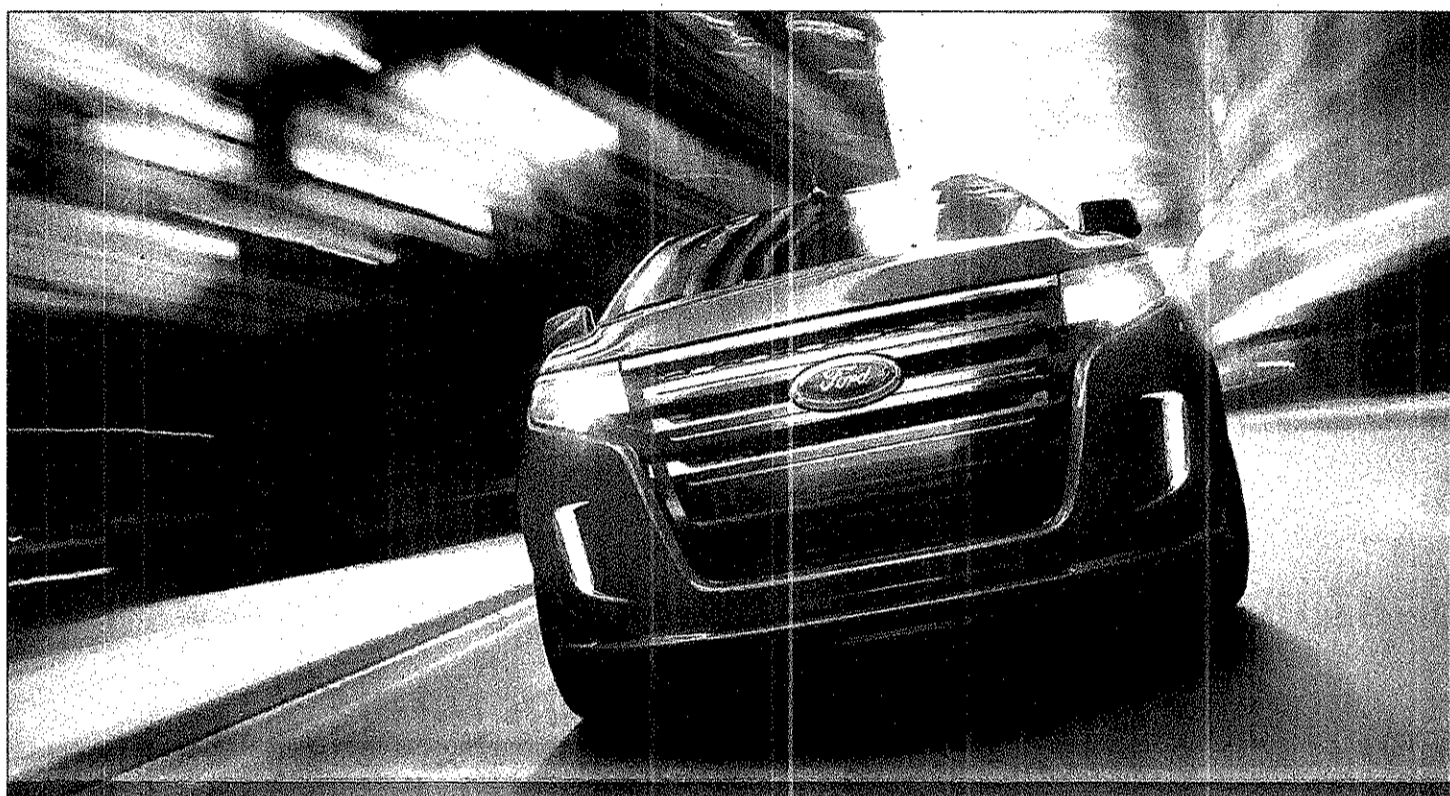
Explorer models can be ordered with wheel sizes ranging from 17- to 20-inch. Assembled in Chicago, the new unibody Explorer for 2011 weighs around 4,500 pounds. Four-wheel drive adds several hundred pounds.

Prices for the 2011 Explorer range from around \$28,000 for the base with front drive to \$37,500 and up for the Limited, depending on the addition of options.

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

## 2012 Ford Edge Sport

The 2012 Ford Edge Sport features a 3.7-liter V6 engine that delivers 305 horsepower, 22-inch wheels and a sport-tuned suspension. EPA numbers: 18 mpg city and 25 mpg highway. Edge Sport is further distinguished by a black grille, oval chrome exhaust tips, aluminum pedal covers, class-exclusive paddle shifters and six-speed SelectShift Automatic transmission.



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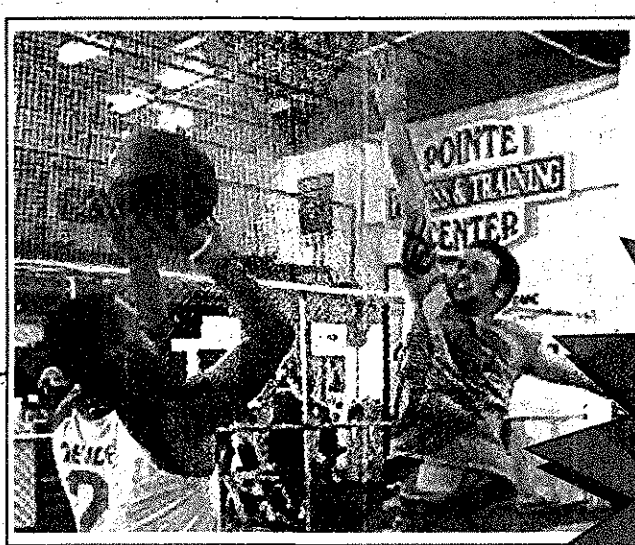
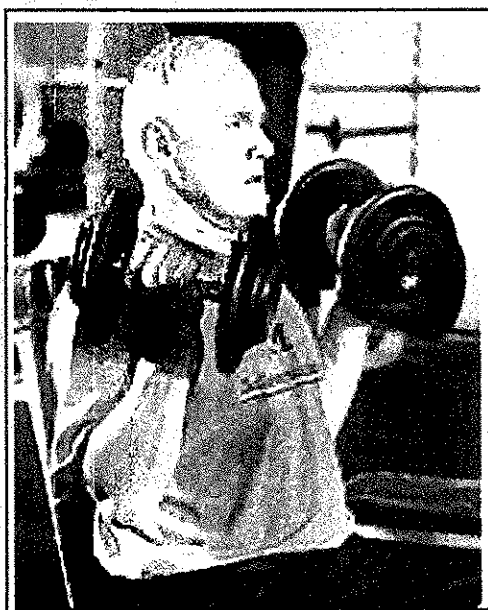
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How do you like your chocolate? Whether milk, white or dark, it's all good. On it's behalf, it's time to celebrate **National Chocolate Day**.

# Honoring chocolate

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

It's found in and on cakes, pastries, cookies, ice cream, fudge, pudding and drinks.

It's fermented, ground, powdered, dipped, melted, sweetened, hardened, slurped and crunched.

It's chocolate, and regardless of its form, it has satisfied the sweet tooth for more than four centuries. But few people know its rich history.

So, in honor of today — National Chocolate Day — here's a brief glimpse into the history of that most delectable of treats.

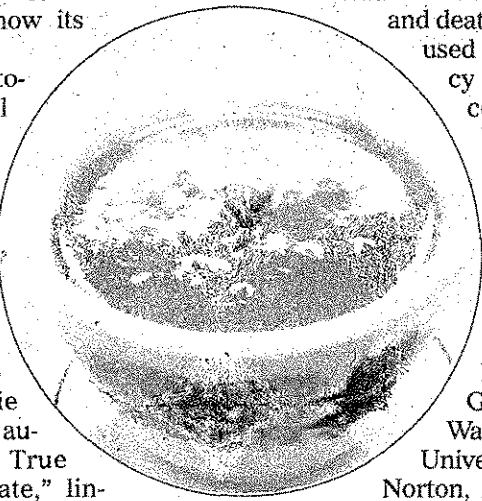
Though difficult to pinpoint its exact beginnings, according to Sophie and Michael Coe, authors of "The True History of Chocolate," linguistic evidence suggests its origins span three to four millennia. It dates back to the Olmec and other pre-Columbian Mesoamerican cul-

tures such as the Mayans and Aztecs, who called it "xocoatl," or bitter water, referring to a drink brewed from the cacao bean.

In fact, the word chocolate refers to anything made from the beans, while cacao is the plant or bean before processing.

Mesoamerican cultures believed the cacao bean had magical properties and incorporated it in the sacred rituals of birth, marriage and death. They even used it as currency — and access to the bean signified a higher status in society.

Assistant professor of history at George Washington University, Marcy Norton, in her essay "Conquests of Chocolate," wrote "chocolate in the Mexica world was associated with status within a deeply stratified society.



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The Henry Ford Museum hosted a five-course dinner, showcasing the various uses of chocolate in everyday foods, including cocoa-rubbed braised beef short ribs with stout demi, above. Right, dessert featured a flourless chocolate torte. Left, the meal started with a bittersweet chocolate bisque, with Tabone dried cherries.

One of the privileges of status was special, perhaps exclusive, access to chocolate."

So much so, that Ancient cultures considered it a bad omen had a commoner drank chocolate.

Despite dating back three to four millennia, chocolate existed only in its pure, bitter liquid form.

Mesoamericans preferred it finely ground, soft, foamy, reddish and bitter. They mixed the cacao and water with achiote (reddish tint), chili peppers (for spice) and wild bee honey (sweetening effect) and enhanced it with aromatic tropical flowers.

Not until the Spaniards brought chocolate to Europe July 7, 1550

(hence the today's recognition as National Chocolate Day), and it became widely available over time, did European chemists experiment with new ways of using it.

According to Amanda Bensen's article "A Brief History of Chocolate"

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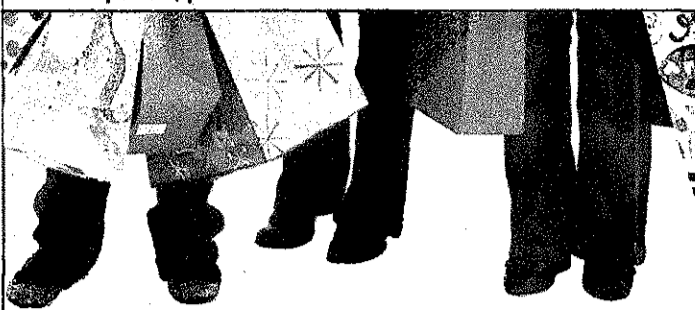
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### Yesterday's Headlines

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

## 1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **BOY DROWNS AT PIER PARK:** A 7-year-old Grosse Pointe Park boy drowned in the pool at the Park's waterfront park. He was the first such victim in the waterfront park history.

The boy's body was discovered by a woman who while walking on the dock, slipped and fell into the five-foot deep water. As she clambered out of the water, she touched "something with my foot that felt funny." She notified lifeguards who brought the body out of the water and began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The boy was pronounced dead on arrival at Bon Secours Hospital.

◆ **MAN KILLED IN FALL OFF BAKERY ROOF:** A 50-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man died of head and internal injuries minutes after he was taken to Bon Secours Hospital by Park police.

Police said the man apparently fell from a chair while sitting near the edge of the roof of the Verdonck Bakery on Mack. The man and his wife live in an apartment over the bakery and use part of the roof as a back porch.

The bakery owner called Park police at 4 a.m. to inform them that two of his bakers found a man lying in the areaway at the rear of the bakery. The man was able to tell officers he had fallen from the roof, a drop of 12 feet.

◆ **APOLOGY EXTENDED TO PARK POLICE IN TILT OVER SHOOTING:** A routine prowler run, possible murder, hours of investigation, criticism of the manner in which Park police handled the matter, postponement of requests for a warrant and personal apologies to the police officers criticized, were among the chain of events that followed the fatal shooting of a 30-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, by his 27-year-old best friend.

The friend insisted he mistook the victim for a burglar.



FROM THE JULY 6, 1961 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1961: Balloon ascension

Helium filled balloons arose in a cloud from the Neighborhood Club playground as the day campers enjoyed one of the season's most popular events. Postcards, self-addressed, are attached to each balloon and each youngster hopes for the prize designating that his entry has traveled the farthest.

## 1968

25 years ago this week

◆ **FOX CREEK RESIDENTS DISGUSTED WITH SEWAGE:** Residents of the Fox Creek-Harbor Island area have been complaining for 30 years about the pollution of the waters by the city of Grosse Pointe Park. This year's high water levels have caused the chorus to pipe up again.

The problem is multifaceted. Grosse Pointe Park's storm and sanitary sewers are combined. Whenever there is a heavy storm, rainwater overloads the system and the excess is dumped straight into Fox Creek without treatment.

◆ **WILD DOGS SHOT BY POLICE:** Grosse Pointe Shores police shot and killed three large dogs running wild. The animals were cornered in a back yard on Lochmoor, when an officer shot them with a shotgun after they came at him "in a vicious way," growling and showing their teeth, the police report states.

◆ **THE PUNCH GETS NEW/OLD NAME:** ... the winner is Joan Towar of Grosse Pointe Farms who will receive \$100 for her suggestion in the

Name the Building contest.

Readers were asked in May to submit names for the vacant Punch & Judy Theatre. Renovation has begun and the building will see new life as an office and retail complex.

The new/old name is ... the Punch & Judy Building.

## 2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS STUDIES PARKING DECK FOR RICHARD LOT:** In an effort to find parking for a proposed private building development on the Hill, the Farms is looking at building a parking deck on the Richard municipal lot.

◆ **CANDIDATE WINS RIGHT TO USE ALIAS ON BALLOT:** Grosse Pointe Farms city council candidate Charles "Terry" Davis III won the right in Wayne County Circuit Court to have the name Terry include on the August Farms primary ballot.

Candidate Davis said that for 57 years he has been known by the name of Terry and it is his belief that few people would recognize the name Charles S. Davis III.

◆ **SHORES TO PROTEST**

◆ **DETROIT WATER RATES BY WITHHOLDING FEES:** Based on the belief that the Detroit Water and Sewer Department has been overcharging Grosse Pointe Shores for water, Grosse Pointe Shores officials will place a portion of its payment to Detroit into an escrow account until a more accurate water fee is determined.

## 2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **FISHFLIES ATTACK POINTIES EARLY:** There wasn't even time to prepare for the invasion this year.

They came almost a month early, covering sidewalks overwhelming buildings and releasing a putrid stench to signal their return. The fishflies are back.

◆ **WINDOW SHATTERED, BB PELLET FOUND:** Vandals shot out the front window of a house in the first block of Briarwood Place in Grosse Pointe Farms. An officer discovered a BB pellet between the window and screen.

"The pattern of trajectory is level with a car," police said.

Compiled by Karen Fontanive

## What's happening

Outdoor concerts beside Lake St. Clair to camps and educational programs for people of all ages, there are many activities offered at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for events and for more information, call (313) 881-7511. Upcoming programs include:

◆ **Summer Sauces, Spreads & Dips** — 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 14. Learn about summer's fresh sauces, spreads and dips that do not need to be cooked on the stove. The instructor is Pam Gustairs. The cost is \$41.

◆ **Yummy Art Youth Camp** — 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 18-22. Children ages 6-9 design cupcakes, create mosaics from chocolate syrup and sculpt with spaghetti. The cost is \$128 for five classes and a \$35 materials fee, payable at time of registration.

◆ **Making Your Own Star Wars Movie** — 12:30 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 18-22. Movie makers 9-12 years old learn how to fuse digital cameras, software and LEGO toys. The cost is \$208 for five classes. Advanced registration is required by Friday, July 15.

◆ **Digital Movie Making** — 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 18-22. Filmmakers, ages aged 7-9, learn what they need to create a work for the Computer Explorers Film Festival. The cost is \$128 for five classes. Advanced registration is required by Friday, July 15.

◆ **The Beat Club at the Summer Music**

◆ **Festival** — Wednesday, July 20. This Beatles tribute band hails from Michigan and recreates everything from the sounds of the Fab 4 to the style of the band's stage presence. Grounds open at 6 p.m.; show begins at 7:30 p.m., rain or shine.

◆ **LEGO 3D Architectural Design Youth Camp** — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 25-29. Learn the principles of engineering and design using LEGO blocks in this program for youngster ages 6-9. The cost is \$203 for five classes. Advanced registration is required by Friday, July 22.

◆ **Steve King & the Dittilies at the Summer Music Festival** — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27. Billed as America's favorite rock 'n' roll band and variety show, the band showcases hits from the 1930s through the present. Grounds open at 6 p.m.

## CHOCOLATE: A flavor to savor

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in the Smithsonian Magazine, chocolate first appeared in powdered form in 1828 when a Dutch chemist removed about half the natural fat from chocolate liquor, pulverizing what remained and treating the mixture with alkaline salts to cut the bitter taste.

In 1847, Joseph Fry added the cacao butter back into the mix, along with sugar, creating a malleable paste. Thus, he's credited as creating the first chocolate bar.

In the years that followed, variations in chocolate bars and candies from the Cadbury (1868), Nestlé (1870), Hershey (1900), Baby Ruth (1920) and M & M (1930) companies, along with various smaller companies, further expanded chocolate's availability across the globe. While varied in some de-

gree depending on the company, the basic process of creating a chocolate bar consists of: choosing the bean, roasting each variety separately, winnowing (removing the hard outer hulls and separating the nibs), melangéur (mashing the nibs into a thick paste), conching (heating and blending), tempering (heating and cooling) and molding and packaging (shaping, hardening and packaging).

To provide a better taste, companies now include more additives and sugar than actual cacao, balancing the fact it's made from the hardest but least flavorful of beans — the forastero.

Despite the change in its dynamic, it's still a more than \$4 billion industry and continues to satisfy sweet teeth across the country.



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Chicken molé with fried tortillas. The molé is blended with hints of chocolate.



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**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Congregational Church Mission presentation**

The Outreach Committee of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, sponsors a mission presentation at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 7, in the church lounge.

David Maurer and his wife, Vivia, disciple Chinese children and provide a biblical

foundation for them to draw upon.

The couple teaches 6-10 students and meets with them three hours every weekday for a year.

They are seeking partnerships with churches, small groups and individuals for financial and prayer support. All income comes through these partnerships.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

By Rev. Matt Parker Wrzeszcz

**A common table**

This summer, our community will be filled with the sounds of laughter, conversation, music and sizzling grills.

These sounds will emanate from numerous family reunions, gatherings of friends, local festivals, picnics and summer parties. Each gathering brings people together in a variety of ways.

There will always be some people at these gatherings that you love, admire and adore, such as a cousin you have not seen for a long time. Others will simply be annoying, such as the aunt and uncle who still imagine you running around in diapers. Often we can find ourselves in an odd mix of people.

These situations often bring together people who normally do not associate with one another throughout the year. Yet, we are reunited with one another because we have something in common.

Our faith informs us that we are reunited with one another because we have something in common. Christians believe we are united in Jesus Christ and it is Christ that gathers us together around a common table. What's amazing is we are all called to gather together (and it can be a pretty strange mix of people)!

It is God who both loves us and can recall when we were running around in diapers. It is God who calls us to gather in community and love one another.

As you gather together this summer, remember God loves you and continues to invite you to a (huge) family reunion. God's Peace.

*Parker Wrzeszcz is associate pastor and director of youth ministries Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.*



**Carillon recital**

Sipkje Pesnichak, of Ann Arbor, performs a carillon concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. She earned a master's degree in oboe performance and is a professional organist and instrumental music teacher. A television screen is provided for those seated outdoors. Following the performance, the carillon tower is open. Admission is free, donations are accepted.

**Hymn sing**

An old-fashioned hymn sing in celebration of God and country is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the church.

The evening features the Musical Miller family, of Grosse Pointe Park, with selections of organ, brass, and flute music interspersed with hymn favorites.

A reception follows in the church lounge.

The evening is hosted by the Women's Fellowship of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

**St. James**

St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, has summer Eucharist services at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

**St. Albertus**

St. Albertus historic church has an 11 a.m. Sunday, July 10, Mass for past and present members. A Polish picnic follows the Mass to observe the 139th anniversary of the church.

Food is available for sale. Doors open at 10 a.m. For more information, call (313) 527-9321 or (313) 664-0257.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

**Chloe Angenette Maks**

R. Erick and Holly Beighley Maks, of the City of Grosse Pointe, are the parents of a daughter, Chloe Angenette Maks, born April 5, 2011.

Fred and Patsy Beighley, of Upper St. Clair, Pa., are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are William and Rebecca McCoy, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Raymond and Tina Maks, of Sterling Heights.

Great-grandmother is Elise Beighley Blanford, of Apollo, Pa.

**Landon Zhi Schleicher**

Hobie Schleicher, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Sonia Chen, of Torrence, Calif., are the parents of a son, Landon Zhi Schleicher, born May 29, 2011.

Ken and Lyiang Chen, of Torrence, Calif., are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Nancy Schleicher, of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Joann and Louis Schleicher, of St. Clair Shores, are the great-grandparents.

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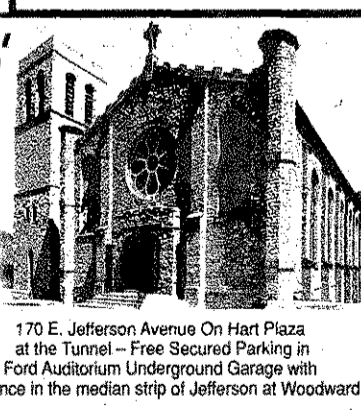
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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

# Challenges for working caregivers



**A**t a time when companies are trying to increase productivity, reduce costs and enhance products and services, a growing crisis is preventing them from reaching their goals.

Few companies realize the implications working caregivers have on their internal costs and the company's bottom line.

Still fewer know where to look for these hidden costs. Only one in 70 midsize to large companies knows how to address this issue.

The closest a company comes to seeing the cost of caregiving are absenteeism re-

ports. Even when absenteeism is recorded, the relationship between the number of days missed and the reason is not clearly established.

Absenteeism may be the most obvious cost to the workforce, but it is not the only or even the most expensive. Other factors, such as a decreasing workforce, loss of good workers, increased health coverage, overtime and constant recruitment of new workers also costs the company and the workers.

The number of those in the workforce caring for a family member has increased threefold in the last five years and expected to rise in the next 10 years.

This is only the beginning and unless companies help their working caregivers, they can't keep their competitive advantage in the global economy. This problem no longer affects only women or lower in-

come workers, but also those at the CEO and lower administrative levels.

For years, the problem was handled by mid-level managers using leniency in granting workers permission to leave early, come late or refuse to work overtime. While managers have done their best to help, workers have been left alone to tackle the problem. They give up promotions, careers and training opportunities to provide care to a family member.

But these individual solutions are no longer appropriate or recommended.

The first sign of relief came with the passage of the Family Leave Act which allows workers to take time off to care for a family member. The law guarantees their jobs while they take unpaid leave, but it does nothing to educate, facilitate, support and provide the necessary assistance after the crisis

ends.

It also does nothing for the company that loses a valuable worker on a temporary basis and is replaced by someone not so experienced.

Many working caregivers have forfeited unpaid leave options due to finances and many aren't aware of the law. Something needs to be done.

Government can mandate employers with more than 50 workers to offer a portion of the time off with pay.

At the same time, companies are asking mandates be weakened to offer less time off or dismissal. This isn't going to solve the problem; rather increase absenteeism, loss of good workers and health care coverage resulting from higher health claims by working caregivers.

Companies need to include in their benefit package a working caregiver assistance

program. Those that do have achieved a higher degree of worker satisfaction, reduced the loss of good workers, increased the quality of their products and services and have kept the loyalty and goodwill of their workforce.

For working caregivers, this is the answer to their prayers. They no longer have to miss work, come late, leave early, be on an infinite number of phone calls or spend their entire working day worried about mother, father, or husband at home.

A caregiver assistance program would include resources to employers and ultimately to their employees faced with myriad questions that arise when confronted with elderly-related issues. This service would navigate the elder care service community, saving the employee time otherwise spent making phone calls and researching answers.

In my years helping working caregivers, I found a successful caregiver support program goes beyond information and provides intervention, services

and ongoing support tailored to the needs of each caregiver. I also found if corporations see this service as an imposition, not a quality control measure, they will never invest in it.

It is up to caregivers to make the corporate world aware of their needs and to support efforts that will alleviate ongoing burdens.

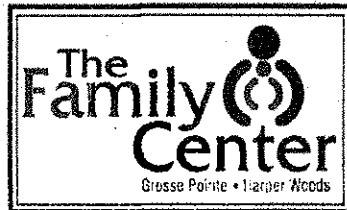
Contact human resources to see what is offered. If nothing, advise personnel assistance is available to support corporations dealing with this issue.

For corporations to maintain their competitive edge, they need dedicated and experienced workers willing to give 120 percent. This is achievable when companies are willing to help employees with caregiving responsibilities. This investment saves money and generates goodwill for all.

Murphy, of Grosse Pointe, is a certified senior advisor and owner of Home Helpers, a Non-Medical Home Care Business. She can be reached at (313) 881-4600 or via e-mail at [tmurphy572@comcast.net](mailto:tmurphy572@comcast.net).

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kathy Rager

## Enforcing Facebook rules



**Q.** I am really frustrated. My 15-year-old daughter knows the rules regarding what she can post on Facebook. But tonight when I viewed her page, I found a picture of her in a very revealing bathing suit and several nasty remarks, including four-letter words, about her algebra teacher. When I confronted

her, she said all the kids are doing it and it doesn't mean anything. How do I handle this?

**A.** I can remember when I was a teen, my mother tried to get me to limit the time I spent on the phone. My friends and I used to talk for literally hours about nothing. But in spite of my mother's frustration, it filled a need in me. That need was to have fellow comrades; peers that I could talk to for hours and share my problems, dreams and ideas.

Just like hanging on the telephone filled a need, Facebook is part of our children's social structure that makes them feel

part of something bigger than themselves. Use of Facebook, however, comes with some dangers.

Loss of relationships, jobs, college scholarships and exposure to some unsavory characters are all well-known consequences, but that doesn't mean much to our teens. Therein lies the responsibility of parents to be aware, set the limits and follow through on the consequences. Think of it as a bullet on your parental job description: It is my job to socialize my child so he/she may be acceptable to a broader society; it is my job to keep my child safe.

As you approach your daughter about her Facebook postings, you will want to stay calm. Most children will push the limits. Next, be firm. Your daughter knew the rules and chose to break them! If you haven't already, explain posting this type of information can be harmful to her future and state the rules.

If you have already had this discussion, do not have it again. I say this because teens

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SPIRIT OF WOMEN By Kathy Rager

## Treating pelvic pain and heavy menstrual cycles

**O**ftentimes having a hysterectomy is the only way to end a woman's pelvic pain and

heavy menstrual cycles. However, advances in technology can help women get back to their lives in about two weeks.

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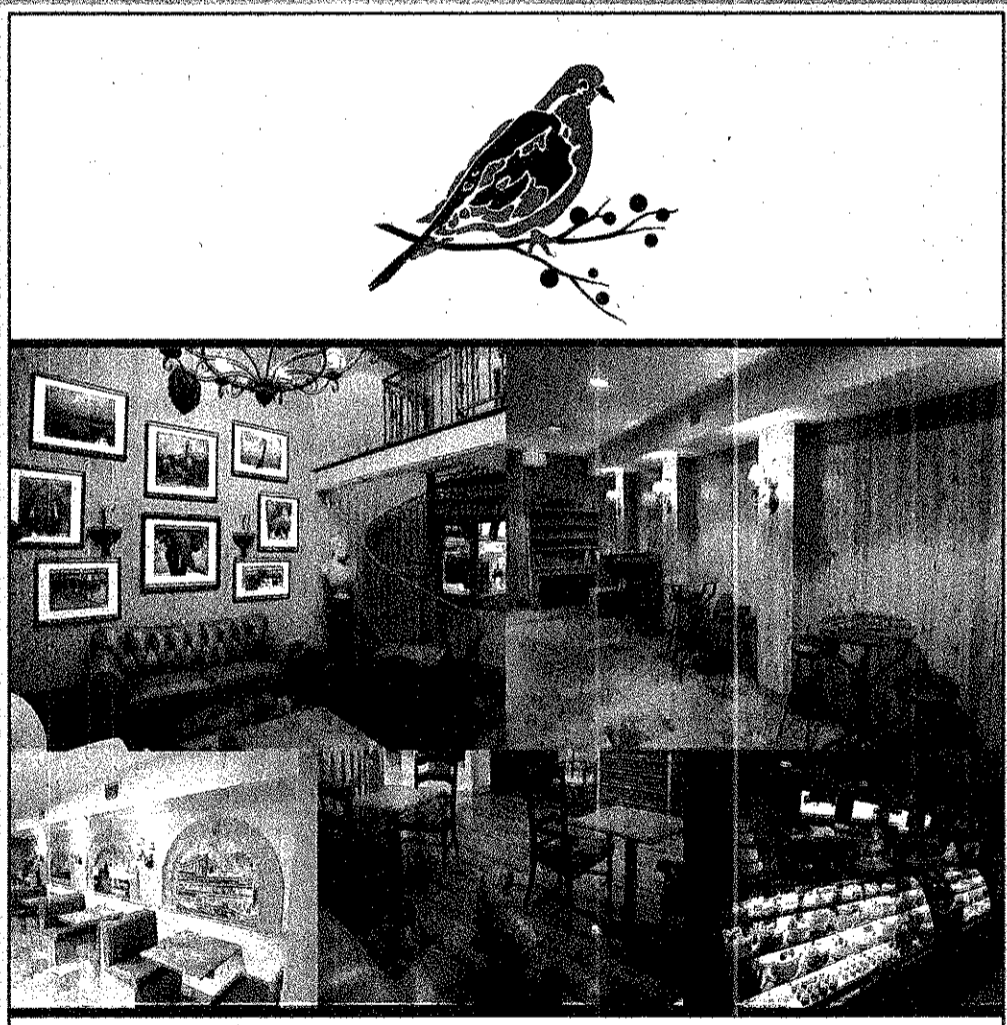
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# Ford House fulfills wishes

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House fulfills one family's fairy tale wishes with a Facebook contest.

Running through Wednesday, July 20, visitors to the Ford House Facebook page can enter to win one Family Four-Pack of tickets to attend Ford House's Fairy Tale Festival Saturday, July 23.

To enter, participants must become a fan of Ford House at [facebook.com/edselaneleanorfordhouse](http://facebook.com/edselaneleanorfordhouse) and enter an e-mail address via the sweepstakes application on the left-hand side of the page. No purchase is required. The winner is contacted via e-mail Thursday, July 21.

The Ford House's grounds set the stage for a day of imagination and wonder as fairy tales come to life during Ford House's first Fairy Tale Festival. Building on the Michigan Library Association's summer reading theme, "One World, Many Stories," the festival takes a global look at the



Illustration from "Cinderella."

tradition of storytelling through stories, music, theater, puppetry, hands-on activities and more.

The festival is in support of the exhibit, Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books, on display at Ford House July 16 - Sept. 18.

The exhibit features 59 illustrations from well-loved classic

fairy tales, such as "The Firebird," "Cinderella," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Little Red Riding Hood," as well as modern variations on traditional tales. The illustrations, by award-winning artists from across the globe, are coupled with the story behind the tales and the history of their effect on past and present cultures.

"This giveaway is our way of thanking our faithful social media followers and engaging new ones," said Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of communications for Ford House. "We are excited to share the enchantment of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House and the Fairy Tale Festival with the lucky winner."

For more information on the Fairy Tale Festival, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

**A LA ANNIE** By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Jazz up green beans



**G**reen beans are one of those vegetables we love to eat but run out of ways to serve. I turned to my wok this week and kicked up petite green beans with garlic, soy sauce and balsamic glaze. Red pepper flakes finish this quick and easy recipe that give green beans a whole new meaning. Really.



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**Kick up green beans with garlic, soy sauce and balsamic glaze:**

- Green Beans Extraordinaire**
- 1 lb. fresh green beans, washed and patted dry
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - salt and pepper to taste
  - 2 tablespoons finely chopped garlic
  - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
  - 1 tablespoon balsamic glaze
  - 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- Heat a wok or large no-stick

skillet over medium-high heat. Place the green beans in a medium bowl and toss with olive oil.

Season with salt and pepper. Place the green beans in a hot wok and cook for a minute or two. Add the garlic and continue to cook and toss the beans.

Add the soy sauce and the balsamic glaze and continue to

cook. Lastly, toss in the red pepper flakes and cook the beans until desired doneness.

My beans end up being a combination of crispy to well done, which I think is perfect for the palate.

The flavor combination is a winner.

Kick up your next meal with these tasty greens beans.

# WOMEN: Minimally invasive procedures

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Grosse Pointe. "The majority of the hysterectomies I perform are minimally invasive. Performing traditional hysterectomies is rarely necessary."

In the time most people take for an annual vacation, a woman can be pain free and back to work. Recovery time with minimally invasive surgery can be reduced, from the six to eight weeks normally needed to recover from a traditional hysterectomy, to two to three weeks.

In addition to a faster recovery, minimally invasive gynecological surgeries benefit patients in other ways, including less post-surgical pain; less blood loss, smaller incisions and scars and shorter hospital stays.

Physicians also prefer minimally invasive procedures because there are fewer post-surgical problems, such as the risk of infection.

Instead of an eight- to 10-inch long incision needed for a traditional gynecological

surgery, three or four small, half-inch incisions are needed when performing minimally invasive surgery.

When choosing a hospital for gynecological surgery, consider the number of minimally invasive gynecological procedures performed there annually, as well as the level of expertise of the surgeon.

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# FACEBOOK: A privilege not a right

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like to twist the information, or place the guilt on you. Engaging in conversation to change her opinion is useless. You are speaking a different language. Instead, move right to consequences. "We are deactivating your Facebook page for one week. We can try again then." Remind your daughter a Facebook page is not a right, it is a privilege. Hmmm, you might want to make sure your own Facebook page is free of unacceptable postings!

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- ◆ Hecker-Smilely Mansion — 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23.

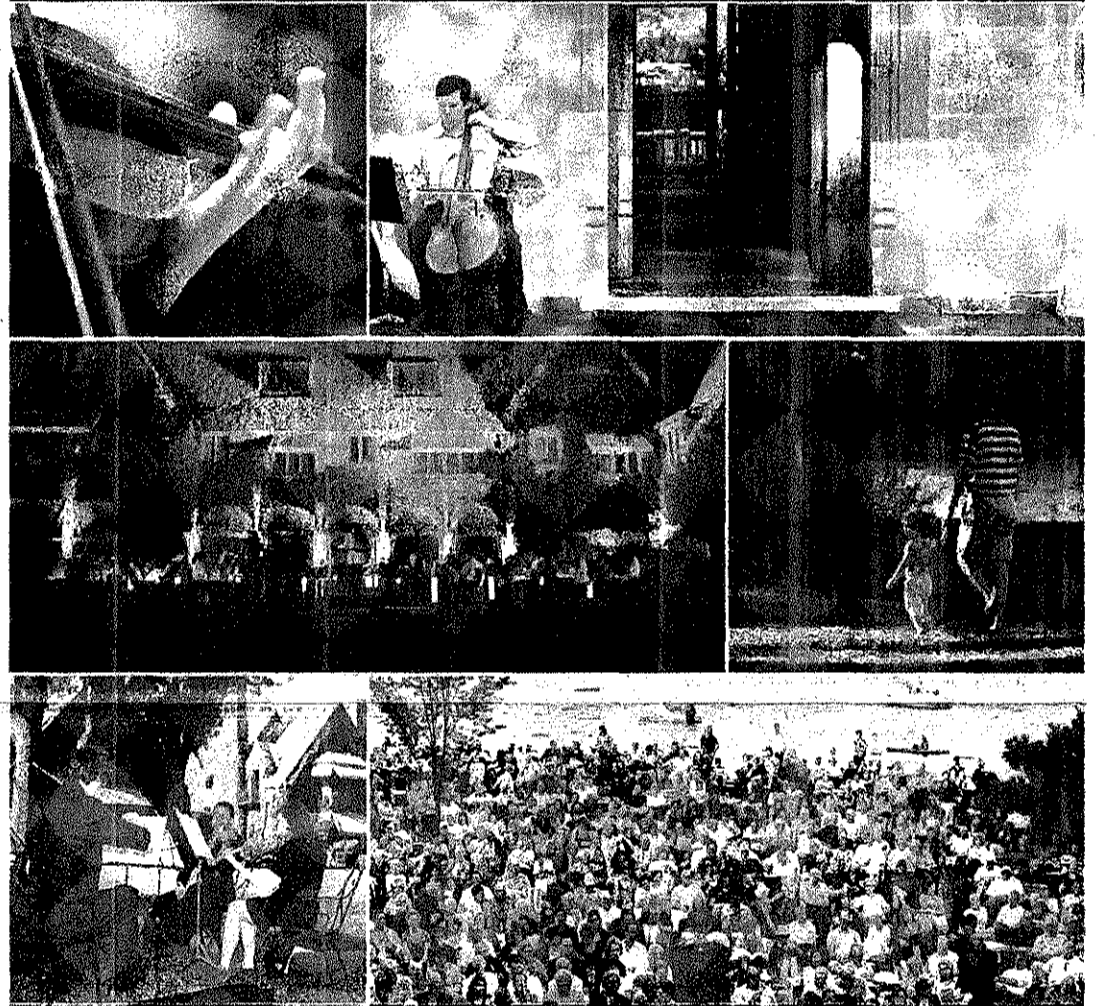
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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# South's Stone tackles two college sports

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South 2011 graduate Shelby Stone solidified her status as one of the school's prime-time players during her final two years as an athlete.

The 17-year-old's improved play earned her All-State honors in field hockey and lacrosse. She made the First Team in field hockey and Second Team in lacrosse.

"We had a great field hockey team and the season was something special," Stone said. "We had a nice team that had a great time in practice and in games and I think that was one of the reasons we did so well in the state playoffs."

The Blue Devils advanced to the state semifinals before losing in overtime to power Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Stone was one of the top players during the playoff run and she kept the momentum going as the Blue Devils beat Dearborn Edsel Ford 4-1 in the Sweet 16 and upset Livonia Ladywood 3-0 in the quarterfinals.

"I've grown into the sport and it's something I love to do," Stone said. "I started playing field hockey in camps during middle school and loved every minute of it."

Stone didn't play a winter sport, but continued to work



Shelby Stone

Wooster Fighting Scots women's lacrosse team. Stone will also play field hockey for the Fighting Scots this fall.

"Some people told me playing two college sports will be too tough, but I know I can handle it," Stone said. "I have a lot of confidence I can get great grades and play well in field hockey and lacrosse."

In 2010, Wooster finished 16-6 and 10-2 in the North Coast Athletic Conference under head coach Brenda Meese. The NCAC consists of Wittenberg, Earlham, Denison, Oberlin, Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan.

Stone's teammates, junior Isabelle Howes and freshman Claire Moffett, are also from Michigan, residing in Dearborn and Ypsilanti, respectively.

"The team had a nice 2010 season and I don't see any reason why we can't keep it going this fall," Stone said. "It's going to take some time to get used to the speed of the game, but I know I will be ready for the challenge."

"I have been in contact with the girls on the team and I know I can step right in and contribute in any way coach Meese wants me to."

Stone reports to camp Aug. 20 with classes beginning Aug. 28. Two weeks after practice begins, Wooster opens the season against

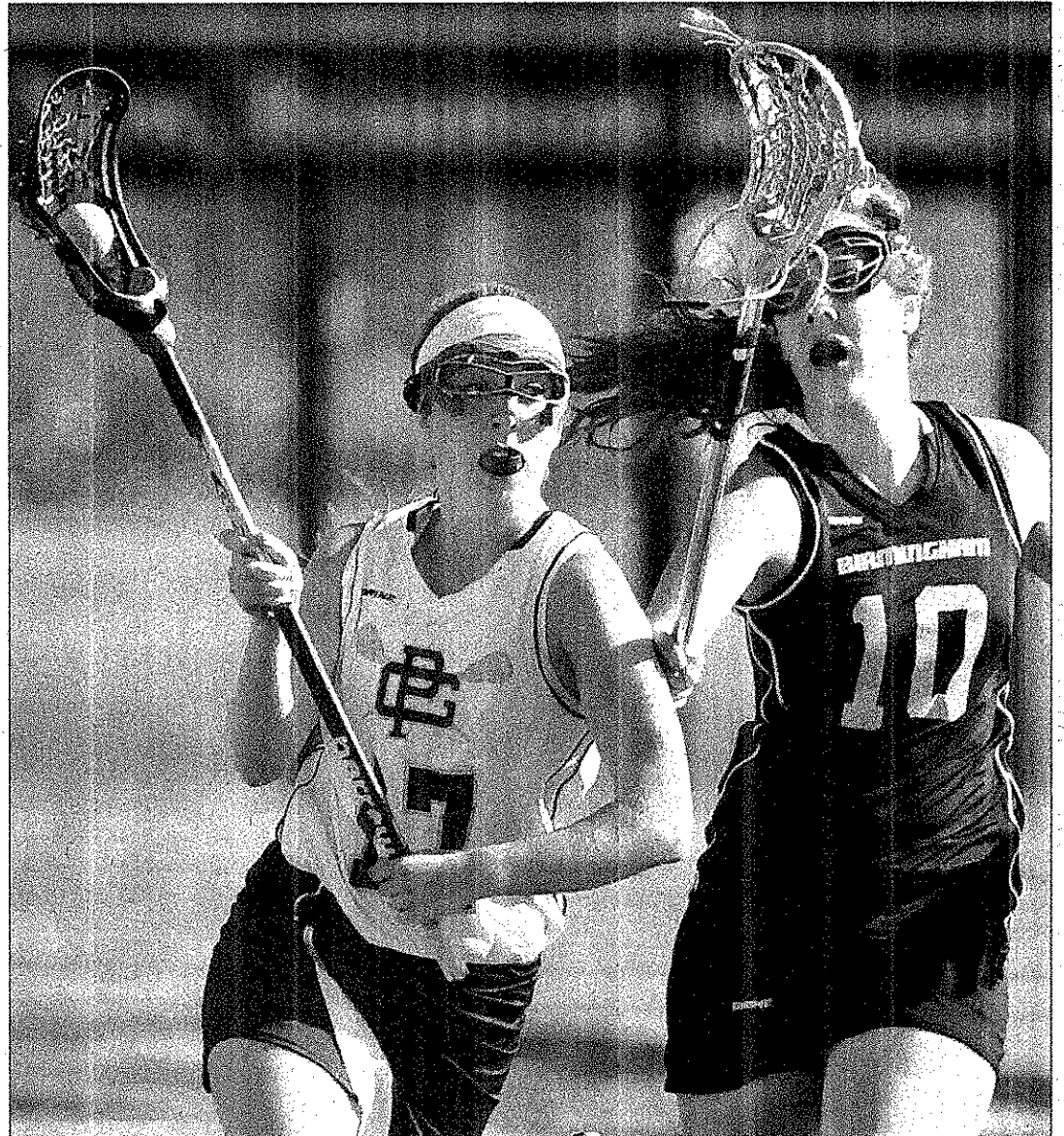


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Grosse Pointe South 2011 graduate Shelby Stone, left, capped off a high school athletic career as one of the school's top offensive players in field hockey and lacrosse.

Rhodes at Danville, KY. She makes her home debut Sept. 7 against Washington & Jefferson.

She will miss the women's fall lacrosse season while playing field hockey. When the season is over in the beginning of November, Stone will take a hiatus before the spring lacrosse campaign begins the first of the year.

Wooster's lacrosse coach is Liz Ford and the Fighting Scots finished 10-6 this year and 4-2 in conference play. Allegheny is in the NCAC for women's lacrosse, but not field hockey.

The Fighting Scots lost to rival Denison in the NCAC Tournament final, 10-9, April 30, at Denison.

"I had several colleges in mind and it took a little longer than I thought to make a decision, but in the end Wooster allows me to play both field hockey and lacrosse and I will get a great education," Stone said.

"My wife, Karla, and I will be able to watch a lot of Shelby's games and we will be able to visit family we have near Wooster, Ohio," Shelby's father, Tony Stone, said. "We have all the confidence in the

world that Shelby will shine in college.

"We will miss her, but we know this is a great time for Shelby to excel."

Stone graduated with a 3.4 grade point average and plans on majoring in international relations.

Her fall classes are French, economics, introduction to international relations and first year seminar, focusing on "what is friendship."

"I'm a little nervous about starting college and being on my own, but I will have family relatively close and my teammates to lean on," Stone said.

SOCCER



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## Premier League champs

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association's Breakers '98 Green team, coached by Chris Graczyk and managed by John Sohn, won the Premier League Classic 2 Division for the Spring 2011 season.

The Breakers finished 6-2, one point ahead of SBC Chill '98 in the final league standings. The team scored 11 goals and allowed six for the season. The division title helped move the Breakers up in state rankings to No. 29 in their age group. Pictured above are, standing from left, Abigail Warren, Lauren Beach, Ryane Pangborn, Margaret Sohn, Margaret McMahon, Tori McShane and Emma Frame; kneeling, Isabella Gierlinger; sitting from left, Leonie Leslie, Quinn Pangborn, Lana Temrowski, Marylise Reiber and Emily McPharlin; and front row from left, Maggie Wright and Callie Zingas. Not pictured is Chris Graczyk.

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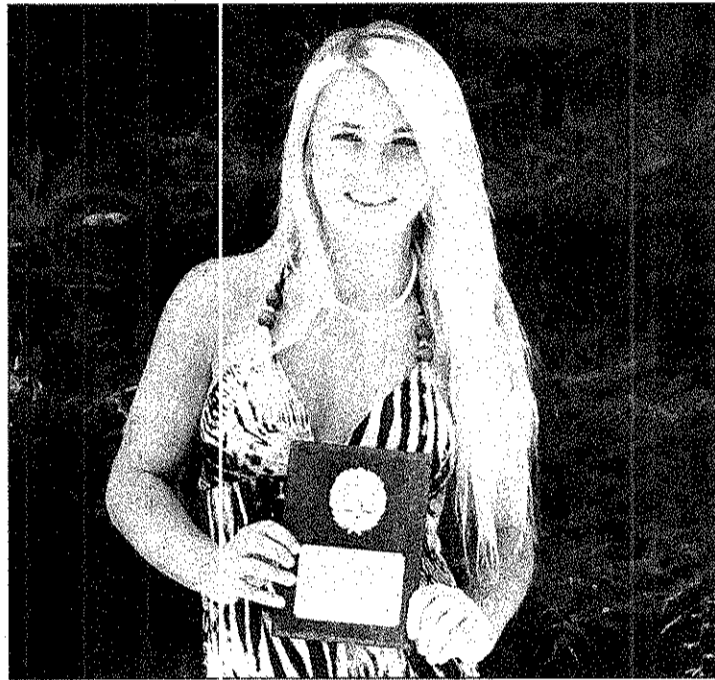
# Seniors honored

Grosse Pointe North Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Carmen Kennedy recently announced the recipients of the annual senior athletic awards. The list of honorees is: Detroit Tigers Baseball Scholarship, Sean Koerber and Paul Kappaz; Scott Paavola Memorial Scholarship, Emily Turnbull, Courtney Rusch and Mitchell Gross; Rose Cardani Outstanding Competitor Award, Katie Case, Kailey Sickmiller and Nolan Rozich; Most Dedicated Athlete, Nicole Strickland and Jadon Cook; U.S. Army Scholar Athlete, Mackenzie Seaman and Louis Saravolatz; Grosse Pointe North Scholar Athlete, Megan Bergeron, Andrew Matthew and James Guest; Dick Cooper Scholarship, John Kohler and Michelle Perna; Cari Gaurke Klein Scholarship, Jordan Ulmer; Chip Alexander Dedication and Perseverance Scholarship, Mariana Kouskoulas and Amanda Lanzon; and the Meli/Ciaramitaro Team Player Award, Micaela Liddane and Daniel D'Hondt. In addition, William Rochte earned the Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete Award and Taylor Moody earned the girls ice hockey Zetterberg Scholarship. Honored by the Local Farm Bureau Agency and MHSAA and MHSAA Scholar Athletes were Guest and Bergeron, finalists, as well as Rachel Brock and Moody.

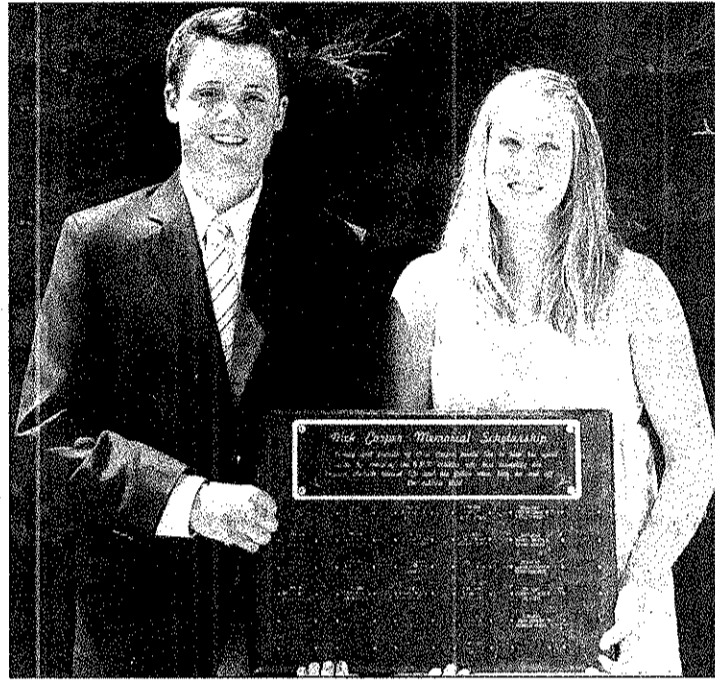


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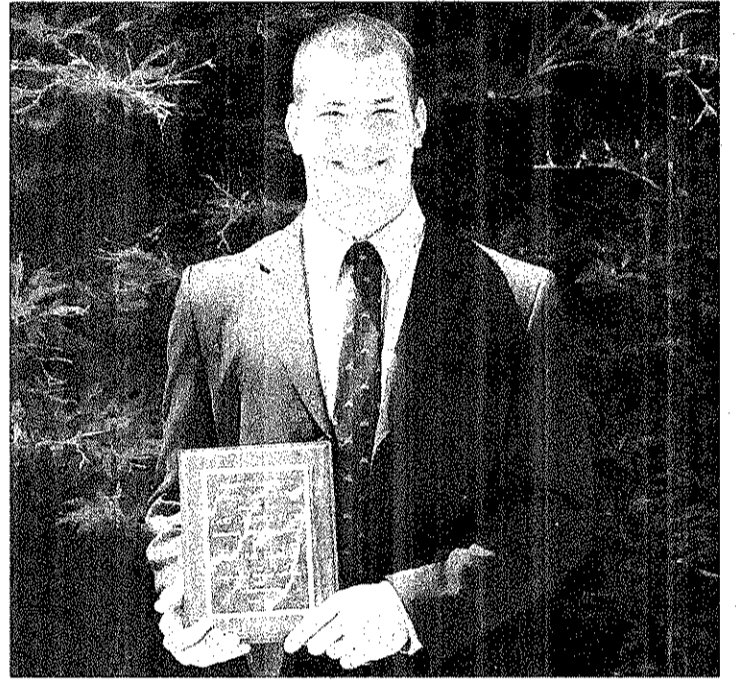
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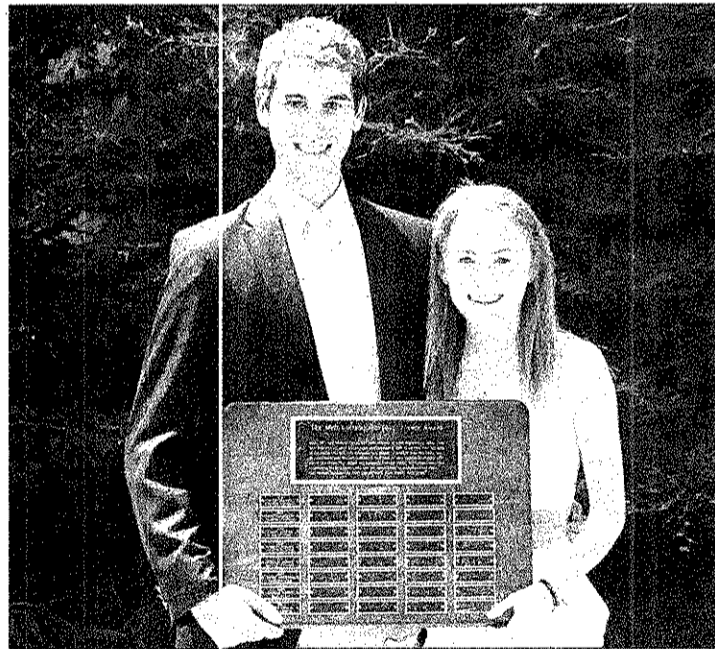
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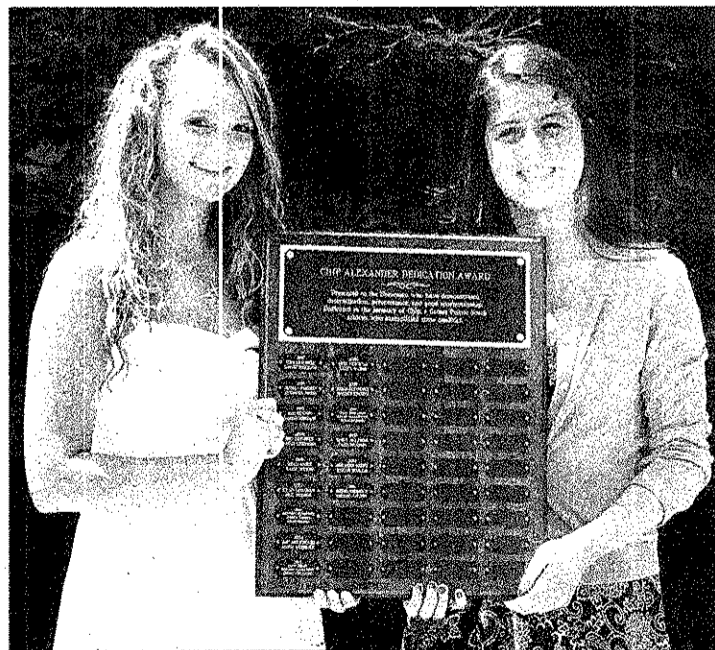
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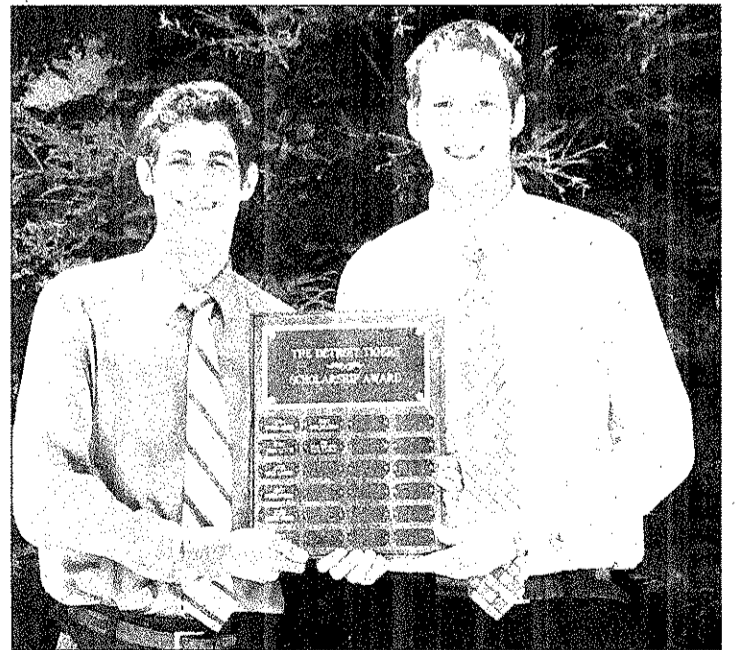
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Emily Turnbull, Mitchell Gross and Courtney Rusch



William Rochte

**GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY**



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# Top athletes

Pictured left, from left, Grosse Pointe Academy eighth grader Mac Carroll, sixth grader Emma Andreasen and eighth grader Jared Brush, were named Athletes of the Season for the spring of 2011 based on their athletic achievements, leadership abilities, academic performance and citizenship.

Carroll, a two-year varsity basketball and varsity lacrosse player, was nominated by the coaches of both teams. He was named most valuable player of the basketball team and was co-captain and MVP of the lacrosse team. He is on the Academy's citizenship list.

Andreasen, who was nominated by both her basketball and soccer coaches, was named MVP of the basketball team and was co-captain of the soccer team. She is a scholar athlete, received high academic honors and is on the citizenship and head of school honor rolls.

Brush, a two-year veteran on the varsity basketball and varsity lacrosse teams, was nominated by the coaches of both sports.

Voted co-captain of the lacrosse team by his teammates, Brush is a scholar athlete and was named to the academic honor roll as well as the citizenship and head of school honor rolls.

**GOLD CUP**

## APBA Gold Cup this weekend

The 2011 APBA Gold Cup is set for this weekend on the Detroit River.

Friday, July 8, is practice and qualifying day, while races are slated for Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10.

The unlimited hydroplane testing opens events for July 9, followed by offshore testing and qualifying heats.

At 11 a.m., Races in the offshore boats will be on hand for an autograph session and unlimited hydroplane heats run late morning. The unlimited drivers have their autograph session at 1 p.m.

At 1 p.m., the Super V offshore qualifying heat is fea-

tured, followed by qualifying heats in the X Cat offshore class.

Unlimited hydroplane heats are slated for mid-afternoon. The rest of the afternoon is loaded with more qualifying heats in the SVS, Super V and X Cat classes.

On Sunday, July 10, opening ceremonies are at 9 a.m., followed by several more heats.

The P1 offshore final is at 3 p.m., while the SVS, Super V and X Cat finals are in 20-minute intervals.

The main event, the Detroit APBA Gold Cup Final is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

**BASEBALL**



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## Tourney champs

The Grosse Pointe RedHawks 13U Black baseball team celebrated Father's Day by clinching the championship of the Triple Crown Capital City Classic tournament held in Lansing the weekend of June 17. The RedHawks, a member of the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation since 2002, is made up of former Little Leaguer players from the Grosse Pointes who are seeking a highly competitive baseball environment before high school. Pictured above are, front row from left, Matt Barry, Luke Riashi, Bobby Kaiser, Jack Ryan Williams and Andy Jakub; and back standing from left, Coach Mark Riashi Jr., Coach Terry Lucas, Nolan Lucas, Matthew Gushee, Adam Elbadawi, Will Poplawski, Tyler Leggat, Douglas Graham, Coach Mark Riashi Sr. and Manager Jim Williams. Not pictured are Coach Tony Cimmarusti and Mac Cimmarusti.

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

## Meier shines

Grosse Pointe South's Hannah Meier won the 1,500 run at the World Youth Track & Field Trials in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Haley Meier took fifth. Hannah also came back a few hours later to place 3rd in the 800 run.

The USA Track & Field world youth committee chose

the 20-member United States team and Meier was named to compete in the 1,500 run at the Youth World Championship Meet in Lille, France.

She is the only U.S. representative in the 1500 and she will run a preliminary race on July 6, and if all goes well, the finals July 9.

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**SOCCER**



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## Learning experience

Participants from the Children's Center of Detroit recently attended a soccer clinic Saturday, June 18, organized by Grosse Pointe South student Andrew Cornwall. Volunteers included members of the Grosse Pointe South boys' soccer team.





