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◆ The Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack hosts a bike decorating contest at 6 p.m. on the lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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◆ West Park Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corners of Kercheval, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

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MONDAY, JULY 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

◆ Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a lunch and learn event from noon to 1 p.m. David Kim, M.D. discusses diagnosing and treating chronic pain. A free lunch is provided. To register, call (800) 436-7936.

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Pointe officers help at Kroger crash

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — Lee Brown was shopping in the fish and meat section of his local Kroger store on Harper at Old Eight Mile when he heard a bang like never before.

"The place started to fill with black smoke," said Brown, of Harper Woods. "This guy came bursting through the swinging doors (from the shipping docks). He collapsed, screaming, 'Help me, help me.' He was holding his chest. I didn't know what happened."

What happened was a semi truck and trailer ran off the eastbound I-94 expressway at about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9. The truck punched a hole in the store, killing the 44-year-old driver and starting a fire.

"They cleared us out of the building," Brown said.

He saw a crowd gathering near the wreck at the corner of the building atop an embankment from where the freeway starts a 90-degree S turn.

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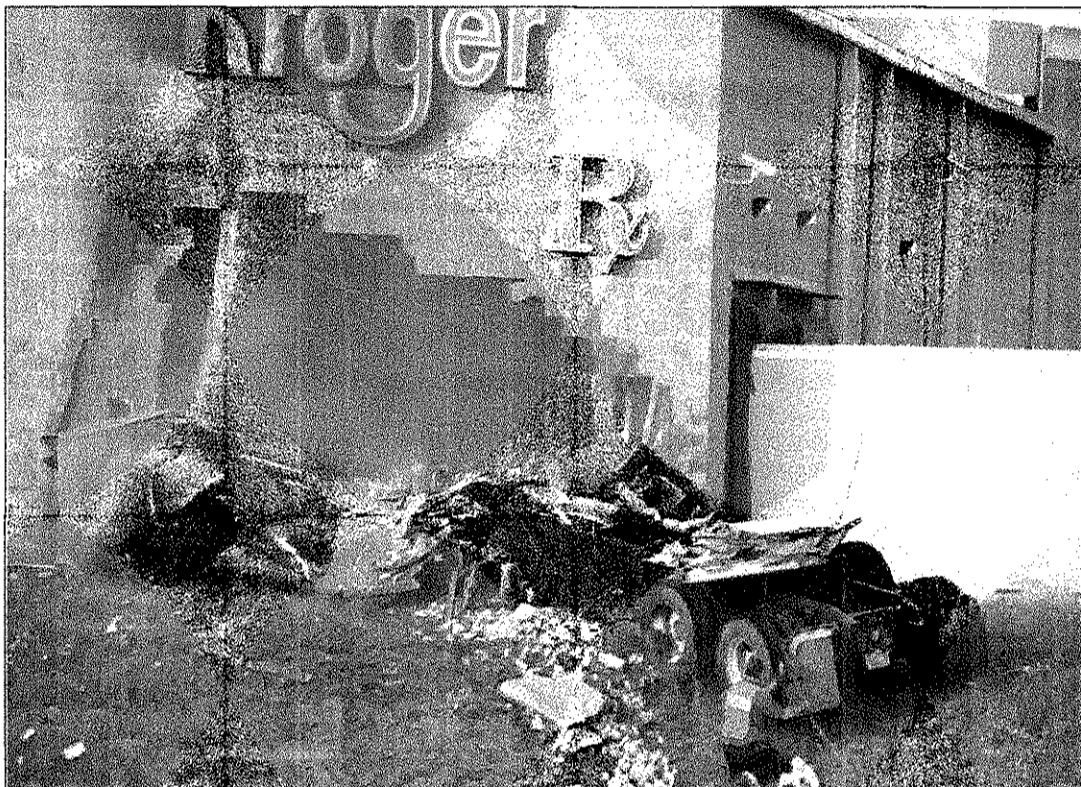


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State police are investigating last weekend's fatal crash of a semi truck into Kroger on Harper in Harper Woods.

Celebrate a century



Grosse Pointe Shores celebrated 100 years with special events July 8-10. A reception at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House kicked off the festivities, followed by a concert by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and fireworks. A parade, special events at Osius Park and contests filled the weekend. Above left, the reception with residents. Above, a moonlit concert by the DSO. At left, the ladies (and their hats) representing the Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee. Below left, a festive float for the birthday. Below, Shores Mayor James Cooper welcomes the crowd to the celebration.

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Traffic concerns discussed

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

It wasn't the design of the building addition but rather the increase in traffic that had the Grosse Pointe Woods planning commissioners concerned.

Commissioners were reviewing plans submitted by University Liggett School for moving its middle school facility from Briarcliff Road to the Cook Road campus.

While site plans for building renovations were approved with little discussion, concerns over traffic patterns caused the commission to attach a major condition to its approval before recommending it for final approval by the Woods city council.

The city's public safety department, based on recommendations from Woods' traffic safety officer Dan Koerber and the city's traffic consultant, are insisting Liggett install a curb cut on Cook Road that will widen the street in order to accommodate the cars that queue daily at dismissal time.

According to Koerber, this has always been a concern, but now with an expected increase of about 40 cars per day in middle school traffic, it's time for the school to alter the traffic pattern.

"The problem is the estimated 40 cars per day that will now be moving to the Cook Road campus," Koerber told the commission. "Our concern is the traffic that will be going in and out of the driveway near the faculty parking lot. It makes for a dangerous intersection, as you have the cars waiting to turn into the driveway and cars exiting the driveway. Those cars exiting must work around those cars queued to enter the lower school driveway. In order to exit, they must cross over into oncoming traffic

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Dog attack brings out little-used ordinance

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

What started as simple dog walks for two Grosse Pointe Woods residents will end up in court this week.

One resident has a severely injured dog and the other has a summons for harboring a vicious dog.

Rita Kilroy notified police that on the morning of Tuesday, July 5, while walking her two dogs on Morningside near Higbie Lane, a large, shepherd-mix dog attacked her 1-year-old Yorkie mix, Lucy. The dogs involved were on leashes.

"I saw a woman with two large dogs approaching me, so I stepped off the sidewalk to give her the room to pass," Kilroy said. "Suddenly one of the dogs lunged and the woman who was walking him slipped and fell. Then the dog grabbed Lucy."

At 8 pounds, Lucy was no match for the 60-pound mix. According to Kilroy, the larger dog held Lucy in its mouth and would not let go. Kilroy was forced to straddle the dog and pry its mouth open. After it released Lucy, it grabbed her other dog, a 15-pound Shih-Tzu, but quickly released it without harm. Kilroy suffered a small scrape to her hand.

A couple driving by stopped to assist. They drove Kilroy and her dogs home, where she bandaged Lucy's wounds. Kilroy then took her to the veterinarian, where she was told Lucy needed more extensive care than the vet could give her at that point. She took the dog to an emergency specialist in Southfield, where it was determined Lucy had suffered five shattered ribs and three punc-



Lucy suffered shattered ribs and puncture wounds in an attack by a larger dog.

ture wounds.

Kilroy did not know the owner of the other dogs by name, but had seen her walking them in the neighborhood. When she saw the owner with the dogs on Wednesday, she notified the Woods animal control officer. An administrative hearing with city administrator Al Fincham was ordered, as directed by the city's vicious dog ordinance.

"The new owner has only had the dog for about a month, but it had not shown any other signs of aggression," said Fincham. "We issued the owner a summons, requiring her to be in court this week, where the judge will make the final determination as to what happens to the dog."

The dog's owner told Fincham that she slipped and fell which might have startled her dog, which caused it to attack the smaller dog.

Fincham ordered the owner to keep the dog on a leash,

even in the backyard, and the dog is not allowed to leave the owner's property.

"Essentially, the dog is on lockdown until the hearing," he said.

The owner of the dog was contacted, but declined to comment.

Kilroy was not pleased with Fincham's decision.

"I believe the dog should have been removed from the area," she said. "If it were my dog, I would be petrified over its behavior."

In the meantime, Lucy was released from the veterinary hospital on Monday. According to Kilroy, her activities will be severely limited while her ribs heal, but she seems happy to be home.

"I wish I had gotten the name of the couple who helped," Kilroy said. "But I was so focused on Lucy I didn't even think to ask. They were a tremendous help, and I'm so grateful to them."

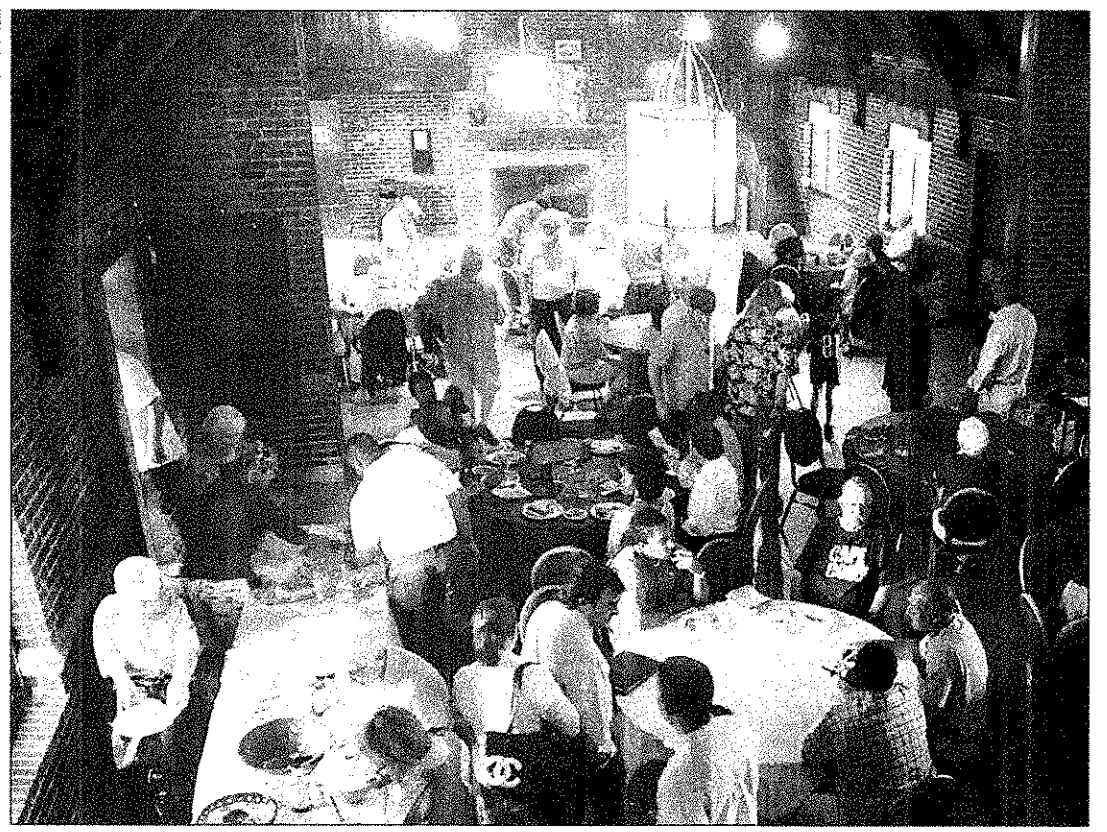


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Dems' annual bash

Members of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club attend their annual picnic Monday, June 27, at Tompkins Center at Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Pointe Park. Attending were the big three of Pointe Democrats: State Sen. Bert Johnson, State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe and Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen. Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner was guest speaker.

House party, the sequel

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Another parent could be in trouble for letting a teenage offspring host an open house party.

The case last weekend in Grosse Pointe Farms nearly mirrored one the month before.

"We've had two, back-to-back," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

The first one involved alcohol. The second involved alcohol and illegal drugs.

"(The 16-year-old male host said) his mother was aware of other youths being at the house, and is aware that he

does use marijuana," said Officer Edward Wierszewski.

Rosati described the mother, 40, of Oxford Township, as "pretty permissive."

He added, "We intend to seek a warrant for an open house party."

Wierszewski was the first patrolman responding to a complaint at 2:11 a.m. Friday, July 8, of a loud party in the 400 block of Hillcrest.

"(I) could hear several youths on the side of the house (and) could smell the odor of marijuana," Wierszewski reported. "(I) observed several glass pipes commonly used to smoke marijuana, small baggies, bottles of beer, a scale and

other narcotics paraphernalia." Attending were six 16- to 18-year-old males from the Farms, City and Park. All are known to police.

"You had quite a mix over there," Rosati said.

Their blood alcohol levels ranged from 0 to .054 percent. Two 18-year-olds from the City and Farms are being charged with possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

"Each kid's going to have accountability, just like at the other party," said Detective John Walko, youth officer.

Officers recovered nine pipes and three grinders. All had marijuana residue, police said.



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Testing the waters

Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety officers spent a few days testing the fire hydrants in the city to be sure water pressure is available. Lt. James Armbruster opens up a hydrant on the corner of Devonshire and Kercheval.

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Barking dog breaks up B&E

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It seemed odd to police that a 19-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods, currently flopping in a neighborhood of drug houses on Detroit's eastside, would randomly target residences in the City of Grosse Pointe for early bird burglaries. "He told me it's not," said City Detective Christopher Lee. "I talked with him extensively. It is pretty strange."

Officers caught the man at about 5:30 a.m. Sunday, July 10, in possession of a laptop computer, cell phone and other items reported stolen minutes earlier from houses in the 800 block of Rivard.

"He had a bag of methamphetamine on him, too," Lee

said.

One homeowner was awakened during the burglary by his dog barking.

The victim found the front door open, then heard the side door close. A Lenovo computer and a Verizon cell phone were missing from the kitchen.

Officers caught the suspect just after he walked across Mack into Detroit near Canyon. The location is about six blocks from the house on Rivard.

"(He) was sweating and very nervous," said Officer Christopher Cotzias, responding with Sgt. John Alcorn and Lee.

Police suspected the man had a stolen cell phone in his

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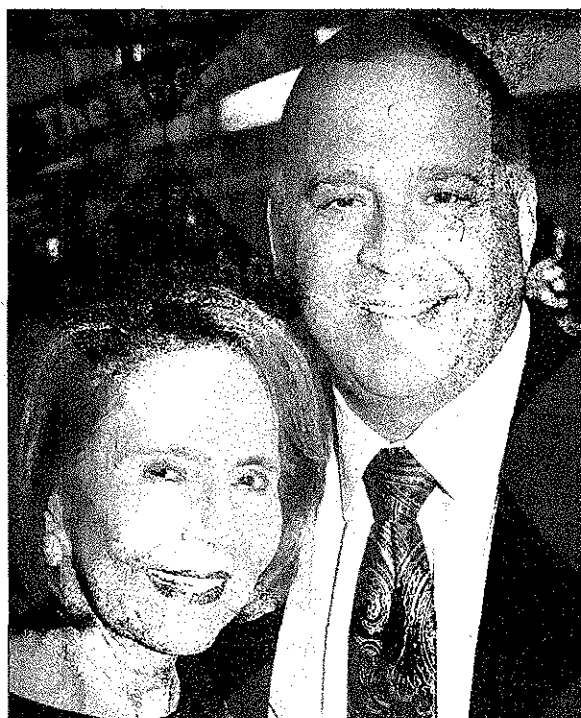
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Souper night



The 30th annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration enjoyed a perfect night at Comerica Park June 18. The Ahee family hosted the evening which featured bands, Motor City Glee (above with Paws), a raffle and fireworks show. At left, the launch from short center field. Below left, Bettejean Ahee and Chris Ahee. Below, attendees enjoy the even inside the stadium. All of the night's proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. See the Grosse Pointe News Facebook page for more photos.



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Above, the Ahee family celebrates another successful event. Below left, from left, Joe and Rosalie Vicari and Julie and Chris Ahee. Below right, Lisa and Peter Ahee with Paws.



Theft cases go downtown

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Wayne County Circuit Court criminal docket increased by six cases last week when the prosecution of two Detroit teenage males moved downtown.

The teens are accused of stealing and breaking into cars in Grosse Pointe Farms and City.

They chose not to defend themselves in local jurisdictions. Both waived preliminary hearings in Farms and City municipal courts.

The defendants were remanded to circuit court. They were scheduled for arraignment Wednesday, July 13, on felonies at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

The first defendant, Ryan Ricardo Cain, 17, faces five combined counts of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle, plus unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle.

Police said he stole three cars in the Farms and two in the City, and also broke into two cars in the City.

The second defendant, Diante Michael Ray, 18, is charged with one count of larceny from a motor vehicle, despite police suspicions he committed more crimes.

"We believe he was involved with several of them," said Farms Detective John Walko.

The felonies are punishable by up to five years in prison and \$10,000 in fines.

Police said Cain and Ray admitted to about 20 break-ins of cars parked overnight in driveways, mainly during June. Cain admitted stealing cars, police said.

All cars targeted were unlocked, some with ignition keys inside.

Incidents matching the string stopped with the suspects' arrest shortly after midnight June 30. A patrolman caught them walking in the

400 block of Maison, near the Mack Avenue border with Detroit.

"I discussed the preliminary examination with my client and advised him of his right to have a preliminary examination, as well as his right to waive it," Ray's court-appointed attorney, Kelly Marsh Casper, told Farms Judge Matthew Rumora in court July 6. "He has chosen to waive the preliminary examination and be bound over to circuit court."

Casper asked Rumora to lower Ray's \$20,000 cash surety bond.

"His foster mother is present in the courtroom today," Casper said. "She is pretty much the only family the defendant has. She has indicated that if he could be released on bond, he is more than welcome to stay with her."

Casper also asked Rumora to reduce the bond to an amount Ray, unemployed, or his foster mother, who hasn't

much extra disposable income, could post.

"We realize that may require (Ray) being placed on a tether to gain a significant reduction," Casper said.

"What's the people's position?" Rumora asked Gary Bresnehan, principal attorney in the Wayne County Prosecutors office.

"He's currently on probation in Southfield for theft," Bresnehan said. "I ask the court to maintain a cash bond, with a global positioning tether if he does meet that bond."

Ray also is wanted in Dearborn, Walko added.

"I'm going to continue his bond," said Judge Matthew Rumora.

A comparable exchange followed between Rumora and Cain's court-appointed lawyer, Paul Kushner.

Cain's bond totals \$60,000 in the Farms.

"I'll continue his bond," Rumora said.

Water and sewer rates up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — An immediate 10.26 percent increase in water and sewer rates may be a sign of more to come.

"It is recommended that city council review these rates after six months into the fiscal year," according to John Lamerato, Grosse Pointe Farms city controller.

More than 3/4 of the increase is due to higher sewage charges from Detroit, according to Lamerato. The rest covers increased costs of operating the Farms filtration plant.

The council made the increase effective July 1.

"That is a fairly large increase, mainly attributable to Detroit fees they pass along (for) sewage," Lamerato said.

New rates take the Farms' \$73.31 minimum quarterly bill to \$81.50. The change amounts to \$8.19 per quarter, or \$2.73 per month.

"Close to 20 percent of residents in the Farms receive a minimum bill on a quarterly basis," Lamerato said.

Although Detroit reduced its commodity rate by more than half — from \$18.52 to \$8.71 per 1,000 cubic feet — it more than doubled its fixed monthly sewer charge, from \$39,055 to \$83,924, according to Lamerato's analysis.

The prospect of Detroit continuing to raise sewage rates is making Farms officials think of ways to keep storm runoff from flowing into the sewer system for treatment.

Only half of the Farms' sewers — those in the lake-side district below Ridge Road — are divided into separate storm and sewage networks.

"The more problematic area is the inland (sewer) district, which is still combined," Reeside said. "So, all storm sewers are going into the combined system and require treatment."

He plans to ask the city's engineering consultants to study ways of flushing storm water, not sewer water, directly into Lake St. Clair.

The "substantial" costs of keeping storm water out of the sewer system saves money by not paying Detroit to treat rain water, he said.

A quantity discount for water and sewage customers remains in effect.

"If you use more than 50,000 cubic feet of water during the year, sewage beyond that point is discounted nearly 25 percent," Reeside said.

"This past year, we had about 75 people that exceeded that threshold and received a discount."

It often comes into play with owners of residential swimming pools.

Jazz on plaza

The Dave Bennett Jazz Quartet performs at the St. John Hospital & Medical Center Music on The Plaza concert series at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 14.

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

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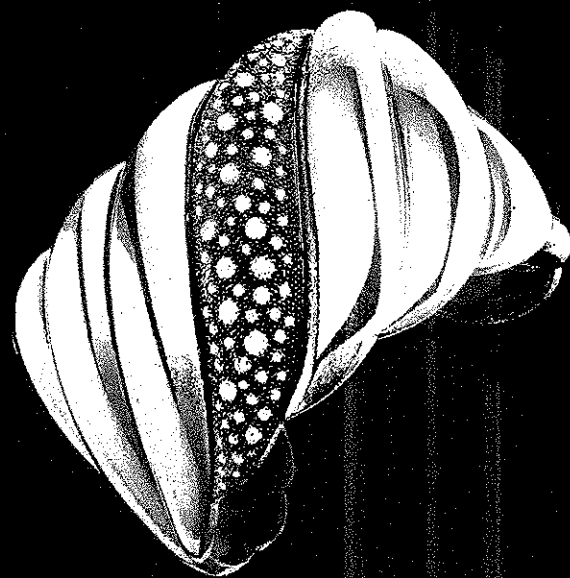
In 2010, Bennett per-

formed at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's collaborative series at the Edsel & Eleanor House. He has appeared at jazz venues throughout Michigan and North America.

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

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POINT OF INTEREST

Dorothea Copus is enthusiastically greening up three areas that touch her life — her home, her church and her community.

First impression makes the difference

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Dorothea Copus believes in making a good first impression.

The front yard of her Grosse Pointe Woods house is trimmed, groomed and green. The surrounding gardens are weed-free. The Japanese maple branches at the corner of the house wave a gentle hello and shelter a blooming hydrangea.

For color, there are containers filled with flowers dotting the backyard that has a wide gathering space with comfy chairs and a fire pit.

And she believes first impressions should extend to other areas of her life — the grounds of Grace Community Church where she is both employed and a member — and to the median across from the church on Moross.

"The first impression of the church, as you drive by the church, or any place and see it's not kept up well, it's not a good first impression," she begins.

"I always want people to feel welcome. I'm making the (church) campus a welcoming place."

Her green thumbs have extended into the median at the invitation of the Greening of Detroit.

Founded in 1998, the organization has been moving throughout Detroit neighborhoods, boulevards and parks planting trees and perennials, such as dogwood, ginkgo, crabapple, shingle oak, tree lilac, yarrow, columbine, butterfly weed, Russian sage,



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Dorothea and Chuck Copus' front yard is neatly groomed to make a good impression to the passerby.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Dorothea Copus and her volunteers at Grace Community Church have added hydrangeas near the church entrance.

white coneflower and black-eyed Susans. This summer, volunteers worked on the stretch across from Grace.

"They came to me," said Copus, who is executive ad-

ministrator for the church. The job entails handing the church's human resources, facilities, finance and administrative duties.

In her facilities capacity, she

is enthusiastic about the mission of Greening of Detroit because the section on which she and other volunteers are working is an extension of the landscaping St. John Hospital and Medical Center completed several years ago.

It also compliments what Grace Church's volunteers are tackling.

"We do one section at a time. We started with the lawn and defined the planting areas," she said.

"The old building (on the edge of the property) had a row of hedges. It was boring. We had some water problems and had to pull a lot out. It was a blessing in disguise. This is on the freeway side and on the right front door.

"We put in along that side rose bushes, red twig dogwood and sedum, lilies and planted a new tree, hydrangeas and hosta and clematis.

"This year we started on Edgefield and at the back of the church we put in annuals ... begonias, periwinkle and petunias to give it some color."

In addition to working on the church grounds, Copus and her band of volunteers are cleaning up the median across from the church.

"We are working from I-94 to where St. John ended. We wanted a welcoming greenway, an extension of cleaning and using native plants to Michigan so we know they will thrive.

"Technically Wayne County owns the medians but doesn't have the money for upkeep. That's why Greening of Detroit has created an endowment through fundraising. We will help support the care of it."

Fundraising is being done via word of mouth to garden clubs, foundations and interested citizens.

"Word is going out through garden clubs, people who have a passion for gardening, people who live along there (Moross), people at the hospital," she said.

At home

Copus has been a Grace church member for 15 years and an employee since 2004 after more than 20 years in the corporate world.

She and her husband, Chuck, have two sons and a grandson.

Copus grew up in East Detroit, graduated from South Lake High School and Central



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Dorothea Copus of Grosse Pointe Woods in the backyard. In the background is one of the trees her maternal grandfather planted in recognition of her birth.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A flag, donated by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be installed in the median across from Grace Community Church where Copus and other volunteers have focused their attention.

Michigan University with a business administration degree in human resources.

She lives in the house her

grandfather built in 1939.

Twelve years ago, she said she began landscaping by first pulling out shrubs in the front. She added boxwood and spirea, a Japanese maple, dogwood and "things I liked."

She has rethought the years of planting annuals and is replacing them with perennials.

Some trees in the back were removed and Copus had a patio installed.

"I'm happy. I don't have to add too much. I do containers for colors," she said.

Many evenings belong to her because her husband works for the Detroit Tigers and is at the stadium. That is her time to sit on the screened-in porch, having restored it to the way she remembers it as a child.

"I read, I'm in heaven," she said.

As one can see, Copus is passionate about gardening. But she said she has not always.

"When I was younger, I didn't have a ton of interest in gardening. My father planted flowers and had a big vegetable garden," she said.

As an adult, Copus has found gardening to be her summer therapy.

"It's my quiet time. I love seeing what will grow. I can't grow vegetables. I fail miserably, but I like putting in different colors and textures," she said.

"I just look at creation," she explains. "I go to the forest and see what randomly grows; that's how God put the pieces together. My prayer time is in the garden. It's a spiritual rebirth. It's a very spiritual time."

It's time when she plants her seeds for a good first impression.

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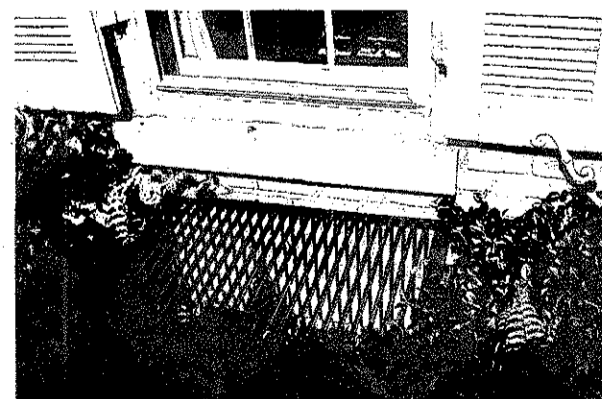
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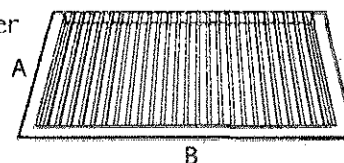
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KROGER: State police handle crash

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Tire tracks on the pavement showed where the trucker lost control. Torn turf and bare dirt showed where the rig ran up the embankment. The crumpled cab rested at the mouth of a hole knocked in the store's brick facade below the Kroger sign. "The thing burst into flames," Brown said. The truck driver isn't blamed.

"(The) semi was struck by a vehicle, causing it to lose control, leaving the roadway," according to Detective Lt. William Snider of Harper Woods police.

The unknown motorist is believed to have been operating a Toyota Camry.

State police are handling the investigation because the wreck started on the freeway.

Officers from several Grosse Pointe public safety departments answered Harper Woods' requests for mutual aid.

Farms Lt. Jack Patterson responded with a fire truck and crew.

"A diesel fuel tank ejected from the semi and ended up in the store," Patterson said at the scene. "We went in and

put foam on it to prevent ignition. Even though diesel fuel doesn't explode like you see on TV, we have a fire hazard."

The brew of fuel, foam and water from hoses and sprinklers made for slippery footing.

"A couple of us slipped and landed on our air tanks, but there really were no injuries," Patterson said.

The man Brown saw collapse was a delivery man hit by debris, according to reports Snider gathered.

"He'd pulled his rig into the dock and was unloading bread when the truck came through, but I can't confirm that," Snider said. "He was taken by ambulance to the hospital."

When the truck hit, Virginia Rowser was at home on Ridgemont across the expressway from the store. She didn't hear the impact, but her daughter smelled smoke.

"She said it might be another accident," Rowser said. "A bad accident happened in this area last week. A teenager was drunk driving and hit a transit truck."

Rowser shops at the store. "I'm blessed that I wasn't there today," she said. "I'm retired. I can't stand excitement."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Eastside Republican picnic

Hot dogs in the shade of a lakeside park wasn't the only all-American summertime tradition celebrated Sunday, July 10, during the Eastside Republican Club annual picnic. Members gathered at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park. "We have a great turnout, more today than ever," said club member, Peggy Hennigan of the Park. "It shows the direction people are going. People want change in this country." She and her husband, Mike, co-sponsored the picnic. Attendees included Greg Theokas, mayor pro tem of the Park. "We have a political system that has worked very well for over 200 years," Theokas said. "We need strong Republican and Democrat parties for that to exist. Otherwise, we fall into a quilt of parties that, in the end, are not the best thing for this country."

DOG: Barking alerts homeowner to theft in progress

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pocket. To find out, they dialed the victim's number.

"The phone rang and was retrieved from the pocket of the suspect," Cotzias said. "(I

spoke with Sgt. Alcorn on the other end of the line."

The suspect claimed to be canvassing the Pointes at the invitation of someone else.

"He said another guy asked him to go with him to break into cars and things like that," Lee said. "He said they were

checking car handles on Rivard."

The next thing he knew, the other guy entered a house, came out with a backpack, handed it to him and ran away.

The backpack and a stolen credit card were traced to another house on Rivard.

"Well, you know, he had the backpack and the other guy just kind of disappeared," Lee said. "He tried to activate the credit card with one of the stolen cell phones."

Police arrested the man for two counts of home invasion, plus possession of narcotics.

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WEEK AHEAD:

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TUESDAY, JULY 19

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in

council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

◆ The Paul Keller Orchestra performs at a free 7 p.m. concert on The Village Festival Plaza at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Club picnic is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. To register, call (313) 343-2408.



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Good stuff

Alex and Rachel Curran set up a lemonade stand across from Elworthy Park where Little League games were being played. The pair plan to donate proceeds to charity.

TRAFFIC: Conditions set for final approval by council

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lanes."

ULS officials do not agree.

"We don't think widening Cook Road at that point is necessary," said Joseph P. Healey, University Liggett head of school. "We have been planning this project for over a year, and we have had wonderful cooperation with the city. But this issue has just come up. Let me assure the city that the safety of our children is our life's work, but we don't agree with the city on this."

But those plans could be put on hold while the traffic issue is addressed.

"I'm very much in favor of a right turn lane," said planning commissioner Carrol Evola. "I live just off Cook on Ida Lane

and there is a tremendous amount of traffic on Cook during arrival and dismissal times. And though Liggett has said that staff can control the traffic, I don't see it. We all know that parents at Monteith don't follow the rules."

Of concern to Liggett is the cost of the curb cut, now estimated at \$194,000.

"We share the same goal of student safety," Healey told the commission, "but I really don't want to pay that money for something we don't think is needed. I would rather use that money for other things we need. I just don't feel a curb cut is necessary."

Commissioner Doug Hamborsky questioned Healey as to what would happen if the enrollment at Liggett increased over the next few years, bringing in even more traffic. Healey assured the commission that Liggett had no plans to increase its total enrollment beyond an average of 600 students.

Based on the recommendations from city officials, the planning commission, on a 7-0 vote, approved the building project with three conditions: that a right turn curb cut be installed from Chalfonte to the driveway that serves the ULS Lower School; all fire protection issues be resolved; and the work is to commence within six months of final approval by the city council and completed within one year.

The city council has scheduled a public hearing on the project for its July 18 meeting.

After the commission meeting, Healey said he was optimistic a compromise could be reached on the traffic situation.

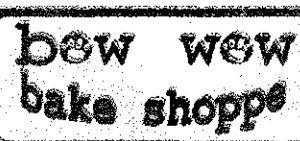
"I am confident we can resolve this and the project can go forward," he said. "We have time to come up with alternatives."

Healey also said that once the middle school moves to the Cook Road campus, plans call for the sale of its current 10-acre site on Briarcliff.



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City of Grosse Pointe

Purses stolen

Seven white, Italian leather purses worth a combined \$1,500 were shoplifted off an inside rack at Pretty By Claudine, 17898 Mack, near Washington, between Friday, July 1 and Friday, July 8.

Way over limit

Two men arrested last week during a traffic stop had blood alcohol levels more than 3 1/2 times Michigan's legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

Both men were taken to a hospital for observation.

Police said the driver, 24, from Williamsburg, Ky., had a .29 percent blood alcohol level; his passenger, 41, of Roseville, had a blood alcohol level measuring .301 percent.

They were arrested in a gray 1992 Ford Explorer at about 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, near Goethe and Charlevoix.

The Explorer was reported stolen by the driver's roommate, a man from St. Clair Shores.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Horns and weapons

Two Grosse Pointe teenagers face charges of possession of concealed weapons police discovered during a roadside investigation.

The pair was questioned shortly before 8 p.m. Friday, July 8, on Waterloo, east of Washington, for driving around blowing air horns at people.

"They handed the air horn to (me)," said Officer Traci Johnson.

Officers also found three pellet guns and ammunition in the vehicle.

Chain saw stolen

A 14-inch McCullough chain saw was stolen at about 11 a.m. Sunday, July 3, from an open garage in the 400 block of Colonial.

The theft occurred while the homeowner was at a hardware store buying parts to fix the garage door, which was stuck open.

Two in trouble

At 9:36 p.m. Saturday, July 9, police responding to a Farms mother's report about her unruly 17-year-old daughter found the teen walking in the area of Kercheval and Vendome with a City of Grosse Pointe girl of the same age.

The Farms girl had a .16 percent blood alcohol level, police said. The City girl, in addition having a blood alcohol level measuring .07 percent, carried a bottle of alcohol in a backpack, according to police. The girls were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol.

"Both arrestees were found to have [24.3 grams of] multiple pills of suspected sertraline hydrochloride and possible amphetamine pills," said an officer.

The first drug is an antidepressant.

Wrench stolen

A \$200 Chicago-brand pneumatic impact wrench was stolen at 2:29 p.m. Thursday, July 7, from the BP gasoline station at Mack and Moross.

Security video shows an unknown man taking the wrench off the service ramp. The man wore a black Atlanta "A" hat. He left the area in a gray Pontiac Transport mini van.

The van has a black garbage bag covering a broken passenger-side sliding door window.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Flag duty

The day isn't done until the American flag is lowered in front of Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall. Ray Krause, a member of the public safety department fire division, does the duty Friday, July 1.

Lock box theft

Some \$900 was stolen last week from a lock box near the bar at Lucy's Tavern on the Hill.

Whoever did it cut a padlock on the box shortly after the tavern closed at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 6.

"(The victim) states she recently let two employees go who still have a building key," said a public safety officer.

paraphernalia. The passenger also was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Window cracked

Someone with a BB gun broke an \$800 picture window during the night of Friday, July 1, at a business in the 18500 block of Mack.

Car break-in

A \$400 radar detector and Louis Vuitton change purse containing \$5 were stolen two weeks ago from a Dodge Durango parked in a driveway on Carmel Lane.

The theft occurred between Wednesday, June 29, and Friday, July 1.

—Brad Lindberg
If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Stroller missing

A blue, City Elite double stroller worth \$600 was reported at 6:31 p.m. Saturday, July 9, missing from beside a house on South Deeplands.

Also gone were a green bicycle helmet and baseball cap.

Alarming

In the no good deed goes unpunished department, a patrolman triggered a residential burglar alarm twice while trying to secure a house in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

During the afternoon of

an open bottle of vodka was lying on the floor near his feet."

The man registered a .09 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Mutual aid

Five Grosse Pointe Park public safety personnel responded to a fire at a Kroger store in Harper Woods at 7:10 p.m. Sunday, July 10, following the crash of a truck into the side of the building, resulting in a four-alarm fire.

Stolen

Public safety officers responded to a call at 2:45 a.m. Thursday, July 7, of a suspicious vehicle in the 1100 block of Audubon. A short time later, officers were notified Michigan State Police located a 2000 Chrysler minivan stolen from the same block of Audubon. Park police assisted MSP and three teens, ages 14 to 17, were taken into custody.

A resident in the 1200 block of Wayburn reported the theft of a 1997 Dodge Intrepid sometime overnight Sunday, July 10. The car was located parked on Ashland in Detroit. A 24-year-old Detroit resident was taken into custody.

Damage to cars

Three cars parked in the area of Barrington and Windmill Pointe Drive were scratched with the letter "X" overnight Friday, July 8, and again Sunday, July 10. Similar incidents occurred in the area the weekend of June 25. Police continue to investigate.

Stolen bike recovered

At 8 p.m. Sunday, July 10, police were told two suspicious persons left a garage in the 1200 block of Whittier on bikes. Responding officers found the suspects loitering on a lawn on Audubon in Detroit with bikes matching the description of those taken from Whittier. When they spotted the officers, the suspects dropped the bikes and fled. The bikes were recovered.

Kayak taken

A yellow and orange kayak was taken from its slot at Patterson Park sometime between Sunday, June 26 and Sunday, July 10.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, call Grosse Pointe Park police at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Mutual aid

Public safety officers and EMS personnel responded to a fire at a Kroger store in Harper Woods Sunday, July 10, as part of the multi-city mutual aid pact. The four-alarm fire was caused by a truck slamming into the side of the building.

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Police spotted a 2009 Cadillac being driven erratically at 11:30 p.m. Friday, July 8, on Mack near Kenmore. When pulled over, police detected a strong smell of alcohol coming from the driver, a 58-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident.

A breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol level of .15 percent. The driver was arrested.

Thieves caught

While on routine patrol at 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, a public safety officer found a bike in the street on Coventry Lane. A short time later, he found another bike abandoned on Vernier.

While waiting for the bike to be picked up, a motorist told him he saw three juveniles attempt to take a bike from a house on Lochmoor.

The officer located the trio, ages 12 and 13, who claimed the bikes they were riding belonged to them. When pressed by officers, one began to cry and admitted they were stealing bikes. All three were turned over to their parents and the youth officer will follow up.

—Kathy Ryan

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OUR VIEW

Congrats to the Shores

Happy 100

Grosse Pointe Shores celebrated 100 years in grand style last weekend, with special events, parades, a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Schroeder Field House, veterans ceremonies and fireworks, just to name a few. We were one of the proud sponsors of the weekend's events and it's great hundreds of residents enjoyed celebrating the heritage of the village-turned-city along the shores of Lake St. Clair. To all of those who volunteered their time and efforts for this celebration, we say thank you and congratulations. Residents of the Pointes enjoy many celebrations throughout the year and Grosse Pointe Shores hit a home run with this festive birthday party. Here's to the next 100 being even better.

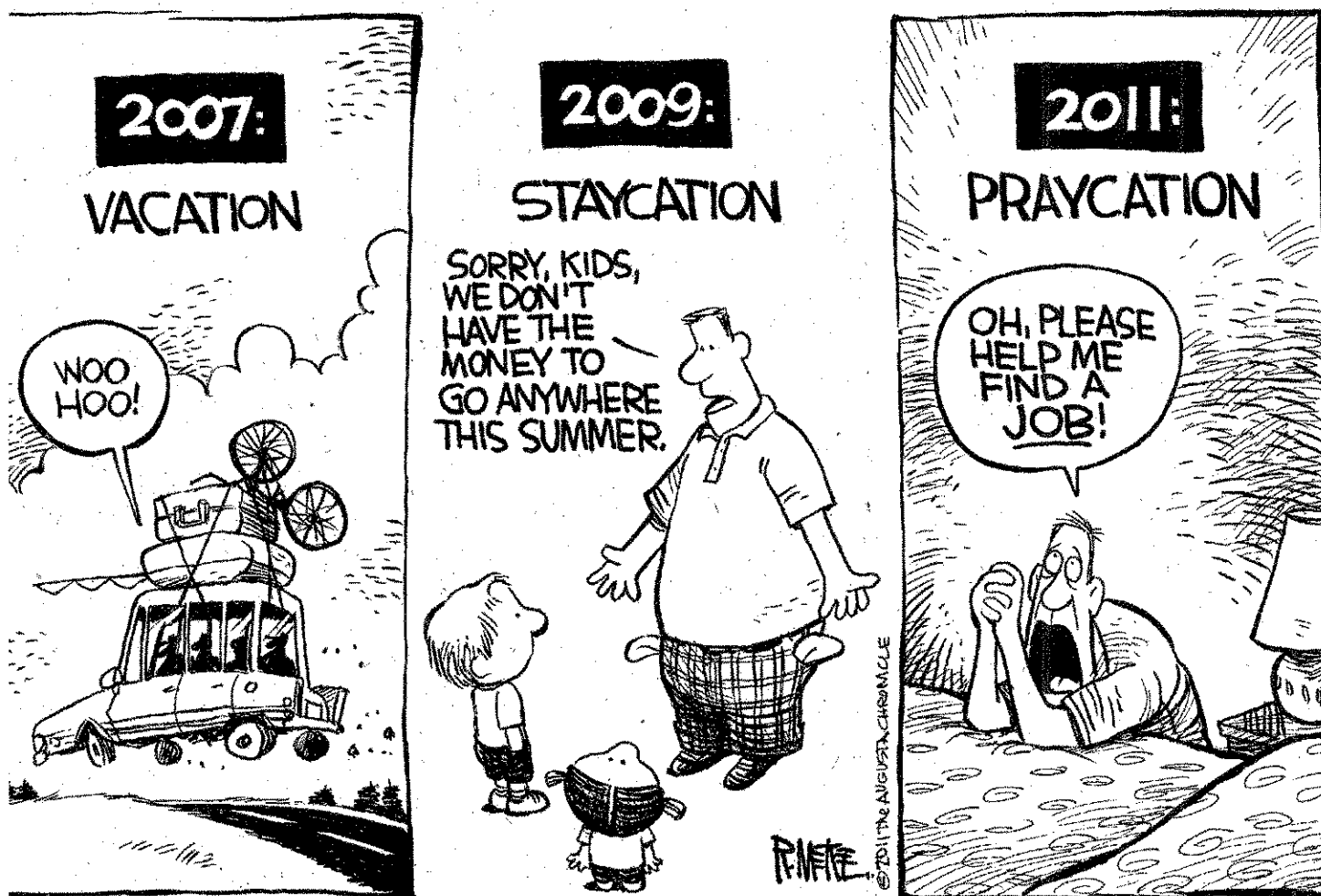
Neighborhood watch

Criminals are learning they can't stay on the streets if they commit crimes in the Grosse Pointes. From undercover officers combing the neighborhoods during the day to watchful neighbors calling police when they see anything suspicious, our courts are becoming busy with those caught trying to get away. Officers in our communities are asking residents to be smart with their valuables. Don't leave global positioning satellite units out in view when you park your car. Same goes for a purse, a laptop or even loose change. Lock car doors, garage doors and house doors when you're not home. Leaving items in view is the first invitation to crime. Leaving doors unlocked makes it even easier. Recently, dozens of items were stolen from cars in a Farms neighborhood. The common denominator - every car was unlocked. Police believe they got the men responsible. Do what you can to curb an invitation. And if you see anything suspicious, call police immediately. They'll be there to check it out.

Hit the brakes

Thanks to some great businesses on The Hill, new and old, Kercheval has become a little more congested than it was a couple years ago. During the summer, it becomes a little dangerous when you mix recreation, business and high traffic numbers. Some business doors open right on to the brick-paved sidewalks on Kercheval. Add limited summer space with patio dining and the two-block stretch has seen its share of mishaps lately. Walkers, sometimes with dogs or children in tow, combine with shoppers, bikers, skateboarders and some crazy drivers. How there hasn't been a serious accident baffles every business owner along the stretch. If you ride a bike through The Hill district, consider riding through the alley behind the businesses. There's an alley on each side. If you must go through Kercheval, consider walking your bike for that small stretch and getting back on after the business district. Obey stop signs and lights. It's too congested not to. From our vantage point this summer we've seen two people hit by bicyclists, resulting in minor injuries. We also saw a bike come close to and then rub up against a very expensive sports car. The bicyclist rode off as fast as possible. Who would want to answer to the owner of a scraped Ferrari? If you drive through the district, slow down. Many do the speed limit, but others fly through because they're late for something. A lot of people cross the street, most in the middle between cars. There's enough entertainment watching people parallel park, it's time to take a little danger out of The Hill. I'm sure the business areas of the Village and along Mack have similar concerns. If you're driving a car or riding a bike, be cautious in our business areas. We don't want to witness any major injuries and we want everyone to safely enjoy what the Grosse Pointes have to offer.

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Pit Bulls: A rejoinder

To the Editor:
A letter in last week's Grosse Pointe News criticizes my proposed ban of pit bulls in the state of Michigan. The writer's facts are inaccurate. The Center for Disease Control, for example, takes no position on breed-specific legislation. The CDC did, however, conduct a study that raises genuine alarm about the dangers of pit bulls. The best and most recent scientific study involving pit bulls, published in a peer-review journal this past April, concludes: "The inbred tenacity of pit bulls, the unrelenting manner in which they initiate and continue their attacks, and the damage they cause are the result of both genetics and environment. Therefore, this breed of dogs is inherently dangerous." Pit bulls were bred, as the name suggests, to fight bulls to the death. They did this by grasping the face of the bull in an unrelenting grip. Late last month, two pit bulls attacked a group of children on a playground in East Savannah, Ga. A seven-year-old was severely injured in the attack. The attack was unprovoked, the child was mauled in the face and the attack ceased only when an adult beat the dog unconscious with a brick. Earlier this month, a pit bull in Bay City mauled a seven-year-old in the head and face. The child needs reconstructive surgery. We require motorcycle riders to wear helmets because they

are .37 times less likely to be in a fatal accident with a helmet on. We require motorists to wear seat belts because they are .45 times more likely to be in a fatal accident if they are not buckled up. Pit bulls are 2,500 times more likely to be involved in a fatal attack than Labrador retrievers. There is a strong case to be made for gradually phasing them out in the state of Michigan. This is what I propose to do.
TIM BLEDSOE
State Representative
1st District
D-City of Grosse Pointe

Head Start

To the Editor:
As a kindergarten teacher at Poupard Elementary School, I am deeply concerned by the vote to veto the federally funded Head Start program at Poupard. I am requesting the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education place the program back on the discussion table. The board adopted the all-day kindergarten program to ensure that all students meet the demands of the Grade Level Expectations. The new Common Core increases these standards for our beginning students. Kindergarten now covers former first grade skills. The national expectation is that all students attend preschool to attain the former kindergarten goals. Unfortunately preschool is not available to all. Our affluent students meet these needs by attending private preschools as well as living in a literature- and experience-rich environment. Our at-risk students do not have these opportunities or advantages. Research has proven again and again that early intervention for these students produces the most gains. Head Start addresses these needs. For Poupard, our facts are these:
1. Fully 30 percent of the students who entered kindergarten at Poupard for the 2010-2011 school year had no preschool experience. The numbers for the 2011-2012 school year are already at 22 percent with the August and September registrations not in yet.
2. Of the 70 percent who attended preschool, 19 percent attended Head Start programs not located in our district.
3. Furthermore, 56 percent of the students in my kindergarten class last year qualified for free or reduced lunch. The need is here. There is no cost to the district for this federally funded program. The staff and parents at Poupard school have worked together, researching methods, to enable us to continue to make the "A" grade for various national and local reporting services. I encourage you to reconsider this program. It is one more stepping stone needed to continue to achieve Excellence in Education.
DEB KRAFT
Poupard Kindergarten Teacher

Thank you

To the Editor:
On behalf of our family, we would like to thank Marissa Peralta and Christine Bedway for organizing the candlelight vigil held at Grosse Pointe North High School in memory of our daughter, Kara, Monday, June 6. The kind words, funny stories and memories shared that evening truly touched our hearts. We extend our sincerest thanks to the many teachers who attended Kara's visitation/funeral service. From kindergarten through high school, they shared with us how Kara had touched their lives. To our supportive neighbors on Hampton Road, friends and relatives, we also thank you for your support and loving kindness. We have yet to learn the full story surrounding Kara's death. Our wish for all parents: Hold your children closely, love them unconditionally, and take many pictures and videos of them to keep and treasure forever.
PETER AND SANDY
WILHELM
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Lachlan Markay

White House silent on transparency bill

A freshman congressman is offering legislation making the federal rulemaking process associated with the new ObamaCare law more transparent. The bill also gives Congress a stepped-up oversight role as federal agencies begin drafting rules to implement the law, which goes fully into effect by 2014. Both the purpose and letter of the Creating Sunshine, Participation and Accountability for Our Nation Act, H.R. 1432, align well with Pres. Barack Obama's stated concern for transparency in federal rulemaking. The bill, introduced by Rep. David Schweikert, R-Ariz., would:
1) Require all rules relating to Obamacare to be created in formal rule-making processes, rather than through the less formal notice-and-comment process;
2) Require a Senate-confirmed official preside over all such processes;
3) Allow press access to all ObamaCare-related rulemaking procedures. Schweikert claims his bill works toward the president's own stated belief in political transparency and openness. The first of the three provisions establish a high standard for rulemaking. That process, described in detail in sections 556 and 557 of the Administrative Procedure Act, is more extensive than the notice-and-comment process. It also places a heavier burden on the agency proposing the rule. The second of Schweikert's bill's steps up scrutiny of any such hearing by placing a prominent federal official at its helm. It would also prohibit any of the president's unelected "czars" from presiding over a rulemaking process, since by definition they have not been confirmed by the Senate. The bill, therefore, works toward more congressional oversight of the rule-making process. Notably, this provision also prevents Dr. Donald Berwick, Obama's controversial Department of Medicare and Medicaid Services chief, from presiding over any Obamacare rulemaking hearing. The bill's third provision addresses promises made by the president and his allies. Even the bill's acronym - CSPAN - points out Obama's failure to live up to his own transparency pledge. Schweikert's office notes neither the White House nor its press office has returned inquiries about the legislation. Markay is an investigative reporter for Heritage's Center for Media and Public Policy.

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I SAY By Robert St. John

Travel softball best for serious athlete



Good softball players have to start somewhere. Parks and recreation squads are the best training grounds. It's like learning to ride a bike, but starting out with the security of training wheels.

For girls who want to be serious softball players and hope to play at the collegiate level, they have to play summer travel ball once they have the basics down pat.

There are some great websites, MLive.com and Michigan-fastpitch, which dedicate pages of material to travel softball. Most girls can start at the 10U level and play for two years, depending when they sign up and when their birthday falls.

This is fastpitch softball and the tournament schedule typically includes stops in Canton, Grand Blanc, Farmington Hills, Kalamazoo and Sterling Heights.

However, many local teams travel to Ohio and Indiana for good tournaments. Then there is the apex of the summer, the Pony Nationals, which take place in several states.

Winning a Pony National

championship is a BIG deal and only the best teams win these prestigious titles.

As a parent, I was fortunate to watch my oldest daughter win a Pony National tournament last summer as a member of Team Michigan's 10U team. They won it all in Wilmington, DE.

This summer, as a member of the 12U Team Michigan squad, the Pony Nationals are in Carey, N.C.

Tryouts for next year's teams are in August. Some of the top programs in the state are Compuware, Klash, PC Pride, Team Michigan, Batbusters, Lookouts, Outlaws, Vengeance, Bulldogs and Finesse. There are more programs if you do

some homework, including more in the tri-county area.

The coaches are good for the most part.

Girls who try out are expected to live up to high expectations.

These teams win tournaments and coaches expect crisp play.

However, this is a serious commitment and the girls who don't take softball seriously should not commit. For them, I would stick with recreation teams.

There is a serious cost to join these teams. Mix in travel costs with hotel reservations and the money spent jumps quite a bit.

College softball was on ESPN for a couple of weeks in

late spring.

I think this increased coverage can only help promote the sport in this area. Softball is huge down south and out west. Those players have quite an advantage, as they can play year-round due to the nice weather.

Once fall hits here in the midwest, the cold weather forces teams indoors. However, more indoor facilities have helped midwest softball players improve their game enough to put them on national college recruiting lists.

Girls have to want it. They have to put in countless hours of practice and practice with an emphasis on fundamentals.

They have to have arm strength if they play shortstop or third base as they must gun the ball over to first, as the bases are shorter than in baseball.

An infielder has less time to get a runner at first, so fielding must be perfect and the throw right on the button.

Outfielders also have to have a cannon for an arm and run fast. They must know where to throw the ball. A poor throw to the cutoff could result in a runner advancing a base and lead to more runs.

Travel softball is intense and the better programs are the way to go.

They will make your daughter a better softball player. I promise you that!

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Is it more fun to be a parent or a child?

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



'A child because you get to play with toys.'
MAX KLAASEN
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'A child because a parent does all the work and moms do a good job taking care of you.'
OLIVIA VALENTE
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LUCA GIERLINGER
Grosse Pointe Park



'A parent because you get to stay up late, watch hockey and buy a lot of stuff.'
CHARLIE JANOVSKY
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Joseph G. Lehman

After good start time for heavy lifting

Gov. Rick Snyder and the legislature are on a roll. In six months they've made real progress toward fixing Michigan. But it's only a start.

Whether they turn Michigan around or just slow its decline will depend on whether they keep pressing hard, or declare victory and coast.

Four accomplishments are especially noteworthy. The state business tax was trimmed by about \$600 million overall, vastly simplified, and made fairer — by eliminating a constellation of corporate welfare-like tax incentives. Emergency financial managers now have more authority to keep unions from bankrupting schools and municipalities.

Starting next year, taxpayers will subsidize only 20 weeks of unemployment instead of 26 and thereby save about \$240 million annually.

Lastly, the new state budget cuts spending significantly, relies less on federal subsidies,

and incentivizes schools and municipalities to stop their overspending.

These accomplishments were neither perfect nor sufficient. For instance, the tax and budget changes will raise income taxes on many. No one's taxes should be increasing while public employees are still taking home \$5.7 billion more in average benefits than their private-sector counterparts.

Many Mackinac Center ideas have already found their way into law this year. Here are some of them:

- ◆ Reduce business taxes to spur job creation.
- ◆ Eliminate corporate welfare-like tax gimmicks, such as film industry subsidies.
- ◆ Ask public school teachers to pay part of their health insurance premiums.
- ◆ Set aside certain public-sector union contracts to prevent insolvency.
- ◆ Encourage schools and municipalities to seek competitive bids for services.
- ◆ Encourage schools to pur-

chase less costly insurance than the union-backed Michigan Education Special Services Association plan.

◆ Eliminate the archaic retail "item pricing law."

◆ Seek competitive bids for certain prison-related services.

◆ Link state school aid and municipal revenue sharing to local cost control.

◆ Begin the move toward sustainable public employee pensions. One area in particular that needs more work is public sector unionism. Public-sector unions invariably drive up the cost of government. Public-sector unions also take a chunk of public employee wages — in the form of union dues — and channel millions of dollars into lobbying and poli-

Gov. Snyder has asked school and municipal leaders to cut costs, but their hands will remain partially tied unless he delivers some of these collective bargaining changes.

law, we can expect unions to continue soaking up tax dollars that are supposed to pay for efficient, core government services. Mackinac Center Director of Labor Policy Paul Kersey recommends four basic reforms. Starting with the most beneficial:

- ◆ Prohibit government collective bargaining. This was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's position on government unions and it is the law in several states.
- ◆ Permit collective bargaining only at the discretion of lo-

cal government officials. Negotiations should be win-win, or no deal.

◆ Initiate "open government employment," where government cannot fire a teacher or other worker who does not support a union or follow union rules.

◆ Institute other reforms such as suspending bargaining and contracts during strikes or emergencies, prohibiting government from collecting dues on behalf of unions and confining union negotiations to wages only.

Gov. Snyder has asked school and municipal leaders to cut costs, but their hands will remain partially tied unless he delivers some of these collective bargaining changes.

Public-sector unions push a romantic vision of collective bargaining that plays well in Michigan.

But they are involved in underhanded schemes like roping tens of thousands of private day care workers into a government union so they could

siphon off millions of tax dollars intended to care for low-income children.

The Mackinac Center Legal Foundation sued the state when the Granholm administration and unions set up that deal, and Snyder was right to pull the plug on it in March.

Tax dollars spent by public universities can also end up supporting union politics. In April, my colleagues asked Wayne State University about its possible involvement in Wisconsin union protests. Hours after making our concerns public, Wayne State quietly shut down its labor studies website and stripped it of politically charged content.

Public sector unions enjoy special legal privileges that drive costs up and efficiency down in government and public schools. Snyder and the legislature should end policies that favor unions at the expense of taxpayers.

Lehman is president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

GUEST OPINION By Michael D. LaFaive

State pours interference on liquor business

Most residents would be surprised to learn that under the current system, the state buys all the liquor, or "spirits," distributed in Michigan.

Our government, via the Liquor Control Commission, slaps its own price mark-up on liquor before imposing an array of taxes and price controls, effectively protecting the state distribution monopoly.

Residents should insist the Michigan Legislature take a hard look at the costly and cumbersome system it has protected for decades, in large part because of the excessive political influence of a small handful of individuals who profit from the status quo.

No one would design such a system from scratch today. It was conceived in 1933 out of a perceived need to maintain government control over al-

cohol sale and consumption following the repeal of Prohibition. State government made itself the sole wholesale agent for all liquor sales in the state. It nearly became the exclusive retail agent too, and to this day sharply limits competition through a quota system for merchants licensed to sell spirits.

The arrangement was based on a belief such direct government involvement would protect public health and safety, among other things preventing the distribution of adulterated products like "bathtub gin" from the remaining Prohibition bootleggers and gangsters. The system also appealed to prohibitionists who still wanted to limit access to the newly legalized liquor.

Nearly 80 years later the bathtub gin has disappeared, but Michigan's LCC is still buying and supplying all the liquor consumed in the state,

making ours one of 18 so-called "control" states with similar setups. Nevertheless, proponents of this system still argue that direct government control prevents an array of imaginary tragedies.

Modern scholarship seems to suggest otherwise. To cite one example, a July 2010 paper from the Virginia Institute for Public Policy found no statistically significant difference in binge-related drinking, drunk driving fatalities and total alcohol-related deaths between the 18 control states and other "open" — free — states.

In addition, the state isn't just a direct player in the distribution operation; it also mandates minimum shelf prices, under which stores may not sell their products. For example, I inspected prices June 3 at the Meijer in Coldwater, and found half gallons of Smirnoff vodka, Crown Royal whiskey and Captain Morgan rum

sell for \$23.96, \$53.98 and \$26.99, respectively. Twenty minutes south the same products were available at the Meijer store in Angola, Ind., for \$18.49, \$47.49 and \$21.99, respectively. Michigan consumers were paying in excess of 20 percent more for the same products.

The lower costs in Indiana are probably directly related to it being a free state.

The higher prices in Michigan entail a 65 percent price markup the state imposes to ensure its own profit. It then discounts the liquor to retailer licensees by 17 percent so they, too, can make a profit. Through Sept. 30, 2010, the LCC's net income exceeded \$333 million for fiscal 2010. Some of this revenue is generated by license and inspection fees, fines and taxes. The money goes to the state school aid fund, the general fund, convention facilities and the "Liquor

Purchase Revolving Fund," which pays for the LCC's own operations.

Many will correctly observe this amounts to a "sin tax" on liquor. They're right, but taxpayers and consumers are still being shortchanged by a system that prevents the savings that could be realized by a modern, competitive private-sector supply chain distribution system. Those savings could either be returned to consumers, taxed to provide government services, or some of each.

This direct government "control" isn't just an archaic relic; it's an expensive middleman that imposes a dead-weight loss on both the state's people and government.

The state should get out of the distribution of spirits and leave it to the private sector.

LaFaive is director of the Morey Fiscal Policy Initiative at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

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Board rejects Head Start at Poupard

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

To the dismay of Principal Penny Stocks and Grosse Pointe parents who requested the program, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education rejected a proposal to house Head Start at Poupard Elementary School.

Head Start is a federally-funded program providing preschool-aged children early intervention to meet emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs in preparation for kindergarten.

The board defeated the motion, 4-2 (trustee Fred Minturn was absent), citing board policy and the program's short- and long-term sustainability at the school as the major concerns in their decision.

The four "no" votes included president John Steinger, vice president Joan Dindoffer and trustees Cindy Pangborn and Thomas Jakubiec. Treasurer Brendan Walsh and secretary Judy Gafa supported the program.

"The vote on Head Start at the school board meeting was a shock to me," Minturn said via e-mail after the meeting. "I don't see any reason to turn down the federal funding for such a worthwhile program. Our principal at the school knows better than anyone what is best for her school and worked hard to win this award for our district. She should be commended, not disappointed,

for her efforts."

The board policy — "The Use of School System Facilities" — prohibits the use of district facilities during school hours to avoid interference with daily school and student routine and activity.

Operating as a typical classroom (accommodating 20 students) during typical school hours (Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Head Start requires access to district facilities throughout the school year. Due to declining enrollment Stocks has two available classrooms for the 2011-2012 school year, one of which was to house Head Start.

Without the program to fill the classrooms, the fear turns to Gov. Rick Snyder's proposal to force all public schools into open enrollment.

"Citing its own policy for rejecting this program is a hollow excuse," Walsh said via e-mail. "If the board truly felt its own policy would preclude the adoption of a Head Start program, which I think is unfounded, then that policy could be changed.

"Gov. Rick Snyder will view this empty classroom at Poupard as just another to fill with out-of-district students in his statewide open enrollment vision. Since our district would not get any per pupil funding for Head Start students, adoption of this program does not make us a school-of-choice dis-

A letter from Penny Stocks

My staff, parents and I are very disappointed by (the recent) board meeting vote against the Head Start program. We are used to adversity and know how to use it to make us stronger and more determined to do what is right for our students.

We as a staff had a tough start this year because of negative articles written in the paper about Poupard's test scores. We didn't let all of that discourage us; we continued to work hard and get better test scores. We just received an "A" on our (Michigan Department of Education) Education Yes! report and are very proud.

The Poupard staff constantly works on school improvement goals; we try to think out-of-the-box and do what is best for Poupard students. When we were asked by Head Start if we would be interested in housing their program, the staff talked, researched and thought it would be educationally sound for our school.

At this time, we had 20 siblings of our school children that were going to attend. They would then definitely be ready for our kindergarten because of the head start they would have been given. I am not looking forward to telling these parents there is not a Head Start program being offered at Poupard. I will have two empty classrooms next year where learning could have been taking place in one of them.

Needless to say, we are all taking the decision hard. My offer is still open for any board community members to spend some time at Poupard. It is an amazing place to learn.

— Penny Stocks, Poupard Elementary School principal

trict, or in any way start us down any 'slippery slope,' a tired mantra of those who are choosing not to come to grips with reality."

According to board members in opposition to the program, the positive turn in the real estate market lends itself to filling those voids as more people purchase houses and join the district, thus, questioning the future sustainability of the program and avoiding the open enrollment issue.

"My biggest objection is that we can only guarantee this one year," Pangborn said after the Head Start presentation in May. "Sales are up in real estate and, if we do it this year, what do we say to the parents next year if we need that room? If we're going to establish some sort of a program, and the school system, our special ed and elementary school teachers feel this is something necessary, then they need to look at a place to have this where we

can have it every year.

"This cannot be guaranteed more than one year. So, to do all this work to only have the chance, maybe, that they can't have it at Poupard the next year, I think is totally unfair to the parents and the kids."

Said Dindoffer during the June meeting: "I have no doubt that the Head Start program is a long-standing, well-respected program. My concern is with regard to a commitment for space on an on-going basis in any of our buildings. Our needs and space commitments change and I don't think that it's appropriate implementing a program I don't think we can sustain."

The decision shocked Stocks, who spent six months with Head Start officials planning and researching the program. She, along with assistant superintendent for curriculum, assessment, instruction and technology, Monique Beels, presented the research to the board at its May and June meetings.

Vying for schoolwide Title I assistance, Head Start would've helped attain assistance, according to Stocks, as housing it at Poupard would've demonstrated to government officials the school's continued dedication toward benefitting all students.

More troubling was, at that same meeting the board defeated Stocks' proposal, it

agreed to the potential to eliminate 20-plus jobs, resulting in reduced services in schools.

"Lately there has been much talk of the community's changing demographic. That change is best presented in socioeconomic terms," Walsh said. "Half of all students at Poupard qualify for federal free and reduced lunch. The next closest elementary school has less than half that population and the majority have far less.

"Poupard has more of these students than all of Grosse Pointe South. Penny Stocks has worked tirelessly to make Poupard a great school under very difficult conditions. In this proposal, we had a great chance to help her cause and, in doing so, help 20 or so families.

"Here we had a chance to add a great, proven program — at no cost — and it is rejected. This is nonsensical."

Since becoming Poupard's principal in 2002, Stocks has improved the school — which stands alone as the only school in the district located outside of Grosse Pointe (Harper Woods) — academically and administratively, despite the school population's social and economic struggles.

Michigan Department of Education Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan, during his recent visit to Poupard, held the school in high regard and considered it

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Pierce students honored



PHOTOS COURTESY PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pierce Middle School eighth-graders recently competed at the local level of the Lakeshore Optimists International Oratorical contest and won five of six awards. Advised by eighth-grade English language arts teacher and department chair, Susan Quinn, each student wrote and presented a five-minute speech on, "If I were the leader of the free world, the first issue I would address would be ..." Competition was split into male and female categories, with Devlin Francis and Grace Muwaud each receiving gold medals; Becca Constant, a silver; and Matthew Kennedy and Maddie Burgoyne, bronzes. Optimist Club members judged students on content and presentation. Francis and Muwaud advance into the regional competition. Pictured, from left, Michael Landuyt, Devlin Francis, Grace Muwaud, Maddie Burgoyne, Matthew Kennedy, Anne Clark, Nick Morris, Becca Constant, Lizzy Langenburg and Gianna Manchester.



Two Pierce Middle School eighth-graders — Katie Kish and Robert Durand — received the Roger Welch Award, for academic achievement, participation in Pierce athletics, leadership, sportsmanship, citizenship and respect for classmates, teammates, opponents, teachers and coaches. Kish is a member of the John D. Pierce National Junior Honor Society and played volleyball, basketball and track. She also holds eight school records in track and field. Durand played basketball and holds three school records in track and field. Sponsored by the Welch family, the Roger Welch Award began in 1962 and is given annually.

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Grosse Pointe North junior Morgan Lorkowski placed first in the scholarship competition.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICOLE DESSINGER

Grosse Pointe South sophomore Lauren Dessinger finished second in the scholarship competition.

Two Grosse Pointe students received college scholarships from the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield, placing first and second at the 17th Annual Vocal Scholarship competition. Morgan Lorkowski (first), of Grosse Pointe North, and Lauren Dessinger (second), of South, were awarded scholarships of \$1,000 and \$750, respectively. Currently a sophomore, Dessinger participates in the Grosse Pointe High Choir and was second runner-up in the Michigan State Solo and Ensemble competition earlier this year. Lorkowski, a junior at North, sings in the Grosse Pointe North Choir and Chorale, directed by Ben Henri. She also performed two solos at the Detroit Opera House while interning with the Rackham Symphony Choir and participated in the Classical Singer Convention in California in May. Dessinger and Lorkowski bested other high school vocalists from Genesee, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe and Wayne counties and were two of 10 students selected as finalists. Margaret Bickerstaff (South) also was a finalist.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN MCCRARY

From left, Acting Grosse Pointe South Principal Joan Murphy, Post 303 Scholarship Chairman Dan McCrary, Brian Hall and Post 303 Commander Ray Droste display the Michigan Boys State certificate Hall received upon his selection into the program.

Hall joins Michigan State Boys

The American Legion Post 303 of Grosse Pointe recently selected Grosse Pointe South junior, Brian Hall, to join about 300 others at Michigan Boys State, a week-long educational program emphasizing citizenship, leadership and government.

Michigan American Legion sponsors the program — open to high school juniors with an interest in government — started in 1935 and has housed more than one million high school students in departments across the country.

According to the Michigan Legion website, the program is about “learning, politics, government, involvement and friendships.”

Former Boys State alumni include: former president Bill Clinton, television anchor Tom Brokaw, former National Basketball Association player Michael Jordan and astronaut Neil Armstrong.

Teacher of the week

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

This week, it's St. Paul on the Lake seventh-grade science teacher Mike Novak.

He was nominated by seventh-graders Jonathan Theros and George Daley: “He makes science fun and we enjoy hearing his ‘life lesson’ stories.”

Years at the Grosse Pointe Farms school: I've been teaching at St. Paul for 26 years. Before that, five years of coach-

ing the track team.

Previous work: I have also been on the coaching staff of the girls track and boys cross country teams at Grosse Pointe South High School for approximately 25 years.

I worked at a major sporting goods store, then at Total Runner, which is now Hansons Running Shop.

Why did you become a teacher: I received a teaching degree from Wayne State University and, when I was coaching the track team at St.

Paul, I found out how much I love teaching kids.

What do you enjoy most about teaching: First of all, it is never boring. You never know what the day is going to bring.

I am fortunate enough to see the students in both seventh and eighth grade, and to watch them grow and mature during that time is something I find interesting and fabulous.

What's your favorite science project for students: We

build water rockets. I emphasize creativity in the design, and to see them fly high after all their work is an enjoyment for all. This year, we had a rocket that released a cloud of glitter that was a surprise to everyone, even me.

How do you feel about being nominated: I am surprised and honored to be nominated by two great seventh-grade students.

—A.J. Hakim



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Lauren Meredith, left, and Head of University Liggett Middle School, Motoko Maegawa. Meredith was awarded the Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship.

Student awarded Shammass scholarship

University Liggett School sixth-grader Lauren Meredith received the \$1,000 Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship, offered to students interested in the arts and demonstrate academic promise.

Associated with the school's endowment program, the scholarship, in its 25th year, is a gift from the Shammass family of Grosse Pointe Woods and others connected to Nicole Shammass, who died while attending Liggett Middle School.

“We are very grateful for the generosity of the Shammass family over the years,” director of development Kelley Hamilton said.

“The scholarship they created in memory of their daughter, Nicole, has honored many young men and women at Liggett's middle school and, in so doing, perpetuates Nicole's memory.”

Head Start: 'This was 20 families who were asking for help'

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via e-mail.

exemplary, one for other schools and districts with similar circumstances and challenges to emulate.

According to Stocks and others in support of the program, Head Start was another step toward school improvement and student progress.

“These are our children who are going to be expected to perform at a high level and need the early intervention to help them succeed as they enter kindergarten,” Gafa said

“This was 20 families who were asking for help so their students could succeed. A federally-funded program that costs the district zero dollars, in a time where districts are making drastic cuts, Grosse Pointe had the opportunity to add a successful, well-known program that helps with student success.

“Why, as a board member elected to represent the students' best interests, would I ever stand in the way of that progress and success with a ‘no’ vote?”

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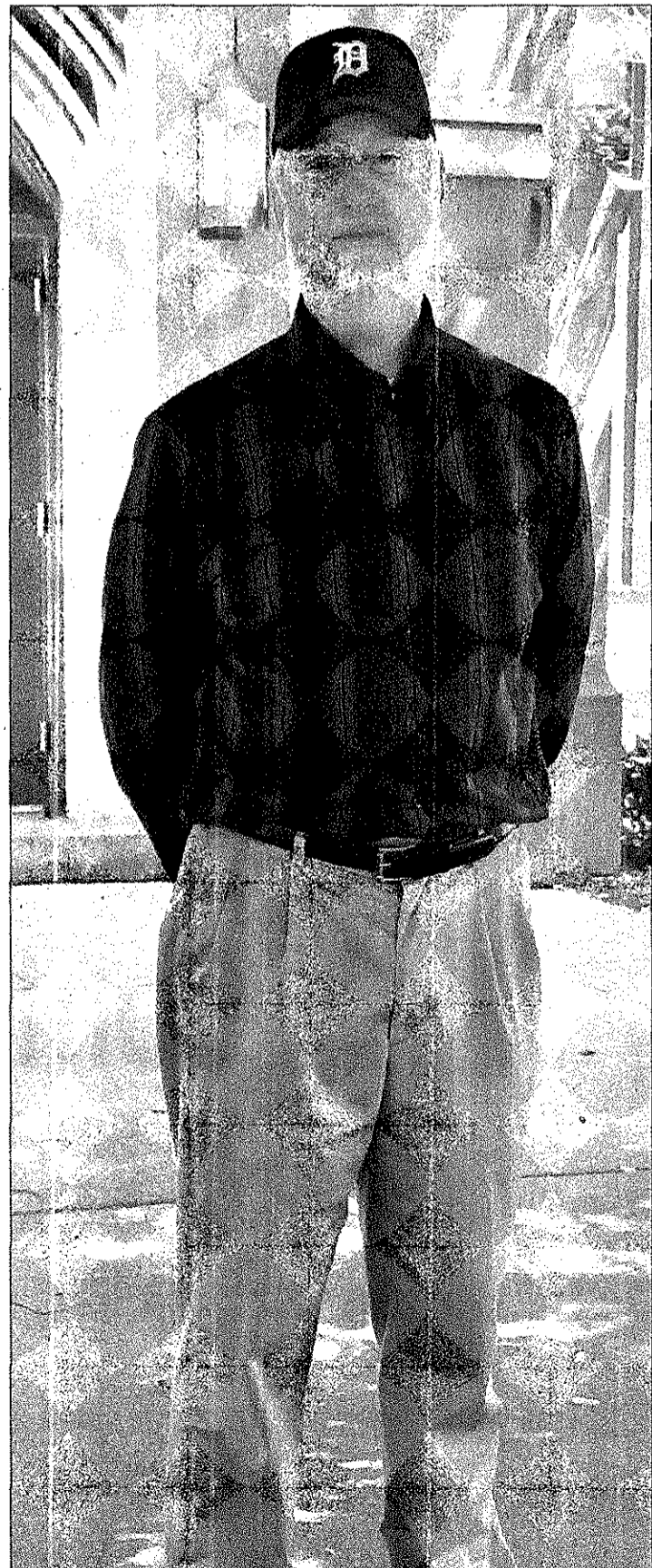


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St. Paul on the Lake seventh-grade science teacher Mike Novak.

Correction

Mason Elementary School won the first Fishfly club meet.

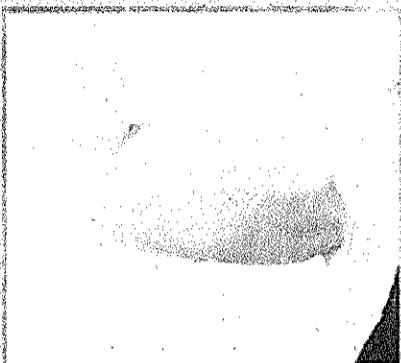
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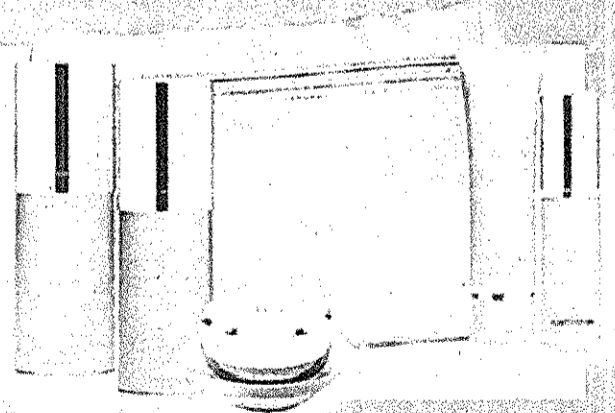
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Toyota Prius adds features, interior space

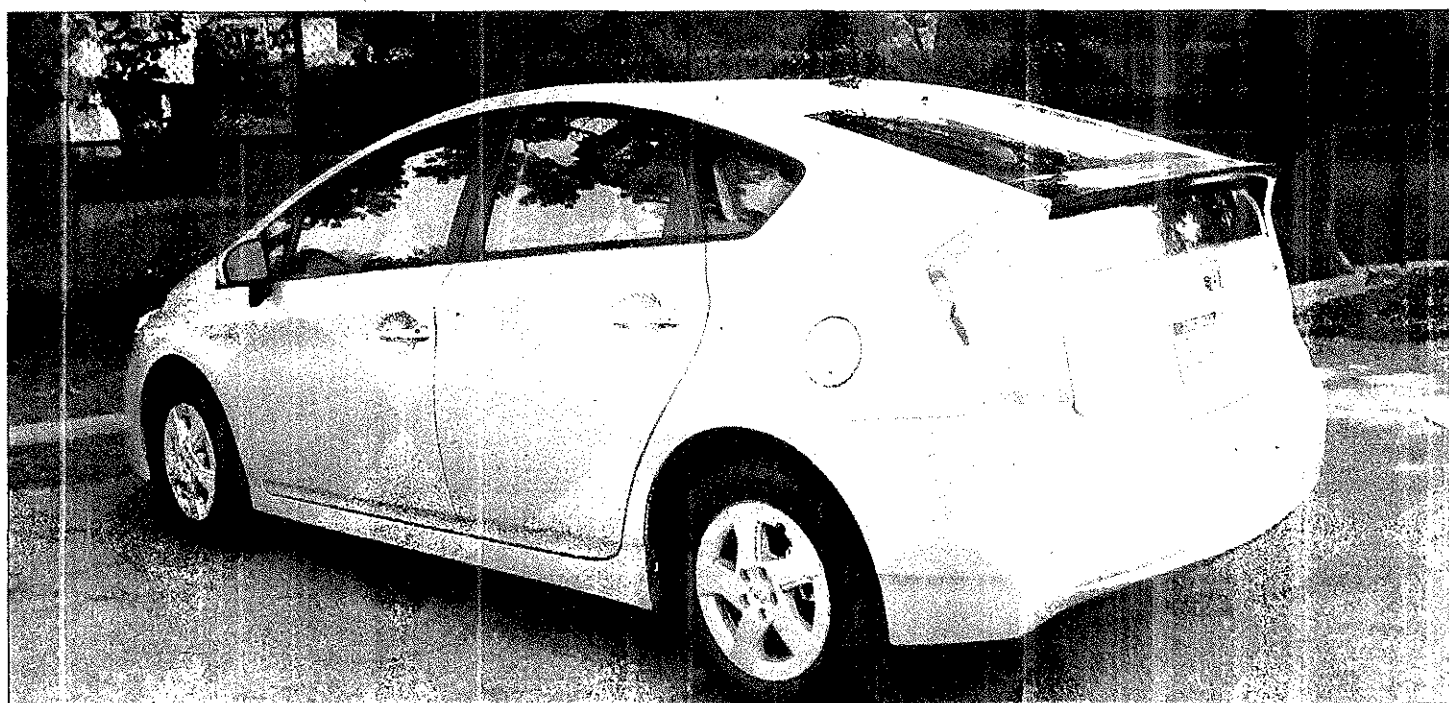


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Above, lines are no longer unique, but the Prius for 2011 still has its avant-garde profile. Left, the gear shift in the Prius is a small arm on the front of the instrument panel, a short reach from the steering wheel.



The gasoline-electric Prius hybrid is in its third generation and Toyota says its fuel efficiency is up to an estimated 51 mpg in the city and 48 mpg on the highway for a combined 50 mpg.

Mileage is especially improved in cold-start conditions and at higher speeds in the five-passenger, front-drive car, according to Toyota. And the mid-size five-door hatchback is rated at a top speed of 112 miles per hour. Surprise! Zero to 60? Just under 10 seconds.

Prius has become an icon in the development and accep-

...tance of gas-electric hybrids. It carries an impressive battery pack.

The hybrid-related components, including the HV battery, battery control module, hybrid control module and inverter with converter, are covered for eight years/100,000 miles.

Its 1.8-liter dual-overhead cam four-cylinder gasoline engine cranks out 98 horsepower on its own.

Combined with the electric motor, the hybrid system produces 134 net horsepower, Toyota says. That's up 24 horses from the previous generation of Prius.

Toyota says an electric water pump and a new exhaust gas recirculation system contribute to the engine's efficiency. The Prius engine is the first Toyota powerplant that requires no accessory drive belts, the automaker says. This boosts powertrain effi-

ciency and can reduce maintenance costs.

Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive was re-engineered with lighter components for this Prius generation.

The 2011 model offers four driving modes: normal, power, eco and EV.

The EV mode allows driving on battery power alone at low speeds for about a mile if conditions permit, Toyota says. Power mode makes a throttle connection and offers a sportier, more responsive feel.

A multi-information display panel that monitors fuel and energy consumption is standard and provides, among other things, feedback on the car's efficiency.

Advanced and luxurious

The Prius continues to be a kind of automotive laboratory on wheels. Toyota is adding some options with a touch of

extra convenience, even luxury.

Proven new-wave technology includes a dynamic radar cruise control system available as an option, "lane keep assist" and a pre-collision system which tightens the front safety belts and applies the brakes in certain conditions when a crash is unavoidable, according to Toyota.

Need help parking? A guidance parking system can assist.

A backup camera, with view of rear obstacles when the car is in reverse, is available with an optional voice-activated navigation system.

Safety Connect, Toyota's first safety and security service, includes automatic collision notification, stolen vehicle locator, emergency assistance button and roadside assistance, the automaker says.

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2011 Camaro LT Convertible

2011 Camaro LT Convertible



This week, we're staying in Pony Car retroland as I test the new 2011 Chevy Camaro Convertible, a stunning car that attracts attention wherever you go — base price: \$32,650; price as tested: \$35,335. Powered by a 3.6 liter V6, our new ragtop LT2 is \$9,000 more than a base Camaro LS Coupe (\$23,530 base), which is quite a bit more. Still, this four passenger sporty car still attracts both the younger set and the Baby Boomers, who grew up on Chevy "Bow Tie" memories.

Outwardly, Camaro Convertible looks nearly identical to its sibling SS, sans the bigger V8 motor and "SS" badges. Still recognizable with a long hood and short rear deck design, Camaro LT is listed as a compact car by the EPA and delivers 18 city and 29 highway EPA numbers.

Today's rear-drive Camaro is built with a modern suspension. Chevy put to rest its outdated solid rear axle when it

ended production of its last generation model in 2002. Engineers replaced it with a much better fully independent four wheel suspension that makes 2011 Camaro a comfortable, well mannered road car. Also standard are Stabilitrak with traction control, ABS four wheel disc brakes and standard 19-inch tires and painted aluminum wheels.

The standard 19-inch tires, however, were replaced by our tester's 20-inch tires, part of the Rally Sport option. For \$1,500 more, the RS adds exterior and interior additions, including beautiful aluminum wheels with midnight silver finish, high intensity headlamps with halo ring, rear spoiler and unique RS tail lights. Our tester's only other option was a fine shifting 6-speed automatic with "tap shift" and remote vehicle start for \$1,185.

The aforementioned aluminum 3.6 liter V6 is direct fuel injected and produces 312 horses and 273 pound-feet of torque. Chevy's V6 features variable valve timing, dual overhead cams, 24 valves and an 11.3 to 1 compression. If you want the 6.2 liter V8, the SS comes with 426 horses and delivers 16 city and 24 highway — excellent for a car with this

much power. Not a lightweight by any means, the 2011 Camaro is built tough and offers very good safety equipment, including all air bags, theft deterrent, OnStar safety free for six months with turn-by-turn navigation, and so much more.

Noteworthy standard features include heated leather front bucket seats, cruise, head up display, steering wheel controls, Bluetooth, USB port, all the powers, air conditioning, rear defroster and a great 245 watt AM/FM/CD Boston Acoustics 8-speaker plus subwoofer audio system with XM Satellite/Sirius free for three months.

Inside, there's ample room up front and tight conditions in the rear, something all Pony Cars "deliver." Our tester came with a standard "head up" front window information/speedometer display, something I've never really liked, as it still bothers my concentration. However, it can be turned down and out of sight. The convertible's rear seat is a little tighter than the coupe to allow for the easy down electric top mechanicals.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 112.3 inches, 3,989-pound curb weight, 10.2

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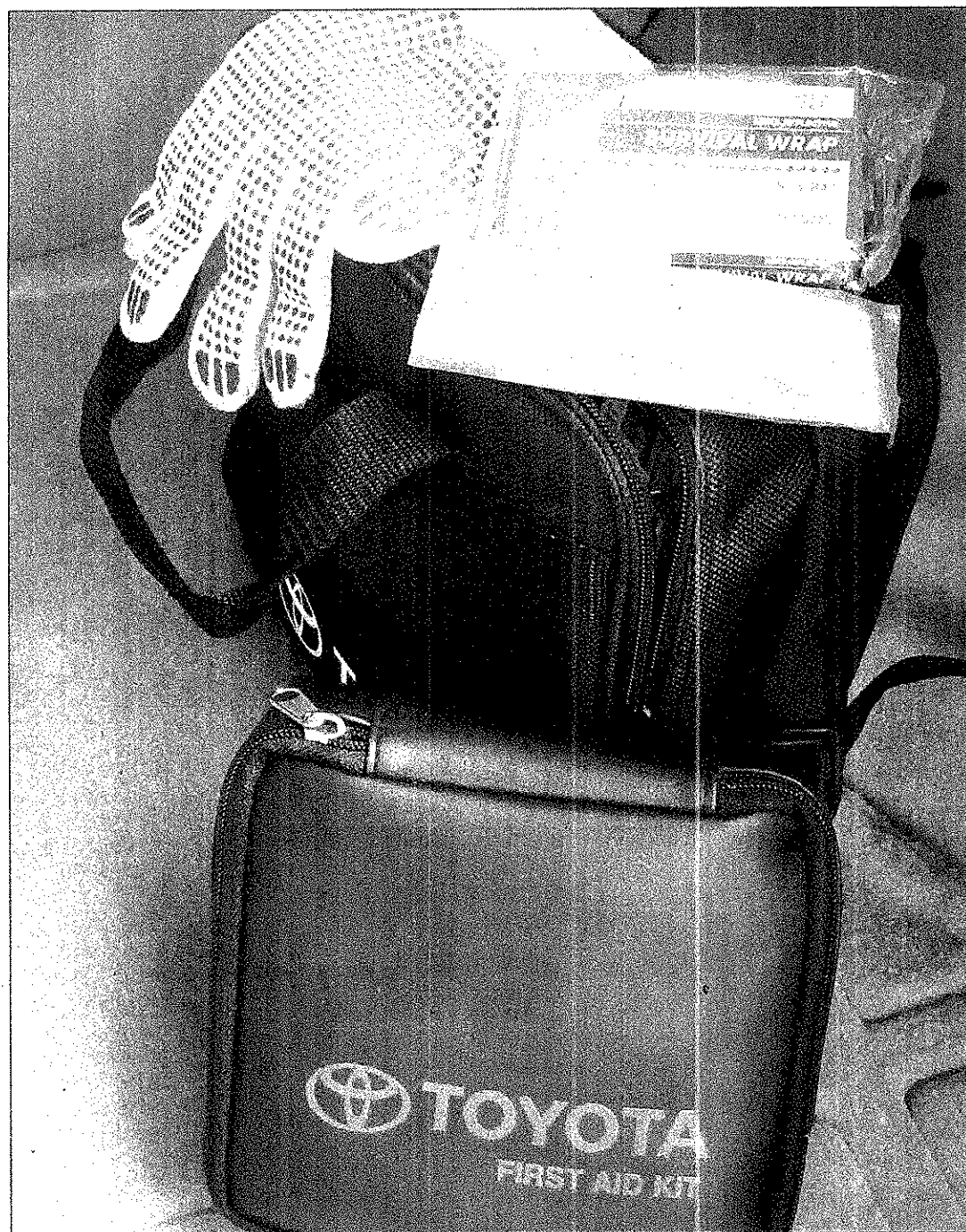
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Above, buyers can opt for a survival kit and a first aid kit to carry in the Prius. At top, designers of the 2011 Prius changed the roofline and added space for rear seat passengers.

**KING:
Prius offered
in one model**

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Equipment packaging

Prius is offered in one model grade with five standard equipment packages, each

with its own exterior and interior features.

Option packages combine some of the technology mentioned above.

Among them is a solar roof package with a well-stocked navigation package plus a power tilt/slide moonroof with a solar powered ventilation system and a remote air conditioning system.

An available sliding glass

moonroof is packaged with solar panels, located over the rear seating area, that power a new ventilation system. The solar powered ventilation system helps reduce the interior air temperature when parked directly in the sun.

The advanced technology package is only available on the top-of-the-line Prius and includes the navigation package, dynamic radar cruise



control; a pre-collision system; lane keep assist and the advanced guidance parking system.

We found a \$70 optional survival kit in the cargo space of the test Prius.

It contained battery cables, clamps, gloves, a water bag and a plastic poncho. There also was a first-aid kit and temporary spare.

A mechanic said he would never ride in a gas-electric hybrid because he heard the "jaws of life" could not be used on a car with a large battery pack.

No so, says Curt McAllister, who heads Toyota's Detroit office.

"When the air bags deploy, all high power lines in the system go dead and the battery is isolated," said McAllister. He said the jaws can do their work without repercussions.

Prius ranges from about \$22,120 to \$28,790.

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TEST DRIVE By Tim Zyla

2011 Toyota Corolla S

We recently drove the 2011 Toyota Corolla S, undoubtedly one of the most popular compact cars of the past 40 years — base price: \$18,300; price as tested: \$20,721.

Introduced into Toyota's line in 1966 as a subcompact, Corolla grew in 1988 to compact status and its popularity skyrocketed.

During the last five years, Toyota has experienced a significant drop in Corolla's United States sales, although many are willing to discount this non-sales event as a product of the unstable economy. With a closer look toward the competition in Corolla's class, there may be more to the story. More on that later.

Our tester 2011 Toyota Corolla S is powered by a 1.8L DOHC 16-valve 4-cylinder engine with Dual Variable Valve Timing with intelligence. We feel this is quite the mouthful for a rather lackluster 132 horsepower, 128 pound-foot output engine.

However, with an automatic transmission our tester delivers a solid 34 miles per gallon highway and 26 city, comparable to the competition.

The main concern with our tester is Corolla's use of a 4-speed automatic transmission. Most cars in Corolla's compact class for 2011 are offering either 5- or 6-speed automatic transmissions.

Thus, the 4-speed automatic simply does not give Corolla enough options to keep the engine in the power band when needed. At very light throttle pressure, it's not very noticeable. And the same goes for when the pedal is all the way down in merging or passing situations.

However, under part throttle

conditions, Corolla's transmission seems confused, especially when going up higher grade hills. With this said, there is some good news to bear for those who know how to operate a car with three pedals. Specifically, Corolla S offers a standard 5-speed manual transmission with a base price of \$17,770. We feel this is a no-brainer, as better performance, increased fuel mileage — 35 highway — and less cost results in "what's not to like?"

Our Corolla came equipped with an upgraded AM/FM/CD player with MP3/iPod/Bluetooth capabilities which added \$520 to the price. The power tilt/slide moon roof also adds another \$890.

The suspension is somewhat slow to react and gives the driver a "floaty" feeling when making quicker changes in direction at speed. Still, it's a comfortable and good ride overall, as you'll find MacPherson struts up front and a torsion beam setup out back.

The S package is an appearance wrap that sports 16-inch alloy wheels, color-keyed spoilers, sport side rocker panels, sport front seats, fog lamps, and a sport tilt/telescoping steering wheel.

For those looking for the lowest price Corolla, the base model is \$15,900 and is a great starting point.

Corolla's beauty is not only in its price, but its simplicity. It is a car that anyone can drive and feel comfortable in.

Consumers will sit in a Corolla for the first time and yet probably still know where every switch and button is in the cockpit. The interior, too, makes sense in a simple manner as all safety equipment is standard fare. Also standard are all the air bags, anti-lock

brakes, traction control, vehicle stability, electronic brake-force and much more. Your Toyota dealer will explain the Star Safety System, while amenities like cruise, air, remote entry, 60/40 rear seats are just a few items on the expanded standard list.

Important numbers include a nimble curb weight of only 2,723 pounds, 102.2-inch wheelbase, 5.3-inch ground clearance, 12.3 cubic feet of cargo space and a 13.2-gallon fuel tank.

Corolla it is one of the best designed economy cars we've driven, and Toyota isn't doing much wrong with the model. However, to explain the aforementioned decline in sales, it is likely the result of U.S. manufacturers catching up and making a determined run at the compact class, especially with cars like Chevy's new Cruze and redesigned Ford Focus. Until recently, Ford and Chevy never held strong offerings in the compact class, but the tides are changing.

It will be interesting to see how Japanese manufacturers react.

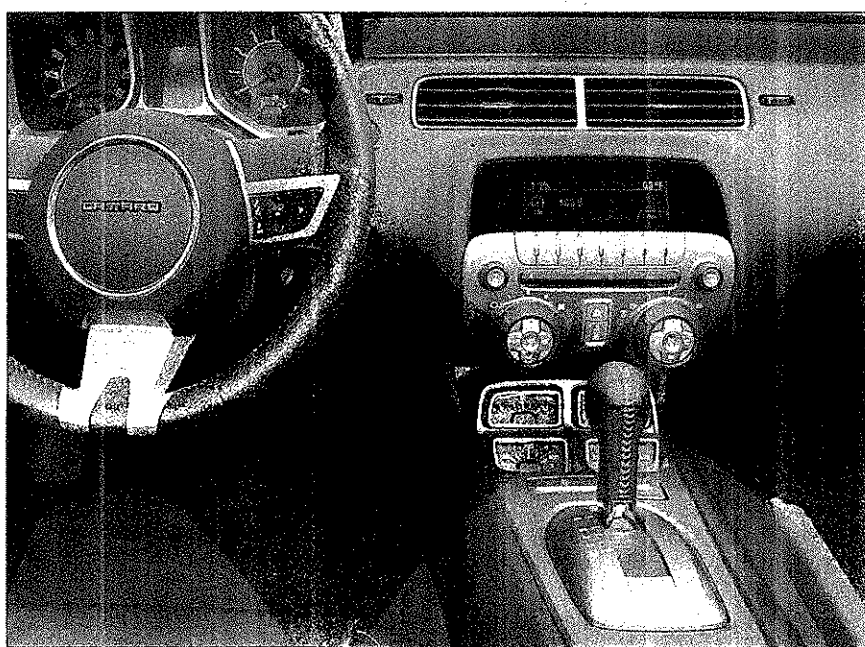
Likes: Simplicity, price, fuel economy, Toyota quality throughout.

Dislikes: The 4-speed automatic has to go.

Tim Zyla writes regularly for Greg Zyla's Test Drive syndicate.



2011 Toyota Corolla S



2011 Camaro LT Convertible interior

ly to their respective Pony Car past.

The new Camaro, although still recognizable, relies on a more aerodynamic, modern look that is now accepted by "died in wool" Chevy lovers.

Camaro V6 LT, be it ragtop or coupe, offers those who don't want a 426 horse SS, a less powerful option. It's a great, fun car.

Likes: Quality, fully independent suspension, handling, looks and fuel mileage.

Dislikes: Some blind spots, head up display, convertible is pricey.

Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

Correction

The winner in the dealer-built super cars category at the 2011 EyesOn Design show at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House was the 1969 Yenka Camaro 427 owned by the Clary family of Alton, Mo.

PONY CAR: With a modern look

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cubic feet of cargo room and a 19-gallon fuel tank for regular-grade fuel.

The new Camaro's "retro"

keepsakes are the most diverse of today's offerings, as Ford Mustang and Dodge Challenger are closer artistic-

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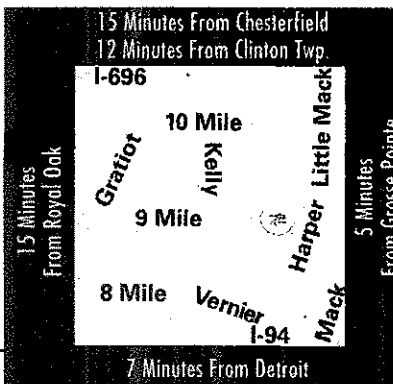
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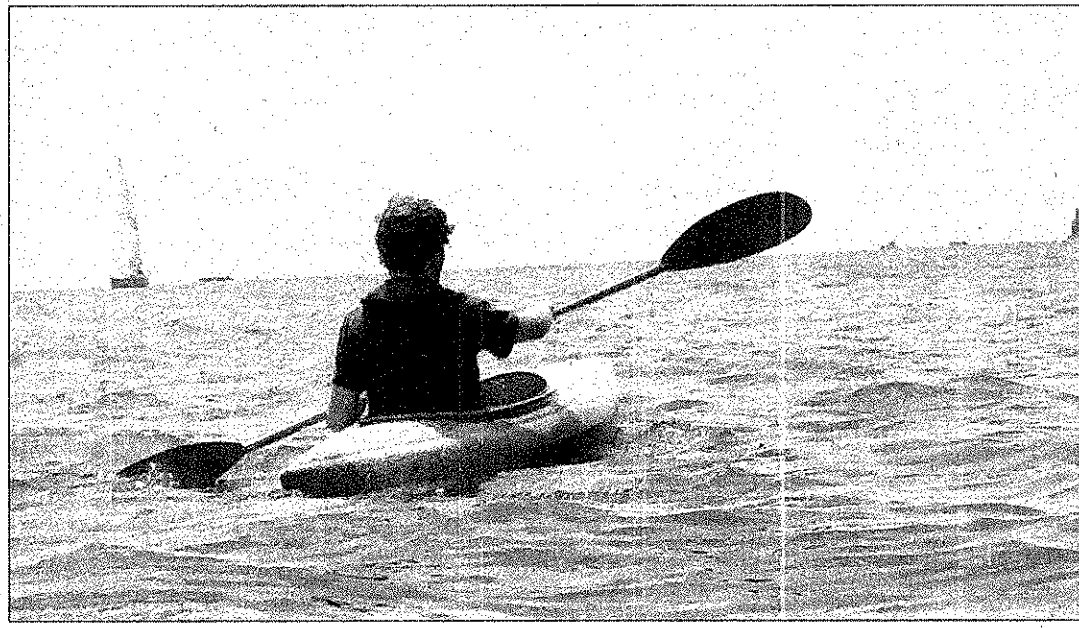
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What a view



PHOTOS BY JUSTIN HICKS

Waters are warm in Fords Cove. Left, avid kayakers travel a water trail designated from St. Clair to to lower Wayne County.



By Justin Hicks
 Special Writer

Macomb joins Wayne and St. Clair counties in mapping out a water trail along Lake St. Clair, enhancing business and awareness of the surrounding area and helping boaters make the best of their surroundings.

The project, which started in November, funded by a \$10,000 Michigan Sea Grant to the Lake St. Clair Tourism Development Program, is expected to be completed by August.

"The trail will be made to help people who want to become more familiar with the water,

who are looking for local activities to do when they're visiting here or if they live here," said Kathy Vosburg, chairwoman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

"It gives them the opportunity to see places and things where people are expecting them, and to know they are welcome in those areas."

A water trail is a map that guides kayakers, canoes and day sailors through a body of water, highlighting launch sites, landing sites and attractions in between.

The map will be available in paper form along the trail's attractions, and on the Internet to give boaters an idea of where they

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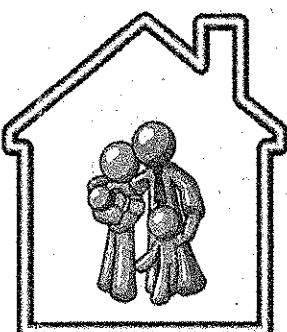
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Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE JULY 13, 1961 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1961: New suits

These teenagers found just what they were looking for in swimming and beach attire at Anthony's on-the-Hill, then headed for the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Left to right: Peggy Bohn, Candy Colett, Bev Shannon, Sue Keech and Prudy Baum.

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

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS RESIDENTS, OFFICIALS, CHURCH ARGUE OVER FENCE:** A hassle raged at the Woods council meeting between an attorney for Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, residents living near the church, and the Council itself. Reason for the flare-up was the 8-foot fence being constructed along the south line of the church property to Morningside and the proposed driveway for the new girls high school.

◆ **TEENAGED BICYCLE BURGLAR SOUGHT BY POLICE:** Police authorities in the Pointe and surrounding areas have been alerted to be on the lookout for a 14- or 15-year-old boy, who is being sought for questioning in a number of larcenies, including several committed in the Park and Farms.

On three occasions the boy was surprised by his victims, but in each case he made good his escape by leaping on a bicycle and riding away.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **TV CREW BARRED FROM ENTERING WINDMILL POINTE:** A Detroit television news crew was denied access to Windmill Pointe Park while doing a story on charges of alleged inequitable treatment of residents at Grosse Pointe's

parks.

City officials said no member of the news crew held a park pass or a guest pass and therefore the crew was asked to leave the grounds.

◆ **WOODS RESIDENT IS DROWNING VICTIM:** A Grosse Pointe Woods man drowned in Lake St. Clair, possibly while helping his dog. The body of the 54-year-old man was recovered two days later.

According to reports, the man left home about 6 p.m. to walk the family cockapoo along the lake. Within an hour, a Shores resident discovered the dog, dripping and sitting on the shore. Using information on the dog's collar, the resident called the family to report finding the dog.

Divers searched two days for the man. An employee of the Yacht Club discovered the body floating in the lake.

◆ **SCHOOL OFFICIALS STUDY PCB PROBLEM:** Discovery last month of contamination from PCB-containing transformers at a Detroit scrapyards has focused attention on federal guidelines calling for their removal.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has six PCB-containing transformers — four at North and two at South, according to the district's director of support service.

The district has until 1990 to either replace or modify the transformers.

2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **NIGHTMARE BLAZE KILLS 19 HORSES, LEVELS LANDMARK:** Nineteen horses died when the main barn of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club burned to the ground. No people were hurt.

Grosse Pointe Woods police are looking into claims by residents near the club that fireworks were involved.

◆ **BANK ROBBERY:** "Give me all the money," whispered a gunman to a bank teller working in the 19300 block of Mack. The robber pulled back his black denim jacket to reveal the butt of a gun sticking from his waistband.

The teller reached into her cash drawer. The man stuffed cash in his pockets and inside his jacket and left the bank to the alley where he started emptying the haul into his white Ford Taurus.

A bank manager watched as a dye pack slipped in with the cash exploded inside the man's jacket. Red dye dripped to the ground. The robber drove south on Mack to Moross.

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **POOL LINER TO COST \$1 MILLION:** Lake Front Park's pool will undergo several renovations — including replacing the liner — to the tune of \$1 million.

City officials learned the pool liner ripped just prior to the pool's season-opening weekend. The entire bill for the new liner, renovations and engineering costs is \$1,068,950.

The cost will be covered through either bond anticipation notes, cable fund dollars in the budget, or cash reserves.

◆ **WATER RATES TO GO UP 2.4%:** Water bills in Grosse Pointe Farms will increase 2.41 percent, or an average \$1.44.

The change means typical water customers will receive a bill of \$166.45 compared to \$158.25.

Compiled by Karen Fontanive



Flag week

Louisa St. Clair Chapter/National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution donated 500 flags June 15 to the Grosse Pointe Public Library's summer reading program during Flag Week. From left, Jane Marsden, DAR member Linda Maciag and Kathleen Gallagher, youth services librarian.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Historical Commission

Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission holds an antique appraisal event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Henry Harper appraises furniture; James Valentine, furniture and art; Christopher Kolomjec, carpets and rugs; Harold Braggs, miscellaneous collectibles; Kay VandeGraaf, porcelain and lace; Pat Scott Jewelers, jewelry, gemstones and watches; Lori Stefek, silver, art and flatware; and Steve Dong, Asian art.

Verbal appraisals are given. The cost is \$5 per item. No firearms can be brought in.

Proceeds benefit Cook School restoration.

For more information, call Del at (313) 884-3167.



New officers

The Detroit Panhellenic Association installed its new officers during a recent meeting. They are from left, president Lisa Porter, of Royal Oak, and member of Phi Mu; secretary Bridget Holton, of Livonia, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma chapter; and Darcy Bor, of Farmington Hills, a member of Kappa Delta chapter. Not pictured but honored were past president, Susan Nightingale, of Dearborn, from the Delta Zeta chapter; and Woman of the Year, Karyn Bloch, of Saline, a member of the Alpha Phi chambers.

Rotary Club

The Grosse Pointe Rotary

Club meets at noon Monday, July 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. USS George Washington officers and crew members dis-



Rotary presidents

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe officials were recognized at the June 27 meeting. From left, incoming president Bill Scott; Rotary District Governor for 2010 - 2011 Kim Towar and past club president Mark Wilson.

cuss their ship and its current mission.

\$20. All children who finish receive a trophy. Admission and parking are free.

Register online at escapetobelleisle.com.

Proceeds benefit the S.A.Y. Detroit Women and Children's Clinic.

and a DJ provides music for dancing. A cash bar and a 50/50 raffle are included.

Tickets cost \$15 and are available at St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson.

For more information, call Debbie at (586) 930-2205.

The Lake House

The Lake House, a resource for those touched by cancer, holds free orientations at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and 5:15 p.m. Thursday, July 14 and 21.

The Men's Club meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27. This group is for men who have or had any type of cancer.

The facility is located at 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (586) 777-7761.

War Memorial

The Beat Club plays at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$8.

Steve King & Dittiles play at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27.

Reunions

Dominican High School Class of 1961 holds its 50th class reunion at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call Judy Bloomfield Hasten at (313) 882-3738 or visit Irish5801@sbcglobal.net.

Assumption Grotto's annual grade school reunion begins at noon Saturday, Aug. 13, at Dodge Park, 40620 Utica, Sterling Heights.

Bring food, beverages and a dish to pass.

For more information, call Ron at (586) 939-4584.

Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1976 holds its 35th class reunion Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Kathy Kirchner at (313) 520-4674, or visit gps1976.webs.com.

Music on the Plaza

The Paul Keller Orchestra performs a free concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Village Festival Plaza, at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Sunrise Rotary

The Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Belle Isle

The Spirit of Detroit Challenge includes a 5K and a 10K race and walks, and a children's fun run at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16, beginning at the Belle Isle Casino.

Registration begins at 6 a.m. The 5K and 10K races cost \$25 and the Kids Fun Run costs

SCS parade

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church & Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, hosts the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day parade committee's fundraiser for the 2012 parade from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, July 15.

A buffet dinner is served,

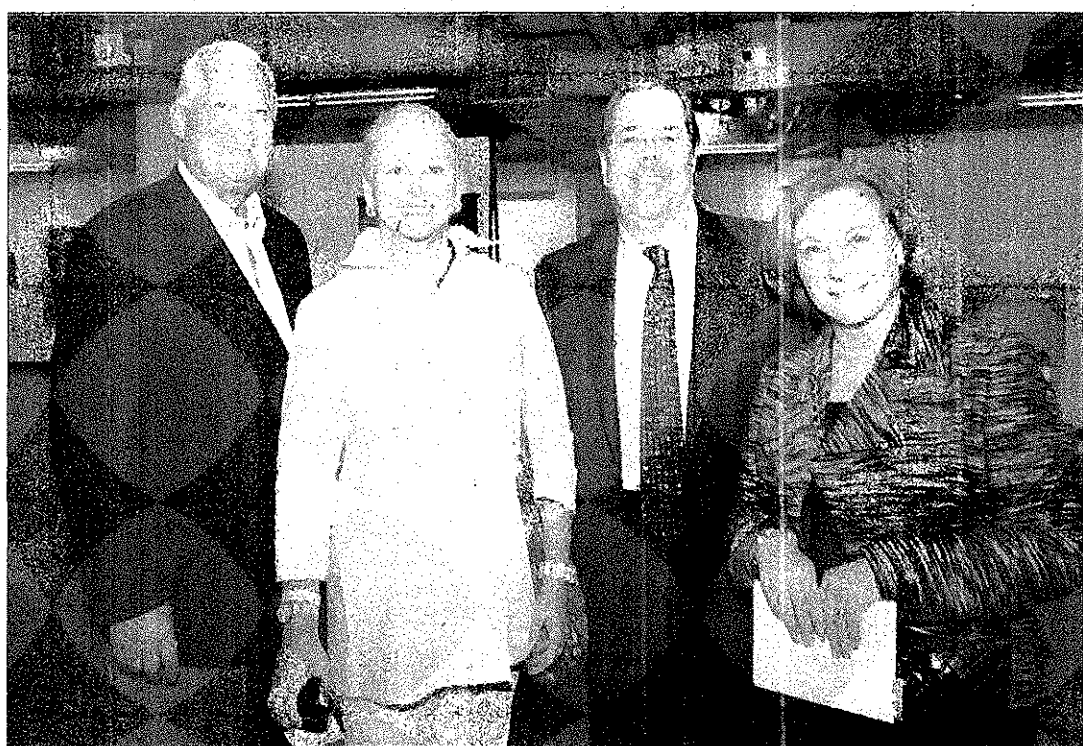


CCS

The College of Creative Studies 86th annual student exhibition attracted more than 1,800 attendees Friday, May 13. The event raised more than \$100,000 for undergraduate student scholarships and a free art program for Detroit children, with \$45,000 being raised the first night.

From left, Suzanne Hagopian, of Birmingham, and Laura Magda, Emily Crowley and Rick Rogers, of Grosse Pointe Park.

Below, from left, CCS board member Alfred Fisher III and Barbara Fisher, of St. Clair Shores, and CCS board member David and Cynthia Hempestead, of Grosse Pointe Park.



Rose society holds annual show

Some 180 horticultural presentations and 11 arrangements were entered in the Grosse Pointe Rose Society and the Metropolitan Rose Society annual rose show at the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club June 17 and 18.

Tom and Ellie Kressbach, of the City of Grosse Pointe, won Best of Show with their polyantha spray, "Wing Ding." The couple also won Best Miniature English Box, Best Floribunda Spray, Best Climber with their rose "Fourth of July," Best Classic Shrub, Best Modern Shrub, the Dowager Queen, King and Princess of Miniatures, Best Miniature Spray and Best Miniature Open Bloom.

Paul Colombo, of Eastpointe, took home Best Victorian with his rose, "Pink Scotch," and Best English Rose with "Heavenly Rosalind."

Birmingham resident Frank Von Koss won the blue ribbon with his rose, "Uncle Joe," in the challenge class with three hybrid teas of the same variety.

Susan Surlletta, of St. Clair Shores, won Best



Mary Bourget, of Grosse Pointe Woods, stops to smell the roses at the Grosse Pointe Rose Show.

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Above, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is one site to see on the water trail stretching from Wayne County to St. Clair County. Below, summertime means having fun on Lake St. Clair.

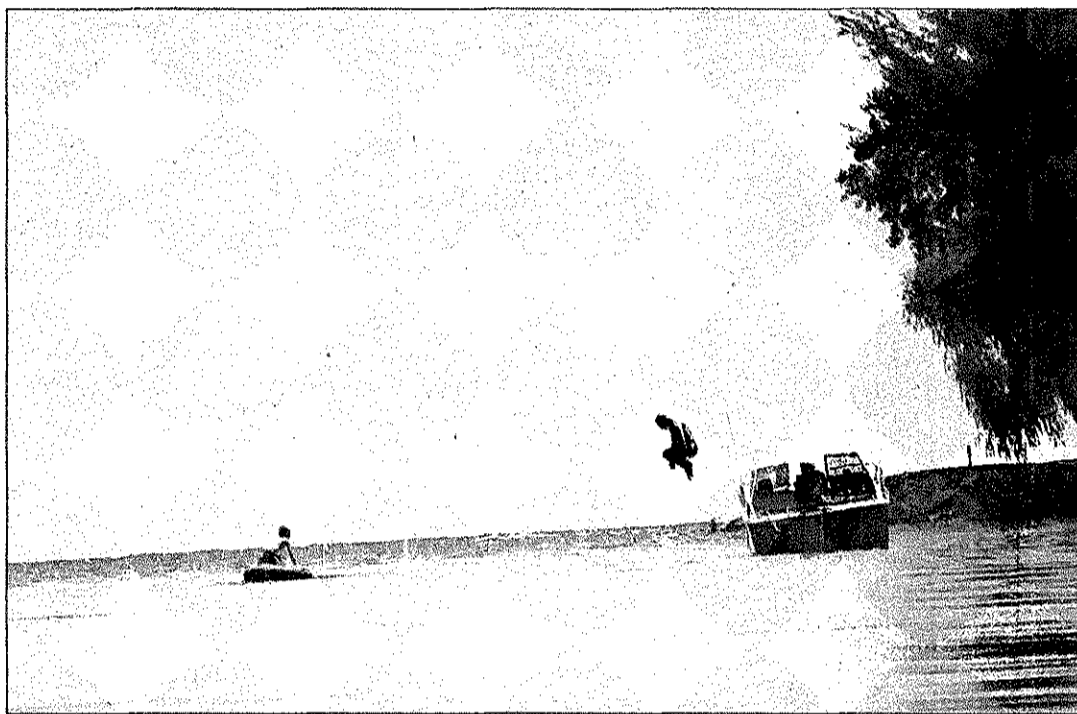
TRAIL:
Make a stop along the way

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can go. Along the trail are many sights, including a trip up the river Voss into Chesterfield Township to see the historical village.

"What's neat about that is while you enter a canal, which is very civilized and brought up to date, you also go through a section that is pretty much untouched," Vosburg said. "You feel like you're up north somewhere, which is nice when you don't have the time to pack up and go up north."

There's a beach in New Baltimore, lighthouses, Metro beach and the St. Clair flats, to name a few stops along the trail.



"We're investigating the potential shipwrecks out there," said Mary Bohling, Michigan Sea Grant extension educator for Southeast Michigan. "We're looking into the histo-

ry of the ships and how they sunk."

The view of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House from the water is enjoyable to boaters passing by, but Vice President

of Communication of the Ford House Ann Fitzpatrick considers the trail a way to bring people to the estate.

"When I heard about the water trail development, I

contacted the folks in Macomb County and also the sea grants folks to find out how we could get involved," she said. "I love the idea of people coming to the Ford House for different reasons... and this is another way to engage people interested in nature and healthy activity."

Fitzpatrick is looking into adding a launch point, allowing kayakers to come and go from the estate, rather than just view it while passing by.

It's a common belief the quality of water in Lake St. Clair is poor due to high e-coli levels, but Vosburg said the water is improving in many areas, including Anchor Bay.

"Lake St. Clair has a history of not having safe water, but in some areas it's becoming very safe," she said. "Some people still have an aversion to swimming there, but this is a great opportunity to enjoy the water and nature without getting in the water."

Avid Grosse Pointe Woods kayaker, Mary Rose Grates-Nelson, expressed excitement for the trail, though she is worried about the dangers of kayaking along Lake St. Clair.

"I'd have to see where the trail goes because when we kayak, we go out of the Grosse Pointe Woods park and we've noticed it's a problem going north because it's so dangerous," she said. "It gets really congested with the harbors being there and it can be very dangerous."

Vosburg said the map will help limit the danger of harbors by marking high-traffic areas to keep kayakers aware of where they might be heading.

Marinas along the lake are also enthused and expect increased traffic on the water will bring business, Vosburg said.

"The more people we can get on the water, the more businesses are able to take advantage of it," she added. "The use of restaurants increase, marinas will see increases — any time you bring people to businesses, those businesses will benefit."

Macomb County held two

open houses in May for groups to view the trail map and make suggestions on making it more useful for the public. Bohling and Vosburg both said the common mentality was the trail is a great idea, though there is room for a couple improvements.

Bohling mentioned a trail day on Lake St. Clair to reveal the final map, but details are pending.

The addition of the trail to Lake St. Clair connects the trails in Wayne and St. Clair counties, bringing Michigan one step closer to a state-wide trail. The area along Lake Michigan is the last spot to be mapped and plans are in the works.

"There's a couple of different folks who are working on scouting out the area (for the Lake Michigan trail)," Bohling said. "I'd say five to 10 years before we cover the Lake Michigan side."

ROSES:
Enjoy the color, fragrance

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Hybrid Tea Open Bloom, End of the Trail with Miniatures and the Miniature Artist award for Best Miniature arrangement titled, "Mexicalli Rose." She also took home the Miniature Silver Sweepstakes Bowl for the same arrangement.

Dave Strachan, of Grosse Pointe Farms, earned Best Grandiflora spray with "Tournament of Roses," and Ann Warren, of the City of Grosse Pointe, won End of Trail with her arrangement of hybrid teas.

Sharon Kardos, of St. Clair Shores, won Queen of Miniatures with her entry, "Snow Baby."

The Queen of Show was won by Ronald Loch. Betty Johnson won King and Princess of Show, as well as Best Floribunda One Bloom.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Jim Rizer

Think about such things

It has been said that we are what we think. This is commonly described as the law of exposure which states "our minds think about what it is most exposed to."

I first became aware this phenomenon in seminary as I had been playing some, well lots, of procrastination Tetris and woke up one night while dreaming about multicolored shapes spinning and falling into place.

The profound impact of this concept is revealed in a study by the U.S. Army. In World War II, the Army began to study the number of soldiers who would pull the trigger in combat to fire on another person. Much to their surprise they discovered only 15 percent would actually fire. The military sought to address this by modifying its training of soldiers, including changing the type of target from the standard bull's-eye to a human silhouette and the rate increased to 55 percent by the Korea War.

The targets were further modified to be more life-like and by Vietnam the rate was 95 percent.

It is with the reality of the law of exposure that the Apostle Paul writes, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)

Far too often we choose to think about lesser things, believing they really don't impact us. Yet, in the same way that irritating song heard first thing in the morning incessantly bounces around your mind all day, what we think about truly matters. We have such great freedom to chose what we are exposed to.

May we think about such things.

The Rev. Jim Rizer is minister at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Shake it up

Vacation Bible school at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods emphasizes God's influences

through Bible stories. At left, children hold up the letters spelling out "Bible" for the Rev. Jerry Elsholz, wearing a chef's hat. Right, Morgan McIntyre dips her finger tips into paint to create the purple grape bunch on her coaster. The craft enforces sharing and being a good host. Christine Simone, a volunteer, also is pictured.



CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Hearts Hands and Voices, a worship and music camp for children in second through seventh grades from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 15 - 18.

Children of different musical abilities are engaged in choir, hand bells, hand chimes, art and drama, xylophones, glockenspeil, rhythm instruments and drums.

Children need not have a musical background, said Mary Ann Magill, church member music teacher.

Staff members teaching classes have a musical education background, she said, and many are coming from the east side of the Detroit metro area, where the program has been in place for two years under the direction of clinician, composer and organist Michael Burkhardt.

The camp's goal is for children to have fun finding their skills and talents and develop them for participation in the worship setting, Magill said.

The cost is \$75 and scholarships are available.

For more information, call Ellen Batkie at (248) 497-1471 or visit info@heartshandsvoices.org.

Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Aug. 1 - 5. Middle school age children can attend from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$25.

Joining Memorial Church this year is St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

To register, call (313) 882-5330 or visit gpmchurch.org. Registration deadline is July 15.

St. Albertus

St. Albertus Historic Church holds a Tridentine Mass at noon Sunday, July 17, with celebrant the Rev. Mark Borkowski. The parking lot is on St.



Carillon recital

Anna Kasprzycka, of Gdansk, Poland, performs a carillon concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. She studied carillon in Belgium and the Netherlands. A television screen is provided for those seated outdoors. Following the performance, the carillon tower is open. Admission is free.

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Ground level art

Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Art Center, young artists were encouraged to be creative with the pastel chalks.

Left, Davey Silverman, of Grosse Pointe Farms, drew a body outline of his friend, Michael Nesi, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Far left, Stephanie Hansen, of Grosse Pointe Farms, drew a flower.



PHOTOS BY RENE L'ANDUYT

Maria Zaki, of Grosse Pointe Woods, took to the streets and created chalk art in the City of Grosse Pointe.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau Scheriff

Hawaiian potato salad is a cool summer side



Summer is the time for cold food. Crispy salads, potato salad, cole slaw and macaroni salad come to mind. This week I'm preparing macaroni salad the way they do in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Pure and simple is how it's done on the island and dishes are always served over lettuce. Cool and delicious, really.



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Cool down summer menu with Hawaiian potato salad.

Traditional Hawaiian Potato Salad

- 1 pound cooked macaroni (or other pasta), chilled
- 3 cups mayonnaise
- 2/3 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/4 cup finely chopped white onion
- 6 hard cooked eggs, peeled and pushed through large end of a grater
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- salt and pepper to taste
- sweet paprika for garnish
- fresh lettuce leaves for serving

Place chilled macaroni in larger bowl and add mayonnaise, celery, onion, sugar and eggs. Toss until well incorporated. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Chill in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

To serve, arrange fresh lettuce leaves on serving plates, place a scoop of macaroni over the lettuce. Sprinkle with a dash of paprika

This simple to prepare macaroni salad has a fresh flavor from basic ingredients. The shredded egg adds a nice

touch to this crowd-pleasing summer side.

Bicycle across southwest state

The Michigander Bicycle Tour celebrates 20 years with a tour of southwest Michigan July 16 - 22.

The tour, hosted by the Michigan Trail & Greenways Alliance, kicks off in Gobles and travels through South Haven, Plainwell, Vermontville, Lowell, Ravenna and Holland.

The Michigander offers two-, six- and seven-day rides for all ages, skill levels and bike types. The multiple rides allow participants to choose between a weekend or a week-long vacation ride. Registration is accepted through July 8.

The two and seven day rides begin in Gobles July 16 and travel 24 miles to South Haven where shuttle buses are available to the beach and downtown shopping.

In honor of the 20 year anniversary, the Michigander also provides displays of memorabilia and trail trivia from the past 20 years.

Michigander riders on the six- and seven-day ride leave from South Haven July 17 to begin the circle route, which concludes in South Haven. Bikers explore the trails of southwest Michigan to Plainwell, a 57-mile ride. On July 18, riders travel 56 miles to Vermontville and July 19, they ride 61 miles to Lowell.

At each location, the Michigander offers activities for riders such as bingo night, a treasure hunt, a band composed of Michiganders, a scavenger hunt and a presentation from the alliance about new Michigan trail developments.

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LIGGETT

Shanidze's next challenge — U of M

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett 2011 graduate Medea Shanidze is the epitome of a role model.

She put her best foot forward during her days as a three-sport standout for the Knights and in the classroom, finishing with a 3.85 grade point average.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident is a "lifer" at Liggett, spending her entire school career at ULS.

"I loved my years at Liggett," Shanidze said. "I had great individual attention and my teachers made sure I'm prepared for college."

She goes from one prestigious academic institute to another — the University of Michigan Honor College.

Besides U-M, Shanidze sent applications to Harvard, Princeton, Northeastern, Boston University and Duke.

"U-M was the only in-state school I applied to, but in the end it's the one I want to go to since it is close to home and I get to stay close to my parents, my sister, Nina, and grandparents moving here from Russia," Shanidze said.

Her class schedule for the fall consists of chemistry, pre-calculus, Great Books and Russian for heritage speakers.

Shanidze, who speaks fluent Russian, tested out of the first



Medea Shanidze

several Russian classes. To challenge herself, she signed up for the heritage course.

"I'm taking a pre-med curriculum, so I think it is important to challenge myself," she said. "I haven't read a Russian book in a long time, so I'm looking forward to the class. It will be fun."

Her parents, Irakly and Irina, are both college educated. Her mother, Irina, is a medical doctor, and her father, Irakly, has a PhD in chemistry and is world-renown photographer.

"My parents are great role models and they expect me to get good grades and excel in school," Shanidze said. "I can't wait to go to U-M, but I will be a little nervous since this will be the first time I will be at a

different school."

Despite diving into college with a blind eye, Shanidze has a familiar roommate, fellow Liggett graduate Federica Jonas.

"It's nice going into U-M with someone I know very well, so our transition should be smooth," she said. "We will be on our own for the first time, but we're close to home if we need anything."

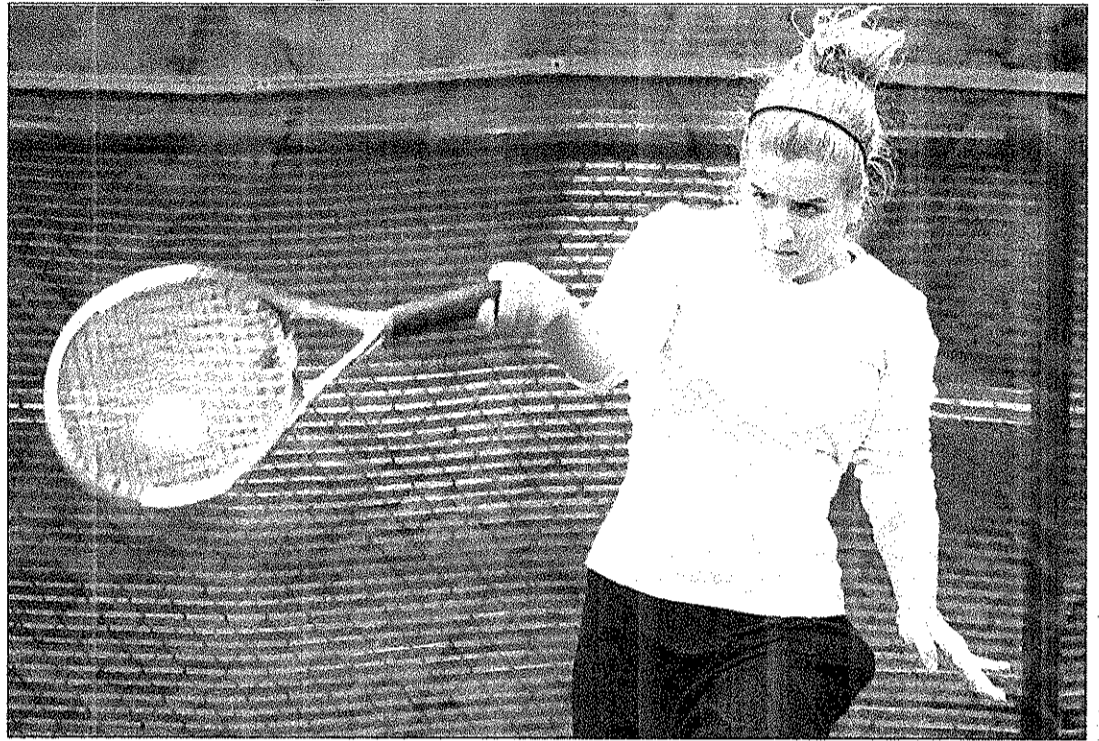
Her studies will be tough, but she said attending Liggett has prepared her for this next, more difficult, chapter of her life.

She didn't spend all of her time studying. She was a four-sport athlete — playing volleyball and running cross-country in the fall, hockey in the winter and tennis in the spring.

Her mother is a volleyball player and father, a tennis player.

"I guess it was just natural I would play volleyball and tennis since my parents played those sports, but I'm most proud of the fact I played ice hockey, even though I didn't know the sport and never played it before," Shanidze said. "I was a figure skater as a kid, so Alex Boll and Jacqueline Nicholas urged me to play since they needed players."

"I accepted their challenge and learned a lot. I practiced hard and watched, listened



PHOTOS BY IRAKLY SHANIDZE

Medea Shanidze earned an All-State honor playing tennis, plus she played volleyball, cross-country and ice hockey during her four years at Liggett.

and made mistakes along the way.

"In the end, I'm very happy I played hockey. I made new friends and I think I'm going to try out for U-M's club team in October. I know my studies will be tough, but I'm a master at using my time wisely, so this shouldn't be a problem."

Shanidze's top honor was earned on the tennis court, which was All-State in doubles. But her most memorable climb

to the top came in hockey.

As a freshman, she was a rookie with little knowledge of the game. She worked in the off-season, improving her skating ability, stick work and endurance.

Her game improved as a sophomore and as a junior she developed into the Knights' top forward.

As a senior, Shanidze's respect from her teammates earned her a captainship.

Through hard work and perseverance, she became a hockey player.

During the final part of summer, she will spend as much as time as possible with her sister, parents and grandparents.

"I loved my time at Liggett and I have some lasting memories," she said. "It's time to move on to the next chapter of my life and plan for what I hope is a great future in the medical field."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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All-state laxer

Grosse Pointe South's Nick Diehl, No. 35, earned Division 2 All-State First Team Attack this season for the state semifinalist Blue Devils. Joining him on the First Team are Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central's Shane Harrison, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep's Kyle Beaugard and Brandon Beaugard, Warren DeLaSalle's Mike Neal and East Grand Rapids' Jake Corette. Grosse Pointe North's Zack LaValley made the Third Team Attack. Other local athletes earning All-State honors were South's Connor Ray, Second-Team Midfield; South's Chris Smith, Third Team Defense; North's Jon Andrews, Honorable Mention Defense; and Liggett's David Gushee and Manny Counsman, Honorable Mention Attack and Midfield, respectively.



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GOLD CUP

Historic win

By Gregg Mansfield
Special Writer

Dave Villwock made history Sunday by becoming the Air National Guard Hydroplane Series' all-time winningest driver with a victory at the Gold Cup, breaking a legendary record that has stood for more than three decades.

Villwock overcame some early adversity on the weekend to speed past Bill Muncey's record to notch his 63rd career race victory. Muncey, who died in 1981, had 62 career race victories.

"I still think I'm in a great club, I guess you could call it the Rushmore of boat racing," Villwock said. "Myself, Chip Hanauer and Bill Muncey each brought something different to the sport."

Villwock collected his ninth Gold Cup trophy (fourth consecutive) and in the process passed Muncey, who captured eight Gold Cups. To understand the company Villwock, 57, has surpassed one has to compare records. Muncey had 62 career wins and Hanauer had 61 race victories. Dean Chenoweth is fourth with 25 race victories.

When asked whether he was the best of the group, Villwock replied, "I think we would have a hell of a race."

Getting the victory on the Detroit River was anything but easy for Villwock and his Spirit of Qatar team. Villwock survived a violent collision at the season opener last week in Indiana and spent some long nights with his teammates repairing the Air National Guard hydroplane.

Once in Detroit, he had to borrow parts from fellow competitors and had just one turbine engine and a gear box left.

Villwock was focused going into the final and made sure no one was going to keep him from getting the record in Detroit. He jumped out to an early lead, averaging 138.8 mph, and quickly putting some distance between his boat and second-place finisher Scott Liddycoat in Valken Sports boat.

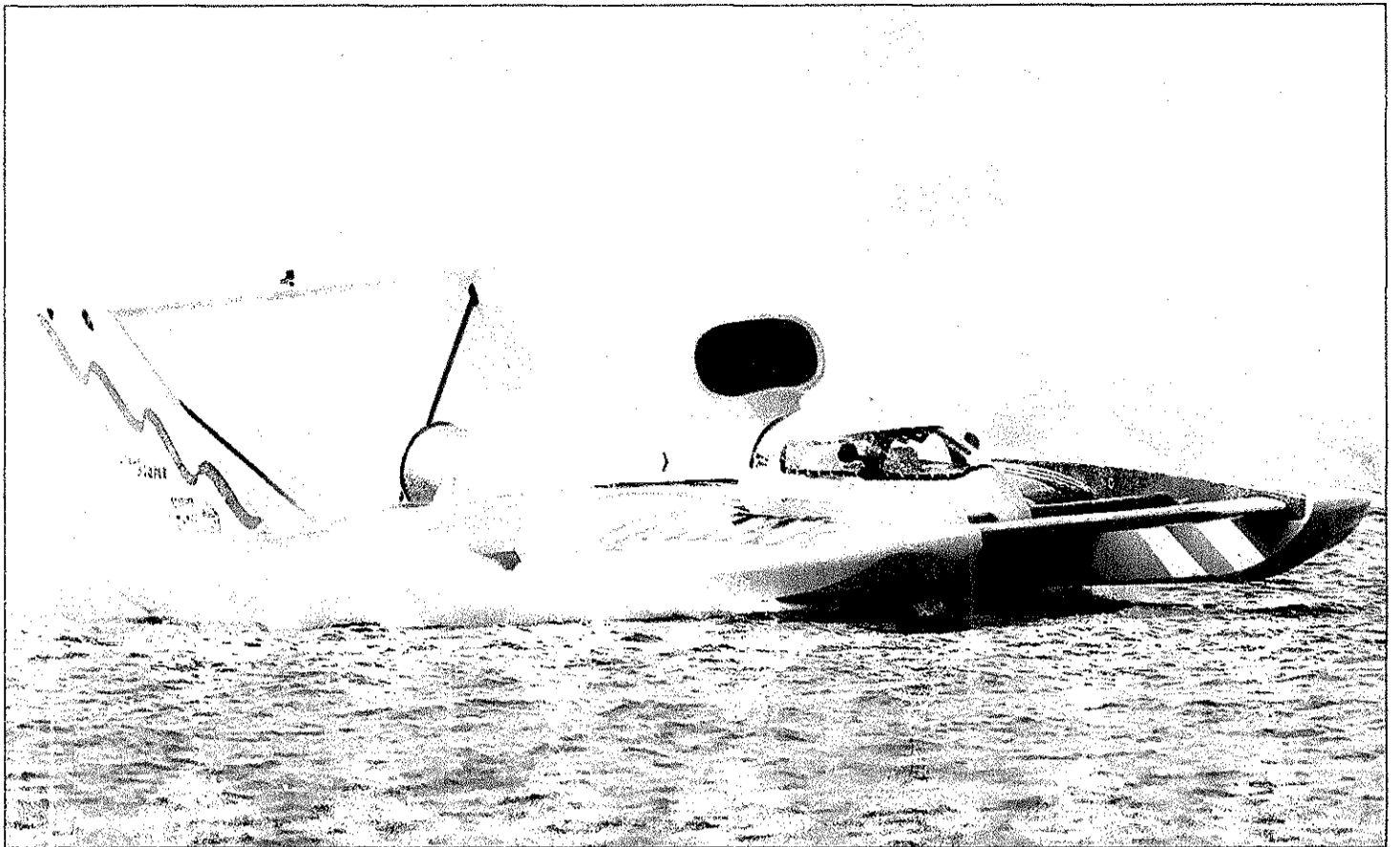
The rookie driver has just two races under his belt on the Air National Guard Series. He said he was excited to finish second in the race, which is one of the oldest in motorsports.

"No doubt he's one of the best that's ever been," Liddycoat said. "To finish second to him, I'll take it."

Villwock earned his first career victory on Mission Bay in San Diego, Calif., in 1992. Since then, Villwock has earned nine national high points championship titles. During the past 10 years, Villwock has won 145 heats of the 223 heats he has started.

Bill Muncey's widow, Fran, was proud that Villwock broke her late husband's record. She helped the Seattle area resident get hired as the crew chief for the Circus Circus boat in the 1980s. Bill Muncey died in a racing accident in Acapulco, Mexico.

"Bill would have been very proud of him," said Fran Muncey, who lives in the San Diego area. "He's so dedicated to the sport and has paid his dues."



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Dave Villwock raced his hydroplane, Spirit of Qatar, an average speed of 138.807 mph to win the APBA Gold Cup. Hydroplanes cruised along the Detroit River at speeds in excess of 130 mph, creating huge sprays for fans to enjoy.

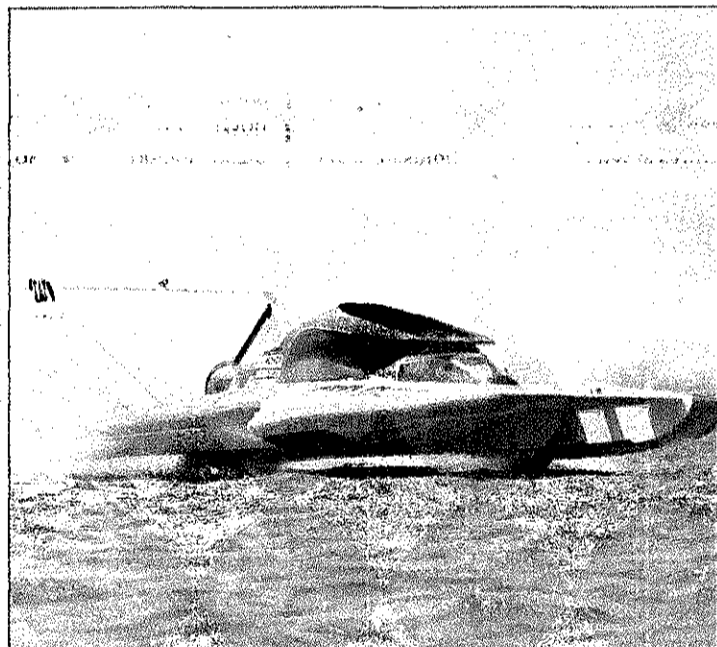
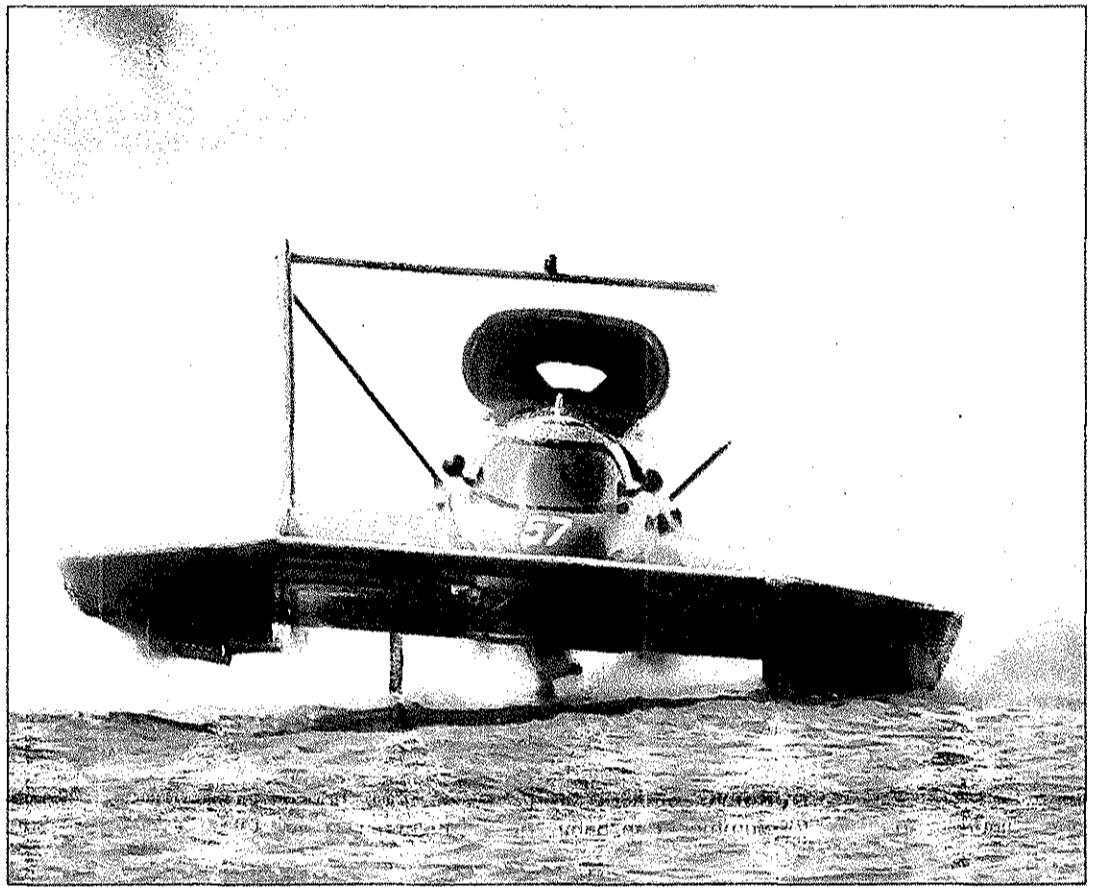
Villwock says he'll take some time to reflect on his status atop the sport — at least record wise.

He was asked what Muncey would think about the sport today, and said, "He would really appreciate the sport and where it's come and how competitive it is."

Sunday marked the 102nd running of the APBA Gold Cup, the oldest trophy in all of motorsports. Hydroplane races have taken place on the Detroit River since 1916.

The top five in the final standings for the Air National Guard Hydroplane Series in Detroit were:

1. Dave Villwock, Spirit of Qatar, 138.807 mph
2. Scott Liddycoat, Valken Sports, 131.360 mph
3. Jeff Bernard, Graham Trucking, 129.239 mph
4. J. Michael Kelly, Degreee Men, NA
5. Cal Phipps, Miss Red Dot, NA



FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Red Wings ready for changes

The National Hockey League offseason. It's a time for teams to negotiate contracts with players on the verge of becoming free agents, not to mention a time for hockey fans to drool over potential upgrades to their hometown teams.

This is no different for the Detroit Red Wings.

Following a game seven defeat at the hands of the San Jose Sharks, Detroit began a four-month offseason with plenty of questions.

What will the defensive core look like next season? How

many players will be lost to retirement? Who will back up Jimmy Howard?

Defensively, General Manager Ken Holland will have to make up for the loss of Brian Rafalski, 37, who made the decision to retire in May, ending his 11-year NHL career in which he produced 515 points in 833 games.

Nicklas Lidstrom, 41, allowed Red Wing fans a deep sigh of relief, making the decision to wear the winged wheel for at least one more season.

The captain played in all 82 games in each of the past two

seasons, posting a combined 111 points.

In his career, Lidstrom has been a part of four Stanley Cup-winning teams, winning seven Norris Trophies (NHL's top defender award) and is ranked 54th on the all-time points list (1,108).

So with Rafalski out and Lidstrom in, the team has three more players still waiting to make their decisions.

Kris Draper, Mike Modano and Chris Osgood are among those seasoned players who may have played their last games in the NHL. Whether they sign or not, the Wings have some cap room to work with.

Holland said he feels confidence in his team's offense, but his blue line is in need of the most work.

Rafalski's departure opened a spot up on the second line and there may be two more holes, depending on the decision to resign Jonathan Ericsson and Ruslan Salei.

Holland has never been interested in restricted free agents, leaving unrestricted free agents and trading to fill the holes in his defensive line.

With \$12- to 16-million to work with, Holland could sign Ericsson and Salei on top of Drew Miller and Patrick Eaves, who are also looking at expiring contracts, and still have \$7- to 10-million to spend.

The top unrestricted free agent defenseman is Christian Ehrhoff, who spent the 2011 season as a Vancouver Canuck.

With four defenseman becoming free agents, Vancouver will not likely be able to bring them all back, leaving Ehrhoff or Kevin Bieksa available for the wings to sign for \$4- to 5-million.

Ehrhoff, 28, tallied 50 points in 2011 for the first time in his seven-year career. Bieksa, more of a defensive player,

produced 22 points and built up a +/- of +32.

Aside from picking up some help on the blue line, the Red Wings have another hole in their backup goalie spot.

Howard has proven himself in the past two seasons between the pipes, picking up 37 wins in each while averaging 2.53 goals against.

Holland has shown confidence in him, but even a top-notch goaltender needs a strong backup and Joey Macdonald doesn't fit that need.

Osgood could fill that role if he chooses to stick around for another year, but can he be relied on? He spent the second half of the 2011 season recovering from a sports hernia surgery and saw multiple setbacks on his return.

Although he was a huge factor in bringing the cup to Detroit in 1998 and 2008, it might be time for Osgood to part ways with the NHL.

Again, Holland should look to fill this hole with free agency.

Philadelphia Flyer backup net minder Brian Boucher is a free agent and might be looking for a new home after the Flyers gained the rights to Ilya Bryzgalov recently in a trade with the Phoenix Coyotes. Boucher posted a 2.42 GAA last season, finishing 18-10-4 as one of the team's three goaltenders.

Other potential backups that may be looking for new homes are New Jersey's Johan Hedberg, Chicago's Marty Turco and former Red Wing Ty Conklin.

Sure, I'm just another salivating hockey fan exploring the possibilities this offseason, but the Wings do have some work to do before making a run at the cup come September.

— Justin Hicks
Special Writer

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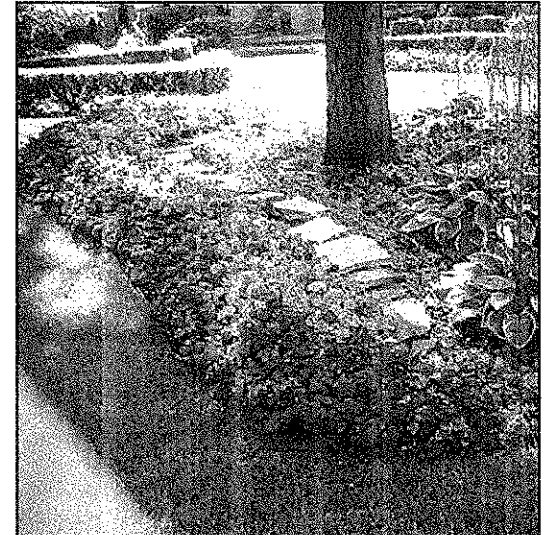
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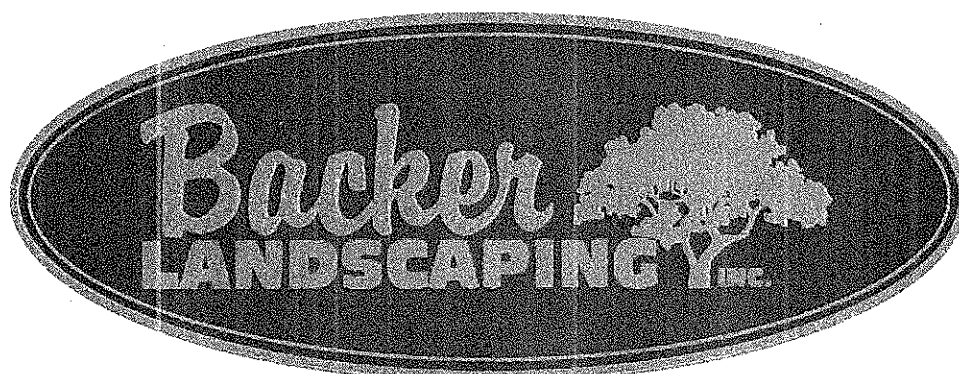
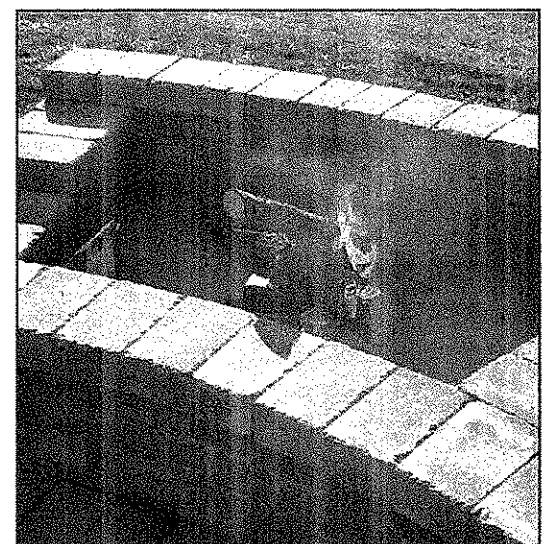


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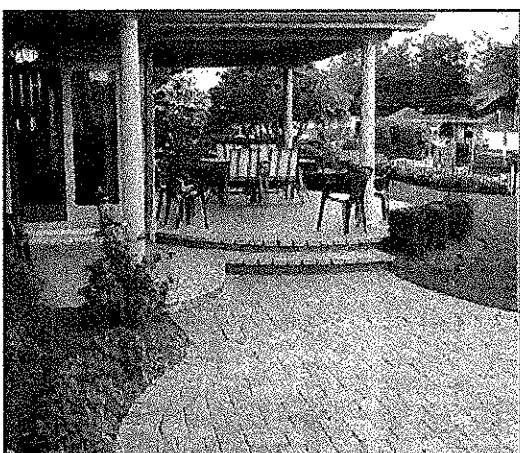
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