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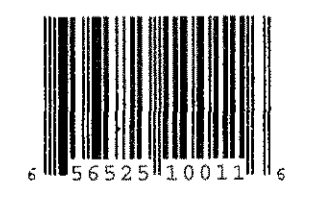
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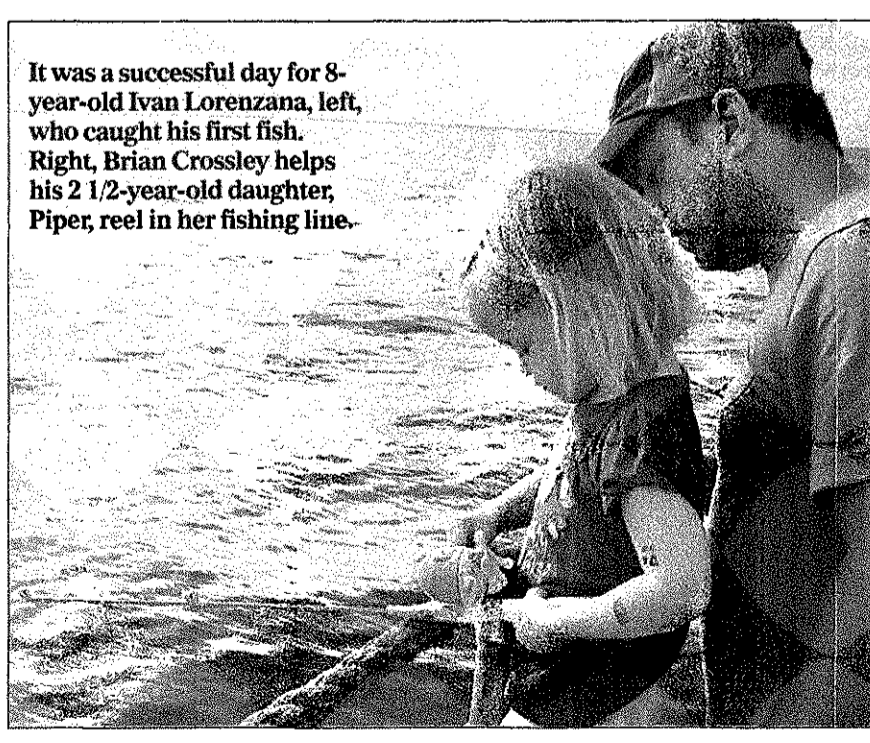
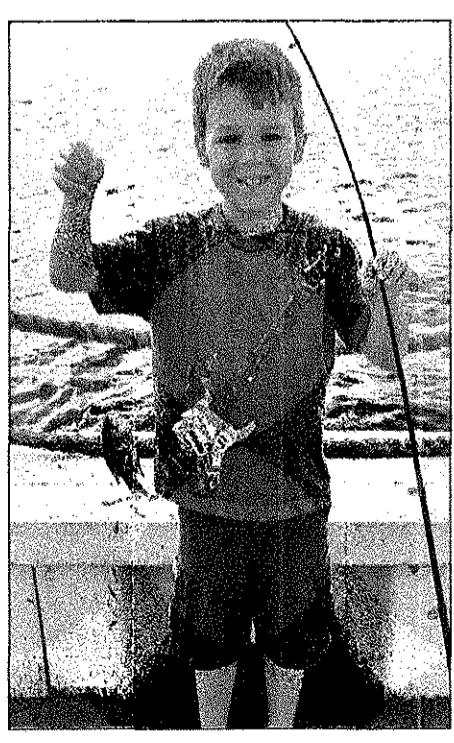
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Fishing fun
 Wade Bryant scoops up the 20-inch catfish caught by his son, Gavin, right, during the Grosse Pointe Farms annual fishing derby Saturday, Aug. 13. At right, Dominic Cugliari caught a 17-inch green bass. It was large enough to earn him a trophy. Below, fishing derby winners, from left, Alex Johnson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Preston Long, of the City of Grosse Pointe each caught their first fish; Dominic Cugliari, of Grosse Pointe Farms, took home the trophy for the largest game fish caught; three-time winner, Allison Hartz, of the City of Grosse Pointe, captured the largest game fish trophy; Gavin Bryant, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Jake McLaughlin took home trophies for catching the largest fish.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



It was a successful day for 8-year-old Ivan Lorenzana, left, who caught his first fish. Right, Brian Crossley helps his 2 1/2-year-old daughter, Piper, reel in her fishing line.

Group pushes for local control

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

Underlying Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed school of choice legislation is a gradual shifting of control from local districts to state government, according to the Michigan Communities for Local Control.

Formed in response to the recognized threat of Snyder's proposal mandating all Michigan public school districts participate in school of choice, the group is a grassroots initiative advocating for local control on decisions directly impacting local communities.

"We don't oppose school of choice," co-founder Lynn Jacobs said. "We see how that has benefitted some communities when they are allowed to implement it to fit their schools. What we oppose is mandatory school of choice because our

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Freed suspect back at it

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Police figured they'd finished with Ryan Ricardo Cain, 17, of Detroit. They thought he was in the Wayne County Jail.

Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora sent him there July 2, unable to post \$60,000 combined bond and awaiting trial for crimes police said he'd already confessed to during questioning: three counts of receiving and concealing cars stolen June 24-26 in the Farms.

Yet, a Pontiac Grand Prix stolen while parked the night of Aug. 6 on Chalfonte at McKinley in the Farms turned up containing Cain's identification.

"We don't always have the good fortune of someone leaving their calling card," said Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati. "Mr. Cain was very cordial in that way."

Police discovered Cain had been released from jail Aug. 5, the day before the theft.

Terms of his release included wearing a global positioning tether. The device automatically tracks his every location.

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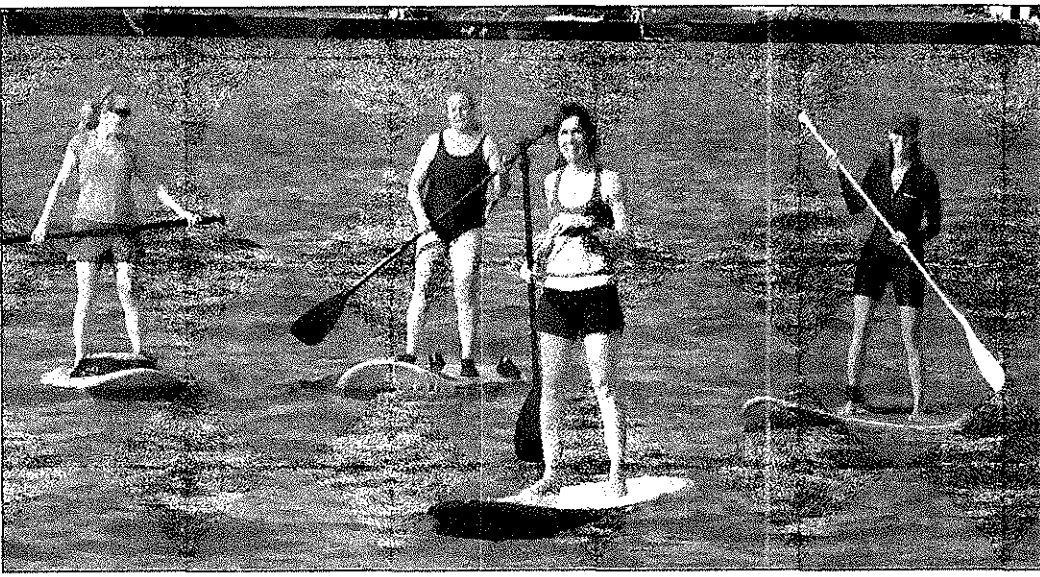
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Members of the Grosse Pointe Stand Up Paddleboarding Club celebrates on the water, above, and on land after their kick-off meeting at Patterson Park, Grosse Pointe Park.



Taking to the water

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

It's a lot like kayaking while standing up. Or maybe kiteboarding without the kite. Or surfing without the waves.

However you want to describe it, standup paddleboarding is proving to be a fun way to get out on the water and enjoy what Lake St. Clair has to offer.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jean Alter-Johnson discovered the sport earlier in

the summer and is now hoping to spread the word through the new group, the Grosse Pointe Stand Up Paddleboarding, or G.P.S.U.P. "It is a great way to be out on the lake," she said. "It's easy, really, and anyone can do it."

Maryanne Barnett, 62, was inspired by Alter-Johnson's enthusiasm, and by her second time out on the lake, she was paddling like a veteran.

"I'll definitely be back," said the Park resident.

Rebecka Clifton, 43, traveled from Royal Oak to try it. This was also her second time out, and while she sails and kayaks, she really enjoys standup paddleboarding.

"I'm just a water baby at heart," she said, "but this adds a whole new dimension to being out on the water. You see so much more than when you're kayaking. I'll definitely be back."

For more information, e-mail Alter-Johnson at gpusup@live.com.



PHOTOS BY KATHY RYAN

Above, club founder Jean Alter-Johnson cruises Lake St. Clair. Inset, Young boarders Phelan Johnson, 11 and Eva Rossell, 11, both of Grosse Pointe Park, learn the sport.

Lock parked cars

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Jim Vogler thinks there's more to some stories about stolen cars, especially cases lacking signs of forced entry.

"A lot of times, people don't want to admit they keep their keys in their cars," said Vogler, a sergeant with the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department.

Vogler also is assigned to a Wayne County anti-car theft task force. He mostly investigates thefts in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Eight cars stolen in the cities

during the last three months had their keys in them, he said.

"I suspect several more people didn't want to admit that," Vogler said.

Residents can be safer by making life harder for criminals.

"Some people, when they report a car theft, are very matter of fact: 'Of course I keep my keys in the car; I live in Grosse Pointe,'" Vogler said.

He's glad people feel comfortable in the community.

"But, this is a common sense thing to make yourself safer: Don't leave your keys in the car," he said.

The warning applies to cars parked in attached garages.

"There are cases of criminals using remote garage door openers," Vogler said. "They'll get several of them and ride around pressing buttons."

A single code activates more than one door.

"Criminals are getting in and driving away," Vogler said.

He's not aware of any cases in the Pointes, but the trend is growing.

"If I drive around long enough with my garage door opener, I'm going to find another garage it opens," Vogler said.

FREED: Tether leads police to their man

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"It shows everywhere he went," Rosati said. "He no sooner gets out of jail and is in the Farms the next day. His tether is pinging in all different locations, including the McKinley address."

"He's an idiot," said Sgt. James Vogler of the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department and assigned to an anti-car theft task force.

Rosati said county deputies "scooped up" Cain Aug. 8 at an abandoned house on Farmbrook, across Mack on Detroit's eastside. The street is where Farms Lt. Andrew Rogers recovered the Grand Prix.

"As soon as the car was

stolen and turned up on Farmbrook, I did a check on Cain," Vogler said. "The global positioning device put him right at the scene where the car was stolen. It also put him right where the car was recovered."

"He's back in jail," Rosati said of Cain. "He tasted freedom for all of two days. In that time, he did a lot of shopping."

"This is one of the dumbest criminals," Vogler said. "He knew he was on a global positioning tether. I can't believe he didn't know what that meant. They're tracking his every move and he went right back to doing what got him arrested in the first place."

"He's an insult to the world's dumbest criminals," Rogers added.

Cain told police he targets unlocked vehicles for larceny of valuable contents. Vehicles themselves are secondary.

"He told us, 'I'm a larceny from auto guy; I look for unlocked cars,'" Vogler said. "He cleans them out. If he sees the keys, he takes the car."

Cain was scheduled for arraignment Wednesday, Aug. 18, in Farms court. The date is after this week's Grosse Pointe News deadline.

Cain is being charged with one count of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle, according to Rosati. The crime carries a five-year prison sentence and fines totaling \$10,000, or three times the value of the vehicle, whichever is greater.

CONTROL: Committee makes plea to Lansing

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community members strongly believe in maintaining local control, which is accomplished through an elected school board. That system works incredibly well for our area, as our state rankings and history of sound fiscal management proves.

"The legislation that's being proposed will take away virtually any local control school districts have regarding inclusion or exclusion criteria... We feel that this could be disastrous for many communities, as it would greatly affect property values in the sense that one of the top selling points of certain areas are the schools."

Founded by Jacobs and Katharine Barr, the group started with Grosse Pointe citizens — including Grosse Pointe Public School System Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Tom Harwood; board treasurer Brendan Walsh; secretary Judy Gafa; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor

Pro Tem Vicki Granger; and community relations specialist Rebecca Fannon — but has reached out to similar advocacy and grassroots groups across the state.

With the help of superintendent Suzanne Klein and others, the group reached out to other superintendents, board members, the Michigan Association of School Boards and the chamber of commerce which, in turn, reached out to peer organizations in other cities.

It also connected with similar grassroots groups and lobbyists, created information packets and researched schools of choice, cross-referencing senators and their political parties against school districts opting out of school of choice, with the belief the bill is emanating from the senate.

"The logic being," Walsh said, "we'd like to see school districts that have not opted for school of choice who are represented by republican senators, who are more likely to support Gov. Snyder's proposals as they've pretty much done in every instance, and promote grassroots advocacy from those communities to their senators because Grosse Pointe citizens advocating to the senator in Grand Rapids is going to have little effect."

"I do believe that once the bill writers, whoever they are, and we don't know who they are — no senator has acknowledged their role in writing this bill — that they're going to find it very difficult to actually develop the language. And I do believe that with some advocacy and bringing forward some of the concerns, the technical concerns as opposed to the political concerns, that it may give them pause."

According to MCLC, mandating school of choice is another step in a series of legislative efforts from Lansing to usurp local control. Others included: graduation requirements, common core standards, defining "failing" schools and nested directives, limited tax authority, teacher evaluation procedures and tenure and the school calendar.

"As soon as Lansing is perceived to really control the purse strings, I think decision-making has gradually and consistently shifted toward Lansing," Walsh said. "They've had that right, but the question is, 'At what point are the local communities going to say enough is enough? You're making changes that we're not comfortable with locally.'"

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Council race crowded

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

There will be new names on the November ballot in Grosse Pointe Woods, as several newcomers threw their hats into the race for four seats on the city council.

Filing for one of the three seats available for a four-year term were Arthur Bryant, Jill Jarboe, Michael Koester, and Richard Shetler Jr. Bryant was

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PHOTO BY NICHOLAS RELICH

Smelly mess

A fire inside a garbage truck became a fire in the middle of Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods Saturday, Aug. 13. The driver was forced to dump the contents of the truck in the road near city hall. Traffic was diverted as the trash was spread out and doused.

Woods council opposes governor's school proposal

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Sending a strong message to Lansing, the Grosse Pointe Woods city council unanimously passed a resolution opposing mandatory school-choice legislation.

It isn't often a municipal governmental body crosses over into education legislation, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said, adding concerns voiced by residents prompted the city to take action.

At issue is a proposal set forth by Gov. Rick Snyder requiring all Michigan school districts be open to non-residents. Currently, districts have the choice.

"We are totally opposed to taking away local control of our schools," Novitke said. "If this legislation is approved, it will have a devastating impact

on our cities."

Novitke said he spoke with other Grosse Pointe mayors and they are also on board in opposing any open district legislation.

"We need to send a very strong message to Lansing," he said.

The state senate's education committee is expected to discuss Snyder's proposal as early as Sept. 7, according to Katharine Barr, co-founder of Michigan Committee for Local Control, a grassroots organization formed to oppose school-choice.

Barr, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and Monteith parent, praised the council for passing the resolution.

"This indicates the power of community and we're hoping the Legislature will hear us loud and clear," she said. "We

want our elected officials to maintain control over our schools, not Lansing."

Lynn Jacobs, a Woods resident, is also a co-founder.

According to Jacobs, 82 percent of Michigan's 551 school districts open their doors to non-residents, many under strict guidelines. For example, she said some limit non-resident enrollment to children of staff members or only allow non-residents to enroll in early primary grades.

"It's the word 'mandatory' that we are opposed to," explained Jacobs.

"We are fighting to allow those districts who choose to participate in schools of choice to establish their own enrollment criteria."

The resolution will be forwarded to Snyder and state legislators.

Durant gains support

As Clark Durant weighs running for U.S. Senate, he received support from three of the top Republicans in the state last week.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident and founder of Cornerstone Schools said in a phone interview he is considering a run at the position currently held by Democrat Debbie Stabenow.

Ex-Michigan Republican Chairman Saul Anuzis posted a letter of support on his blog last weekend. Joining him were former Michigan Republican Chairwoman Betsy

DeVos and ex-U.S. Sen. Spence Abraham.

Last month, former congressman and gubernatorial candidate Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, announced his candidacy to challenge Stabenow, who has been a U.S. senator since 2000.

"Betsy, Saul, Spence and others have encouraged me to run for the U.S. Senate in order to be a champion for freedom, economic growth, the creation of jobs in the private sector and less government, less taxes and less spending," Durant said. "I think people across our

state in every city, village and hamlet are looking for an outsider who will represent them and not the special interests.

"I am taking all necessary steps to make a final decision to get into this race. This endorsement makes it so much easier to make that decision."

Three other Republicans have announced their intentions to run for election.

Durant said an announcement of his decision will come soon. Watch grossepointenews.com for more details.

- Joe Warner

Seminar focus on campus safety

By Taylor Wizner
Special to the GPN

Parents with daughters going off to college should send their students to this class first.

Christ Church is hosting a Woman's Safety Seminar from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, on Sunday, August 21, from 1-3pm, said Karen Horn, a parent who coordinated the event.

The seminar's purpose is to teach women to avoid dangerous situations, said Karen

Horn, who organized the event. It is open to all women, but aimed at teaching girls to be safe on campus.

"Some moms and I talked at a graduation party about concerns of our daughters' safety going off to school," Horn said. "I brainstormed with some of the people I worked with at Christ Church and we set up the seminar."

Retired Roseville Police Officer Susan Payne, whose departmental focus was in-

forming the community about safety for women and children, will teach the seminar.

"I would like them to develop a defensive mind set," Payne said.

"Awareness is 90 percent of the battle, if you are aware you have less chance of becoming a victim of a crime."

The seminar is \$10. Christ Church is at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information or to RSVP, call (313) 885-4841.

COUNCIL: Deadline passes for election

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the only incumbent who filed. Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos-Howle and Councilman Joseph Sucher are not seeking re-election.

Sucher said late Monday night he hadn't decided whether he was going to run. Both he and Howle sent e-mails late Tuesday afternoon to city officials notifying them they would not be seeking re-election, with Sucher noting he felt he was leaving the city

in good hands, while Howle indicated that the current atmosphere on council was not allowing her to fully address issues that concern her.

Running for a special council term are Kevin Ketels and Allison Secord. The winner will complete the term originally won by Gabriele Boddy, who resigned in 2010. The term expires in 2013. Ketels was appointed to fill the seat in January and now must be

elected to complete the term.

Ted Metry will run unopposed for the city's municipal court judge position. Metry first won election to the seat in 2009 to fill out the term vacated by former municipal court Judge Lynn Pierce, who won a seat on the Wayne County Circuit Court. He is running unopposed for a full four-year term.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Woods drops Shores

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores has been notified that its access to municipal court services in Grosse Pointe Woods will cease in 90 days.

The action was taken by unanimous decision at the Grosse Pointe Woods city council meeting, Monday, Aug. 15.

The Shores, as a village, contracted court services through the municipal court in the Woods. Since the Shores changed its legal status from a village to a city in 2009, the contract was questioned. Woods city attorney Don Berschback said talks with the Shores city attorney have not produced an agreement and he recommended terminating court services.

According to the original contract signed in 2001, either party could terminate the agreement with 90-days notice.

Under the agreement, the Woods municipal court judge would hold hearings in the Shores and be available to Shores police to sign warrants and other orders. Under state law, this was allowed when the Shores was legally a village. By law, municipal courts have been eliminated with the exception of the four municipal courts allowed in the Grosse Pointes. The Shores, as a city, would not be allowed to form its own municipal court and must consolidate with another Pointe court.

Berschback told the council he understood that the Shores was currently in discussions with Grosse Pointe Farms to join its court.

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Mike Wilborn is more than an enthusiast of kayaking, he is a builder of a wooden kayak. And while he's at it, he is learning about the culture of those who developed and perfected the vessel.

Kayak building from stem to stern

By Justin Hicks
Special Writer

It takes dedication to jump in a kayak and head out on the lake. But how much more does it take to paddle out in a boat you built by hand?

Mike Wilborn, 29, will find out when he finishes his most recent project – a Greenland-style kayak.

"Everything I've ever done, I've just kept pushing and pushing to find out more about it," he said. "It started out with learning what interesting things I could do with a kayak, which led to rolling – the idea of when you fall over in a

kayak, it's a lot easier to get yourself back up than to get out, which would be hard to do in my boats."

The development of the boat is under way in the backyard of his City of Grosse Pointe house, though it isn't his first attempt.

Originally, Wilborn started building a baidarka – a style of sea kayak from the Aleutians – but an early snag demoralized him.

Wilborn said it didn't take long before he caught the bug again and jumped back into constructing a second kayak. This time he picked a style more suitable for beginners.

"I'm still learning about the Greenlandic culture," Wilborn said. "This is kind of a gateway to make me want to learn more. I've gotten more interested in the actual culture as I've kept looking."

Built of spruce wood, the boat will eventually have canvas or nylon stretched over it, and then coated with exterior house paint. Its construction is traditional, meaning there are no nails or glue used – and replacing a plank can easily repair any damage.

Both of Wilborn's commercial kayaks cost more than \$1,000, while the materials for his current project have result-

ed in less than half of that.

Aside from being cheaper, the skin-on-frame style is better for rolling, though the commercial style gives one more peace of mind and its polyethylene exterior is more durable.

"If you're just going camping, the plastic is the way to go," Wilborn said. "If you're going out to play around on the water, you could use either, but it's easier to roll if you're using a skin-on-frame kayak."

Another tool he has taken from the Greenland culture is a rope course known as the allunaariaqattarneq, designed by Greenlanders to increase strength, flexibility and coordination. It also helps in learning how to roll a kayak.

"They did it as a combination of strength training and something to do in the winter, whereas I'm doing it as a combination of an exercise program and something to do with my friends," Wilborn said.

Upon building the rope course behind his garage, he struggled and said it was awful, but he persevered and got better at it until it became fun.

Peace Corps

Wilborn grew up in Harper Woods before moving to Grosse Pointe Woods his fresh-



PHOTOS BY JUSTIN HICKS

Mike Wilborn carved the kayak paddle.

man year to attend Grosse Pointe North High School.

Upon graduating, Wilborn felt an obligation to serve his country. He contacted the Marines against his parents' desires. He was eventually talked out of the idea.

"I still felt like I owed somebody something and so if I wasn't going into the military, maybe the Peace Corps," he said.

Wilborn looked into the service and was sent to Zambia, South Africa, after earning his bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University.

"Everything that the Peace Corps stands for is about teaching," he said. "It's never a material transfer. We don't

bring money or supplies; we bring knowledge."

The main objective of his trip to Zambia in April 2004 was to work with local health and agricultural programs, such as fish farming and beekeeping.

He served for two years.

"Of course, total immer- sion in another culture for two years is a lot of fun and gives you a lot of good stories," Wilborn said. "I love America, but when you go somewhere and come back, you can appreciate being back in your culture more."

When he moved back to Grosse Pointe, he missed being outdoors and turned to kayaking to meet his desire.

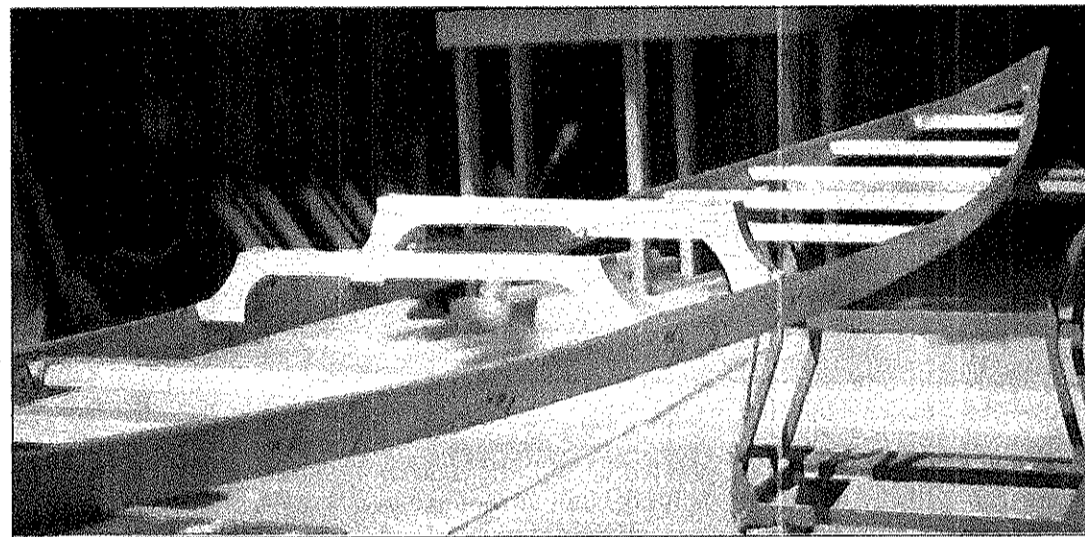
Wilborn said he tries to make it out on the water every Wednesday.

"Every time we go out it's 'what are we going to work on today,'" he said. "As far as I've learned, it's that way until you're too old to kayak anymore. The lake is always ready to throw you in if you get too confident."



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total immer- Mike Wilborn with his wife, Kathleen.



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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES August 8, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Joseph, Davis, Theros, Leonard & Waldmeir. Absent Were: Councilmembers West & Leonard.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Lamerato, City Controller/Treasurer; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety and Pamela Baker, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

Councilmembers West & Leonard were excused from attending the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2011, were approved as submitted.

The Council approved the request for Resolution for LCC Approval for transfer of ownership - Blufin Sushi Bar LLC.

The Council approved the request for recognition as local civic organization for Gloria & Thomas Kitchen Memorial Foundation. The Council approved the request for temporary liquor license & use of Richard Lot for Dirty Dog Jazz Café.

The Council approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Legal Fees for Dickinson, Wright.
2. Approval of DAAA FY 2012 Annual Implementation Plan.

The Public Safety Report for July 2011 was received by the Council & ordered placed on file.

The Council adopted the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program Interlocal Funding Agreement between Oakland County & Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Council adopted the Resolution in Opposition to Redistricting State House District 1, as amended.

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Personnel & Litigation matter.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, September 12, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

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City of Grosse Pointe

Steals baby formula

An unknown man shortly after 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, stole an estimated 10 cans of baby formula from CVS Pharmacy in the Village. The store's loss totals \$250. The man reportedly ran to a silver-colored 2000 Chevrolet four-door and drove north on Neff, according to a witness.

Trick bike stolen

A boy's 20-inch Mongoose trick bicycle and helmet were stolen while unattended between 7 and 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, in the front yard of a house in the 800 block of St. Clair. The bike is orange with white and black lettering.

Bike found

A men's, olive green bicycle was found Sunday, Aug. 7, in the 900 block of Washington. Public safety officers are storing the bike in the department property room.

—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

Jalopy stolen

Shortly after 5 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, an unknown man wearing a white T-shirt reportedly stole a black 1993 Chevrolet Caprice parked in the 200 block of Ridgemoor.

The car is distinguished by a dented driver-side rear door, passenger side door window stuck open, eight ball-style valve stem caps and a marijuana leaf design on the steering wheel.

Drunken driving

A 23-year-old Eastpointe man registered a .18 percent blood alcohol level shortly before being arrested at 12:42 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, for drunken driving.

An officer pulled him over on northbound Moross north of Mack for operating a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer erratically.

Speeding drunk

At 6:05 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, a 48-year-old man from Chandler, Ariz., was arrested on northbound Moross near Chalfonte for speeding, drunken driving and refusing to take a Breathalyzer test. At headquarters, the man changed his mind about the breath test. He registered a .08 percent blood alcohol level.

Lights damaged

Sometime during the night of Friday, Aug. 12, someone damaged seven copper-colored solar-powered landscape lights in the front yard of a house in the first block of Cloverly.

The victim said the lights are worth \$250 total.

Missing are a \$2,400, yellow Specialized bike with yellow wheels; and a gray \$2,000 Trek model.

The victim said two "well dressed" but unknown males may have been casing the garage two to three days prior.

"The garage was locked, the window for the garage was locked and there is no manual opening for the garage door — only electronic openers," said a public safety officer. "(The victim) states he left his personal vehicle unlocked in the driveway, which contained a garage door opener. (He) believes this is how the unknown (suspect) gained entry."

The theft was discovered by a family member getting ready to go jogging.

Special delivery

At 1:22 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, a reportedly drunken 22-year-old Wayne man missed the turn from East Warren to eastbound Mack and nearly hit the post office building.

"I have been drinking a little," the man reportedly told an officer. The driver said he'd been "pressured by friends to do so," police said.

The man had a .159 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

The man was speeding a 2001 Ford SUV when he went over the Mack curb, pushed a cement trash can into the east-bound lanes and knocked over a tree and parking meter.

Walks it off

At 1:27 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, a drunken 19-year-old male bicyclist from the Farms nearly pedaled into a scout car at the intersection of Charlevoix and Kenwood Court, according to

See SAFETY, page 7A

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SAFETY: Police reports in the Pointes

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police.
"This area does not have proper working streetlights, causing the street to be very dark," said the officer.
The teen registered a .238 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.
Officers cited the youth for underage drinking and kept an eye on him as he walked his bike a short distance home.

Caught on bikes

Two 19-year-old males from Grosse Pointe Park and City were cited at 12:17 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, for possession of marijuana.
An officer cruising Ridge near McMillan spotted the pair riding bicycles.
The City man possessed .5 grams of marijuana, police said. The Park man had 2.2 grams, they added.
"(He) had his brother's identification, making it appear (he) was 21," said the officer.

B&E

A house in the 200 block of Cloverly was broken into between 2:30 and 7 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.
A female resident reported a Toshiba laptop computer, Casio Commando cell phone and wallet stolen from the kitchen table. A gray mountain bike of unknown make was taken from the garage.
"She noticed the outside door to the garage was open," said an officer investigating the scene. "A basement sliding glass door was found open. Possible entry was made through that door."

Stolen vehicle

A gold-colored 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 was stolen between

1 and 4:08 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, while parked on the street in the 400 block of Bournemouth Court.

Free credit

Someone during the night of Sunday, Aug. 7, entered a GMC Yukon parked behind a gate in the 100 block of Hall Place.
Missing from the vehicle were Oakley and Revo sunglasses, plus a wallet containing about \$90 cash and credit cards.
"When (the victim) reported the credit cards stolen, his credit card companies (stated) that four gas station transactions had been made on three separate cars during the night," said a public safety officer.
— 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

Storm damage

High winds blew through the north end of town late afternoon Tuesday, Aug. 9.
Most reports of fallen trees, broken limbs, smashed cars, downed power lines, blocked roads and burning wires started pouring into the public safety department dispatch center at 4:59 p.m.
Fallen trees and limbs blocked various parts of Lakeshore, including near Vernier, in the 900 block and between Roslyn and Hampton.
Damaged power lines ignited a fence in the 900 block of Ballantyne and a branch on Moorland Drive.
A toppled tree landed on

three unoccupied cars parked at a residence in the 800 block of Lakeshore.
Damage was reported on Vernier, Michaux, Hawthorne, Willow Tree Place, Hollywood, Roslyn, South Edgewood, Blairmoor, Putnam Place, Crestwood Drive and Fairlake Lane.

Brakes

A man pulled over at 8:03 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, on eastbound Ballantyne near Webber Place tried to pawn off his erratic driving on equipment problems.
"(He) slammed on his brakes when he saw (me)," said Officer John Jabrael. "(He) stated he had brake problems; that's why he slammed on the brakes."
The man smelled of intoxicants, had an empty bottle of vodka in the car and refused to take a Breathalyzer test, police said.
Jabrael arrested him for drunken driving and having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

Raccoons

Shortly after 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, a family of raccoons was reported in a garage on Belle Meade.
They were gone when police arrived.

Unrestrained

A 28-year-old Eastpointe woman was cited at 2:50 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, on southbound Lakeshore near Stratton for transporting four, unrestrained children in a motor vehicle.
The children were ages 1, 2, 4 and 6, 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

B&E arrest

One suspect has been taken into custody following a break-in at a pharmacy on Kercheval overnight Tuesday,

Aug. 9. This was the second incident at the same business in less than three weeks.
Jason Spires, 23, Detroit, was arraigned on charges of breaking and entering, a 10 year felony; and larceny from a building, a four year felony. A second suspect is being sought.

Car theft

A 2010 Toyota was taken from the 14000 block of Kercheval between noon and 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8. The vehicle was parked in the street.

Equipment taken

A Birmingham resident is suspected in the theft of dental equipment from a house on Windmill Point Drive between June 1 and Aug. 11. The items were sold to an area dentist. Police continue to investigate.
— Kathy Ryan
If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park police at (313)822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Tires slashed

Several car owners on Coventry Lane awoke Saturday, Aug. 13, to find their vehicle tires slashed. Police continue to investigate.

OWI

A 52-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident lost control of her minivan at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, struck a vehicle traveling on Mack near Huntington, proceeded across Mack and struck the window of a market, before traveling back across Mack and striking a "Yield" sign before coming to a stop in a median.
Officers noted a strong smell of intoxicants and the driver registered a .20 on a Breathalyzer test. She was taken into police custody and her car was impounded.
— Kathy Ryan
If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

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WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY, AUG. 22

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MONDAY, AUG. 22

- ◆ The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts speaker Cindy Bir, at noon, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. She discusses her studies of professional dancers from "Dancing with the Stars."
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The agenda is available on the library's website, gp.lib.mi.us.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

TUESDAY, AUG. 23

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ Senior Men's Club Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The noon speaker is Congressman Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit.
- ◆ Sunrise Rotary Club hosts Mary Fodell, who discusses the ARC and the resale shop, Full Circle, at 7 a.m., at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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GUEST OPINION By Lynn Jacobs

Keep voice out of local choice

In a recent editorial, Michael Van Beek of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, the Michigan-based and self-proclaimed "free market think tank" stated it was "Time to take school choice to the next level," Aug. 11 Grosse Pointe News.

That "next level" clearly takes you to Lansing, where the current climate is more authoritarian than democratic. And this should be a cause for concern for every Michigander, as it affects all of us.

In his April 27 Special Message to the Michigan Legislature on Education Reform (michigan.gov/documents/snyder/SpecialMessageonEducationReform_351586_7.pdf), Gov. Rick Snyder quite aggressively stated he's had enough with local decision making in regard to Schools of Choice, the long standing option for public schools to accept students who are not residents of their own school districts. Snyder's statement that school districts will no longer have the ability to opt out of Schools of Choice, should send a chill up the spine of anyone who values democratic principles. In calling for "mandatory schools of choice" Snyder's voice did not equivocate when he said, no longer should school districts be able to opt out from accepting out-of-district students and that he plans to propose legislation to accomplish this change.

The Michigan Communities for Local Control formed as a direct response to challenge this anachronistic philosophy that free-market change should result in local communities having continually less say in policy affecting the education of our children.

The MCLC believes communities and school districts should establish for themselves, via their locally elected officials, the policies that are in the best interests of their citizens and especially their children.

We oppose state government's further interference into local educational decisions, in particular forcing communities to participate in schools of choice.

Our grass-roots effort starts with this question for all citizens

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GUEST OPINION By Sen. Bert Johnson

Deserves our support

As the clock ticked closer to a default on the nation's debt obligations, Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress scrambled to round up the necessary votes to pass an increase to the federal debt ceiling that also includes more than \$1 trillion in spending cuts.

They met the deadline, but neither side was pleased with the outcome. The silver lining: the United States of America did not shake the world economy by breaking its financial promises.

From the beginning, President Barack Obama has laid out the vision and provided the guidance on what needs to be done to right our financial ship and avoid economic disaster.

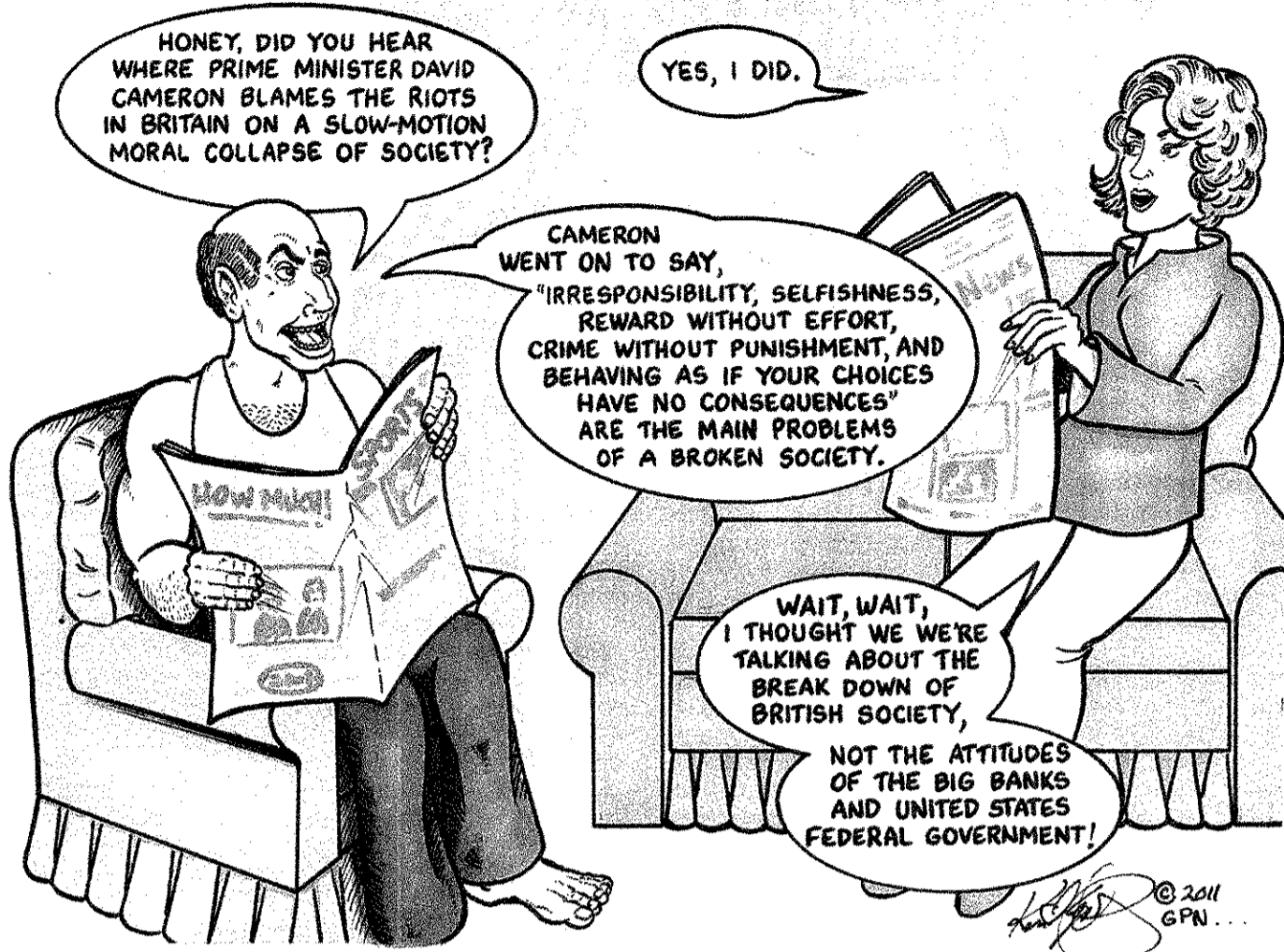
Unfortunately, Congress has been impotent when it comes to serving the American people. Political gamesmanship, strategic brinkmanship and the preservation of rigid and untenable ideological positions have made Speaker of the House John Boehner and his Republican caucus members impossible to work with. Indeed, an agreement in the works between Obama and Boehner — that included new revenues — was imminent, until Boehner was strong-armed by the radical fringe of his caucus and forced to walk away from negotiations with Obama.

The deal passed by Congress is not ideal. It does not include new revenue even though the wealthiest people in our nation pay the least in taxes. It does not close tax loopholes that benefit the largest corporations and the richest executives who run them.

But Democrats must do more than lament what we're not getting in the deal. The governing of our nation requires a long-term view — in essence, it is a marathon and not a sprint. Instead, we must rally to our president and continue the fight to get where we want to be.

It's important to note most of the cuts in this deal are back loaded — the first two years will see minimal cuts to avoid damaging the rebounding economy. A 12-member "super committee" will identify \$1.5 trillion in additional deficit reduction mea-

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The good of Head Start

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's decision not to implement a Head Start preschool program at Poupard Elementary School is the educational equivalent of failure to administer a proven medical vaccine against a childhood disease.

Furthermore, board president John Steininger's reliance on a single Time magazine editorial, "Head Start rejection remains hot topic," July 28 Grosse Pointe News, hardly reflects the critical thinking or depth of research such an important educational issue warrants.

A closer look at the United States Department of Health and Human Services Head Start Impact Study (acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/hs/impact_study/) to which columnist Joel Klein refers in the Time magazine editorial, reveals a much more complex picture. According to the study's executive summary,

"In sum, this report finds that providing access to Head Start has benefits for both 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds in the cognitive, health and parenting domains, and for 3-year-olds in the social-emotional domain."

While the impact study acknowledges the cognitive benefits of Head Start appear to fade after 1st grade, other studies have indicated significant long-term economic and social effects of the program, not only for children who attend, but for society as a whole.

According to a 2002 report in the National Bureau of Economic Research, (nber.org/digest/aug01/w8054.html) "Head Start generates long-term improvements in important outcomes such as schooling attainment, earnings and crime reduction." Authors of the study, including University California Los Angeles economist Janet Currie, found that, "They find that disadvantaged whites who had been enrolled in Head Start were more likely to graduate from high school and to

have attended college than siblings who did not. White children of high school dropouts also had higher average earnings between the ages of 23 and 25 if they attended Head Start. African-Americans who attended Head Start were 'significantly less likely to have been booked or charged with a crime' compared to siblings who did not participate in Head Start. Finally, the authors find that male African-Americans were more likely to complete high school and to participate in the labor force if they had attended Head Start."

A National Public Radio report Aug. 12 (npr.org/blogs/money/2011/08/12/139583385/preschool-the-best-job-training-program) featured Nobel-Prize-winning economist James Heckman's study of the effects of job-training programs on young, unskilled workers. Heckman found that some students in the job training programs were unsuccessful because they lacked soft skills such as attention, focus, curiosity, emotional control and frustration tolerance to learn what was being taught. In attempting to discover the reason, Heckman discovered the key lies in preschool attendance.

He found considerable research linking quality of life conditions of young adults — such as employment, salary, savings accounts and health — with preschool attendance. According to the report, studies indicated those adults who had attended preschool as children "got sick less often,

were unemployed less often, and went to jail less often ... And that, according to Heckman, makes preschool one of the most effective job-training programs out there."

It's unfortunate the Grosse Pointe school board members who voted against the program ignored the voices of the educators with expertise like Poupard principal Penny Stocks and the Poupard kindergarten teacher who pleaded so eloquently for Head Start.

For the sake of Poupard's students, this program and the Grosse Pointe community, I urge these members to revisit this ill-advised decision.

MARY JO JOHNSON
Grosse Pointe Farms

Outside school district

To the Editor:

I am a student in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System.

I oppose the idea to allow students to attend a school if it is outside of their school district.

I oppose this plan because students would spend more time outside of their community and all their school friends would be farther away from their home.

Since they would not be around very often, they wouldn't get to know their neighbors and the kids around the block. And they would not care as much about where they lived. This would be harmful to the community.

AIDAN CLEMENTS
Grosse Pointe Farms

asures, including tax reform. And if that panel does not agree to a deal, a strong enforcement mechanism — an automatic sequester — will be in place to assure real, balanced savings are achieved.

Such a mechanism has forced bipartisan agreements in the past because its provisions would be disliked by both sides. In this case, it would trigger a \$1.2 trillion across-the-board cut that includes both defense and non-defense programs. However, Social Security, Medicaid, unemployment insurance, programs for civilian and military retirement and programs for low-income families, i.e. Supplemental Security Income, federal earned income tax credits, State Children's Health Insurance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families would be held harmless.

Additionally, as this process moves forward, the tables will have been turned in terms of who can hold out and for what. The automatic sequester will have the added impact of being triggered Jan. 1, 2013 — the same day the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans is set to expire. This means absent an agreed-upon, bipartisan, balanced deal, the president will have the power to use his veto pen to ensure nearly \$1 trillion in deficit reduction by not extending the super-high-income tax cuts.

No self-respecting legislator should be an automatic rubber stamp for any administration. And no conscientious citizen should blindly trust his or her leaders. But now is not the time to circle the wagons around our Democratic family. Between Rep. Paul Ryan's budget plan — which I've denounced several times in the Michigan Senate and have introduced a joint resolution doing the same — and the obstructionist House Republicans' tactics on the debt ceiling, 2012 has become a year ripe for Democratic gains, including the retaking of the Congress.

Enormous damage has been done to Boehner's speakership. He put his credibility on the line and spent nearly all his political capital convincing and cajoling his caucus members to sign on to his plan that was scrapped in the U.S. Senate the moment it arrived from the House.

For the first time in recent memory, national Republicans are not walking in lock-step. Numerous House and Senate Republicans recognize the need for more revenue, while others would prefer to see the nation default on its financial obligations. No Democratic representative or senator would allow that to happen to our country, which is why we have the current deal in front of us.

But look at the Ryan budget as the indicator of what a Republican-controlled government would achieve. Medicare would be ruined. Medicaid would be turned into a federal block grant program that would leave tens of thousands of Americans behind. Unemployed Americans would see their assistance cut short. Mental health programs across the country would cease to exist. All this and more would happen while leaving the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans with no obligation to sacrifice anything for the good of the country.

This stands in stark contrast to Obama's vision of real savings and deficit reduction: a plan that does not balance the federal budget on the backs of hardworking Americans and our most vulnerable citizens.

While I wish the final contents of this bill were different, turning our ire on our president, as Rep. John Conyers and a handful of his colleagues unfortunately have done, is the wrong thing to do. The responsible course of action instead is to focus on those who took the economy hostage and were willing to let hundreds of millions of Americans become collateral damage in their ideological crusade. Each day, Obama has to contend with right-wing obstructionists in Washington D.C., a constant barrage of slanted news coverage from Fox News and talk radio and the antics of attention-grabbers like Newt Gingrich and Sarah Palin who've done their diligence in trying to paint him an un-American, socialist, Manchurian candidate. And at the end of the day, he has to govern this country. Frankly, attacks from the left will do nothing to advance an agenda that helps the American people. Like any responsible family, we should keep our fights amongst ourselves behind closed doors.

And, call me crazy, but not too long ago a first-term U.S. senator with an unusual name made millions of Americans believers in the seemingly impossible. Faced with possibly the most formidable primary opponent in a presidential election any candidate could face, he proved he had a game plan and the competence to execute it successfully. I think it's clear his long-term plan today is one rooted in the shared values of our Democratic family. We should not pull the rug out from underneath the president when he needs our solidarity the most.

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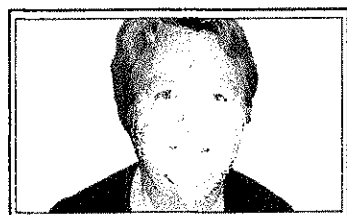
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I SAY By Kathy Ryan

I need to screen my calls



I love summer. I love everything about it. It's just so easy. You get up in the morning, throw on shorts and a T-shirt, slip on the flip-flops and you're out the door. It requires very little thought. A little chilly? Grab a sweater. You get a little too hot, go in for air conditioning or find a pool. Seriously, what's not to like?

OK, in the spirit of full disclosure, I'm not in the business of tarring roofs or digging ditches, so there is a downside to heat and humidity for some people, but by and large, summer requires little or no thought, other than worrying about how long that mayonnaise-laced chicken salad has been sitting in the sun. I can remember my grandmother calling those stomach upsets a "summer bug." Hey, Grandma, it is now more accurately known as food poisoning, but I digress.

My point is that summer, especially in Michigan, where we now have but two seasons, should be embraced and enjoyed and savored. And even more importantly, everyone needs to open the doors and windows and let summer in.

I'll admit that I'm not much of a fan of air conditioning. Oh, I have central air, but it has to be 110 degrees outside with 98 percent humidity before I'll turn it on. I'd much rather have the doors and windows open

and let the fresh air in. Perhaps it's because we are closed up all winter that makes me prefer a natural living when we can, and I can't help but scratch my head when houses are all closed up even on moderate, breezy days. Hello, people, fresh air doesn't happen very often!

Unfortunately, the resident St. Bernard at Casa Ryan wears a fur coat all year round and isn't quite as enamored with the heat of summer as I am. Poor Abbey is what's called a rough coat saint, meaning she's pretty furry. So just to make me feel really guilty about my guilty pleasure of fresh air, Abbey developed a hot spot, which is a skin irritation common in long haired dogs, especially in the summer. A trip to the vet and \$125 later, I decide I have two options,

turn on the air or relieve Abbey of her fur coat for the summer. The coat lost.

So I made an appointment at the groomer for a Tuesday morning.

Late on Monday afternoon, I'm sitting on the couch with my laptop on (where else would it be?) my lap. The front windows are wide open, Abbey is stretched out on the floor when suddenly she jumps up, takes a quick look out the front window and decides that she absolutely must save me and her castle from a possible attack by a herd of heavily armed canines sneaking up on her property. OK, it was just one basset hound firmly tethered to a leash, but it apparently looked very suspicious because the usually mild-mannered Abbey raced to the window and ... yeah, you guessed

it, attempted to jump through the screen. Did I mention it was a brand new window and screen?

And did I mention that I had just picked up the phone to call a friend, but had reached her answering machine and as I'm saying, "Hi, Linda, it's Kathy, I just wanted to ... Abbey @#*%&* I can't believe you just did that. Get down! ... OH &*\$%#!....."

I'm also at the same time struggling to get the laptop off my (where else?) lap, get off the couch, rein in Abbey, who was tangled up in the screen, while suddenly realizing that everything I was saying and doing was being recorded on my friend's answering machine. Thankfully, she's a good friend, or at least she was. Then again, she's a teacher, so she doesn't scare easily.

I haven't been able to convince Abbey that the fact she was hauled off to the groomer and shaved right down to the skin and now resembles the biggest hairless Chihuahua you have ever seen really had nothing to do with her abject stupidity of trying to jump through a screen, but I'm not sure she believes me. She is, however, a much happier dog, and she was spotted sunning herself outside the other day, apparently trying to get warm, as I did break down and turn on the air now that she's naked.

And then there's the poor woman walking the sweet little basset hound, who I'm sure was thinking, "For crying out loud, lady, close your windows and turn on your air conditioning!"

Ah, the dog days of summer....

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What advice would you give the third graders next year?

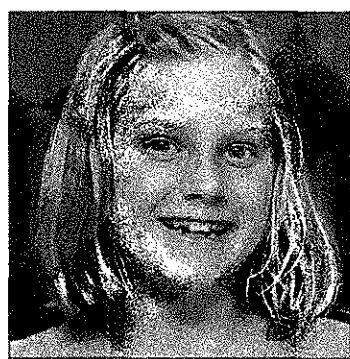
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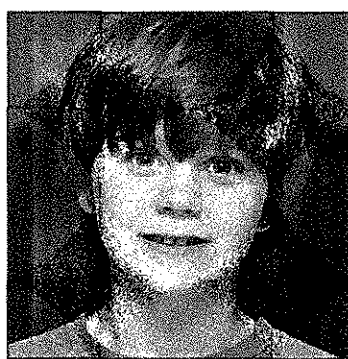
'Be good and have fun.'
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Grosse Pointe Park



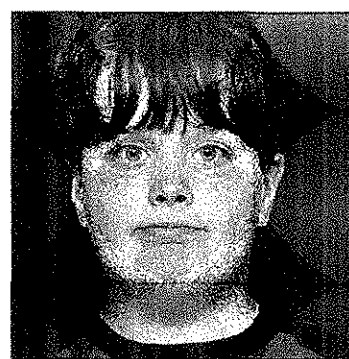
'Keep focused on your math and don't let anyone disturb you.'
ALEXIS HERRELL
Grosse Pointe Park



'In third grade, you will have more fun and get multiplications and bigger words.'
ANNA CORNELL
Grosse Pointe Park



'You don't get as much time to play and it gets harder.'
BEN VERLINDEN
Grosse Pointe Park



'It gets harder. You play less, you'll learn division and you'll read a lot.'
CHRISTIAN SWEENEY
Grosse Pointe Park

SCHOOLS: Mandating choice

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of Michigan: Why must Snyder impose mandatory school of choice participation when 82 percent of Michigan public school districts today freely choose it? Our research and Snyder's own department of education clearly shows it is a popular option.

The MCLC asserts a key point of School of Choice is it has been an option, not a mandate. Each of Michigan's 552 publicly-elected school boards, or at least those without emergency financial managers, evaluate the school of choice option to assess the factors influencing this policy decision:

tax equity, ability to gain support for hold harmless and other millages, effect on educational rigor and curriculum, class size, property value concerns, revenue gains versus incremental cost. And most importantly, local resident and taxpayer preference.

Let's be clear. School of choice is not inherently a bad policy. If 82 percent of public schools prefer it in some form, clearly that market likes the option. But each district is in a unique position. Mandating participation could introduce unintended consequences that may harm more students than it helps, and the question repeatedly asked of Lansing, yet not answered, is what control will remain within the local school district? Who will determine capacity?

Snyder and state legislators may think they have a clear view sitting atop the high dome of the Capitol Building in

Lansing. The view at ground level, however, is quite different and local factors influencing policy decisions come into much clearer focus. Ultimately, a school district and how it operates is as unique as the community that houses it.

Mandates from Lansing that take away local authority do not address the distinctive elements of each district. And in fact, are an attempt to take away what most citizens love about their particular ZIP code, which certainly includes the sense of pride and "ownership" that comes with the ability to control at the local level.

The MCLC encourages citizens from communities all across the state, both school of choice and non-school of choice districts alike to remind their state representatives and senators that local voices and choices do matter.

Remind Lansing that concentrating more power in the

state Capitol, if abused, drives a wedge between parents and their children's well-being, and that is not the change we want. Parents and local communities know what is best for them-

selves. And in those proven capable of governing themselves, Lansing should keep their mandates to themselves.

Mandating schools of choice is a bad policy, Gov. Snyder.

Keep your voice out of local choice.

Lynn Jacobs is co-founder of Michigan Communities for Local Control and a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

The AA+ presidency

A few months ago, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner predicted with unshakable confidence there was "no risk" of a downgrade of U.S. debt.

In fact, he argued, "things are better than they've been if you want to think about the prospects for improving our long-term fiscal position."

In his self-assured cluelessness, Geithner reflected the president he serves. Upon taking office, President Barack Obama gravely misread the historic moment. He has brought us to a dangerous pass where a few slips — another sharp recession, a spike in interest rates — could bring on another economic crisis. To borrow his own put-down of Congress during the debt-ceiling fight, he's an "AA+" president of an AAA country.

Financial crises, such as that of 2008, always create vast overhangs of debt, but Obama believed he should heedlessly add more. And he's never once "pivoted" to responsibility.

In February, six months before the downgrade, Obama offered a budget that increased spending and the debt. After 10

years, the deficit would still be more than \$1 trillion. In April, four months before the downgrade, Obama delivered a gimmicky budget speech with no specifics. On April 11, just seven days before Standard & Poor assigned a negative outlook to our AAA rating, White House press secretary Jay Carney said the president wanted a debt-ceiling increase with no deficit reduction.

Now that the downgrade is upon us, the administration is lashing out. It reeks of desperation and blame-shifting. But, hey, this is the way the game is played down at AA+.

Geithner scolded S&P: "They've handled themselves very poorly. And they've shown a stunning lack of knowledge about the basic U.S. fiscal budget math." His huffiness is badly misplaced. Whatever S&P's failings, it's not under the misimpression it's OK to spend 40 percent more than you take in, which is the basic error in Geithner's "budget math."

S&P had barely acted before every Democratic henchman hilariously deemed it, "the tea party downgrade." S&P does complain about "political brinkmanship" in Washington. But what does it expect in a di-

vided government? We had a blissfully united government for two years in 2009-10, and it gave us a historic spending blowout vastly more irresponsible than the debt-ceiling deal.

The reason is fundamentally political — "elected officials remain wary of tackling the structural issues required to effectively address the rising U.S. debt burden." Tea-partying House Republicans don't suffer from this endemic deficiency. The Ryan budget undertook precisely the containment of entitlements that, S&P says, "we and most other independent observers regard as key to long-term fiscal sustainability."

To this point, Obama has put ideology and cute partisan games above the national interest in leadership worthy of AA+. He thought he could spend as much as possible in his first two years and a favorable business cycle and rhetorical repositioning would bail him out before 2012. He didn't count on reality having different plans. Now, S&P has blown the whistle. Like all political malefactors, the administration isn't sorry for what it did; it's sorry it got caught.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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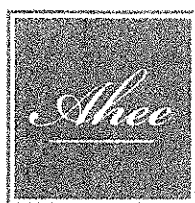
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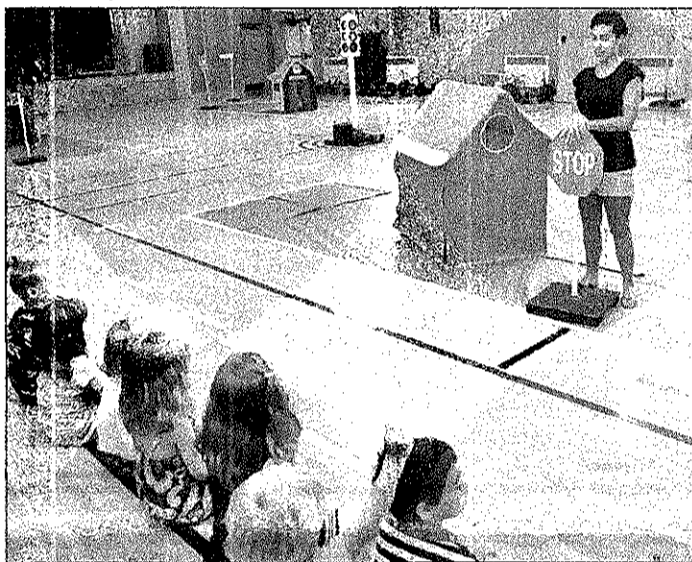
Safety Town teaches safety, good citizenship

Safety Town, a national program, teaches young children about safety and good citizenship through lessons on traffic, bicycle, house, water and fire safety, as well as litter prevention and recycling.

Held at Barnes Early Childhood Center, the program consists of four, two-week sessions open to kindergarteners and first-graders. Each day features a different theme, ranging from meeting a police officer, pedestrian safety, fire safety and poison and drug awareness, among others.

Above, Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officer Joe Provost shows children his police car, pointing out its features — lights, siren and computer.

Right, Safety Town director AnneMarie Lutfy discusses bicycle and pedestrian safety with the children. The center's gym was transformed into a small town equipped with houses, stop signs and traffic lights.



North, South vacancies filled

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

Kate Murray and Terry Flint are the new assistant principals at Grosse Pointe North and South, respectively.

Murray, an internal candidate, started as a student teacher at North 15 years ago and teaches Advance Placement Language and Composition. She fills the vacancy left by Matt Outlaw, recently promoted to principal at South.

"She's very well respected amongst the Grosse Pointe North teaching staff, has great vision of where the administration needs to be in providing support to the students, the teachers and the administration," assistant superintendent of human resources and labor negotiations Tom Harwood said. "She's done some phenomenal work with our students who are at-risk in our freshmen assist program, and has been an instrumental person in bringing those youngsters on board and allowing them to be afforded the opportunity to see success in the classroom and outside the classroom."

Flint, previously assistant principal at Grosse Ile High School, replaces Brandon Slone, who resigned in May after the district charged him

with violating the district's technology policy. Flint has eight years experience as an administrator and received his Master of Education degree from Saginaw Valley State University.

"He did present himself very well and was clearly the recommended candidate of the interview team and the recommended candidate of the cabinet," Harwood said. "It came through in our interviews with him and our meetings with him — his passion for working with students, his understanding of the needs of students and his understanding for the teachers and administrative team to provide the best educational opportunities for kids here at South high school."

In a little more than a month after the jobs were posted, the district received nearly 200 applications for both positions.

"There were many, many people who were eager to join this school district," superintendent Suzanne Klein said. "And as we heard from colleagues of Mr. Flint and we heard from colleagues of Mrs. Murray, both of them are seen as people who have a very strong vision of what top-quality instruction looks like, are very committed to making sure our students find success, but also know how important it is to connect with the parents."

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Resolution addresses enrollment hot spots

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Alleviating pressures felt by parents, teachers and administrators regarding enrollment hot spots, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education last week adopted a resolution to address potential classroom overcrowding.

Hot spots — as determined by administration — are classes close to or exceeding the maximum average of desired

students per room, resulting in disruptions to the optimal learning environment for students and teachers.

Informal administrative guidelines set capacity at 24 students in kindergarten, 27 in first through third grades and 30 in fourth and fifth grades.

In preventing any such occurrences, the resolution — drafted by treasurer Brendan Walsh — suggests, as of Aug. 19, if enrollment “appears likely, after due diligence,” to result

in average class sizes exceeding maximum levels of students, the board “authorizes the administration to hire and/or recall, in accordance with other agreements, the teaching and/or support staff necessary to address the class size guidelines referenced herein, up to six sections.”

“I believe the date, with Aug. 19, what it provides is to be able to move forward with recalls that would appear on my Aug. 22 (human resources) re-

port, to go ahead and proceed with securing individuals with recall notices and then having the board to approve them,” assistant superintendent of human resources and labor negotiations Tom Harwood said.

Added Walsh: “The date was meant to be used as a launch point. This would also signal to teachers and building administration that, let’s rouse those students who may not have registered yet, or let’s instigate dialogue regarding in-district

transfers. Let’s get a pretty clean view on Aug. 19 so Mr. Harwood could do what he needs to do.”

Hot spots currently exist at Defer (55 students in two sections, third grade), Kerby (53 students in two sections, second grade), Maire (52 students in two sections, first grade), Poupart (53 students in two sections, second grade) and Trombly (28 students in one section, kindergarten).

According to the resolution,

administrators have several options to meet enrollment guidelines, including in-district transfers, adding multi-age classrooms or, as a last resort, recalling or hiring additional teachers or support staff.

“At the least, this gives a clear direction for the board, that we have every intention of addressing these hot spots and allowing the administration to get into motion on that based on actual enrollment on the 19th,” Walsh said.

College: class of 2011 spans across the globe

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She made the move to the IZOD IndyCar Series for 2010 on a limited basis, competing in the opener of the Streets of Sao Paulo, Brazil, her hometown, and in the Indianapolis 500. For 2011 season Bia is driving the No. 24 Inpiranga car for Dreyer and Reinbold Racing for the full season.

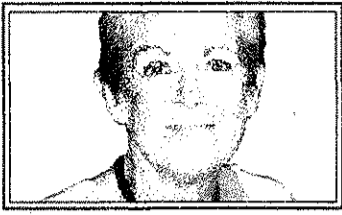
Tickets to the evening reception and auction at Northern Trust are still available. Call the Racing For Kids office for more information: 313.882.3403. Look in the Grosse Pointe News next week for a "Sneak Peek" at the unique items being offered in the luxury auction.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

DeLorean's 30th at Dream Cruise



Rich Weissensel, DeLorean Midwest Connection club car show and events director, is among those bringing DeLorean stainless sports cars to Detroit for the Aug. 20 Woodward Dream Cruise.

He plans to stage a 30th anniversary DeLorean display at the Bloomfield Hills Mercedes dealership on Woodward Avenue, just south of Big Beaver.

"We are hoping to get 30 DeLoreans out there," Weissensel said. "I hope to have my six-door DeLorean limo project at Woodward this year. Even if I cannot get it completed, I can at least display the exterior done."

Weissensel also has a DeLorean convertible and a D-Rex conversion.

The DeLorean's combination of gull-wing doors and brushed stainless steel body put a spell on the automotive community back in 1981 — and the spell has not worn off.

Automotive maverick John Z. DeLorean created the car in 1981. The two-seater is now 30 years old. Except for a few tell-tale, early 1980s styling hints, many DeLoreans still look like they were driven off the new car showroom floor yesterday. Install some low profile wheels/tires and updated headlights, a well-kept DeLorean could pass for a current model.

So here are a few 30th anniversary moments of the DeLorean and Weissensel's summary of the car's history:



The DeLorean as a convertible conversion.

It was the year 1981 when the DeLorean automobile first reached the United States, starting with two very early production cars arriving mid-January via a cargo 747 at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport. One of these two rare cars is making another return visit to the Woodward Dream Cruise this year.

January 21, 1981, was the official "Press Day" at the DeLorean Motor Company factory in Northern Ireland. DeLorean was on hand to drive the first assembly-line produced DeLorean onto the test track.

By mid April 1981, the first full shipment of DeLorean automobiles was driven onto a cargo ship en route to the U.S. Former employee Nick Sutton remembers well they had made their "ship by Easter" deadline.

By December 1981, the factory produced approximately

6,700 of the 1981 Model DeLorean DMC-12s. There are a few variations, parts changes and recalls during production in 1981 and the 1982 models benefited from the more skilled work force.

Development of the Twin Turbo DeLorean was nearly complete in late 1981 with an anticipated 1983 model year introduction. But it was not meant to be. Surrounded by financial problems, a bad economy and many conspiracy theories, DeLorean production ended in December of 1982.

There were a few dark years for the automobile, but things appeared to get better when DeLorean was acquitted of all charges.

The DeLorean car also had new-found fame as the stainless steel star of the 1985 movie, "Back to the Future."

Now, 30 years later, DeLorean owners and enthusiasts celebrate all the good

things associated with the DeLorean project and remember the car's creator who passed away in 2005.

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



Rich Weissensel pauses with his six-door DeLorean limo project. In the background is his D-Rex conversion.



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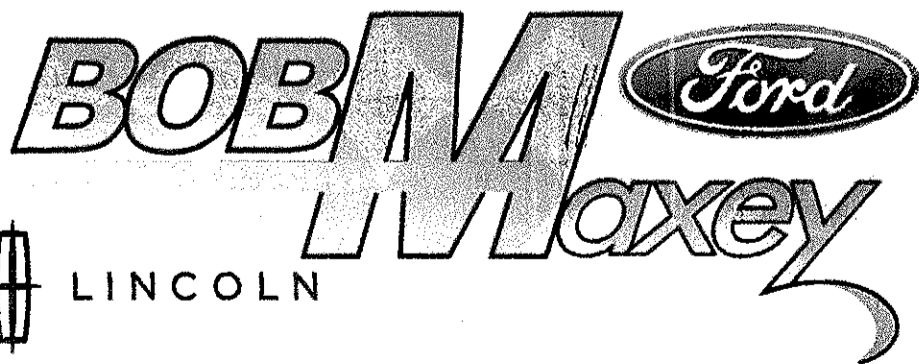
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Vehicle handling course

The vehicle handling course at the recent Ford Driving Skills for Life hands-on training event demonstrates what a vehicle will do when the rear wheels lose traction as a result of wet pavement, snow or ice. Teens receive instruction from professional drivers how to control and steer out of the skid using special equipment installed on the vehicles. Almost 800 teens and parents participated in the two-day event at the Michigan Proving Grounds in Romeo.

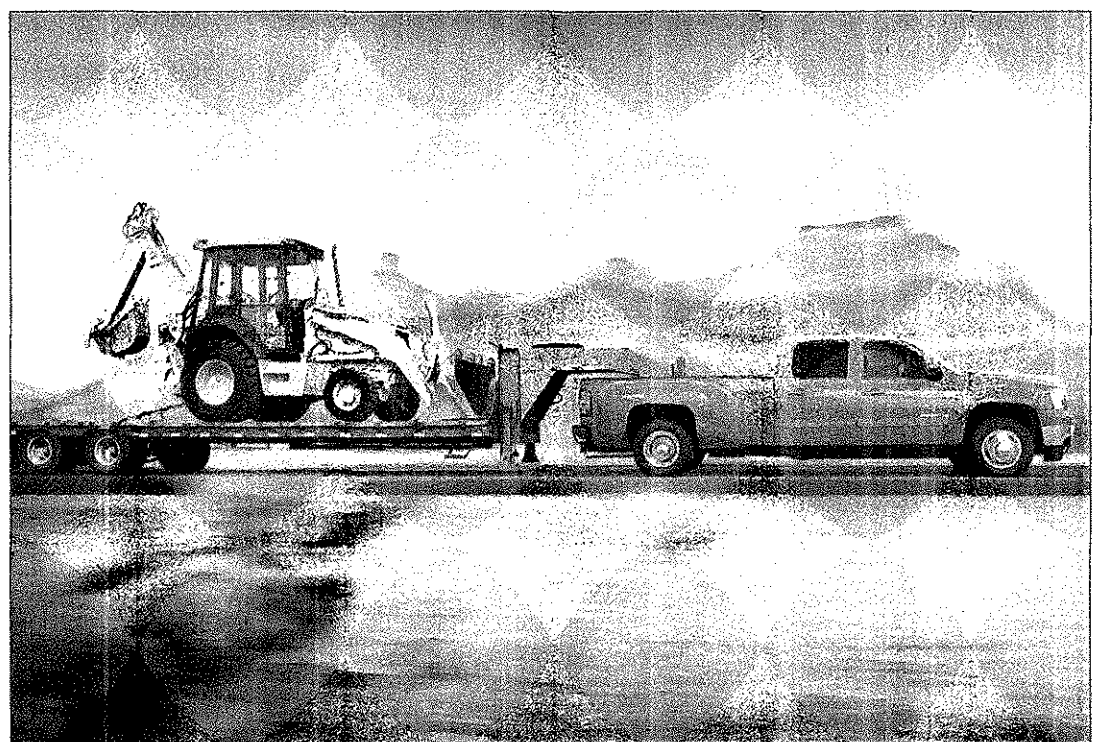


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AUTOS By Jenny King

Prius family grows with new 'v' model



keting manager. "This is the first new member of the extended Prius family," he said. "Prius debuted in Japan 14 years ago; 97 percent of Priuses sold in the last decade are still in service."

Toyota is adding a second body style to its gas-hybrid Prius brand. The 2012 Prius v is expected to be available the last quarter of this year. A price has not been announced.

The newcomer looks very much like the current Prius hatchback, but taller, wider and longer and boasts big-time cargo space.

It was designed to attract young families interested in the technology and fuel economy of a Prius but who require more interior room, according to Ed Larocque, national mar-

keting manager. "This is the first new member of the extended Prius family," he said. "Prius debuted in Japan 14 years ago; 97 percent of Priuses sold in the last decade are still in service."

Toyota, he added, has six "entirely new," hybrid gas-electric vehicles coming in the near future.

The new v — as in versatile — uses the same hybrid synergy system on the present Prius, which includes a 118-liter four-cylinder gasoline engine. It's built on a stretched Prius platform.

Larocque said the Prius v has 58 percent more cargo space than the Prius — and competes with compact SUVs. "Americans need more cargo space," he said.

Like the Prius, the newcomer comes in five trim packages, rear backup camera is standard, said Toyota spokesman



A line of Prius v "wagons."

PHOTOS BY JENNY KING



The Prius v is longer than the current Prius four-door hatchback and offers lots more cargo space.

So are reclining rear seats covered with a hard plastic to stand up better than carpeting or upholstery when supporting extra cargo.

A panoramic see-through roof made of a resin material is available.

Tiny fins atop the headlights increase the aerodynamics of the Prius v, as does a rear spoiler concave on its underside.

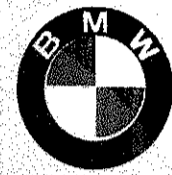
Six inches longer than the Prius and three inches taller, the Prius v is expected to get 44 miles per gallon in city driving, 40 mpg on the highway and a combined average of 42 mpg.

A seven-passenger Prius v is available in Europe but not in the United States, Larocque said. A smaller Prius c — for city — comes onstream the first half of 2012 and a plug-in Prius electric arrives the first quarter of next year.

"Prius future sales may someday rival those of Camry," Larocque said.

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

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Suczek portraits in Czech museum

Former Grosse Pointe residents Robert and Charity Suczek received recognition granted to few individuals.

Their portraits by Czech painter Frantisek Hlavica, which hung for decades in their Grosse Pointe house, are now on permanent display in a 17th century baroque castle in Europe. Since the creation of the Czech Republic, that castle, once home to Bohemian aristocracy in Austria-Hungary, is now the Wallachian State Museum in the historic city of

Vsetin, a few hours drive east of Prague.

The painter and Robert Suczek, engineer and inventor, were both born in Vsetin and studied at the Czech University of Brno. Both were highly honored for professional achievements.

Coincidentally, Robert's wife, Charity, a bride when the portraits were painted in 1926, came from landed gentry in the old Austro-Hungarian Empire and became a noted gourmet teacher in the United

States. The portraits are now in good company. Facing them across the exhibit room is a Hlavica portrait of Tomas Masaryk, first president of Czechoslovakia. It too was painted in the 1920s and is equally imposing. Surrounded by smaller oils, watercolors and drawings showing colorful aspects of Czech costumes and culture, the Suczek portraits are important pieces in the collection.

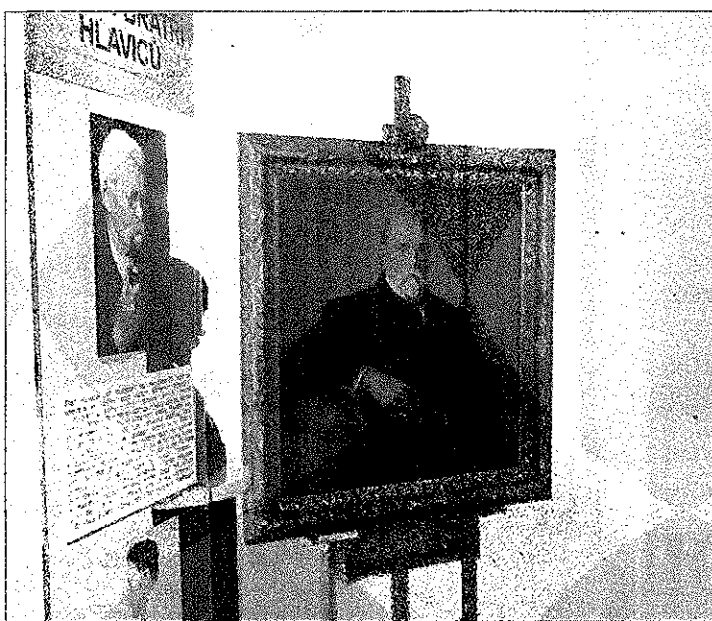
Getting them there was not a simple process, however. It took years of effort and a piece of serendipitous good luck. The task fell to Robert and Charity's son, Alex. Speculating some day it may no longer be convenient to have the 40-by-60 inch life size portraits in heavy gilded frames hang in his or one of his children's houses, he decided to find a museum that would want them.

Since Robert was honored by the U.S. government for an invention used on U.S. Navy ships during - and for years after - World War I, an obvious candidate was the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. The gallery, part of the Smithsonian Institute, already had a model of his invention on display.

A few years after his father's death, armed with photos, his father's life story in the Cyclopedia of American Biography and the Edward Longstreth Silver Medal for scientific achievement from the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Alex called on a



The portraits of Alex Suczek's parents now hang in the museum in Vsetin, Czech Republic. With the portraits are, from left, Robert von Primavesi and Marybelle and Alex Suczek, former Grosse Pointers.



A Frantisek Hlavica portrait of Tomas Masaryk, founder of Czechoslovakia's first democratic government and its first president.

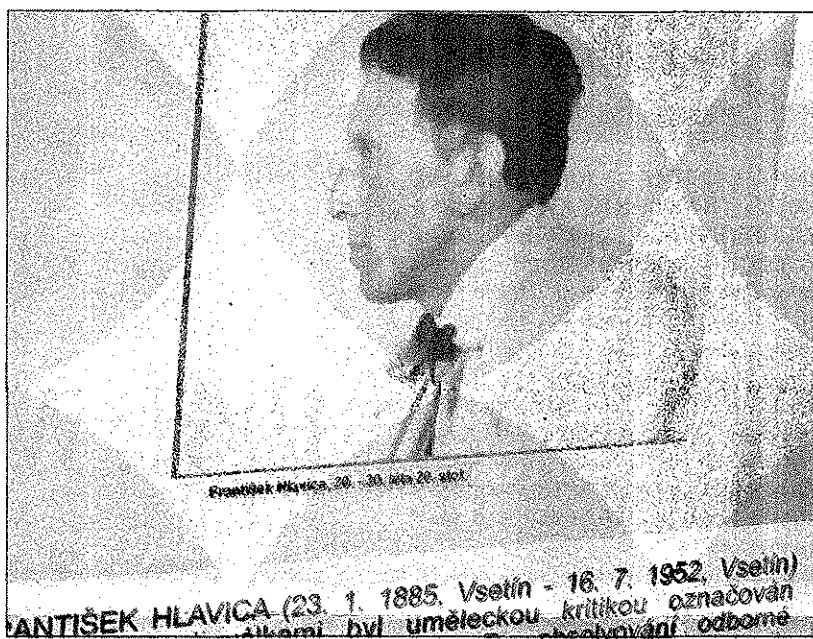
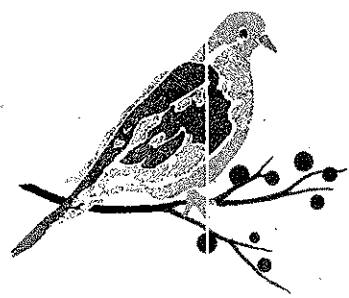


Photo of artist Frantisek Hlavica.

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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **RESIDENTS REFUSE TO SIGN PARKING LOT AGREEMENT:** An amicable agreement arrived at between seven residents and the owner of a business parking lot fizzled

when the residents refused to sign a proposed agreement. The agreement was to have solved a drainage problem involving three of the residents.

The Sears-Suffrin-Kroger lot and the residential property abut at Mack and Moross.

◆ **TWO SHORES RESIDENCES BURGLARIZED:** Two Shores residences were completely ransacked while their occupants were attending a night football game at Tiger Stadium.

◆ **POLICE INTERVENE IN FEUD GROWING FROM**

CAR SALE: Park police possibly prevented a Detroit shooting when they arrested a Detroit man with a semi-automatic rifle and turned him over to Detroit authorities for investigation.

The Park police received a call from a Wayburn Avenue resident, who stated that he saw a man walking on Charlevoix between Maryland and Alter Road, waving a rifle.

Police arrested James Scruggs, who told police he sold a car to a man named Clarence Malone. Scruggs and

his wife went to a Jefferson Avenue bar, where they heard Malone was and dunned him for payment. Malone beat Scruggs and his wife and threatened to kill them if they did not leave him alone.

After the beating, Scruggs told the officers he went home to get his rifle and was looking for Malone.

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **CITIES SCHEDULE HEARINGS ON DIVERTER PLAN:** City councils in Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods agreed in concept last week to putting traffic diverters along shared streets in the north ends of their cities to alleviate traffic on residential streets.

The plan now goes to city managers to work out details of cost-splitting and service delivery to residents.

◆ **STATE MAY OWE SCHOOLS \$4 MILLION:** The Grosse Pointe Public School System has applied to the state for nearly \$4 million it says it should have received for special education and other state-mandated programs, but didn't.

2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **OOPS!** The heat wave that recently hit metro Detroit has sent Grosse Pointers to their respective parks to use the pools to cool off. But some residents may have noticed that these same pools have been closed.

The Farms parks director said that the main pool in Pier Park had to be closed twice in two days in early August because of "accidents."

According to the director, the pool was closed 19 times all last year. So far this year, the pool has been closed 15 times, due to feces, vomit or blood in the pool.

◆ **PLANNERS GIVE SHOP OWNER WRONG SIGNAL:** Due to the interpretation of an ordinance the city's longtime mayor said was too broad, the owners of a mom-and-pop gift shop on Mack Avenue have been hung out to dry by not being allowed to hang up a sign.

The trouble began when the planning commission turned down a proposal to hang two signs on the front and side of the store. The two signs contained a combined 12 "message units." A city ordinance allows a total of 10 message units.

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **CAVANAGH DECADE ENDS:** Detroit's Tim Killeen won the Democratic ticket to run for Wayne County Commissioner 1st District, beating incumbent Chris Cavanagh of Grosse Pointe Woods in the August primary election.

◆ **SHORES, GPYC SUBMIT MARINA APPLICATION:** A 130-foot yacht would have no trouble navigating the new entrance to the modernized marina that Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club want to build.

The two entities recently submitted a joint application to the Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeking permission to renovate the harbor.

◆ **COUNCIL APPROVES 4-HOME PLAN ON MORAN:** Four houses will work where three or five would not.

That's the feeling of Grosse Pointe Farms City Council members who approved preliminary plans for development of the 190 Ridge site.

The land must first be rezoned from requiring a minimum lot width of 150 feet.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive



FROM THE AUG. 17, 1961, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1961: Work goes on

The \$900,000 addition to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is progressing rapidly and is scheduled for completion early in 1962. Workmen have poured cement on the third floor and the bricklayers are nearly finished. The cornerstone-laying ceremonies are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 24.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Matthew McCroskery

African faith

The recent discovery in Ethiopia of what is believed to be the oldest illustrated Bible in existence reminded me of a conversation I had not long ago with a young former Christian who had converted to Islam.

When I asked what it was that inspired such an important change in his life, he said he was driven by two things; his search for authenticity and his desire for a sincere and meaningful expression of faith and worship. Neither of those, he said, did he believe were available in the Christian experience. He felt Islam was a more genuinely African religion than Christianity, while Christianity is more the white man's religion. He also felt modern American Christianity was vapid and knew nothing of true devotion and surrender to God.

I reminded him Christianity was not invented by Europeans. It began in the Middle East and belongs no less to black Africans than it does to whites. In fact, Africans were Christian long before they were Muslim. Some of Christianity's most beloved saints were African. Saint Augustine and his mother, Saint Monica, Saint Cyprian of Carthage, Saint Anthony, the father of Christian monasticism, Saint Athanasius of Alexandria, Saint Moses the Black, Saint Mary of Egypt, and my wife's patron saint, the martyr Katherine of Alexandria, are just a few.

These people lived and died long before Islam existed. Christ himself lived in Africa as a child, and it was an African who helped Christ bear his cross to Calvary. One of the very first documented conversions to

Christianity was an official in the court of the Ethiopian queen, Candace. Her baptism is said to have inaugurated the Ethiopian Church and Ethiopia embraced Christianity as the official state religion even before the Roman Empire.

At least two of the original 12 apostles preached and martyred in Africa along with a number of their disciples.

Saint Mark the Evangelist established a church in Alexandria where he later penned his Gospel and the church he founded rose to great prominence in those early years. The church of Alexandria was second only to Rome in order of precedence until the end of the fourth century, and the bishop of Alexandria was responsible every year for calculating the date on which the Christian world celebrated Easter.

The Christian faith, I told him, is anything but exclusive to white Europeans and their descendants.

My answer to his second charge, that modern American Christianity is soft, insipid and lacking true devotion and worship, was more of a rant in which I agreed with him more than I disagreed. But the details of that portion of the conversation will have to wait until next time.

Christianity is not a faith specific to any particular race or nationality, but is for all people. Christ instructed his apostles to make disciples of all nations. Yes, that includes whites. But it includes blacks and all other races as well.

McCroskery is director of Christian outreach at St. Sabbas Monastery in Harper Woods.

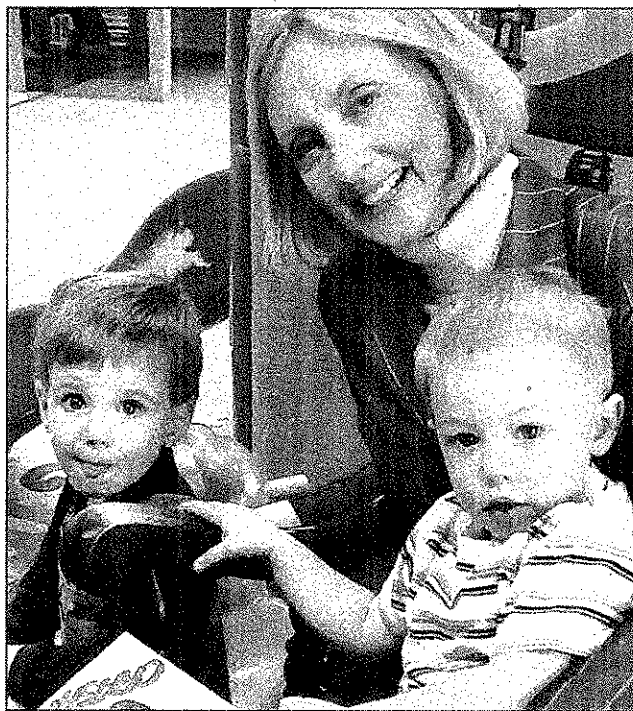
Retired teacher returns to classroom

Nancy Schulte, who spent more than two decades teaching in the Grosse Pointe Public School System before retiring, is going back to work.

In September she opens a parents' day out/early childhood care center called Mornings @ Memorial. Up to 25 toddlers and pre-schoolers age 5 and under can attend the program offered at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I'm in my element in the classroom," Schulte said. "My classes were about the whole child growing socially, emotionally, as well as cognitively and physically. In kindergarten, one works a lot with families and moral growth too."

The teaching at the preschool program is ecumenical Christian.



Nancy Schulte, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is heading Mornings @ Memorial, a program for children up to 5 years old.

"I see this new teaching a golden opportunity to welcome children into God's family and house, and to help them grow in all ways," the Grosse Pointe Farms resident said.

In public schools, separation of church and state precluded certain discussions. "However, you know kindergartners — they have a way of talking honestly and frankly about anything that occurs to them. And God often did occur to them. So now I have freedom to make children feel at home, help them grow, to help them explore and play and cooperate with others."

"We have five women (no men applied) who are just plain dedicated to the

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CHURCH EVENTS

First English

The Laughter and Inspiration at First English Players at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, present the Lucy Simon musical, "The Secret Garden," Nov. 11 - 13, as part of the Open Door Series at First English.

Open auditions are Tuesday, Aug. 23, in the church's basement choir room. Children audition from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; adults audition beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Interested actors from the church and the community must be prepared to sing a 30-second excerpt of a song of their choosing and read from the musical's script.

Call Robert Foster, coordinator of music at First English, at (313) 884-5040 for more information.

Crossepointe Church

Crossepointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a remembrance service at 9:30

a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. For more information, visit CrosspointeChristianChurch.org.

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St. Albertus Historic Church holds a Latin Mass at noon Sunday, Aug. 21. The celebrant is the Rev. Matthew Hincks. Doors open at 11 a.m.

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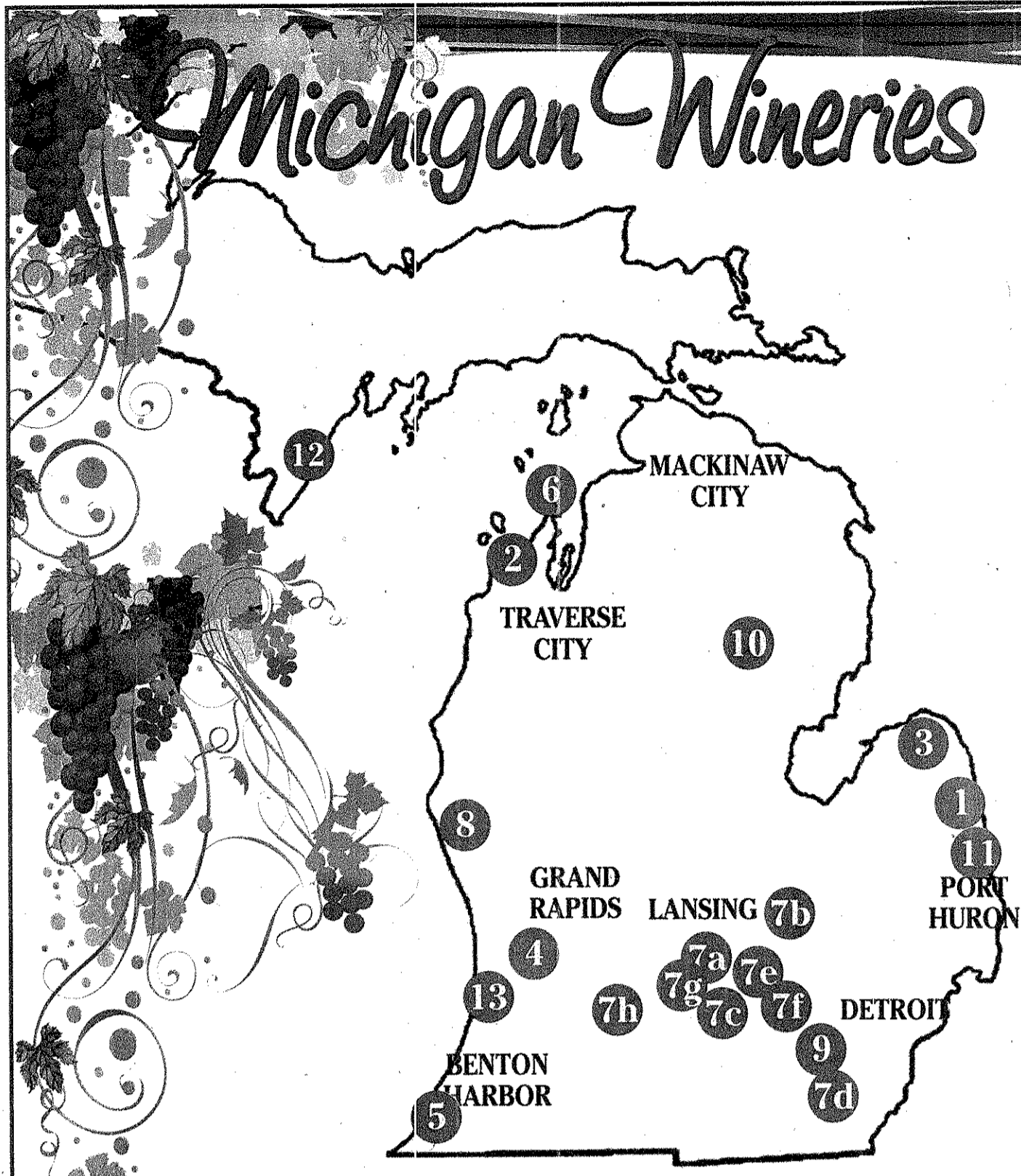
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Michigan Wineries

Growing wine grapes in Michigan can be tricky

The European vinifera grape varieties that many people are familiar with, such as Riesling or Chardonnay, are not native to Michigan, but the favorable climate along Michigan's western coast has allowed these varieties to grow well with proper management.

Michigan's wine grape acreage is actually considered to be in its infancy when compared to states such as California, where European vinifera wine grapes were first planted in the mid-1800s. In comparison, the first recorded planting of vinifera grapes in Michigan was in 1969. Because wine grape growing is a relatively young industry in the state, Michigan grape growers are searching for the best methods to manage the growing of vinifera grape varieties so that the grapes will make wine people will enjoy.

For Paolo Sabbatini, Michigan State University as-

sistant professor of horticulture, specializing in viticulture, it is all about managing the balance between good grapes and healthy vines.

Good management of the vine canopy improves fruit and wine quality, and involves the proper spacing of vines in the rows and proper distance between rows, as well as appropriate vine training, pruning, irrigation, fertilization and summer activities such as hedging of grapevines shoots, thinning of shoots out of the canopy and removing leaves.

"Managing a grapevine canopy plays a big role in developing ripe grapes in a cool climate like Michigan," he said. "This is true for two reasons -- the season here doesn't produce as much heat and sunlight as a state like California and the season is shorter, as well; late spring and early fall frost force the growers to speed up the vine annual cycle, compressed in to only 120 to 140 days.

We need to do all we can to make a grapevine canopy as highly efficient as possible. To ripen the fruit properly, none of the canopy can be

wasted. Timely canopy management and vineyard management practices are pivotal factors to reconcile apparently incompatible challenges: produce good to excellent grapes at economically acceptable yield per acre."

Sabbatini is studying the timing of and effect that removing leaves around grape clusters (leaf pulling) has on grape ripeness, and the flavors and aromas in the resulting wine.

"Leaf pulling is all about changing the microclimate of the grape cluster," he said. "It creates more air circulation, and allows for better ripening, spray coverage and reduction of bunch rot."

Sabbatini was interested in finding the optimal time to do leaf pulling, because he noticed a great variation in the way growers dealt with the practice in the Michigan vineyards.

"Some growers do it early in the season, some do it late or some are not doing it at all," he said. "If growers remove the leaves too early, then they are removing the 'working' leaves for the cluster that use the sunlight for photosynthe-

sis (sugar production)," he said. "This is not good. But if it's done too late, then the skin of the grape berries is not used to the sunlight and gets burned. This can lead to the skins developing strange flavors in wine. Berry ripening depends on high temperatures and high UV, which aids in the production of anthocyanins and a better accumulation of phenolics, which wine makers like."

Michigan's developing wine grape growing industry may face different challenges than other grape growing regions

in the United States and around the world, but Sabbatini sees a lot of opportunity here.

"In this Great Lakes region, the lake effect on the climate is huge," he noted. "It is very well positioned to grow vinifera grapes well, because that lake effect helps lengthen the season. Strategically, Michigan wineries are also in a good position when it comes to the whole local food and wine movement.

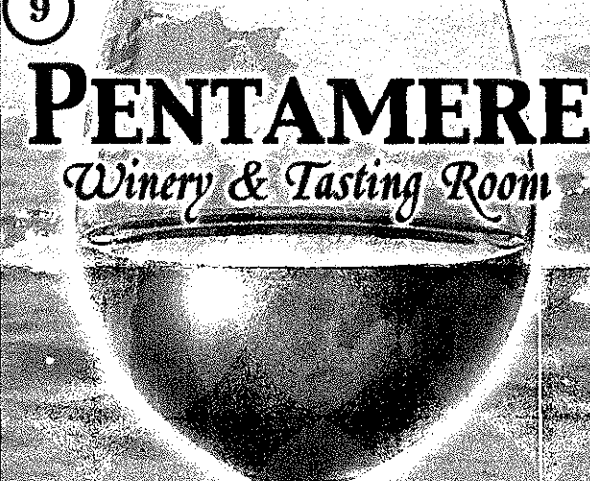
"When I came here in 2007, there were 45 wineries," he added. "Now there are 70, and

that is despite the dismal economy. People are still investing in this industry. I am very happy to see graduate and undergraduate students working with me for few years, leaving the viticulture program at MSU, and becoming employed by Michigan and U. S. wineries."

"Between the jobs, sales and agricultural tourism it brings in to the state, it has a huge economic impact that continues to grow," Sabbatini said.

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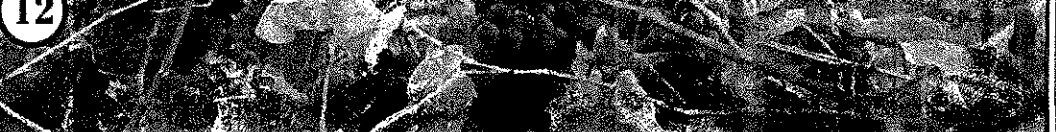


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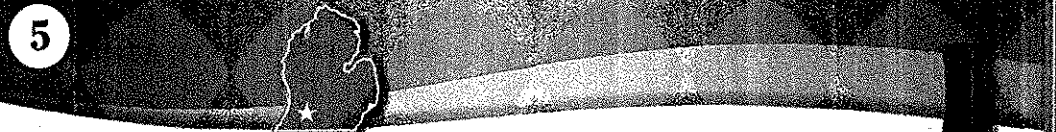
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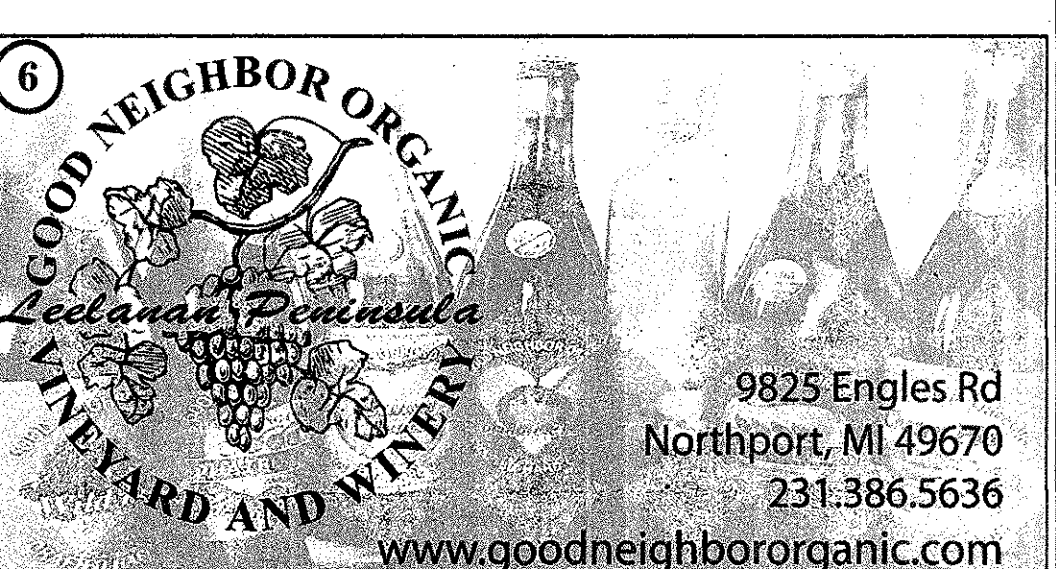
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HEALTH

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kathy Rager

Responding to a depressed teen



Q My teen seems depressed at times and is a bit of a loner. He appears to enjoy the calm, unpressured time he spends with his peers at church more than with his peers at school. He also seems to have a good relationship with the youth minister and the pastor.

If something is bothering him, would they be able to guide him or inform me as a parent if something was seriously wrong?

A. Ethically I treat all information I receive with the utmost respect and confidentiality. The only time I share any information is when any child, youth or adult claims they will harm others or themselves. Naturally, there is a legal responsibility and I believe a responsibility to the community to ensure everyone will remain safe. If I receive information a teen is planning to do harm, I invite the parents to have a conference with me.

Some assume if someone plans on hurting others or themselves, they wouldn't tell anyone. However, according to research, the majority of youth with plans to hurt themselves or others are more likely to

reach out first. If there is something bothering the teen, the youth minister's role is to aid the teen in sorting out and articulating what is going on inside (giving their thoughts and feelings a voice) to the level a pastor is professionally trained. I have a "toolbox" of phone numbers for counselors and treatment centers when needed.

Assuming the student is not clinically depressed, I don't see any concern if the youth enjoys peers at church over those at school. It is possible the teen spends more time with his peers at church because they understand him better.

To determine if a youth is suffering from depression, a mental health professional

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needs to be consulted. I am not an expert on mental health, but if it appears a teen attending any of our church functions exhibits signs of



anxiety or tends to sit in isolation, I attempt to figure out why.

I also try to give helpful guidance to the youth and their parents.

Depression is a serious illness and should never be ignored.

Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver is the pastor of Grosse Pointe

Congregational Church in Grosse Pointe. He has 12 years of pastoral experience and provides spiritual care for Heartland Hospice and the ER and ICU departments for Ohio Health. Contact him at (313) 884-3075 or pastor-richard@gpcong.org.

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Neighborhood Club's fall offerings

The Neighborhood Club, though moved from its Waterloo site, is still offering classes.

Youth soccer — Coed instructional league — weekends Sept. 17 - Oct. 15 for those born in 2009. Teams practice 15 minutes followed by a 16-minute game; for those born in 2008, teams practice 20 minutes followed by a 20-minute game. The cost is \$72.

Boys and girls instructional leagues — weekends Sept. 17 - Oct. 29. For those born in 2006 and 2007, teams practice 30 minutes followed by a 30-minute game; for those born in 2005, teams practice 15 minutes followed by a 45-minute game. The cost is \$88 and includes free weekly soccer skills nights.

Boys and girls leagues — weekends Sept. 17 - Oct. 29, for those in second through fourth grades. Teams play 8-on-8 and practice 1-3 times per week. The cost is \$104 and includes free weekly soccer skills nights.

Adult Volleyball Leagues — All leagues are for those 18 years and older.

Women's volleyball — 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 - Dec. 19 at Brownell Middle

School gym. The cost is \$740 for a team playing nine games plus playoffs. Registration deadline is Aug. 24.

Co-rec volleyball — 6 to 10 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 16 - Dec. 16 in the Brownell Middle School gym. The cost is \$580 for a team playing eight games. Registration deadline is Aug. 24.

Co-rec volleyball — 8 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 - Dec. 12 in the Parcels Middle School girls' gym. The cost for the 14 week session is \$126.

Flag Football — Two non-contact flag football leagues for boys and girls.

Children in first and second grades learn to pass the ball while trying to reach the end zone and score a touchdown. Players can only take two steps after catching the ball and there are no downs or set plays.

Flag League for those in grades third through eighth — weekends, Sept. 17 - Oct. 29 at Brownell and Pierce middle schools. The cost is \$120. Registration deadline is Aug. 31. This is a 5-on-5 league, using running and passing plays.

The offensive team plays for a first down at midfield

and a touchdown in the end zone. Defensive players can cover receivers, rush the passer and grab flags from offensive players' belts to make the tackle.

Register online at neighborhoodclub.org or by fax at (313) 457-2457. For more information, call (313) 885-4600.

The Neighborhood Club Nursery School has openings in its morning and afternoon programs for children ages 3 - 5, as of Dec. 1. The program includes art, music, physical movement, drama, science, language, poetry, stories, computers and games.

Director and teacher Sue Sullivan runs the program, along with teachers Lori Corden and Molly Howard. The nursery school is located on the second floor of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Contact Betz Johnson, Neighborhood Club recreation director, at (313) 885-4600 for more information or to schedule a visit to the Nursery School classroom and meet Sullivan. The Neighborhood Club Nursery School is licensed with the State of Michigan.

MUSEUM: Persistence pays off as art displayed

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curator at the gallery. Although Robert Suczek was recognized for making an important contribution to the Navy's war effort, he could not receive a military decoration. At the end of WW1, he was still an Austrian subject and registered in the U.S. as an alien enemy. The Longstreth medal was the highest civilian honor available.

While the gallery curator showed interest, nothing was done. Charity Suczek kept the portraits in her house for the rest of her 98 year life.

The National Gallery eventually declined the portraits. Inquiries at other museums and galleries in the U.S. and Europe elicited some interest, but continued to meet the same result.

A trip to Austria changed the tides.

Alex and his wife, Marybelle, ventured to Austria to visit a young man from Vienna who lived with them as an exchange student. He attended University Liggett School where the Suczeks grandchildren, Hedi and Yohanna, were students. The young man, Robert von Primavesi and the Suczeks became fast friends and Robert and Alex developed a warm father-son relationship which continues to this day. During their visit, Alex told Robert and his father, Dieter, of his quest and Dieter took up the search.

Reading Robert Suczek's biography, Dieter revealed he had a contact in Suczek's birthplace of Vsetin. Once the contact was made, the mayor announced the city's museum would welcome the portraits.

In an exchange of e-mails, Alex agreed to sign a deed of gift and ship the portraits to Vsetin. Mayor Iveta Taborska and the museum's director agreed to preserve the portraits and keep them on public display in perpetuity.

There was only one hitch.

In consigning the portraits to an art logistics firm for shipment, Alex decided to insure



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The Museum of the Wallachian Region.

them against possible accident or damage. Since art restoration is very costly, he set a high level of protection. When the Czech customs officer in Prague saw a value of \$10,000 on the bill of lading, he sent the museum an invoice for \$3,500 in value added tax. After explaining that amount was not a market value and only insurance against accidental damage, the portraits were still not accepted. The museum did not have funds to pay the tax.

E-mails flew back and forth as days turned into weeks and the deadline for "unclaimed freight" was at hand. If that happened, the paintings would have been dumped. Then, a letter from the manager of the art logistics firm reached the Prague customs inspector with

only one day to spare. The inspector accepted Alex's explanation and the portraits were passed duty free.

With a great sense of accomplishment and high anticipation, Alex and Marybelle flew to the Czech Republic in early June to see the portraits in their new location and sign the deed of gift to the City of Vsetin and its museum.

Mayor Taborska, assigned a special hostess to escort them around the city and its environs. Seeing the portraits displayed in the museum topped the list.

At a final meeting, joined by the Primavesi family, Robert, Dieter and mother Anneliese, Taborska announced she planned to name a Vsetin street after Robert Suczek.



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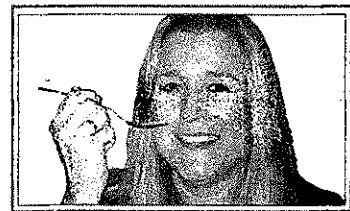
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau Scheriff

Sharing a taste of Long Island trip



Mussels & Clams in Tomato-Wine Broth

- 2 lbs. fresh mussels, rinsed
- 1 lb. fresh little neck clams, rinsed
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 4 to 5 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 - 15 oz. can diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 cup dry white wine
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 handful (about 1/3 cup) chopped fresh basil

I recently spent a week on the south shore of Long Island where I enjoyed one great dining experience after another.

On everyone's menu, I found mussels, each cooked in a different sauce. Marinara, white wine and garlic, saffron cream ... I sampled them all.

I happened across a mess of mussels and whipped up my own sauce (or broth, as I call it). I added some fresh little neck clams to the pot. Tasty and simple, these mussels (and clams) can be served with crusty bread or over pasta.

Wash the mussels and clams and set aside.

In a deep heavy pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and cook for about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for another few minutes, just until the onions are beginning to brown.

Add diced tomatoes (with juice) and white wine and bring to a simmer. Taste and

season with salt and pepper. Add clams, cover and simmer for a few minutes. Add mussels, cover and cook for 5 to 8 minutes, until all mussels and clams have opened up. Scatter the fresh basil over the pot and toss gently.

Ladle mussels and clams, along with a dose of tomato-wine broth, into bowls and add a sidecar of crusty bread. Garnish with freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

After the shellfish is gone, you'll be left with a bowl of yummy broth ready to soak up with crusty bread. This recipe feeds four as an appetizer or two as a main course. It's a favorite at my dining room table.

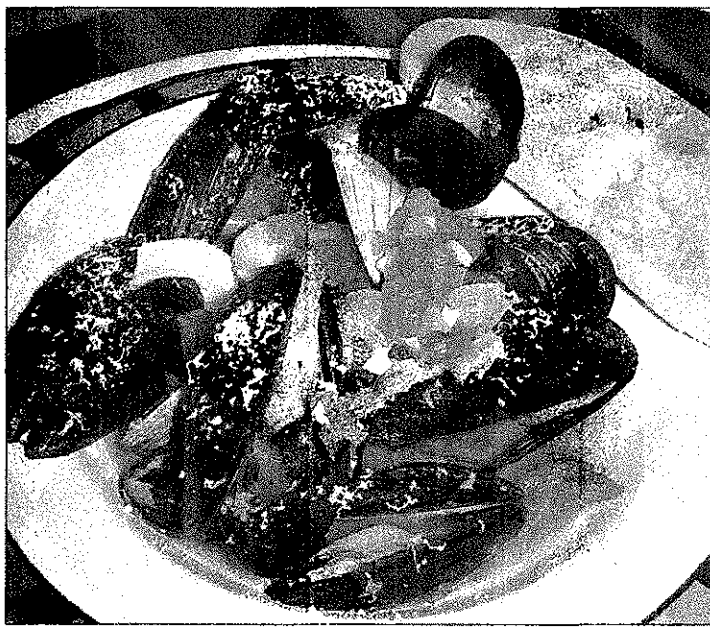


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A tomato-wine broth offers great flavor to this summer classic.

TEACHER: Children will feel at home

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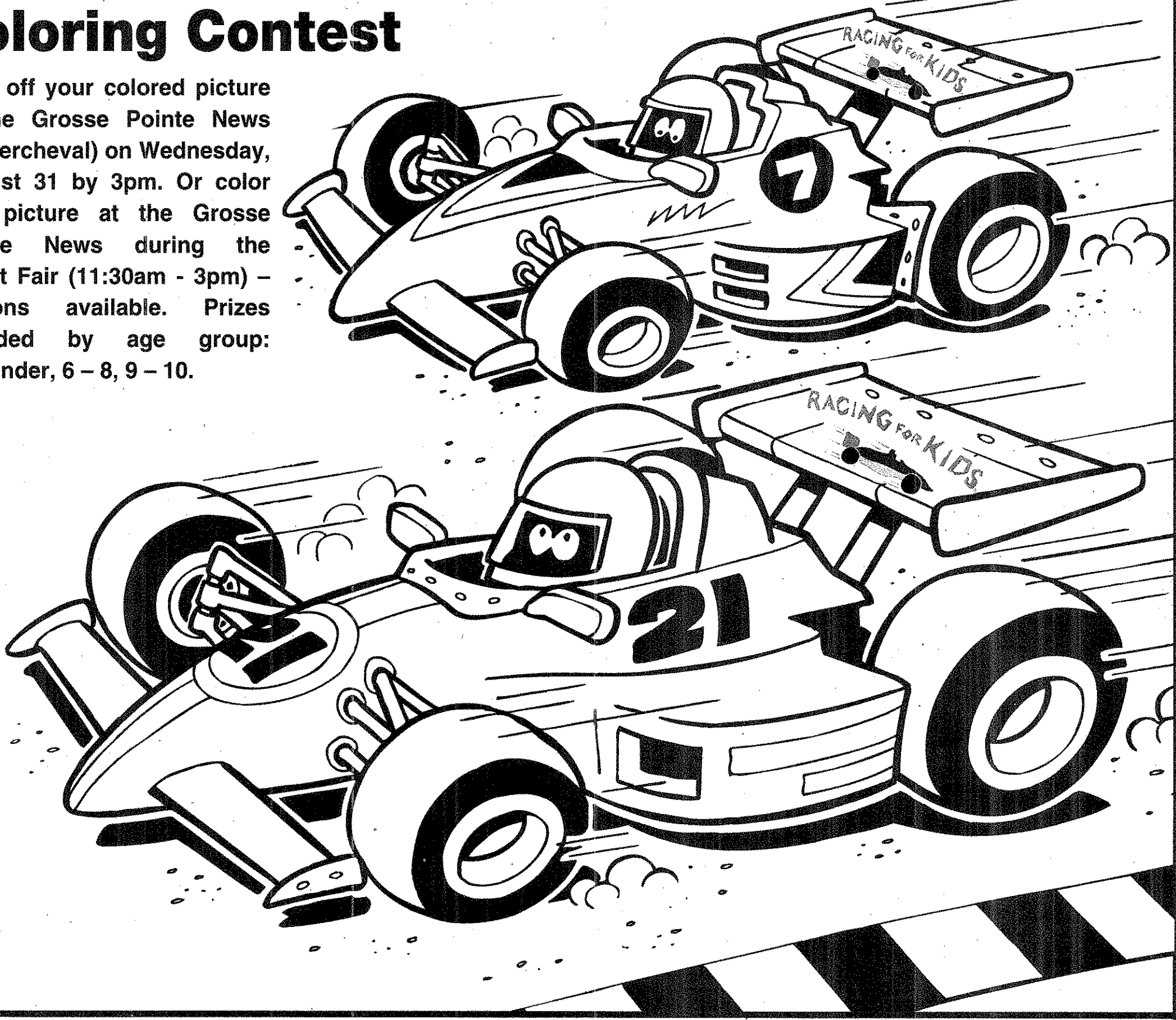
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PHYSICAL FITNESS

Pointer develops new fitness system

By Mark Wise
Special Writer

For Grosse Pointe Woods native Andy Miele, the past year was one for the ice hockey record books.

In the 2010-11 season, Miele lead the NCAA in points and earned All-American honors while playing at University of Miami-Ohio. He also won the Hobey Baker award, college hockey's Heisman Trophy equivalent.

Miele, 23, was also nominated in the "Best Male Collegiate Athlete" category at last month's ESPY Awards.

After signing a two-year contract with the Phoenix Coyotes this spring, Miele is pursuing his dream of lacing up skates in the National Hockey League. Miele said he understands hockey rewards those with speed and finesse, so he's not leaving his fitness to the occasional jog along the lake.

That's why Miele has turned to another Grosse Pointer, Mike Hackett, to guarantee he reports in peak physical shape to the Coyote's training camp next month.

Hackett, manager of Pointe Fitness & Training, developed an exercise regimen that works as well for the average exerciser as it does for the star hockey rookie.

He created Syphus Training, a high-intensity circuit regi-

men that allows participants to work at their own rate and rewards them for their efforts.

"I wanted something more substantial than lifting weights and running," Hackett said. "I wanted to add competition to exercise that could help provide motivation and incentive for working out. I've done that with Syphus Training."

Hackett has watched his Syphus Training classes explode as word travels through the community. It was this word-of-mouth that captured Miele's attention.

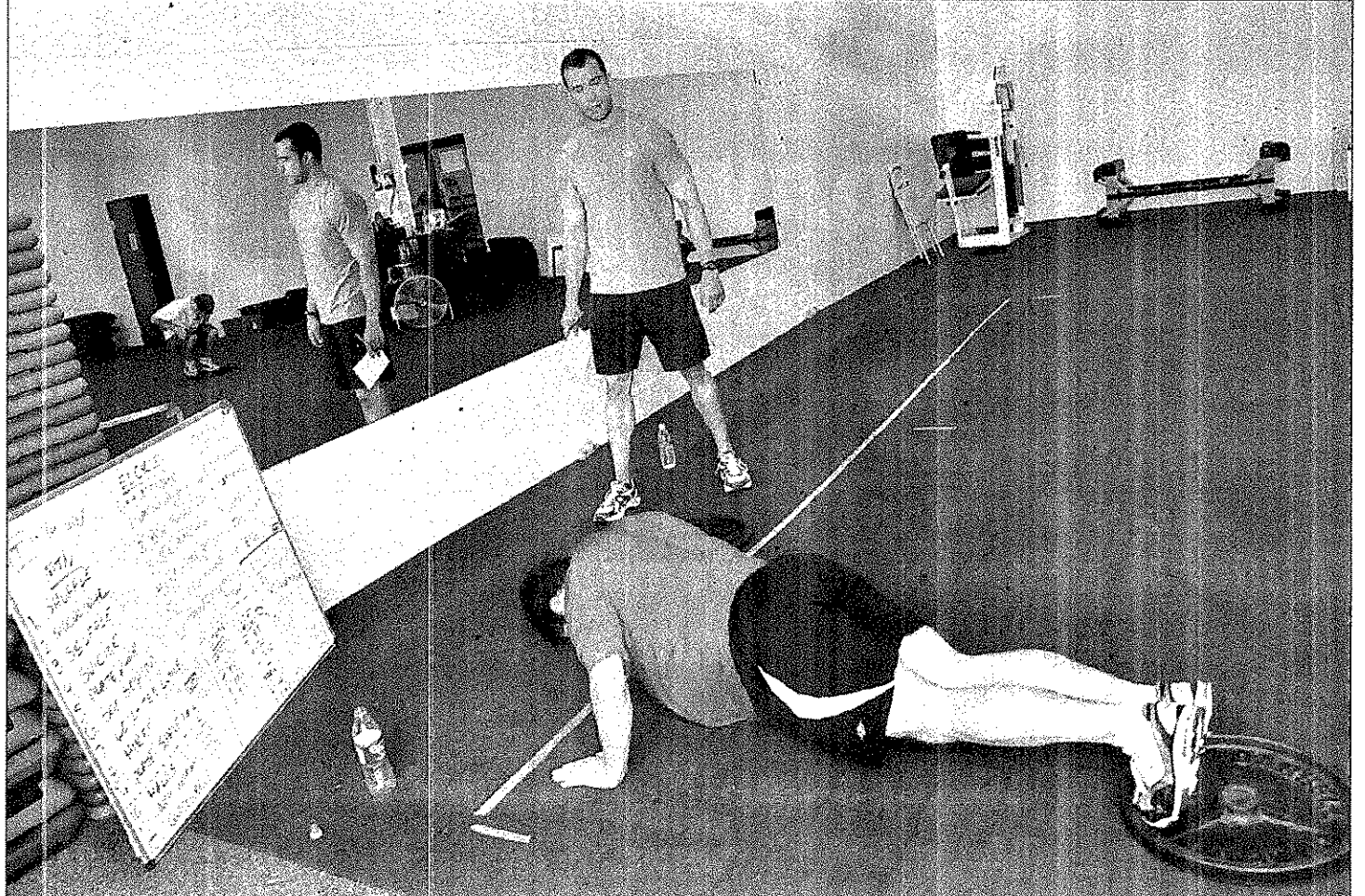
"A buddy of mine, who knew I needed to get in shape for the season, told me about Mike's program," Miele said. "The moment I tried Syphus, I knew this was the real deal."

Syphus Training is a form of group exercise that incorporates body weight strength and cardiovascular exercises performed in what Hackett calls progressive circuit training.

"I give my students a list of tasks — exercises — that they must complete in an hour's time," Hackett explained. "Each task is different and challenging based on the fashion in which they are performed."

With roughly 20 circuits from which to choose, each class provides a unique test of progression.

Hackett gives these circuits inventive names, like the



Fitness trainer Mike Hackett, left, closely watches client Andy Miele during a recent session.

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Centaur, Reptilian, and Labyrinth, to indicate to his students what they are up against for the day.

"The hardest circuit has to be the Hybrid," Miele said. "It requires mental toughness, as

well as physical ability."

While each circuit is unique, it's the exercises created by Hackett that makes this training happen.

"A little more than a year ago I found myself bored with the

same old exercises, so I started making up my own," Hackett said.

The exercises, or tasks as he prefers to call them, require your body to move in multiple planes and in many different

ways. "Some of my tasks look pretty bizarre but I think that's what makes them effective," said Hackett. "They teach the

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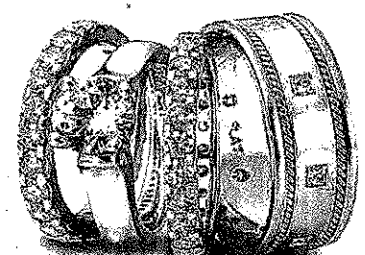


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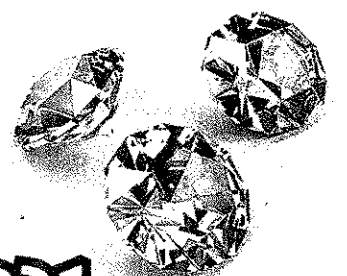
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She's an ace

Grosse Pointe South sophomore Lily Pendy recorded her first ace Wednesday, Aug. 3, while competing in the American Junior Golf Association Stonehenge Golf & Country Club in Winona Lake, Ind. Pendy holed out on the 170-yard par 3 13th hole in the second round using a Ping hybrid.

Schleicher building mojo for tourneys

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe Erik Schleicher finished tied for sixth in the 94th Michigan Open Golf Championships at The Orchards Golf Club in Washington Township.

Traverse City's Randy Hutchinson won the open with a birdie on the 18th hole, beating Matt Thompson. Schleicher was one over par after the first two rounds and eight under the final two.

Schleicher and Hutchinson tied for ninth place in the 2001 Division I state finals. Schleicher also tied for sixth in the Michigan Open with former teammate, Ryan Lenahan.

"I played pretty well in the Michigan Open and past few rounds have been a 67," the Schleicher said. "It was a nice course and I was able to shoot some nice scores."

He shot his all-time low round of 64 in the open last summer and his handicap is slowly inching its way toward scratch. At the moment, Schleicher cards a +4 handicap.

His golf game was nearly nonexistent a few years ago

while he was working his way through earning a BBA at Walsh College.

"I had to work a lot through college, but I got it done and now things are going very well for me," he said. "It's fun putting in the extra work on my golf game to be the best I can be."

He was an outstanding golfer on Grosse Pointe North's boys' golf squad in the late 1990s and early 2000s, leading the Norsemen to the state finals a couple of times. Individually, he finished in the top 10 twice in the final standings.

After high school came long hours in college and his job, which he had to do. He put his golf game on a slow burner.

He was able to reinvigorate his game a couple of years ago and now it's full steam ahead. The 6-foot, 2-inch Schleicher has an average drive of 290 yards. His strong build helps him hit the ball a little longer off the tee and gives him an extra boost to get out of higher rough.

His putting is rounding into shape. He plans to put his game on the line in a couple of amateur tournaments this fall



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIK SCHLEICHER

Erik Schleicher's golf game has improved since he dedicated more time the past year.

and can hopefully turn professional a year from now.

"I have to be 100 percent ready to turn pro," he said. "I have to be playing my best golf because it is a tough overall field. There are a lot of solid guys on the pro golf tour and I want to be one of them."

His father, Glenn Schleicher, will be his caddy for the amateur tournaments in the upcoming U.S. Amateur Aug. 22 to 28 at Erin Hills Golf Club near Milwaukee.

"I check in Aug. 19 and get a couple of days to look at the course and play a practice round," he said. "It will be a nice experience having my fa-

ther as my caddy and it would be even better if I can play well and win."

The field is 312 deep with the top 64 advancing to match play the final two days.

At the end of June, Schleicher lost in the quarterfinals in the seventh playoff hole of the Michigan Amateur Tournament. He was the No. 3 seed heading into match play, before losing to the eventual champion.

"Despite playing some good golf right now, I have room for improvement," he said. "I'm playing as much as I can, working on every aspect of my game."

TRAINING: New system works well

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body different movements that provide dynamic results."

"Syphus Training does everything. In one hour I work on my power, conditioning and definition," Miele said. "The best part about it is how I can monitor my progress."

Miele is referring to the Syphus Training scoring system that lets participants know where they are physically and what they can achieve next.

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"My goal was to create a fitness IQ of sorts," Hackett said. "This is a number people can identify themselves and measure their progress with. So far, I'm amazed at how well this concept has taken off. It pro-

vides camaraderie and motivation unlike anything else I've seen."

Hackett tracks everyone's progress on his website, through his blog and community forum.

"People like to see their names on a stat sheet. It's like finishing a foot race. You want to see how you measure up."

"Syphus has created a close-knit community of students, and I give them an online support system. Social media is an important tool to keep all involved. I try to make everyone feel as if they're a part of an alliance that's dedicated to each other's health. I ask for feedback and even allow my students to direct the exercises and chart the course for the program."

After starting this venture at the beginning of the year, nearly 200 people have participants in Syphus Training, with more than 50 weekly regulars.

As for Miele and his off-season workout regimen, Hackett's motto says it all. Syphus Training is a new breed of exercise for a new breed of athlete.

"I've seen tremendous improvement in Andy over the course of the summer," Hackett said. "He's such a gift-

ed athlete and he's greatly improved his conditioning which means he's sure to be a force this season."

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Andy Miele, a professional hockey player for the Phoenix Coyotes, holds a 45-pound plate during one of his exercises.

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Regional semifinalist

Grosse Pointe Park's 12U Little League team came two wins away from earning a spot in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn. The team lost 8-0 to North Oldham, Ky., in the Great Lakes Regional semifinals. In its other regional games, Park lost 7-1 to Burlington, Wis., and beat Rock Falls, Ill., 8-2 and Rob Martinez, above, played the hero with his walk-off home run in the seventh inning to beat Hamilton West Side, Oh., 7-6. Sean Fannon also had a home run and pitched in the come-from-behind victory and Al Martinez earned the pitching win in relief. Other team members are Conor Srebernak, Noah Morris, Jackson Walkowiak, Tyler Thompson, Brad Thompson, Chris Cassidy, Geron Gosselin and Howie Crane. Keith Fannon is the manager, while Dave Feys and Ted Morris are coaches.

TRAVEL BASEBALL

Trio of Pointers help A's win

Grosse Pointers Matthew Held, Joey Cipriano and Teddy Wujek helped the South Oakland A's win the Cooperstown Dream Park championship played at Little Majors Stadium earlier this month.

They beat the visiting Hit N Run Highlanders from Poughkeepsie, New York, 15-6.

The A's, out of Madison Heights, were led by C.J. Drogosch who had two home runs and seven RBIs and Alex Dyke who went 3-for-4 and scored four runs in the victory.

The Hit N Run Highlanders jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead as Nick Gastin singled and Tyler Kelder followed with a two run blast over the left center field fence.

The South Oakland A's answered as leadoff hitter Kyle Caltryse walked, Christian Orr was hit by a pitch, and Drogosch and Dyke hit back-to-back home runs to give the A's a 4-2 lead.

The Highlanders scored two more runs in the third inning as Kelder lead off with a single to left and James Varian was hit by a pitch. After two strikeouts, three straight walks were issued to Josh White, Stephen Schoen, and Skyler Ohrvall, accounting for the runs.

The A's countered with one run in the second inning when Caltryse walked and scored when Orr doubled to center field.

They added two more runs in the third inning as Dyke

reached on an error, Held singled to center field, Trevor Campbell walked, Wujak walked to score Dyke, and Cipriano drove a ball up the middle for a fielders choice and a run batted in to give them a 7-4 advantage.

With two outs in the fourth inning, Dyke singled, went to second base on a wild pitch and scored on a single to center by Held making the score 8-4.

John Cepeda and Connor Clark hit back-to-back home runs in the fifth inning and gave the Highlanders a glimmer of hope as they cut the A's lead to 8-6.

The A's came out in the sixth inning and put to rest any plans the Highlanders had of

winning the game by scoring seven runs on five hits, including a grand slam to centerfield by Drogosch. Aaron Dyke hit a two-run homer to complete the scoring and secure the championship for the A's.

This was the third championship for the No. 4-seeded South Oakland A's led this year by head coach Mike Held, of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The A's advanced to the championship game by defeating the San Carlos Riptide from California 7-1, the Palos Verdes Waves from California 10-3, the Barrington Stampede from Illinois 11-1 and the California Blue Devils from California 6-3.

The tournament consisted of 104 teams from 22 states.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Verlander is Tigers' ace

Filthy ... straight filthy. Such words rang from the lips of Detroit Tigers commentator Rod Allen Sunday, July 10, like they have so many times this year.

The ex-Tiger in the press box spoke from his short list of catchphrases as Tigers' pitcher Justin Verlander took the mound looking for his 12th victory in his last outing before the All-Star break. He found it.

Pitching 7 2/3 innings, Verlander allowed one unearned run on six hits, struck out nine batters and helped the Tigers pull out a 2-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Tied for second in the league with 12 wins, Verlander has reached the 17-win mark in five of his six major league seasons and is on track to make it three straight.

What's truly filthy is people still argue the right-hander doesn't have what it takes to hold the title of ace.

Verlander's resume:

- Second overall pick in 2004 to the Detroit Tigers.
- American League Rookie of the Year in 2006.
- Two career no-hitters (2007, 2011)
- 1,112 career strikeouts.
- 95-56 career record

The man is 6-foot, 5-inches tall and throws a high 90s fastball and a curveball, changeup and slider that reach into the 80s.

Tigers' fans know the gem they have as they file into Comerica Park or turn on their televisions expecting a near no-hitter every start, yet there's still doubt.

One critic of Verlander in particular is former Tiger pitcher Jack Morris, though his opinion is not the Virginia native isn't an ace, but he has yet to reach his potential.

During a show on SiriusXM's MLB Network Radio, Morris said, "I wish I could get into his head and just slow him down because he's got the kind of stuff that he could throw one, two, three-hit ball every time he goes out there. I think he does really enjoy the strikeout, and sometimes, guys that enjoy the strikeout, I like to say this: You're never going to catch Nolan Ryan, so quit."

Verlander got the chance to talk with Morris May 10 about his comments and it seems he took something from it.

In his 20 starts in the season's first half, Verlander has pitched four complete games — a stat that matches last season's total and tops how many he pitched in his first three seasons combined.

He has been able to pitch further into games, but his strikeouts haven't taken the hit that might have been expected following his talk with Morris.

His 196 strikeouts leads the AL and match Clayton Kershaw's National League-leading total. He's averaging more than seven strikeouts per game and set a new career high for strikeouts with 14 during his June 25 start against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

It's unlikely Verlander will ever touch Nolan Ryan's 5,714 career strikeouts, but maybe it's time to set a goal of topping Morris' 2,478. At 28 years old, Verlander has a legitimate chance if he stays healthy and continues at the rate he's going.

Verlander was selected to his fourth All-Star game this summer, but was ineligible to pitch following his start the Sunday prior.

As of Aug. 16, Verlander is well on his way to his first 20-win season, leading his ballclub through a tough American League Central race with a 17-5 record and a 2.35 ERA.

Sit down and watch him tear through an opposing lineup in his next appearance and then argue he's not an ace.

MHSAA NEWS

Stay hydrated during workouts

The heat of the summer and the beginning of another sports season beckon concerns about physical activity in hot and humid conditions.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association provides educational information to assist in minimizing heat-related catastrophic injuries to student-athletes.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year especially since they are all preventable with the proper precautions.

In football, data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows that 33 high school players died from heat stroke since 1995 with two occurring last year.

The Health & Safety Resources page of the MHSAA website has a set of Frequently Asked Questions about dehydration and one dedicated to hydration and heat illness where preventative steps are outlined, as well as the signs and symptoms of heat illness and steps to take when it is observed.

Visit MHSAA.com, click on Schools, and then on Health & Safety Resources to find the information.

"There is no excuse for any number of heat stroke deaths since they are all preventable," said John R. Johnson, communications director for the MHSAA. "Our coaches are so much more aware of hydration and heat issues now, but you can never let your guard down."

"We cannot emphasize enough that water be available in unlimited quantities at all times during practices, and that coaching staffs need to be tuned into their student-athletes and be sure they are partaking of water. If schools and their student-athletes follow these guidelines, then we minimize the risk for heat-related problems."

Johnson added athletes working out on their own or with a group during the summer also need to be aware of their hydration.

"Getting hydrated in advance of practices and workouts is important," Johnson said. "Hydration is an ongoing process, not just something that takes place during physical activity."

More news

Participation for high school sports in which post-season tournaments are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association remained stable in 2010-11, topping the 300,000 mark for the seventh consecutive year.

A total of 301,921 participants took part in the 28 tournaments offered by the association in the past year, a slight increase over the 2009-10 school year figure of 301,833. It's the sixth highest number in the association's history.

Since 2006-07, the student population at MHSAA member schools is down from 531,903 to 510,225, a drop of 4.1 percent.



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The Madison Heights South Oakland A's baseball team, winners of a third straight tournament, consists of Kyle Caltryse, Christian Orr, Alex Dyke, Aaron Dyke, Matt Held, Trevor Campbell, Teddy Wujek, Joey Cipriano, C.J. Drogosch, Jacob Richard, manager Mike Held and coach Michael Held.



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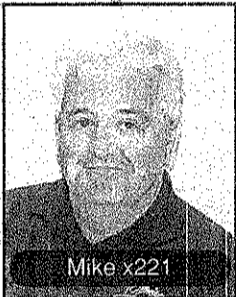
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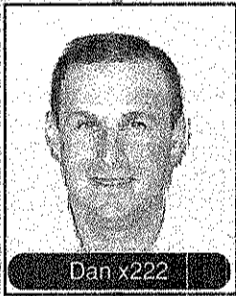
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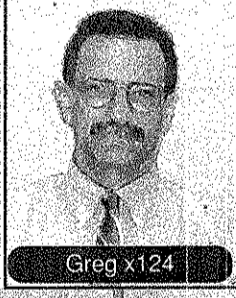
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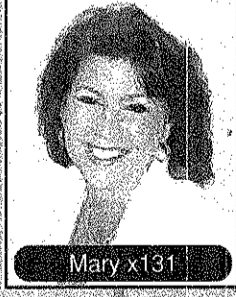
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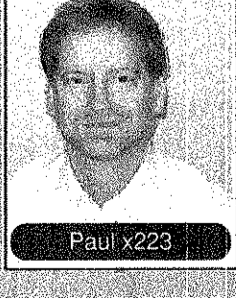
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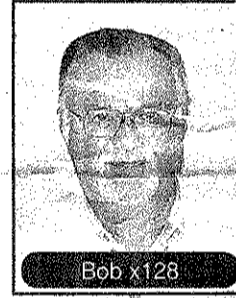
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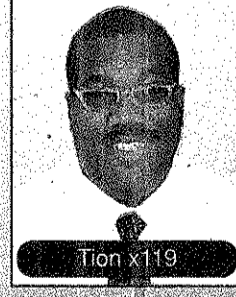
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