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### FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

◆ The Grannie Nannies meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Services for Older Citizens, Henry Ford - Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, third floor, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

◆ Emergency sirens are tested at 1 p.m.  
 ◆ West Park Farmers Market is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corners of Kercheval, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield.  
 ◆ The Detroit Zoo, at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Adult admission is \$12; seniors pay \$10; and children pay \$8.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 5

*Labor Day*  
 ◆ The Community Bridge Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. in Lake Front Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. All federal, state, county and municipal offices are closed. No mail delivery. Rubbish pick-up delayed a day. Offices of the Grosse Pointe News closed.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Committee of the Whole meets at 7:30 p.m. in city hall, 795 Lakeshore.  
 ◆ The 1st Tuesday adult book discussion group's topic is "Wench" by Dolen Perkins-Valdez from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.  
 ◆ First day of classes for children attending the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

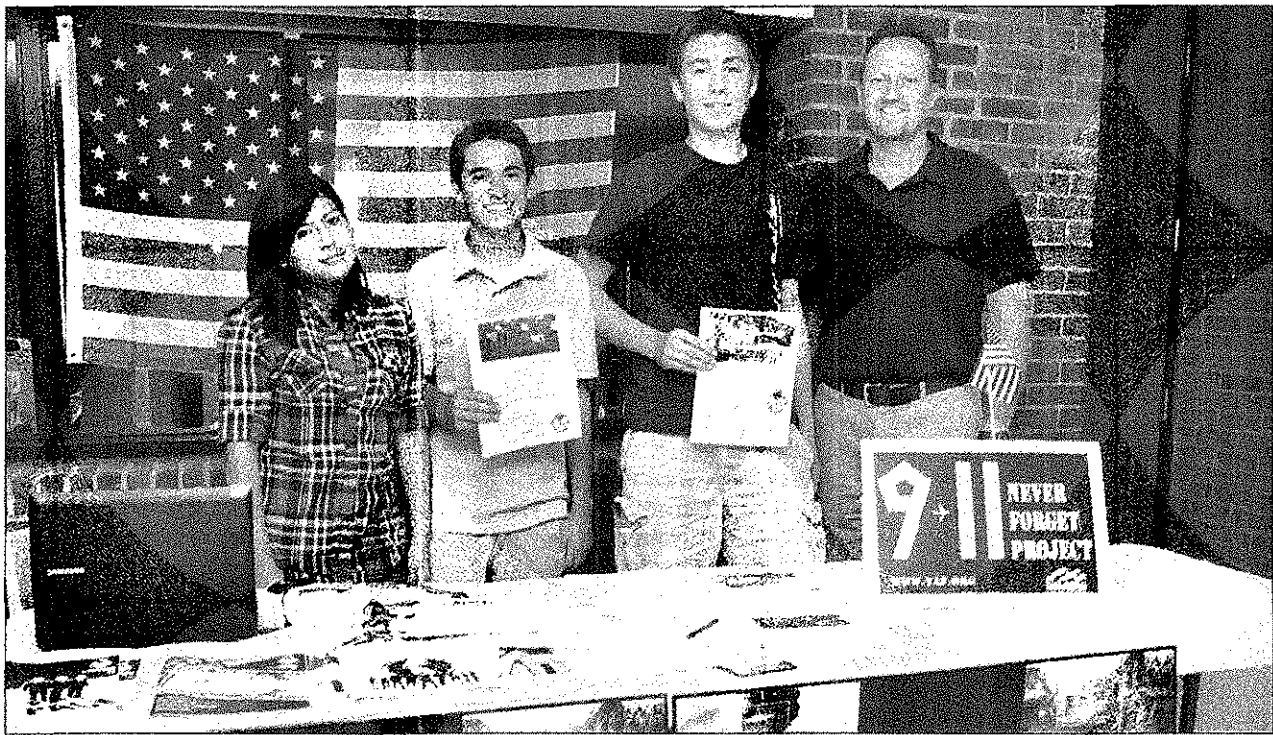
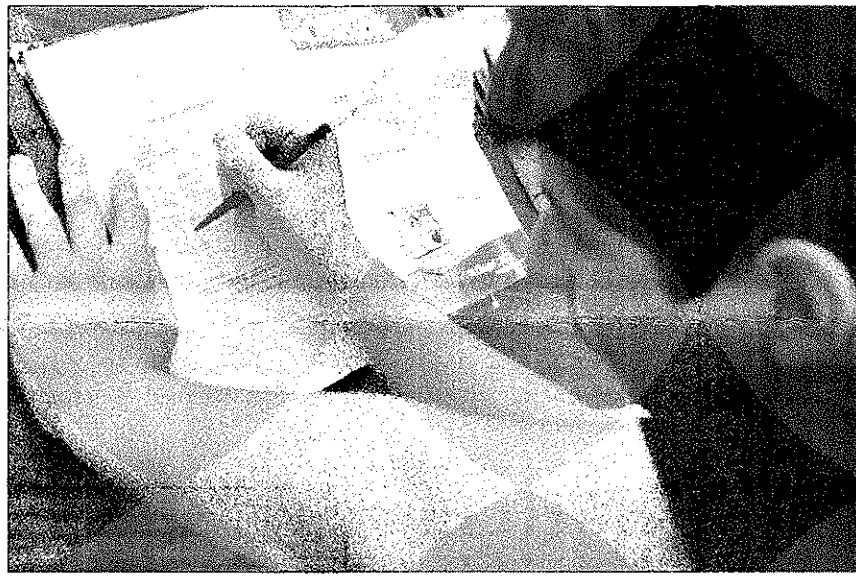
### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

◆ Learn about the benefits of Vitamin D in the Lunch and Learn series from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Services for Older Citizens, Henry Ford - Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, third floor, Grosse Pointe Farms.



## So long, summer

Less than a week of summer break remains. Above, Grosse Pointe South freshman Zach Sparkman receives his locker assignment from hall monitor, Debbie Dempsey. At right, South's Anthony Paul signs his name in each of his textbooks, enabling staff to match names with identification cards during book returns at the end of the year.



Grosse Pointe North principal Tim Bearden poses alongside, from left, junior Silvia Donahue and sophomores Tom Raffail and Grant Strobl. The three students represent Young Americans for Freedom, a new group fostering independent thinking, community awareness and support and current event and political discussions.

## Don't sound the alarms

By Kathy Ryan  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — If public safety officers respond to a false alarm, home and business owners will have to pay for the call.

According to City Administrator Al Fincham, emergency response per-

sonnel have responded to 2,066 burglar alarms over the past three years, or an average of 689 per year. In addition, emergency personnel responded to 284 fire alarms during the same period.

The startling fact that 100 percent of these were false alarms, prompting the city to draft an ordinance that

will regulate installation and monitoring of alarms.

In a memo to council, Fincham said he drafted the ordinance based on similar programs in surrounding communities. The purpose, he said, "is to facilitate the more efficient use

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## Farms has upper hand in court talks

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — During this settlement's more than 100-year evolution from ribbon farms to one of the country's premier suburbs, all of the old agricultural properties and larger estates were sold and subdivided.

Development over the last generation ate up most of the vacant lots and grassy side yards of double-wide residential properties, once common to almost every block.

Now, possibly coming to this nearly saturated city is a new kind of subdivision, and an element of the cost-driven municipal co-operation of years to come.

"I've had conversations about the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal court becoming a subdivision of Farms court," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager.

Months of conversations among city representatives on the matter became public last week.

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council surprised Shores officials by voting to terminate in 90 days their mutual, 15-year-old municipal court partnership.

The vote meant an end to the Shores

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## Switch to city squashed court

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The reorganization of nearly century-old Grosse Pointe Shores from a village to a city form of government boxed out the community from access to a municipal court.

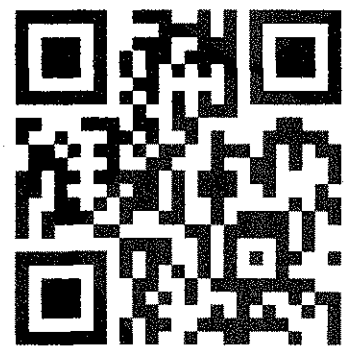
Switching to a home rule city effective April 2009, eliminated municipal court privileges with Grosse Pointe Woods, as provided when the Shores was governed under the Home Rule Village Act.

"Between the late 1990s and the present, the municipal court in the Shores has operated, per a directive from the state court administrative office, as an adjunct of the Woods municipal court under a statute passed in 1987 specifically for Grosse Pointe Shores," McInerney said.

As a city, Grosse Pointe Shores is no longer governed by the Home Rule Village Act, according to Mark McInerney.

"There was no provision in the Home Rule City Act similar to what was in the Village Act," he said.

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# Davis will be missed by those who served with him



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Terry Davis speaks at an April 2009 Tea Party rally he helped organize in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial parking lot.

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — There's no decision yet on filling the city council seat of the late Charles "Terry" Davis.

Davis died Sunday, Aug. 14. He was 67 and had been in office 10 years. His current term ran into November 2013.

"We really haven't discussed it yet," said Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar. "We'll have to discuss it at the September meeting."

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12.

The city charter gives the council 60 days to fill vacancies by appointment or special election.

"I can't see us holding a special selection," Farquhar said. "It's a waste of taxpayer dollars."

The Farms' unwritten rule for filling midterm openings is to appoint a former officeholder who promises not to seek reelection, thereby forfeiting the value of non-elected incumbency.

Such policy resulted in Councilman Martin West returning to office last year to complete the term of the late

Doug Roby.

West is stepping down in November.

Davis, elected in 2001 to the first of three consecutive terms, was mayor pro tem from 2003 to 2005.

"He was very concerned about transparency in government and strong fiscal management," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "At his first meeting on council, Terry introduced, and the council approved, a requirement that council agendas be made available to the public at least one week prior to a meeting. Previously, agendas were made available the Friday before the Monday meeting."

Davis, a financial counselor and former appointee of President Ronald Reagan as chief operating officer of the General Service Administration, chaired the Farms audit and budget committee. He also served on the general employee and public safety retirement system, plus parking and traffic committees.

"Terry's real joy on the council was the budget committee and pension board," Farquhar said. "He worked really hard

for the city."

Davis' attention to details wasn't at the expense of overall goals.

"Terry carefully examined every budget line-item and, with the support of the full council, would direct the city auditors to examine areas of internal controls beyond the normal scope of the audit," Reeside said.

"He was also responsible for the development of a five-year capital budget."

Members of the Farms council often speak of the need to subordinate personal agendas for the general good of the city.

"Terry was a feisty guy," Farquhar said. "He'd argue with you. But, as soon as it was done or voted on, it was, 'OK, it's over with. Let's move on.' We agree to disagree. We look at the issues, study the issues and go to the council meeting. If someone has issues to discuss, we let them speak. Then, we take a vote and move on with life."

Davis' opening on the budget committee probably won't be filled for a while.

"The more important thing is to fill Terry's seat," Farquhar said.

## COURT: Shores looks for partner

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contracting the Woods judge to preside in Shores court. The Shores is a smaller jurisdiction with fewer cases to handle than in the other Pointe courts.

Shores representatives hoped the partnership agreement with the Woods would be extended.

"In June, we were notified the Woods changed its position and was no longer interested," said Mark McInerney, the Shores city attorney. "We prefer to stay with the Woods because we have this long relationship. Apparently, they feel differently."

"The picture changed when Gov. Rick Snyder started with the possibility of consolidating (municipal operations) to save money and get more money," said Don Berschback, Woods city attorney.

Snyder plans for the state to reward efficiently-operated cities with greater state shared revenues.

"You can save money and you can get more money," Berschback said. "That would be for both the Woods and Shores."

Woods officials decided both cities could qualify for Snyder's rewards by holding both Shores and Woods court sessions in the Woods courtroom.

Savings, and shared revenues, would result from:

- ◆ having one court administrator instead of two and
- ◆ using less court time.

"It's going to save everybody money," Berschback said.

The 90-day deadline puts the Shores in "a bit of a pickle," McInerney said. And looking for a partner.

"We have to have a court, at some point," said Shores Councilman Robert Graziani.

"The Shores said it wants its own court," Berschback said. "We said, well, not with

us."

"I expect to have an agreement with Grosse Pointe Farms before then," McInerney said.

Maybe, possibly, probably, but not definitely.

"Until the Farms council sees the agreement and realizes it's a plus-plus for both communities, it's all speculation; it's not a flyby," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar.

If things work out, the Farms judge also would preside in the Shores.

"We're also looking, as part of overall court administration, if there's economies of scale by combining some functions of the two courts," Reeside said.

Farquhar hates to see a member of the Pointes' five-city sisterhood backed into a corner. He thinks it hurts the reputation of the Pointes as a whole.

"I don't know if there is any great advantage to the Farms," Farquhar said of a court agreement with the Shores. "It's more of being a good neighbor."

The Farms already is saving the Shores money by taking over its public safety dispatch center. Even though the Shores is paying the Farms an average of about \$100,000 per year, the Shores comes out ahead on personnel and legacy costs.

Farquhar won't rescue the Shores court at the expense of his residents.

"If we can make this a limited agreement to get them out of the 90-day envelope, then go into negotiations again, that could be a possibility," Farquhar said.

He anticipates the matter being on this month's city council agenda. The meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12.

"Anything between the Farms and Shores would have to be approved by the Farms council," Farquhar said.

## Police recognize pattern with crimes

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A late-night larceny from a parked car last week reminds police of a suspect who was paroled last month from a fifth term in prison.

The subject served time for two counts of larceny from a motor vehicle and three counts of assaulting police.

"This larceny is similar, as small items are taken from unsecured vehicles," said Lt. Andrew Rogers of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department.

In the incident shortly after 3 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, a \$1,000 Lenovo ThinkPad was reported stolen from an unsecured vehicle parked in the driveway of 232 Kenwood Court.

The resident was awakened by his car alarm.

"(He) left (the) driver-side front window partially rolled down and his sunroof slightly open overnight," said a patrolman at the scene.

"He believes this is how unknown person(s) entered the vehicle."

The officer requested backup from City of Grosse Pointe Sgt. Michael Almeranti and the

department's tracking dog, Raleigh.

Farms officers searched in one direction. Raleigh put his nose to the ground and hunched off in another direction, indicating he'd picked up a scent.

"It's not like he was following another officer," Almeranti said.

"He picked somebody up and skewed back across the street. When he gets on a certain odor, he stays on that odor."

Raleigh followed a scent from the alleged larceny to the front door of another house in

the neighborhood, according to police.

"This is the current residency of (a suspect) who has been convicted of several larceny from autos, and who has been recently released from prison," Rogers said.

Despite detailing every turn of the track, police need more evidence to make an arrest.

"There's not enough probable cause," said Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati.

"We kind of know who it is, but he could have a been just walking down the street," Almeranti said. "It's basically a piece of a puzzle."

## SWITCH: New judicial pact needed after Shores becomes a city

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As a city, the Shores lacks statutory authority to join with any other Grosse Pointe municipal court.

"(The Shores) could not form its own municipal court and could not form its own district court," McInerney said. "That left us as a community without access to a court."

Nor can the city do an end run by internalizing judicial operations.

"Under current law, Grosse Pointe Shores, as a new city, cannot form a municipal court," McInerney said.

The rule dates to the 1960s, he said.

When the home rule limitation became evident, Shores officials sought a legislative fix.

McInerney said he met with a state court officer in October 2009 to plug statutory holes draining the city's access to a municipal court.

"I laid out a plan to seek a statutory amendment and a new agreement with the court in the community," McInerney said.

Two months later,

McInerney presented the matter to state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D — City of Grosse Pointe.

"With great assistance from Rep. Bledsoe, the legislature passed a series of three bills authoring the Shores, as a city, to combine with another Grosse Pointe, with an agreement allowing Shores residents to vote and run for municipal judge," McInerney said.

By late winter of this year, Shores officials were in discussions with Grosse Pointe Woods counterparts to renew, with some revisions, their existing deal to contract the Woods municipal judge to preside over Shores Municipal Court.

"There were cost-sharing issues," McInerney said.

Proposed terms included letting Shores candidates and voters into the electoral process.

"One issue of concern for us was the Woods wanted to put this issue on their local ballot to get approval from the voters to make this agreement," McInerney said. "That would delay implementation. But, other than that, it looked like

things were moving along."

"From the get-go, we said because your voters will be able to not only vote for judge, but also be able to run for the judgeship, we needed to have an advisory ballot," said Don Berschback, Woods city attorney. "It's not mandated, but it's the spirit and intent of our charter. This is a big deal."

In June, Woods officials decided a new agreement would no longer include their judge hearing Shores cases in Shores court, according to McInerney.

All Shores court activities — hearings, cases, payments of fines and more — had to occur in the Woods courtroom at municipal headquarters on Mack.

That didn't sit well in the Shores.

"Shores residents would have to go to the Woods to handle their court business," McInerney said. "Shores public safety officers would have to go to the Woods to process tickets and testify, with the attendant overtime."

Subsequent discussion went nowhere.

"The Woods has remained adamant about, in essence, taking over our municipal

court for reasons they have never really explained," McInerney said.

"When they went to a city, the law changed," Berschback said. "It allowed them to partner with somebody, but didn't mandate it. The question is, do they have a court or don't they?"

McInerney said the Shores would rather stay with the Woods rather than seek another judicial partner.

Even better would be establishing a Shores municipal court, regardless of negotiations with the Woods, McInerney said.

"That would have required an amendment to the Municipal Court Act, (which) the legislature was not willing to do," he said.

Discussions shifted to Grosse Pointe Farms.

"One of the points is they want to be able to elect their judge," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar. "If (Farms Judge) Matthew Rumora runs again, and the Shores puts up someone to run against him, the Farms would outweigh him by the sheer number of people."

## ALARMS: New rules will follow other municipalities

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of police and fire services for true emergencies."

The ordinance, which goes before the Woods council for a second reading at the Sept. 12 meeting, sets a number of standards for home and business alarm systems, including prohibiting automatic dialing to public safety dispatch, requiring an automatic shutoff, a mandatory registration and service charges and fines for failing to comply.

Under the ordinance, it will be illegal to install a system that automatically dials police dispatch upon activation. In addition to mandatory registration, property owners would have to provide public safety with an emergency contact that would be available if the owner could not be reached. That contact must be available 24 hours a day and must be able to come to the property within 30 minutes. An automatic shutoff will also be required for any system with an

audible signal that will silence the alarm within 10 minutes of activation.

A fine schedule has been established, based on a yearly basis. The first false alarm will not be fined, but a second or third activation within a year will mean a \$30 fine for residential alarms, \$100 for commercial. Four or more false alarms will be fined \$100 for residential alarms, \$250 for commercial buildings. Failure to comply with the ordinance will be considered a civil in-

fraction.

Also contained in the ordinance is the requirement that all alarm systems be installed by a licensed contractor.

Fincham also told the council that new regulations have been drafted by administration and public safety regarding personnel and apparatus response to unverified alarms.

Following the second reading of the ordinance, there will be a vote of the council. If approved, the ordinance will take effect Jan. 1.

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# Nosing up to LIONS

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE DETROIT ZOO** — With each new day, Larson and the lion reprises his role worthy of the MGM mascot.

He has only one line, and he gets it right every time. For it is nothing but roaring.

"He's announcing his territory, that he's here," said Scott Carter, probably the Grosse Pointes' top lion expert.

"It's typical behavior in mornings and late evenings," Carter said. "Signing on and off."

Carter, of the Woods, is the Detroit Zoo's chief life sciences

officer.

The public got its first look last week at Larson and the pride probing their new and expanded exhibit.

Gone is the moat distancing 300-to-500-pound carnivores from visitors. No iron railings to interfere with views, either.

The big cats and their canaries now can eye each other nearly nose to nose. All that separates predator from prey is a 17-foot tall wall of tempered glass.

"They're definitely showing interest in people now," said Ron Kagan, executive director of the Detroit Zoological Society.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Erin and Larson see something interesting.

No worries. The 2 1/2-inch thick glass is strong enough to stop a 2 1/2-ton truck at 40 mph, Kagan said.

Filling the moat with dirt effectively doubled the size of the exhibit to 7,500 square feet.

"Over the years, we've wanted to give them more room," Kagan said.

The zoo has six African lions, most rescued from miserable lives.

Larson and two females, Erin and Emily, came from a Kansas junkyard.

They're about 9 years old, essentially mid-leaged.

Percival and Katie were waifs. Those with first-hand knowledge

of their birthplace and age aren't talking. Percy came from an abandoned house. Katie was chained in the basement of a crack house. Both in Detroit.

They reached salvation through Michigan Humane Society.

The fourth female, Bikira, is 19. She came to the Detroit Zoo the year of her birth in a Tucson zoo.

"They're interested in their new digs," Kagan said. "They don't know what to make of this."

A raised drinking basin and two flat, ground-level warming rocks are located near the front of the enclosure.

"In cold weather, there's a

high likelihood that the lions will be lying directly in front of visitors," Kagan said.

Lions, like many wild animals, are most active during cooler times of the day, morning and afternoon. Lions, whether in the wild or captivity, are inactive most of the time.

"They don't have to be active," Carter said.

Female lions at the zoo eat six to seven pounds of meat per day. Males eat a little more.

"Meat is a nutritionally dense food, so they don't have to eat all the time," Carter said. "Lions can eat infrequently and still get the nutrition they need."

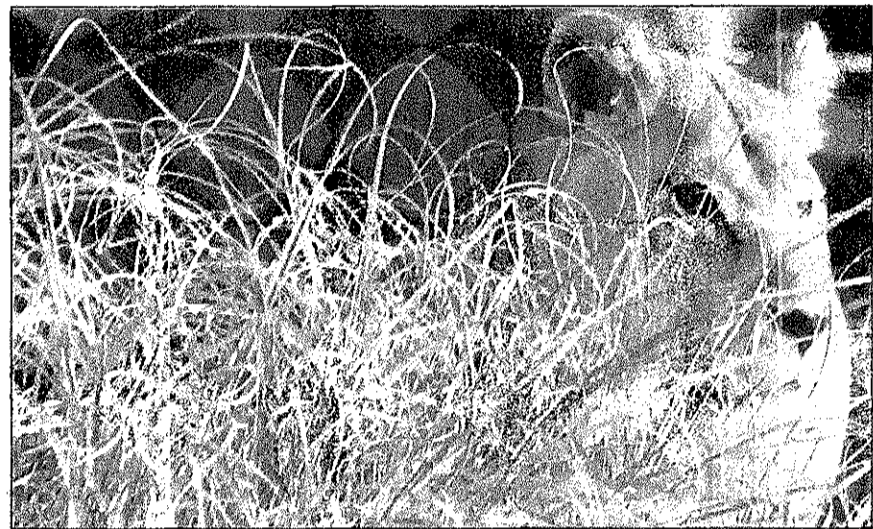
Unlike house cats, lions are social animals.

"They're the only cat that is truly social," Carter said.

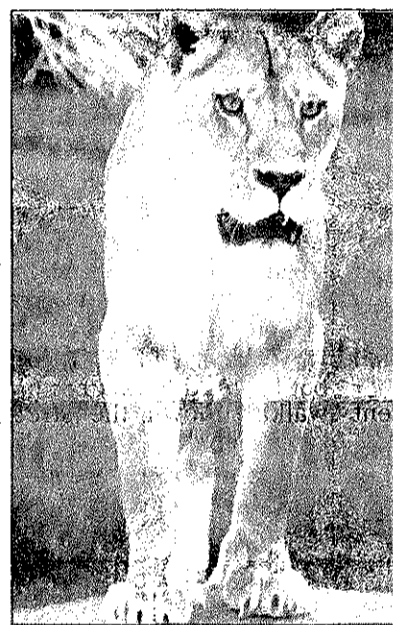
Lions also roar. Cats don't. It has to do with the anatomical structure of their throats.

The species are similar in other ways. Both say hello by butting heads and rubbing each other.

*The 100-year-old Detroit Zoo is located on 125 acres at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Labor Day; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3 and 4; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. after Labor Day through October; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$12 for adults 15 to 61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older and \$8 for children ages 2 to 14. Children under age 2 are admitted free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.*



Above, Erin being coy. At left, Hmm, if I could get through that glass ... Tempered glass 2 1/2 inches thick separate the species. Below, morning sun glints off Erin's eye-lashes as she drinks water.



Larson roars.

## State grant for Mack

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The Mack Avenue streetscape is approved.

State funding critical for construction was awarded last month.

"We have a grant of over \$600,000 from the Michigan Department of Transportation," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

The grant pays nearly two-thirds the \$1 million cost of a new water main and sidewalk beautification in the commercial district from Cadieux to Fisher.

"The water main is part of a long-term plan to create a large-volume circulating system," Dame said. "This would be the second leg in that circle."

A leg on Cadieux is finished. Another leg is proposed under Washington.

The Mack project is coupled with improvements to make the district more attractive.

"Instead of just replacing Mack sidewalks the way they are now," Dame said, "the project includes decorative sidewalks, new planting areas, bike racks and benches. The most expensive component is

decorative streetlights."

New poles will have supports for promotional banners and electrical outlets.

Construction begins next spring. "We didn't want to open a hole this fall," Dame said.

He said city administrators worked since last year with transportation representatives trying to qualify for the grant.

"On behalf of the taxpayers, I thank you," said Councilman John Stempfle.

"I take my hat off to pursuing the cause," said Councilman John Stevens.

This is the second major construction project announced this summer in the city. Symbolic ground breaking for an expanded Neighborhood Club took place earlier in the season.

"Particularly with the economic downturn, to land \$600,000 ..." said Stevens, smiling.

"You've done a good job trying to track down these things," Councilman Chris Walsh told Dame, referring to grant opportunities. "This is the type of thing that may come into play as we pursue what is available to us in terms of public safety — how the state's going to be integral in facilitating some of those decisions."

## Tough time for parents

By Taylor Wizner  
Special Writer

As students ship off to college for the first time a lot of attention is placed on the students and their fears and worries.

What often is overlooked is how parents are dealing with life as they pack up and drop off their children.

"My parents are nervous but probably would be more nervous if I were their first kid. I'm the second, and I'm only 45 minutes away so they'll probably be OK with it," said Drew Dettlinger, a University Liggett graduate.

Dettlinger is attending University of Michigan in the fall and is spending his last few days at home packing with his family.

"We just finished most of the packing. We found some pictures, some old baseball uniforms from back in little league. It was a lot of fun looking through that stuff and now he's ready to go," Drew's father, Peter Dettlinger said.

While preparing for the dorm was relaxed and fun, Dettlinger said leaving home is more bittersweet.

"I'm a little nervous about leaving home but I'm excited to meet a lot of new people and be in a very vibrant new city," Dettlinger said.

"We are excited for him because it's time for him to move on but at the same time it's really sad," Peter Dettlinger said. "Dropping your kid off at college is one of the hardest things a family will ever do."

Packing up for college is not foreign to Dettlinger who sent his daughter to school three years ago. Knowing what to expect makes the process easier, he said, but not by much.

"I think it is going to be a little easier, but, after dropping off my daughter three years ago, I still remember the tears, she kept looking back," Peter Dettlinger said. "I don't want to go through that again."

Because Drew Dettlinger's roommate is from South Korea, and arrived early, Drew and his family were able to drop off some of his things in his dorm. The steady transition helped Dettlinger ease into his new living situation, his father said.

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## Transition zone seems to work

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — When Donald Parthum Jr. had an office in a converted residence on Notre Dame near the edge of downtown, it was nothing to write home about.

"I'm surprised it's still standing," said Parthum, now a City of Grosse Pointe councilman.

Times change. Buildings, too.

"It's all new now," said Dan Connell, owner of project contractor, Connell Building Company.

The nearly 90-year-old, former single-family house at 718 Notre Dame, on the northern outskirts of the Village commercial district, is approved for further renovation as commercial property.

Connell is expanding the second floor and adding a two-story lobby. A new, two-car attached garage is part of the mix.

The exterior is changing from wood frame to a stone

foundation, fiber cement simulated wood shake and more dormers.

"It's a lovely building," Councilwoman Jean Weipert said of architectural renderings.

"It's a huge improvement from the former structure," added Councilman John Stempfle.

Councilman Chris Walsh hopes the trend "germinates down the block," presumably the way football players matriculate the ball down the field.

"It's significant redevelopment of a site that hadn't seen a lot of investment over the years," said John Jackson, the city's planning consultant.

The plan's main, yet easily overcome, shortcoming is insufficient on-site parking space. Structures in the district are required to have three parking spaces per 1,000 square feet.

The building, up on expan-

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# Zaranek's goal is to play college softball

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North senior Amy Zaranek has her sights set on playing college softball.

She still has several months of practice before toeing the mound for the Norsemen's girls' softball opening game in early April.

The 17-year-old Grosse

Pointe Farms resident has seen her pitching statistics increase each of her three years under North's newly retired varsity softball head coach Bill Taylor.

"Coach Taylor spent a lot of time helping me learn how to pitch and pitch with more confidence," Zaranek said. "I would let things get to me my first two years on varsity, but I learned to control myself and I pitched much better this past year.

"I was happy, but I know I can get better and I will with a lot of practice this offseason."

She was the freshman of the year in 2009 and earned the Macomb Area White Division Conference Scholar-Athlete Award each of her three seasons. Also included in her accolades are All-Conference and All-District in 2010 and 2011 and All-Region in 2011.

Her freshman year, Zaranek pitched 99 1/3 innings, striking out 83 and walking only 28. She faced 471 batters, gave up only 26 earned runs for a 1.82 ERA. She gave up 104 hits and held opposing hitters to a .247 batting average.

As a sophomore, she threw 154 1/3 innings, striking out 172 and walking only 44. She faced 683 batters, yielded 38 earned runs for a 1.72 ERA. She gave up 172 hits and lowered her batting average against to .245.

Zaranek's biggest gains came this season when she pitched 164 1/3 innings and struck out an amazing 235 hitters. She lowered her walks to only 38 and gave up less hits, 145. She gave up only 24 runs to finish with an incredible 1.02 ERA and hitters batted only .205 against her.

She is imposing on the mound, using her 6-foot, 2-inch frame to her advantage. The pitchers mound is 43 feet from hitters, but it looks a lot closer when she throws with her windup and fires a pitch.

She throws between 59 and 62 mph with her fastest pitch, clocked at 64 mph. She throws a fastball, change-up, drop, curve and rise, keeping hitters guessing what pitch might come out of her right hand.

"I love pitching and controlling the game," Zaranek said. "I know if I pitch well and I get some defensive help, we will win games."

Through her first two high school softball seasons, Zaranek was a .280 hitter, but that number rose as much as her pitching statistics. As a junior, Zaranek hit .549 with 11 doubles, one triple and one home run. She drove in 18 runs to go with her .744 slugging percentage.

She grew up in Grosse Pointe, attending Monteith Elementary and Brownell before attending North.

She gets her athleticism from her parents, Bob and Betty Zaranek, who were active in sports in high school.

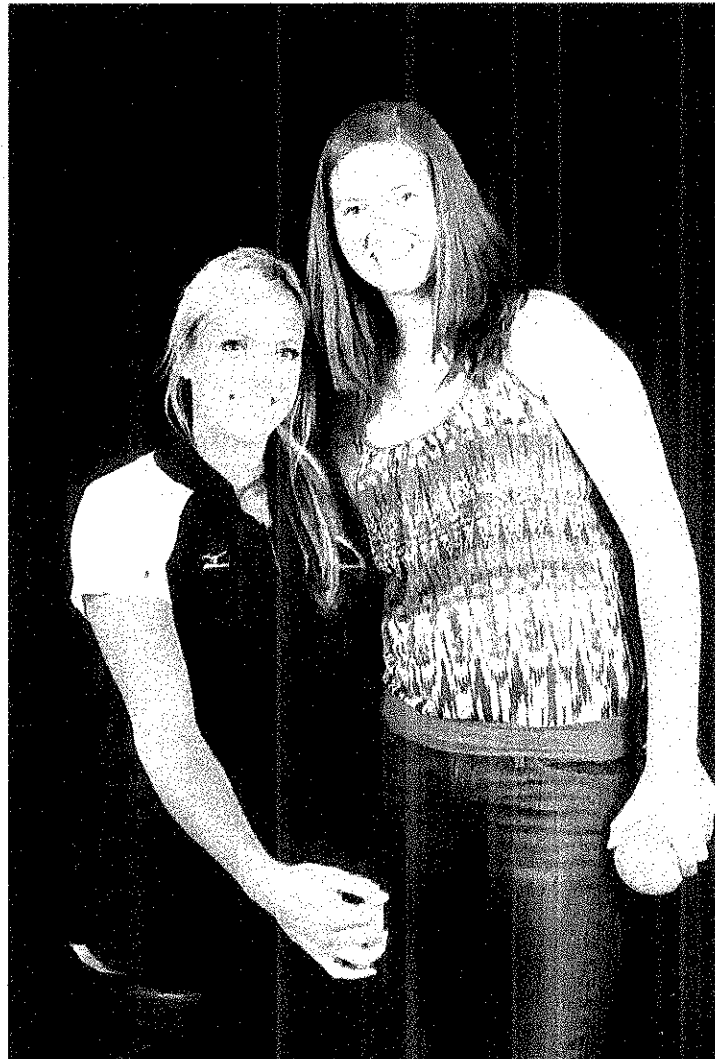


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North senior Amy Zaranek, right, had the pleasure of meeting softball guru Jennie Finch during a tournament in South Carolina.

Her father played collegiate sports at Albion College.

Albion is on her list of college choices, as are Alma, Trine, Northwood and U-M Dearborn.

She played baseball in early grade school before switching to softball in fourth grade, playing for St. Clare of Montefalco and the Harper Woods Parks and Recreation league.

Her first taste of travel softball came in seventh grade, playing for head coach Ron Smith and the Grosse Pointe Diamonds.

Wanting a more challenging experience, she switched to the Vipers Fastpitch organization last year, playing for head coach Jim Dunford.

"I love softball and I had a great season for coach Dunford," Zaranek said. "We had a nice team."

In 2009 for the Vipers, Zaranek pitched in 17 games, striking out more than a batter an inning, whiffing 135 in 115 innings pitched. She had a 1.70 ERA. This summer, she finished with a 1.53 ERA and struck out 105 batters in 123 2/3 innings pitched against good competition.

"We faced some very good teams and we did well in our tournaments," Zaranek said. "I was happy with my pitching and overall play."

She also played first base and offensively hit .320 this season and .305 her first year

with the Vipers.

Zaranek has the pressure of pitching during college exposure tournaments. However, she doesn't mind.

"I go out there and pitch my best and I have done well on the mound with scouts watching," Zaranek said. "It's nice to have colleges seek interest in me and I know I'm going to work hard."

Another bright moment came last year in South Carolina when Zaranek met one of the best to pitch for the United States' national team, Jennie Finch.

"She was amazing and it was an honor to talk to her," Zaranek said.

Before playing in college, Zaranek will continue to excel in the classroom. She has a 3.95 grade point average and earned a 28 on her ACT. During her first three years at North, she won a DAR Historical Essay contest, a Rotary Book Scholarship and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Her class schedule her senior year includes two advanced placement courses, honors physics, pre-calculus, yearbook, ceramics, orchestra and a tutorial.

Her desired major in college is communications, physical therapy, exercise science or athletic training.

"I'm going to keep my grades up and enjoy my senior year at North," she said.



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe North's Amy Zaranek, right, enters her senior year with high expectations. She will play her final year of high school softball for a new head coach since Bill Taylor retired.

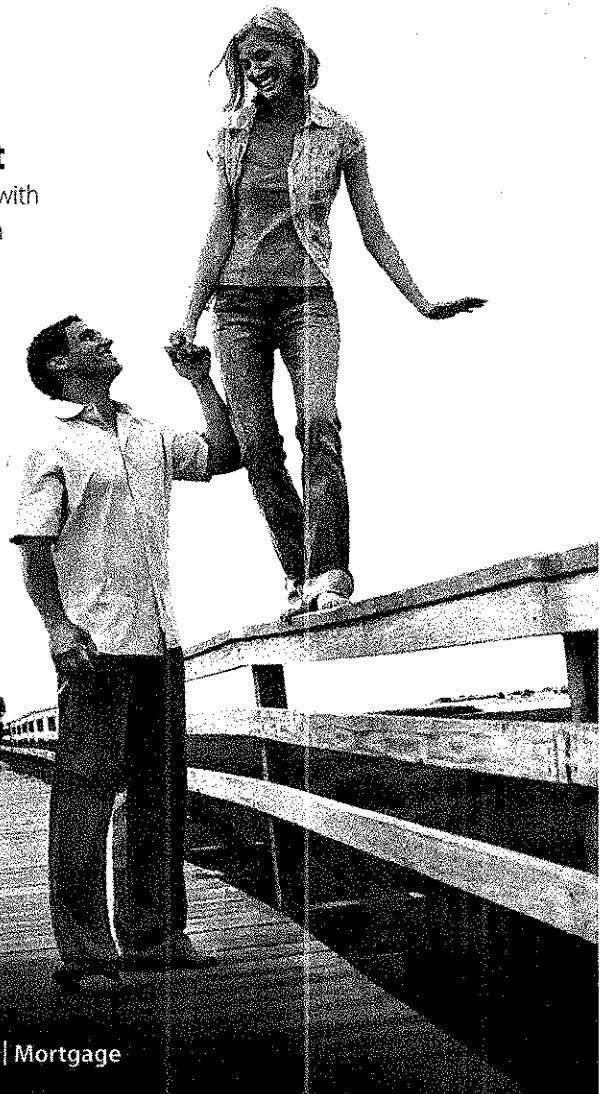
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## ZONE: More options available

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sion, has a rear parking lot with seven spots, one short of code.

Owners can make amends by paying \$9,000 per shortcoming into the municipal parking fund. The fund is to improve parking in the Village.

A less immediate concern is the lot's configuration.

The proposed lot isn't configured for shared use by other Notre Dame properties between Waterloo and the municipal parking lot.

"We continue to encourage the applicant to consider a layout that would allow perpendicular parking space along the rear property line, along with a drive aisle with cross-access easements, to create a shared parking lot configuration," Jackson said.

The layout would promote development, he added.

One of Connell's associates said the lot can be addressed later.

Renovation of the old house is evidence that zoning changes to Village border areas are having their intended effect, according to Jackson.

The new zone, designated T-2 in city ordinances, creates a transition between the Village's commercial core and surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Transitional structures can be four stories or 42 feet tall, an increase from the two-story limit when the area was designated RO-1, restricted office space.

"We're trying to create more options for businesses," Jackson said. "It was intended to encourage significant redevelopment in that area. At the time, we were anticipating commercial on the ground floor and residential above."

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## City of Grosse Pointe

### Knifed

Detroit police have a 20-year-old male suspect in the stabbing near Six Mile and Gratiot of a man treated at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe shortly before midnight Wednesday, Aug. 24.

City of Grosse Pointe police discovered the incident from what began as a traffic inquiry.

A patrolman monitoring the intersection of Mack and Cadieux followed a man speeding a Dodge Dakota down Cadieux to the hospital emergency lot.

The driver, a 36-year-old Detroit resident, and a wounded male passenger entered the hospital.

The 28-year-old victim, also of Detroit, had multiple stab wounds to his face and torso, according to the patrolman.

Detroit police were notified and sent a car.

The patient was transferred to St. John Hospital and Medical Center for surgery.

"ER staff stated the suspect was stabbed through the mouth, losing a tooth (and) severing his tongue," said the City officer. "The blade ended up in the subject's throat. Other wounds were to (his) left shoulder (and) right shoulder."

—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

### Wrong speed

At 3 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, a 24-year-old male driver from Bloomfield Hills who thought the speed limit on lower Moross was 35 mph was pulled over and told, no, it's 25 mph.

The stop occurred on Lakeshore near Tonnancour Place.

The driver was arrested for having a .17 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

### Drink and drugs

Alcohol and drug charges resulted from the drunken driving investigation last weekend of a 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man and his passenger, a 24-year-old man from the Farms.

At 3:13 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, a patrolman pulled over the Park man on Lakeshore near McKinley for weaving a yellow 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

The driver registered a .165 percent blood alcohol level, said the patrolman.

"(The driver) became hostile and verbally abusive toward officers," police said.

The passenger was arrested for possession of 1.8 grams of marijuana.

"(He) indicated he had marijuana in his pocket," said an officer.

### Mom to rescue

A man and his dog were bounced last week from Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds, 115 Kercheval on the Hill, and arrangements made for his mother to cover his delinquent bar tab.

Officers arrived on scene at 1:29 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. They were told the man, a 29-year-old Farms resident, was ejected from the tavern for lip-

ping off when told to take his dog off the bar.

The man reportedly threatened to "break" the chef's "face," police were told.

"(The manager stated (the man) had an outstanding bill of \$124.50," said an officer. "(He) did not have funds to pay. (His) mother was contacted. She stated she would pay the bill the following day. (The manager) agreed."

The chef didn't press charges.

### Open invitation

A blue, \$800 Cannondale bicycle was reportedly stolen between 9 and 9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, from an open garage in the 200 block of Moran.

—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

### Drunken driving

A 51-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested at 7:51 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, near the foot of Vernier for drunken driving.

A 911 caller notified police the man was driving a 2001 Dodge pickup erratically. The suspect reportedly registered a .27 percent blood alcohol level.

### Storm story

Thunder was the likely trigger of an unfounded report of gunshots shortly after 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, in

the area of Vernier and Michaux Lane.

### Unlocked invitation

An unlocked 2009 Mercedes Benz was entered during the night of Tuesday, Aug. 23, while parked in the driveway of a house on Fairford.

The owner found the car's glove box rifled. Stolen were a \$299 iPod Touch and \$5 cell phone charger.

### Sparking wire

A live and sparking power line fell to the ground shortly before 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, in the 700 block of Ballantyne.

Public safety officers blocked off the area and called a DTE Energy repair crew.

### Locked and loaded

A 27-year-old Detroit man with a .117 percent blood alcohol level was arrested at 5:57 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, on northbound Lakeshore near Marter, according to police.

A patrolman said the man was stopped for speeding nearly 20 mph over the limit.

The man had a concealed weapons permit for a loaded Kahr P380 semi-automatic pistol tucked into his waistband. The man had a 9 mm pistol in the glove box and 100 rounds of 40 caliber ammunition in the trunk, 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 Woods

### 'It was a nice area'

Two young women, a 19-year-old Roseville resident and a 20-year-old St. Clair Shores resident, were taken into custody at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, after entering several unlocked cars parked on Hollywood.

According to police, a visitor to a house on Hollywood returned to his car and found a door open and two cell phones missing. He saw the two women running from the car and gave chase, apprehending one woman who told him the other had his cell phones. He held the women until police arrived.

After checking the area, police determined that at least two other cars had been entered. The cell phones and a wallet taken from another car were recovered. According to police, the suspects said they picked the block "because it was a nice area." They parked their car and looked for unlocked cars. Those that were unlocked were checked for valuables. The two suspects have been charged with larceny from an auto and both were held overnight.

### Possible scam

Police are warning residents to be aware of a possible scam operating in the area. According to police, at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, a Virginia Lane resident was working in her backyard when she was approached by an older white male who introduced himself as her neighbor from a few doors down and offered to help. She declined the offer, but the visitor kept talking to her and finally asked if she would go inside and get him a drink.

She declined and asked him to leave. As he left, he picked up a small bag from next to the house. A short time later, the resident received a call from the post office in Warren telling her they had found her wallet. She checked the house and in addition to her wallet, several other items of value were missing.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any crimes, call Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Arrested, charged

A 58-year-old Detroit resident has been arrested and charged with home invasion and several other counts related to an incident that occurred at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25.

According to police, Gregory Rivers entered an apartment in the 1300 block of Maryland and was confronted by the resident. He demanded money and left the apartment with cash, jewelry and a laptop and fled the scene in the victim's car. Patrol officers spotted the vehicle in Detroit and in the course of a pursuit, the car crashed into a utility pole. Rivers was taken into custody and the stolen items were recovered. In addition to home invasion, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has charged Rivers with unlawful imprisonment, car theft and as a habitual offender, fourth offense. He was arraigned on Aug. 27 and a preliminary exam has been set for Sept. 2 in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court. He is being held on \$250,000 bond. The resident was not harmed.

### Shots fired

A verbal argument that began in the early morning hours of Thursday, Aug. 25, at a bar in Detroit continued into the 1400 block of Maryland where one man pulled a shotgun and fired one shot in the direction of the other. No injuries were sustained and the shooter left the area before police arrived. He is described by police only as a 30-year-old male.

### Bike thefts

There were three reported bike thefts last week, including one unlocked bike taken from the rack at the Ewald Library, one taken from the 1400 block of Grayton and one stolen from the rack at Windmill Pointe Park. An attempted theft in the 1000 block of Maryland was foiled by the owner of the house. The three suspects fled but were arrested after a search of the area.

—Kathy Ryan

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

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## TOUGH: Parents learn to adjust

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"My wife read an article that said you should not drop your child off and then walk away, you should try to have a setup so that even though you're leaving, your child is already busy moving on to something," Peter Dettlinger said. "That way, when we say goodbye and we hop in the car and leave, he won't go through the mom and dad are leaving me kind of thing."

Peter Dettlinger planned out times with his son when he would visit, such as on parents weekend, in order to make college seem less isolating. However, the transition is trying for the parents as well.

"It's killing us," Peter Dettlinger said. "In order to cope, my wife and I are just going to have to spend a lot of time talking through it. We are going to be visiting a lot but not to the point where we are suffocating him."

Talking to other parents who have children in college and know what they are going through helps, he said. They also know parents of other University of Michigan students whom they can keep in touch with in order to be up-to-date with the happenings on campus.

Parents like Susie and Steve Daudlin have already taken their daughter, Christine, to college. Christine is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South. On Tuesday, Aug. 23, both her parents and her three siblings made the trek to help unpack

her things into her dorm room at Grand Valley State University. Afterwards, the family walked around the campus to see the area while making sure their daughter was situated.

"I think it was just a matter of us leaving and letting her figure out things without us," Susie Daudlin said.

Making her daughter comfortable during the process was important, she said. It also helped that some of her daughter's friends moved in earlier and could help her set up her room.

"Dropping her off I wasn't really sad because I think she wanted me to leave and I felt comfortable leaving her in her surroundings," Daudlin said. "But then coming home and knowing she wasn't going to be there, that was really sad."

As this was Daudlins first child leaving for college, the process was overwhelming for her.

"I think the next two will be easier now," Susie Daudlin said. "But I think George, the youngest, will be the hardest because the house will be so empty."

A few days after Christine moved out the family is starting to adjust, Daudlin said.

"I get some texts from her during the day about what she's doing and always a 'goodnight I love you' text," Susie Daudlin said. "It makes me happy to know that she's doing well and it helps me deal with her being away."

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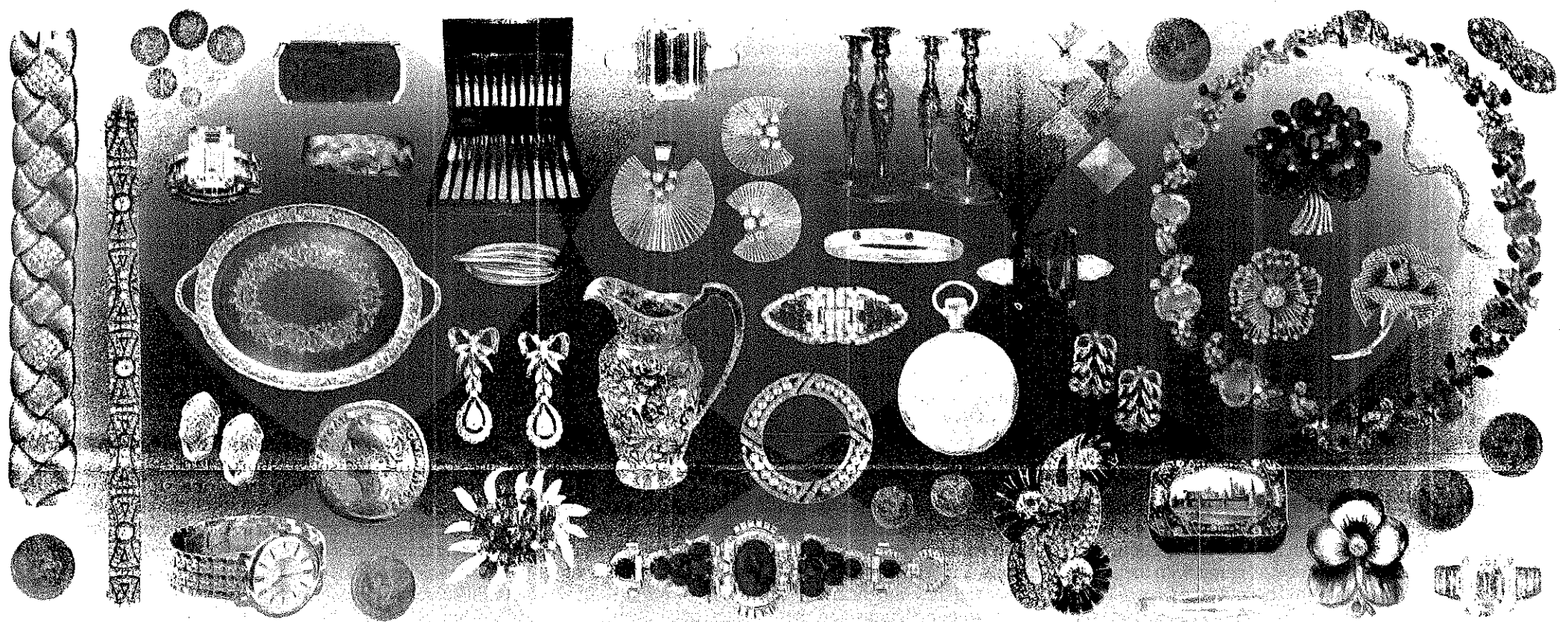
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GUEST OPINION By Suzanne Klein

## Welcome to the new school year

As our school doors open for students Sept. 6, we have already welcomed several school administrators who will bring a wealth of energy, education and experience to their new roles.

They include: Ben Bandfield, athletic director and assistant principal at Grosse Pointe North High School; Terry Flint, assistant principal at Grosse Pointe South High School; Sonja Franchett, principal at Maire Elementary School; Kate Murray, assistant principal at North; Dean Niforos, human resources supervisor; and Dr. Matt Outlaw, principal at South.

Starting Jan. 1, Thomas Harwood will become superintendent of schools, so my welcome letter today will focus on our plans through the end of the calendar year and my tenure as superintendent.

As students return, our teaching staff will have already had days of professional development on The Northwest Evaluation Association testing, technology integration and Response to Intervention. Staff development will continue throughout the school year during Professional Learning Community Monday meetings in each building as well as several district-wide training opportunities.

Among the topics for focus this year are reading, mathematics, using data effectively to improve student learning, using classroom technology, positive behavior support and teacher evaluation. Our new cohort of Aspiring Leaders has also held their first two meetings and will continue their focus on how effective school leadership can improve student learning.

September is full of back to school night events which we encourage all parents to attend. As you'll see in our annual reports posted online, our elementary schools average over 95 percent participation. On the district and school websites you will also be able to read about our high MEAP, ACT, AP and SAT scores, as well as see that every GROSSE POINTE school again made adequate yearly progress and earned an "A" on their state of Michigan report card. School board members will continue their discussion of revisions to the district's strategic plan in September as they prepare for a final review in October.

On Friday, Sept. 23, an army of volunteer professional photographers will capture "A Day in the Life" of the Grosse Pointe schools as part of the district's 90th birthday celebration. That evening is also the North-South football game, with the Chamber of Commerce tailgate that benefits the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. Each of our schools and the support of all our community partners will be celebrated in the resulting photo book which will be available for purchase by the winter holidays.

Also in September we expect legislation may be introduced on mandatory School of Choice for all Michigan districts. We are watching this closely and anticipate it to be part of a larger education bill.

October continues to be prime time for classroom learning. Testing cycles, which provide data for decision-making, have been completed and classroom routines are well in place. PTO Council and individual building PTO and booster group activities are in full swing to enrich our school community. And in October, all residents age 60 and older, who have requested a Gold Card, will receive their annual calendar full of school band, orchestra and theatre events for the year.

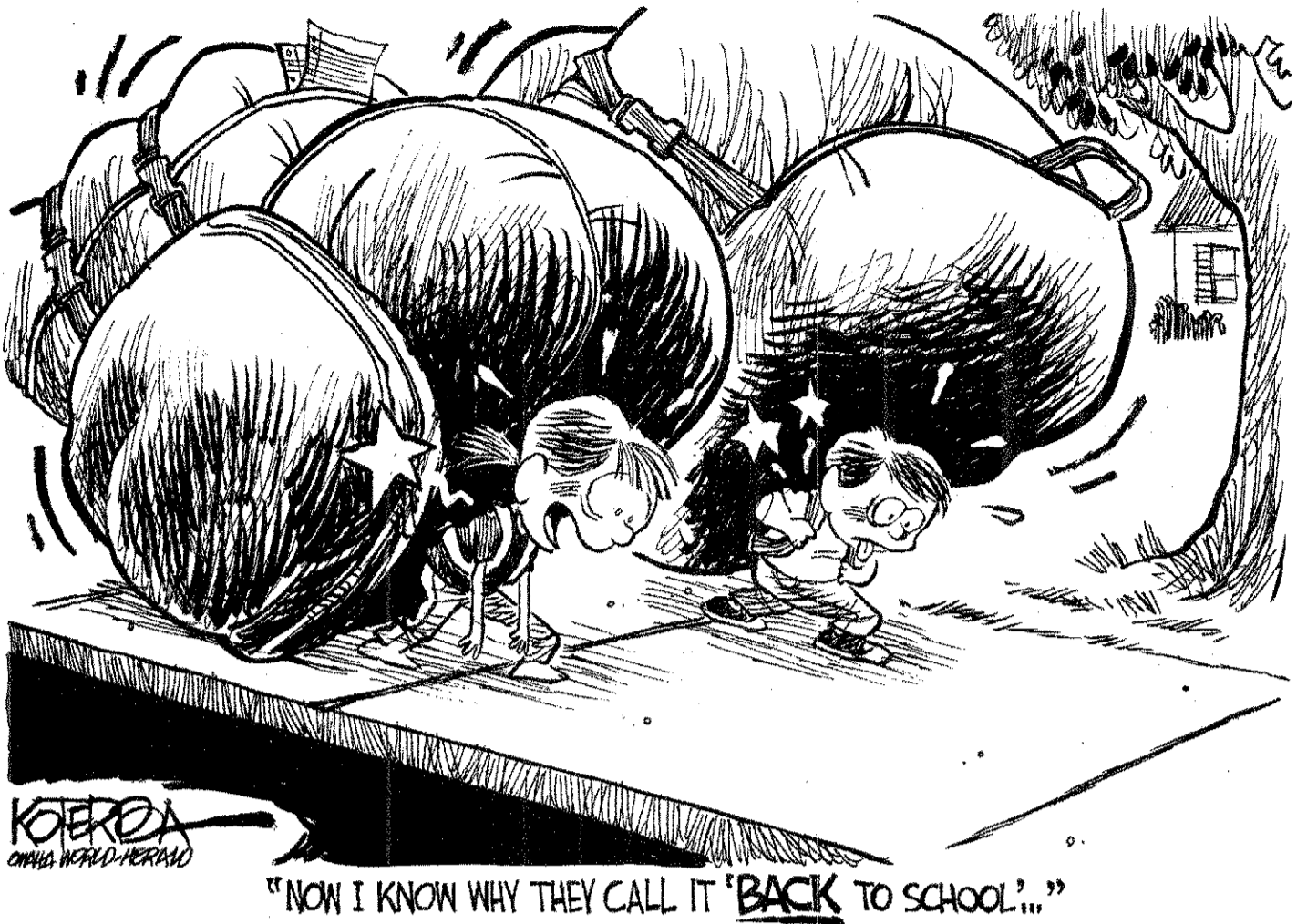
Three residents have filed to run in the November board of education election for the two open seats: Diane Karabetsos, Dan Roeske and Lois Valente. I greatly appreciate the contributions of those who serve in this capacity because we all know the quality of our public schools directly impacts our entire community. November is also the month when formal budget discussions officially begin in preparation for the next school year, and we move to the next stage in the cycle of school improvement activities.

In December, our schools host a variety of concerts showcasing the breadth of our educational program. Those who join us for these events see hallways full of artwork and libraries that hum with activity. Throughout each school, the classrooms are alive with learning.

After students leave on their holiday break Dec. 22, I will have a bit of time to collect my thoughts and the many treasured memories of my career here in Grosse Pointe schools before I begin the next chapter in my life.

I will leave knowing that when the buildings open again Jan. 3 and students pour in from that chilly winter morning to bright hallways and the warm welcome of our staff, the tradition of excellence we all hold dear will continue. Because we will continue to keep the main thing, student learning, the main thing.

Suzanne Klein is superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.



"NOW I KNOW WHY THEY CALL IT 'BACK TO SCHOOL'..."

## LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to [jwarner@grossepointenews.com](mailto:jwarner@grossepointenews.com).

### 'It is up to me'

To the Editor:

Most have seen the 10 word sentence "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Many have recognized it as having just two letters in each word — a novelty, nothing more.

But it is a powerful expression worthy of being embedded in the American culture. Youngsters and oldsters alike can read it in less than six seconds and can give examples showing they understand.

It is unambiguous and there is no patent pending. How can we drive it into the conscience of our society? It can be done — so it must be done before our great nation is mired in socialism.

For years a word for "odd" lay dormant, until an Irish theater owner, Richard Daly, bet he could cause the town to discuss, in a very short time, what he imagined was a meaningless word. He instructed his employees to print "quiz" on houses, walls and other available surfaces. Two centuries later, quiz is a potent stimulant.

If only we could motivate our country to accept and acquit itself with these 10, aforementioned, mighty words.

Repetition may be the answer. Early in the 20th century, Emile Coue urged the depressed to repeat, over and over, optimistic autosuggestions such as, "Every day in every way, I am getting better and better." It seemed to work.

We should print it out: If it is to be, it is up to me. Not us or them. Me.

Paste it in every room in the house and encourage others to do the same. Radio and TV should flash it at each station break. Emblazon it on signs, billboards and stamps.

Indelibly enmesh it in the minds of all our citizens. Don't let these 10 little nuggets lie dormant. Use them.

RICHARD ROBERT ROYER, M.D.  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Michigan deprives G.P. students

To the Editor:

My understanding in this state, is politicians declare students need to go to colleges and better themselves.

One way organizations can help our Michigan students is to give scholarships.

For 60 years the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club has made this their mission. Each year we raise funds to give two deserving Grosse Pointe students, one from Grosse Pointe North High School and one

from Grosse Pointe South High School, a scholarship.

This past May we raised enough to give each student \$2,000. Maybe that is only a nominal amount, but I have heard nothing but thanks from the parents of children who may be in financial need.

To provide scholarships, we hold a scholarship fundraiser every November. We have received wonderful gifts from area businesses so we can sell raffle tickets. And last year we were able to raise more than \$3,000. We also have bake sales, and other small fundraisers to help.

We must apply to the state of Michigan Charitable Gaming Division for our license, along with a \$50 fee. We have done this every year.

Last year when the license was applied for, and received, it was requested we send further information about the club which was provided.

About 35 pages explaining where the money goes, financial statements, etc. were sent. That was done in March 2011. The state then came back to us wanting more information, including the stipulation we had to go to the city council meeting of Grosse Pointe Farms to have a sworn affidavit affirming we meet in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mark Weber, Grosse Pointe War Memorial president, gave us an affidavit stating we have met at the War Memorial for the past 60 years. Another 15 pages were sent to the state government.

I was told if we did what was asked, we should have no problem getting our license. So, June 28, I sent the application with our \$50 license fee. We received another letter telling us we cannot qualify as a local or civic group because they now consider us a fraternal organization and we receive benefits.

Benefits? I called Tom Reich who is the state gaming director. He said our benefits are: lunches, programs and directories. I explained our yearly Mother's Club membership dues of a meager \$65 per year includes all those things. Everything else goes to scholarship.

He said we didn't qualify for the license.

This is what the state is doing to us and maybe other organizations as well. We are 140 women, not under any other organization. And all we want to do is raise money to give two students in our community a scholarship every year.

We will try other fundraisers, and hopefully we will raise enough to give our students something.

Thanks to the state of Michigan for not helping our Grosse Pointe students.

PAM ZIMMER  
President  
The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club

### Cautioning cyclists

To the Editor:

I would like to express the importance of safety and sharing the road with cyclists.

On Monday, Aug. 15, I was cycling in Grosse Pointe Farms around 5:30 pm. It was a beautiful day. I was on Moross Road turning right onto Lakeshore when I pulled up alongside a white SUV.

The driver and I had plenty of room to turn. When she turned the corner, the driver cut very close to the curb. To my surprise and detriment, the driver did not see me.

Simultaneously, we made our turn. The driver's vehicle caught my bike's left pedal on to which my shoes are clipped. The vehicle began to pull and turn me. I was becoming unbalanced.

Eventually, the bike and I ended up in front of her vehicle. I fell into the middle of the street. There are seconds I can't quite remember.

I was in shock and horrified. The driver yelled out the window and apologized she did not see me and asked if I was OK. At that point, I did not know if I was OK but said "yes" and the woman drove off.

No phone number, license plate or name. I was actually not OK. My bike was not OK either.

I am hoping and praying this woman or someone will contact me regarding this accident. I believe this is the right and responsible thing to do.

Even if I do not find out who hit me, I would like to express a message to all drivers and cyclists. Please be responsible and exercise caution and tolerance toward cyclists. Life is precious and never to be taken for granted.

Make certain to wear a helmet and be aware of other drivers.

As a cyclist, all too often I witness drivers either distracted or failing to exercise any caution when passing a rider. Worst of all are driver's with the attitude cyclists don't belong on the road. We can certainly share the road.

These accidents do not have to happen. I can only hope this awareness urges people to be more attentive and cautious while driving, and to perhaps be a little more patient and tolerant toward those they share the road with.

Most importantly, drivers need to understand and realize whenever they hit someone on a bike, they need to stop, get out of their car and make an overall check with the cyclist to make certain everything is OK. The cyclists should seek immediate medical attention to rule out serious injuries.

If the driver of this white SUV or anyone with any additional information could please contact Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety at

(313) 885-2100, it would be greatly appreciated.

KATHRYN ROSSELLO  
St. Clair Shores

### City mergers

To the Editor:

About five years ago I wrote a letter to the Grosse Pointe News about merging the five Grosse Pointes into one entity.

I received some nasty comments from some. They didn't like my idea. That was then and this is now.

It seems Lansing did not like the idea either. Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan cries, "the fix was in and nobody cares about us," "Heenan: Time to consolidate the Pointes," Aug. 25 Grosse Pointe News.

I had that same feeling when the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park repaved Cadieux and we lost our 100-year-old parking privilege. Nobody cared about us. The fix was in.

What goes around comes around.

In the aforementioned front page Grosse Pointe News article, Heenan states he wants to consolidate the Pointes. He is even willing to give up his seat.

How convenient. After 30 years of being mayor, he says he will relinquish his seat if it saves money.

I am confused. Where is the savings?

Consolidation makes strategic sense only if we can merge into Macomb County. We are currently being gerrymandered and dragged down by Wayne County and especially Detroit, which both have severe negative connotations and deleterious political implications. We are effectively neutered by being lumped with Detroit.

The problem is not only with the politics. A recent article, "When Civic Mergers Don't Save Money," Wall Street Journal, Aug. 29, page six, states civic mergers usually do not save money and small cities operate more efficiently than large ones. And I quote:

1) Small cities watch their payrolls much more carefully and have fewer high-paid employees (attorneys) than larger cities.

2) When cities merge they harmonize staff salaries to the highest level among combining units. Pay scales go up, not down.

3) The cost savings in equipment (snow plows, buildings) is not significant. The cost of rank and file labor goes up unless there are wholesale layoffs.

4) For mayors or administrators (who will lose their own jobs) to get the mergers to work, and get all levels of staffs to agree to a merger, plenty of financial sweeteners need to be added to the deal, such as leveling up of pay scales, promises of no layoffs, buyouts of upper level management, and no loss of fixed pensions costs.

5) And then there are the (teacher) unions and (police and fire) legacy retirement

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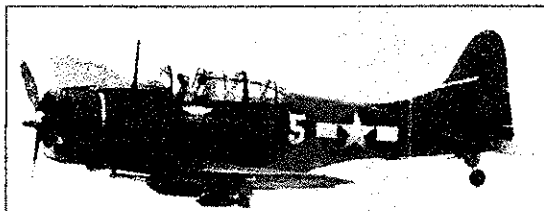


I SAY By Brad Lindberg

# Say it with pictures



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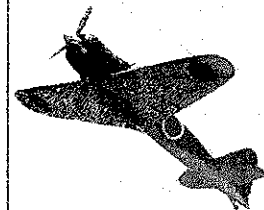
Dauntless diver bomber, hero of the Battle of Midway, is slower and less capable than its replacement, the Helldiver, but is easier to fly.



Corsair fighter on a strafing run.

A U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo bomber flies by with a Consolidated Aircraft PBV Catalina flying boat circling in the distance.

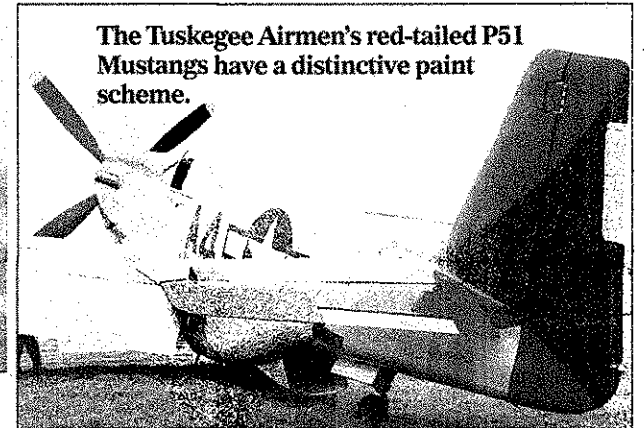
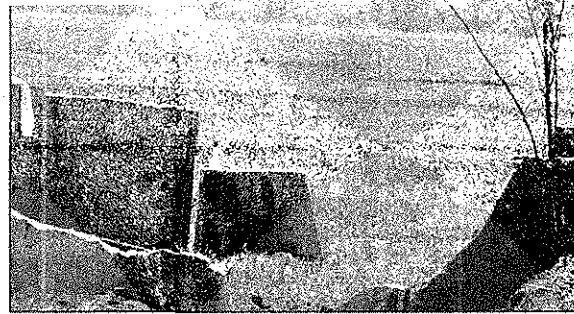
Japanese Zeros are light-weight and maneuverable.



I've nothing to say. Here's some World War II airplane pictures from this summer's Yankee Air Museum's Thunder Over Michigan air show.



Helldivers have bomb bays.



The Tuskegee Airmen's red-tailed P51 Mustangs have a distinctive paint scheme.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What is your favorite story you've read this year?

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



"Football Friends" because they taught me a lesson.  
ETHAN PINKEY  
Grosse Pointe Park



"Diary of a Wimpy Kid; The Ugly Truth" because it's funny and personal and it's a diary.  
JAYLIN GRAY  
Grosse Pointe Park



"Jeramio Stilton" because it was funny and Jeramio went on adventures.  
LAUREN MAROHN  
Grosse Pointe Park



"Thirty Nine Clues" because it was an adventure mystery.  
LUCAS BELLAMY  
Grosse Pointe Park



"My Pet Iguana" because the pictures were funny and it was fun to read.  
SHONTARRA WILKINS  
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Patrick J. Wright

## Necessary school supplies

Al around the state, parents of public school children are engaged in an end-of-summer ritual: scouring the stores for school supplies.

Many parents may feel they are required. They are wrong. Under Michigan law, public schools are legally responsible to provide students with all necessary school supplies. Parents are not legally obligated to buy

any educational items at all, whether pencils, pens, notebooks, glue, crayons or a litany of other classroom articles.

Public schools' legal obligation regarding school supplies comes from the state constitution's Article 8, Section 2, which mandates, "The legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law." This language was reviewed by the Michigan Supreme Court in the 1970 case *Bond versus Ann Arbor School District*, where the court held, "It is clear that books and school supplies are an essential part of a system of free public elementary and secondary schools." This ruling covers supplies for all students, regardless of family income.

Indeed, the Michigan Department of Education has two documents on its website underscoring the public schools' responsibilities to provide supplies. The first document, a 14-page position statement last updated in 2006, clearly stipulates, "School districts may not make charges for any required or elective courses such as for: A) General or registration fees; B) Course fees or materials ticket charges; C) Textbooks and school supplies," although districts may charge for extracurricular activities.

The second document, a 2003 state Department of Education memo sent to every public school district and charter school, provides examples of items districts "must provide

... free of charge" for required or elective courses, including "pencils, paper, crayons, scissors, glue sticks and "textbooks (regular or supplemental)."

So the law is clear. Yet given some Michigan public school websites, parents could be forgiven for thinking they're on the hook for basic school supplies.

A random scan of public school websites finds while some are more explicit about acknowledging the schools provide all necessary supplies, others use potentially misleading language such as "needs" and "necessary" in supply lists for parents.

Given the law on this issue is clear, an important question remains: Why should there be any ambiguity in districts' web-

site notices to parents about school supplies? In other words, why don't districts simply state: "Our public school district is legally responsible for all your children's necessary school supplies. Parents are not required to buy these supplies, though they may do so if they wish."

Given the unequivocal state of the law on this issue, districts should ensure school personnel are explicit in all their communications with parents that it is the schools, not the parents, who are responsible for outfitting students with the educational supplies the children need to complete their school-work.

Wright is director of the Mackinac Center For Public Policy's Legal Foundation.

GUEST OPINION By Michael Van Beek

## Exporting education

When the U.S. Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in 1965 and created "magnet" schools, it's unlikely anyone thought it may lead to international magnet schools, especially ones headquartered in

China. But that's exactly what Oxford Community Schools is launching this fall.

About 50 Chinese 10th graders have enrolled at Northeast Yucai Oxford International High School in Shenyang, China. Students will be dual-enrolled, meaning can earn credits toward two diplomas: one from their China-based school and one from Oxford schools.

Oxford superintendent William Skilling spent four years establishing the international high school and believes there are a number of reasons Chinese students want to enroll.

"They want the American ways of teaching in China and this will be used as a model. This school will provide opportunities for students in China to not only develop better English skills, but to learn in new ways that are not test-driven," he said. "We will create the conditions by which they learn to be members of a team, which is a foreign concept in China classrooms. We will give them opportunities to create and invent, which is a foreign idea."

Skilling added many Chinese students are interested in earning an American high school diploma because it will make it easier for them to get accepted at an American university. They'll also have the opportunity to spend at least one year studying in the United States at the Oxford International Residence Academy.

Chinese students pay tuition to provide funding for school operations.

Oxford students are also likely to benefit from this new program. The school is planning Mandarin Chinese immersion experiences. Plus, starting in the fall of 2012, the district is offering 20 full-tuition scholarships for Michigan students to attend NYO high school in China for a year.

"It's a win-win for the Chinese students and the American students," said Aaron Dobson, the school's first principal. "The exposure it's going to give to our students here at Oxford, and the cultural exposure, the educational exposure, just on all levels; it's something that is really going to give them an awareness they're going to need as they leave college and go into the workforce."

Skilling also sees this program as a way for the district to generate revenue.

"I'm talking about to the point where we are not at the whims of the state government and how they fund us," Skilling said. "We still would receive funding from the state, but I want to get to the point where it doesn't matter."

Skilling is unaware of other districts trying similar programs, but says he's confident it can work.

"I have no doubt it will succeed."  
Michael Van Beek is director of education policy at the Mackinac Center For Public Policy.

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costs. Those are long term contracts to be honored. Police and fire are dangerous jobs and I am not one to clip their retirement checks.

6) Our school system is already consolidated, so there is no meaningful savings there.

Even with the higher costs, Heenan is profoundly correct to get us uncoupled from Detroit and Wayne County. We should support his idea.

B.J. KHALIFAH  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Weakening schools

To the Editor:  
Gov. Rick Snyder would require all public school systems to become a part of a mandatory schools of choice program.

While it is true the program has served some schools well, they are voluntary participants. It often seems to work if there is not a large disparity in financial support. Currently 18 percent of Michigan schools have chosen not to participate. The

new proposal would require all public schools to be a part of this plan.

This raises the question: To what extent should the state government determine how local schools are managed?

Do local superintendents, principals, teachers, parents, local school boards and citizens have a better understanding of what is best for their schools?

If you oppose forcing the Grosse Pointe Public School System to accept non-resident students, please let your state representative and senator know of your concerns. Write to the governor, too.

Equally important, contact those in other districts and ask them to become involved. This is more than just a Grosse Pointe issue. This is basically a local control issue.

We should not allow further weakening of our schools by our own inaction.

GORDON MORLAN  
Grosse Pointe Park.

## Redistricting the Grosse Pointes

To the Editor:  
Splitting the Grosse Pointes and adding them to the city of Detroit?

Hard to believe this is a

Republican bill signed into law by a Republican governor.

Count me out for future fundraising projects.

ELIZABETH FOZO  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Screen the renters

To the Editor:

This letter is addressed to all landlords in and of the Grosse Pointes.

I, myself, having been a landlord, am very disgusted with present landlords, especially those in Grosse Pointe Park.

It's understandable that your mortgage payment has to be paid. But it's a total disregard to the residents when you allow renters who are rowdy, sell drugs, disrespect the rental properties, have disruptive parties, play loud music, etc.

I'll give you the benefit of the doubt that, upfront, I'm sure these scenarios aren't visible in the beginning, but as soon as they are, you need to evict.

That should be part of a lease. Background checks are a must.

Applicants appear to be all kinds of what you want them to be and then bam, it isn't so. Undesirable tenants usually have undesirable friends.

Their very presence impacts all residents.

Everyone should be able to enjoy where they live. It's up to the landlord to maintain their property and assure their tenants follow the law of the land and respect their neighbors.

Landlords should be held accountable at all levels. Let me make one thing very clear: Diversity makes for a culturally sound environment. If you as a landlord wouldn't live with some of the issues tenants create, that should be a deciding factor as to whom you rent to and after you rent your property, who stays.

With these days and times, people have changed so dramatically that it is imperative that you screen your tenants. Background checks are a must.

Let's bring a higher standard of renters back to the Park to ensure the safety and tranquility of the neighborhood. Gov. Rick Snyder is trying to upset the school issue; all the more reason to be proactive in choosing our renters.

Please, it's not just about your mortgage payment - it's about your loyalty to all residents, schools and parks.

MARSHA PONKEY  
Grosse Pointe Park

Call 866-501-DOCS  
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## Students return, register for class



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Top, to avoid getting lost the first day of school, clockwise from left, incoming Grosse Pointe South freshmen Meg Cullen and Andie Anger study a map of the school, while Hailey Clarke and Elena Bagnasco compare class schedules and Summer Walkowiak glances through the student handbook.

Above, with assistance from Megan McCuen, right, Emily Murray signs up for the Grosse Pointe North drama club. Katie Murray, back, fans out the day's new member forms.

Right, upon registering, North freshman Katie Roy locates her locker and puts away her new textbooks.



## School briefs

### District schools rank among top in state

The Michigan Department of Education released its 2011 statewide top-to-bottom rankings last week, with eight Grosse Pointe schools listed among the top nine percent.

Kerby (98), Richard (98), Maire (97), Monteith (93) and Ferry (92) elementary schools, Brownell (96) and Pierce (91) middle schools and South high school (94) each rank tops in the state based on student proficiency, student improvement and achievement gaps between the top 30 and bottom 30 percent of students within a school.

According to the rankings frequently asked questions, "a school with a high ranking is one that has high level of proficiency, is improving over time, and is ensuring that all students are learning and achieving at a high level."

Graduation rate is also a component of the high school rankings.

"This is important information for schools, parents and communities to review," said state superintendent of public instruction Mike Flanagan via the department of education website.

"It provides a real look at how our local schools are doing in educating their students."

Trombly (86), Mason (85) and Defer (73) elementary schools, Parcels Middle School (73) and North high

school (74) placed within the top 30 percent, while Poupard Elementary School ranked in the bottom 28 percentile.

No Grosse Pointe schools were named to the state's persistently lowest achieving schools list, a separate list of 98 schools required to develop and implement redesign plans approved by the state school reform office of the department of education.

### Parcels honors award-winners

Two Parcels Middle School students received the Fred W. Adams award during the school's eighth-grade graduation ceremonies in June.

Dora Juhasz and Renata Szymanski won the award, honoring eighth-graders who demonstrate leadership in school and the community, concern for others, a renaissance spirit and a commitment to education.

The award, in memory of Fred W. Adams, former member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, celebrates its 20th year and was presented by Adams' daughter, Martha Jane Adams.

Teachers nominated 10 eighth-graders, including: Juhasz, Szymanski, Christopher Bar, Harris Bunker, Joseph Ciaravino, Thomas Goffas, Nicole Haggerty, Emily Hoshaw, Ann Marie Nicholson and Lauren Nyquist.

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Donations for tickets in advance are \$75 per person (\$42 is tax deductible). \$225 per family (maximum deductible amount). (including our drink, hotel, tax receipt)

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### House Program for U05 thru U10 Players

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The Outreach program for soccer (TOPSoccer) is our community-based training program for young athletes with disabilities. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, age 4-12, who has a mental or physical disability. Our goal is to enable our young athletes with disabilities to become valued and successful members of the GPSA soccer family.

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### Fees and Schedule Information

House: U05 thru U08 (\$80) U09/U10 (\$100) Metro: U12 & U14 (\$115)

\$25 late registration fee starting Sept. 3rd, 2011

Games played on weekends beginning Sept. 17 thru Oct. 31. Teams may practice during the week.

TOPSoccer: \$20 Games played on Saturdays at Barnes Field Sept. 17th thru Oct. 31.

Registration available online - visit: [www.grossepointesoccer.org](http://www.grossepointesoccer.org)

(Note: Due to the size of GPSA program, special requests cannot be honored)

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# Passion for students drives South's new assistant principal

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

Following six years at Grosse Ile High School, Terry Flint returns to the east side as Grosse Pointe South's new assistant principal.

"I have been an eastsider 45 of my 51 years, and with Grosse Ile declining in enrollment and Grosse Pointe South's reputation of excellence, I was compelled to

make an application," Flint said via e-mail.

Prior to working in Grosse Ile, Flint, an educator for more than 20 years, taught math and science at L'Anse Creuse schools, while also coaching football and track.

His passion for teaching stemmed from his love of children and the positive impact a teacher or administrator has on a student's life.

"My best experiences have

been when I have had the privilege of being a part of seeing a student get their life turned around in a positive way," Flint said.

"What drew me to education was a passion to work with kids. I have never lost that passion. I love investing myself in their lives, hoping to make a difference.

"I have always loved teaching, but when I was asked to pursue administrative oppor-

tunities, I eventually did."

Those administrative opportunities led him to Grosse Ile Township Schools, where he spent the past six years as assistant principal at the high school, and now to Grosse Pointe South, where he replaces Brandon Slone as the school's assistant principal.

Despite glaring differences in district size — Grosse Ile, 1,825, and Grosse Pointe, 8,153 — and location, Flint

sees several similarities between the two, allowing for a smooth transition into his new job.

"I see many similarities between Grosse Ile and Grosse Pointe," Flint said.

"Two communities very proud in tradition, with a very high standard and expectation of excellence and great kids.

"I am very honored to be here and look forward to this

year with the students from Grosse Pointe South High School."

## Flint's education experience:

- Undergrad, Eastern Michigan University
- Master's degree in education leadership, Saginaw Valley State University
- Second master's degree in counselling, University of Detroit Mercy

# Summer schools districtwide come to an end



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The district's remaining summer school programs concluded final sessions, as students, parents, teachers and administrators focus their attention on the start to the upcoming school year.

Left, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, preschool-aged children played games, napped, shared snacks, participated in arts and crafts and conducted science experiments. Pictured, preschool teacher Shamika Henderson looks on as Claire Mao, Mary Claire Zimmerman and Ava Zimmerman experiment with raisins and club soda. Before long, the raisins dance to the top of the glass, demonstrating principles of buoyancy and density.

Above left, Ferry Elementary School offered Camp O' Fun, a 10-week program divided into two camps — the playhouse, intended for incoming kindergartners through third graders, and the clubhouse, for fourth graders through middle schoolers. Each week features a different theme represented through the activities planning.

Pictured, Caleb Ninivaggi, a senior at University Liggett School, worked Total Golf Adventure, teaching Ferry first-grader, Gio Turriani, the mechanics of a chip shot.

Above, the district's Camp Invention at Parcels Middle School proved successful again this year, enrolling 116 students with an additional 20 on a waiting list.

The program engages students innovatively and educationally in a variety of hands-on scientific activities, systematized through five daily units based on the year's overall module. Pictured, Children work through one of the five modules.

Left, geared toward children entering kindergarten or first grade, Safety Town, a national program, teaches children about safety and good citizenship through lessons on traffic, bicycle, house, water and fire safety, as well as litter prevention and recycling. Divided into four, two-week sessions, each day offers a different theme.

Pictured, The biggest draw to the camp is its fire safety house, often referred to as the smoke house. Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Stephen Puckett speaks with children about fire safety, while Lieutenant Ed Tujaka, City of Grosse Pointe, and Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officer Joe Provost, prepare to guide children through the house.

Bottom left, Safety Town also met with Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officer Joe Provost, who demonstrates how handcuffs work, using Cooper Evans as an example.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

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# OBITUARIES

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## Fouad AlNajjar

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Fouad AlNajjar, 64, passed away peacefully at Henry Ford Hospital Monday, Aug. 22, 2011.

Born July 1, 1947, in Baghdad, Iraq, AlNajjar was dean of graduate studies at Baker College Flint campus. He received his PhD from the University of Strathclyde in the United Kingdom. He also was an accounting professor for many years at Baker College, Davenport University, and Wayne State University.

He enjoyed traveling, playing badminton, gardening and taking walks with his wife. He was active in the community and adored by many. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family.

AlNajjar is survived by his wife, Faye; children, Wisam (Nozomi), Samer (Angela) and Ramiz and granddaughter, Kohana.

A private burial was held Aug. 25 and a memorial visitation was held Aug. 27 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Marie Louise Bergeon

Marie Louise Bergeon, nee Keller, of Midland, died Monday Aug. 22, 2011, at her daughter's residence. The former 50-year Grosse Pointe Park resident was 89.

She was born May 28, 1922, in Detroit to Theodore Emil and Ella Marie, nee Verg, Keller. She graduated from Western High School in Detroit in 1940, and attended Wayne State University in the 1940s. On Oct. 21, 1955, she married A. Stanley Bergeon, who predeceased her in 1975.

Mrs. Bergeon was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Detroit for more than 60 years. During that time, she served in many capacities, including as a Sunday School teacher, public relations chairperson on the board of directors, editor and business manager of The Peace Messenger, and chairperson of PROP, a revitalization program that raised \$60,000 for repairs to the church and school. In 1987, she was named the church's woman of the year.

Mrs. Bergeon worked at both the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press for a combined total of 30 years, starting at the News in 1946. While at the Detroit Free Press in 1972, as classified telephone room manager, she began selling "Happy Ads" by which people sent pleasant messages to each other on special occasions. It was an instant success as a moneymaker and a circulation-builder.

After retiring from the Free Press, Mrs. Bergeon worked for the Grosse Pointe Park public service department, where in 2002 she retired after 20 years of service.

Mrs. Bergeon is survived by her daughter, Karen Ellen Mills and her husband, Brian Stanford Mills of Midland;

grandchildren, Jeffrey Patrick Mills of Greenville, S.C., and Amy Elisabeth Mills of Indianapolis.

Donations may be made to Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 296 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Arrangements handled by Wilson Miller Funeral Home of Midland. Share a memory at wilson-miller.com.

## Mary Jenkins Blevins

Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Jenkins Blevins, 84, of Willow Street, Pa., passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011. She was born Aug. 16, 1927, in Charleston, W.V., the youngest of five children of George W. Jenkins and Elsa Riley Jenkins.

She graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1946 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Marshall University, Huntington, W.V., in 1950, where she was vice president of the Pi Kappa Sigma sorority; vice president of the journalism fraternity, the Fourth Estate; and listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." She married William Edward Blevins Aug. 25, 1951, in Charleston. They lived in Grosse Pointe, where their three children graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School, before relocating to Lancaster County, Pa., in 2004.

Before their marriage, Mrs. Blevins worked at the Charleston Gazette as a reporter of social events. In New York City, she worked as a researcher at the March of Time, a Time-Life subsidiary. Upon moving to Grosse Pointe, she was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church; the American Association of University Women; and Detroit's Goodwill Junior Group. She also volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital and was a longtime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved to travel with her husband and children throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

Mrs. Blevins was an active contributor to the HHT Foundation and she strongly supported the research, education and treatment of those with the blood disorder hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia.

Mrs. Blevins is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 60 years; children, Jennifer (Christopher) of Glen Ridge, N.J., and Bradley (Anne) of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; nine grandchildren and her sister, Frances Van Cleve, of Charleston.

She was predeceased by her son, Jeffrey and her parents.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at Wilson's Funeral Home, 420 Lee Street, Charleston.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept.

3, at Christ Church United Methodist, 1221 Quarrier Street, Charleston.

Donations may be made to the HHT Foundation at hht.org.

Express condolences or share a memory at wilsonfuneralandcremation.com.

## Michael Cholack

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michael Cholack, 82, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, at American House in Roseville.

Born April 19, 1929, in Detroit, the proud son of Greek immigrants Hercules and Mary, nee Minas, Cholack, Mr. Cholack served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War before returning to Michigan. He graduated from Wayne State University and spent the majority of his career with the state of Michigan's special service department, where he served as chief auditor before retiring.

An avid sports fan for Michigan teams, Mr. Cholack was highly knowledgeable when it came to stats and trivia, especially of the Detroit Tigers. Blind the last 10 years of his life, he enjoyed living in Grosse Pointe. He loved classical music, the operas and books on tape.

He was a proud member of the Berkley Masonic Lodge and the Greek association, AHEPA.

Mr. Cholack is survived by his sister, Angela (Lou) Bournias; sister-in-law, Jeannie Cholack; nieces, Karen (Dr. Chris) Panagos and Dina (David) Ciagne; nephews, George (Laurie) Bournias and the Hon. Eric (Anastasia) Cholack and great-nieces and nephews, Angela, Chrissy and Dean Panagos; George and Maria Cholack and Caroline, Grace and David Ciagne.

He was predeceased by his brother, George Cholack.

A funeral service was held at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Detroit, followed by burial with military honors in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Donations may be made to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Building Fund, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

## Serie Frazer

Serie Frazer, 77, of Vero Beach, Fla., died Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011.

She was born Feb. 4, 1934, in Philadelphia to Oliver and Serie Wigton. She was self-employed as an interior decorator.

Mrs. Frazer is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth (Tom) Smith; sons, John (Christine) Frazer and Brad (Susan) Frazer; grandchildren, Ashley Mason, Garrett Zable, Lindsey Hotchkiss, John Frazer and Allison Frazer. She also is survived by her great-grandchildren, Tyler Wierzebecki, Hunter Hotchkiss and Lucas



Fouad AlNajjar



Michael Cholack

Hotchkiss.

She was predeceased by her brother, David Wigton.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Sept. 1 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. The funeral service will be at 7 p.m.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Constance Quinn Higbie

Loving mother and dear friend of her children and many others, Constance Quinn Higbie, 89, passed away Sunday Aug. 21, 2011.

Born in Lebanon, Pa., "Connie" was the daughter of Thomas Sidney and Barbara Joyce Quinn. She attended grade school at The Tenacre School in Wellesley, Mass., and high school at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

After marrying Carlton Milo Higbie Jr., she moved to Grosse Pointe Farms and was later a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.

She was a writer, talented artist in oils and charcoal, an avid golfer, tennis player, figure skater and skier. She was chairwoman of Sigma Gamma and taught Sunday school at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

She was a member of Country Club of Detroit, The Grosse Pointe Club, The Lost Tree and The Everglades clubs in Florida and Thunderbird Country Club and El Dorado Golf Club, both in California.

Mrs. Higbie was a social person who thrived sharing time with her family friends and keeping a busy schedule. She was sensitive to the needs and troubles of others, exemplified in part by her role in the committee of the concerned while a winter member of The Lost Tree Chapel in North Palm Beach, Fla. She also practiced her Christian faith as spiritual leader of her family and always had a ready ear and kind advice in times of trouble.

Mrs. Higbie is survived by her sons, Carlton Milo Higbie III, Harry Quinn Higbie and John Morgan Higbie and grandchildren, Carlton Milo Higbie IV, Christine Quinn Higbie and Catherine Marie



Marie Louise Bergeon



Mary Jenkins Blevins



Serie Frazer



Constance Quinn Higbie

Higbie.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carlton Milo Higbie Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 10, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Express condolences or share a memory at ahpeters.com.

## Paul Alfred Szabo

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Paul Alfred Szabo, 97, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born Feb. 27, 1914, in Chicago, the son of Paul and Anna Szabo. He spent his early years in South Bend, Ind., and Cleveland.

Mr. Szabo served in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the early 1930s. He was drafted into the Army during World War II, serving as a drill instructor in the United States, before shipping off to the European Theatre. In 1951, he married Jackie Jakimec and they settled in Grosse Pointe Woods shortly thereafter.

Professionally, Mr. Szabo was an orthopedic shoe fitter and worked at several shoe stores in the Detroit area.

He was an avid runner with 20 marathons completed between the ages of 65 and 82. His many interests included

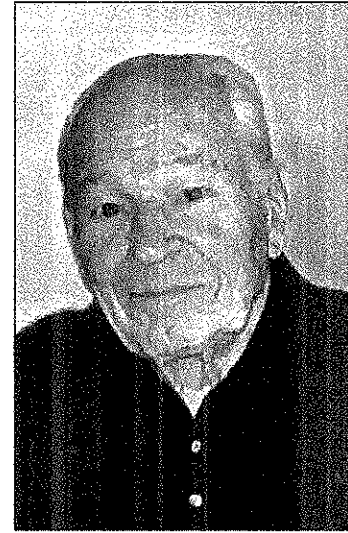
ushering at various Detroit venues and singing with church and local choirs. He also spent many volunteer hours working for Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

Mr. Szabo is survived by his loving companion, Toni Ferlito; daughter, Sue Klink; son, Robert (Monica) Szabo and grandchildren, Andrea Szabo, Stephen Szabo, Katie Klink, Kyle Klink, Jack Klink and Kimberly Szabo.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jackie in 1990. A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 26 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association National Headquarters, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004 or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Paul Alfred Szabo

# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Ryan P. Ennis entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The 2011 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the son of Marsha and Patrick Ennis of Grosse Pointe Park.

The following area students graduated in spring 2011 from Western Michigan University: Katelyn B. Cinqueranelli and Alaina R. Whitney, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; Sean T. Moir and Margaret K.

Schwartz, both of Grosse Pointe Farms; Genevieve L. Hall and Stephanie J. Yaklin, both of Grosse Pointe Park and Joseph G. David, Daniel P. Grunewald, Jeffrey C. Holm, Peter M. Mitchell, Gabrielle N. Sabatini, Richard T. Seleno, Erena Symych and Katherine L. Upplegar, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Alexandra Scratch, a 2008 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, was named to the Dean's List for

the 2010-11 academic year at Oakland University. She is the daughter of Gordan Scratch of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Nick Brown, a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University. He is the son of Rick and Kathy Brown of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List

for the spring 2011 semester at Western Michigan University: Bryan Melvin of the City of Grosse Pointe; Jared Howell, Kevin Irving, Margaret Leins, Katelyn Lynch and James Stano, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Kelly Springborn of Grosse Pointe Park; Caitlin Falletich and Alexandra Filippelli, both of Grosse Pointe Shores and Kevin Burleson, Lauren Date, Jason Gay, Allison Gozdor, Jillian Graham, Erika Mammen, Caitlin Mathews, Scott Rinderknecht, Melissa Roach, Alyssa Scalvini, Allison Shanley, Charles Trost, Katherine Upplegar and Johanna Ventimiglia, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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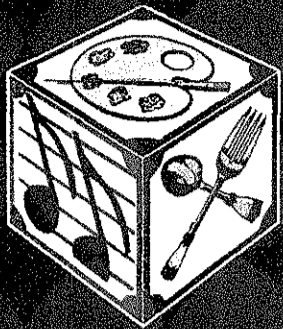
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# Light 'em if you got 'em

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Village business owners oughta lighten up. If they won't, they may be made to.

Members of the City of Grosse Pointe council have a bright idea for commercial property owners in the downtown district. Officials want owners to dress up their buildings with illumination.

Lights don't have to be flashy, just show a pulse.

"Have store owners make it look more alive," said Councilman John Stevens. "On some buildings, when they turn off the lights at 5 p.m. in winter, it looks pretty dark. It looks as though they're not part of the Village."

The goal is to make the dis-

trict a more appealing spot to shop and do business.

There's no formal requirement in the City to illuminate facades or signs, according to municipal representatives. Rules only restrict the choice of lighting.

Stevens called the omission a "shortcoming" of zoning requirements.

He and others attending last month's council meeting considered mandating exterior lighting. Nothing major. Two coach lights per front door will do.

Something to add "character" and "establish a character that enhances the Village," Stevens said.

Current guidelines only recommend lighting. Codifying that request into a municipal directive isn't "an insubstantial act," said City Manager Peter

Dame. "It will require an investment by the property owners. Anything you require is going to run into hindrances."

Councilwoman Jean Weipert, chairing the meeting in the excused absence of Mayor Dale Scrace, suggested planners investigate similar guidelines in other cities before imposing new rules.

"We don't want to demand our businesses do something they don't have to do anywhere else," Weipert said.

Councilman Christopher Boettcher recommended rules promoting "soft lighting."

Councilman Chris Walsh advised rules provide incentives for lighting.

"I'm not aware of any municipality that requires a certain amount of lighting," said John Jackson, the city's planing consultant.

# SOC fundraisers offers taste of New York

Two fundraisers in September will help fund the many programs offered by Services for Older Citizens.

With the theme New York, New York, the events will feature a silent auction, a live auction, top entertainment, food, cocktails and dancing.

The silent auction is Sept. 15 at the Detroit Yacht Club. Guests will bid on items ranging from restaurant gift certificates to jewelry and antiques.

Guests will be treated to hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by pianist and singer Rennie Kaufmann.

The annual gala will be held Friday, Sept. 30 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where guests will have a smaller se-

lection of silent auction items, but will have a chance to bid on live auction items that include a week's stay in Umbria, Italy or Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. A gourmet dinner will be served, followed by various auctions and a performance by the Canadian rock band "Nemesis."

The auctions are SOC's largest fundraisers and the proceeds represent 25 percent of the revenue each year.


"The auctions are our only major fundraisers for the entire year and the funds we raise make all the difference for how we are able to serve our seniors for the upcoming year," said Sharon Maider, executive director.

Proceeds help SOC continue and expand programs such as Meals on Wheels, Home Repair and Information and Assistance.

Bob and Vicki Liggett of Grosse Pointe Shores are honorary chairs for this year's event.

More details of the auction items and the events of both nights will be printed in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

Tickets for Sept. 15 are \$45 per person and tickets for Sept. 30 are \$115. Both events are open to the public. To buy event tickets, raffle tickets, make a donation or for more information, call Taylor Huber at (313) 882-9600 or e-mail her at socthuber@gmail.com.



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**AUTOS** By Jenny King

# Civic EX esteemed for many reasons



**I**t's not flashy compared with some competing compacts. The conservatively styled 2012 Honda Civic EX delivers terrific value for the money and fills the needs of new buyers and devoted Civic fans.

The 2012 Civic lineup represents an expanding ninth generation. Honda has added a new HF high fuel economy version to its conventional gasoline models; and two sporty Si performance models — one hybrid, and a natural gas alternative-fuel model.

We started what we hope will be a continuing adventure with the Civic and some of its close relatives with the popular Civic EX sedan.

The window sticker accompanying the Civic EX reads



Even though recessed, colorful displays on the instrument panel were hard to read on bright days.



The bright and spacious interior of the compact 2012 Honda Civic EX gets a thumbs up from passenger Alice Talbot.

\$20,505. Add \$770 for destination and handling and its \$21,275.

The EX model includes power moonroof, 16-inch wheels and rear disc brakes. Add a navigation system and satellite radio and the price increases by \$1,500.

The EX-L starts at \$21,955 and includes leather trimming and heated front seats. The same nav/radio package is available on this model.

At the other end of the price scale, the entry-level Civic DX runs \$15,805; and LX starts at \$17,855. A five-speed manual is standard on both DX and LX. These models have rear drum brakes and 15-inch wheels.

### Pleases almost all

Do good fuel economy, great interior space, multiple amenities, nice exterior lines, up-to-date safety features and an acceptable retail price combine to produce a less-than-exciting, every man's car to drive?

The capable 2012 Civic EX with its 140-horsepower 1.8-liter single-overhead-cam four attached to a five-speed automatic transmission is unlikely to thrill the driver looking for more feedback. That person is better directed to other Civic models.

The Civic EX delivers what has pleased enough consumers to continually help make the Civic family sales leaders year in and year out.

Fuel economy for the EX is 28 miles per gallon city, 39 mpg highway and 32 mpg combined average.

### Lab on wheels

Honda spokesman Ed Miller says Honda is not bound by "platform," like the Civic sedan base, but configures vehicles to match market demand. So the six redesigned 2012 Civic models belong to one another and aren't related to the tiny Honda CR-Z, the Insight or the fuel-cell-driven FCX Clarity.

The six Civic models for 2012 include the Civic Si coupe and sedan and the fuel-efficient Civic HF, Civic Hybrid with new lithium-ion batteries and larger 1.5-liter engine and Civic Natural Gas now available to qualifying dealers nationwide.

Honda says its new powertrain technologies include a re-engineered 1.8-liter I-4 engine with better fuel economy, a larger and more powerful 2.4-liter I-4 Si powerplant mated to a six-speed manual and a new Civic Hybrid powertrain that highlights performance and fuel economy.

New available technology for the Civic includes USB Audio Interface, Bluetooth HandsFreeLink and a satellite-linked navigation system with voice recognition and traffic information.

For 2012, all Civic models offer motion-adaptive electric power steering; Eco Assist driver feedback system (except Si models) to show how efficiently you are driving and next-generation Vehicle Stability Assist with traction control and brake assist — previously exclusive to Civic EX-L, Hybrid and Si.

The Civic features Honda's Advanced Compatibility Engineering body structure for frontal collision energy management and vehicle-to-vehicle crash compatibility.

### Alternative-fuel Hondas

Honda's alternative-fuel and hybrid offerings include the CR-Z



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

The Honda Civic, redesigned for the 2012 model year, went on sale nationwide this past spring. Civic models DX, LX and EX all are powered by a 1.8-liter four that promises 39 miles per gallon in highway driving.

Sport Hybrid, Insight Hybrid, Civic Hybrid, natural-gas-powered Civic and the FCX Clarity fuel cell electric vehicle.

Miller offers these explanations: "The FCX Clarity hydrogen fuel cell is an electric car we lease to customers in California and Japan. It is a unique platform. It's slightly larger than the Accord."

Miller says the fuel for the FCX is so efficient, the aerodynamic car doesn't have to be downsized like other alternate fuel cars.

The Civic is made in 13 plants around the world. The Honda Civic Natural Gas is produced in Greensburg, Ind. and the Civic Hybrid in Japan.

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

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**AUTOWIRE.NET** By Derek Price

# Driving the miracle Chevy Volt

**A**fter driving the Chevy Volt for a couple of hours last year, I came away with one overriding impression: it's an engineering masterpiece. This electric car can drive up to 40 miles before needing a charge. But, unlike other electric cars, the Volt also has a backup gasoline engine. Basically, it's an electric car for short trips and a gas-powered car for long ones. Recently I had the chance to drive a Volt for a week. I noticed my first time piloting the Volt how enjoyable it was to drive. Unlike most eco-friendly cars, the Volt is quick, accelerating like a silent, torquey freight train. And my impression as a true driver's

car was only reinforced after spending more time with it. When you stomp the gas pedal, you don't hear a screaming powerplant under the hood, but boy do you feel the power. It whooshes forward without making a sound, pushing you back into the seat like a miniature, electric-powered sports car. The Volt is not a sports car, but it does leave the impression it's designed by people who know what a sports car ought to feel like. There's a real connection with the road in this car, a strangely pleasant feeling, considering how alien the Volt is. Its looks are just as oddly ordinary. It's what's under the skin that makes the Volt different. This car has a massive lithium

ion battery pack that forces some compromises. It doesn't have a middle seat in the back, and cargo space isn't as big as one would expect in a hatchback. But under the hood, the Volt looks like something designed by NASA. There are brightly colored, high-voltage electrical lines routed around the engine bay like thick neon snakes. It has a small gasoline engine like a normal car, but also the not so familiar, such as a "drive unit" that houses the electric motors and the AC/DC power conversion pack. The Volt uses touch-sensitive buttons to control everything from the radio station to the air conditioning. That's cool except all the buttons are labeled in small type, which makes them tough to find without wrecking the car. Charging the Volt was surprisingly anti climactic. It comes with a cord that plugs into an ordinary household electrical outlet and provides a full charge in about 10 hours. If a faster charge, in about three hours, is needed, a special high-voltage charger can be installed. For me, the 40-mile electrical range wasn't a problem; the electric charge was more than sufficient. When I needed to drive more than 40 miles, the gasoline engine kicked in. It starts up so silently you can hardly hear it. In fact, the most obvious way to know you're using gasoline is to watch the dash. It changes the digital display when the engine turns on. Overall, I can't help but think this car represents the future. It's a huge step toward eliminating America's dependence on oil, and it's fun to drive. Other than the slightly annoying buttons on the dash, the Volt only has one downside: General Motors can't



PHOTO BY JEFFREY SAUGER FOR CHEVROLET COURTESY OF WIECK MEDIA

More than 50 Chevrolet Volt electric vehicles with extended range capability roll down Woodward Avenue during Chevrolet's 100th anniversary kick-off to the 2011 Woodward Dream Cruise Aug. 18 in Birmingham. The parade of Chevrolet vehicles also included employee-owned Chevrolet heritage vehicles, the new Camaro ZLI, Chevrolet Sonic, and vehicles from the GM Heritage Collection.

build them fast enough. What was tested? The 2011 Chevrolet Volt with a base price of \$40,280. Options on the Volt: The Premium trim package for \$1,395 and the paint upgrade package for \$995. The total manufacturer's suggested retail price as tested including the \$720 destination charge came to \$43,390. Why avoid it? It only has two seats in back and fairly bland exterior styling. It's also expensive, although a \$7,500 federal tax break can ease some of the pain. Why buy it? It's an engineer-

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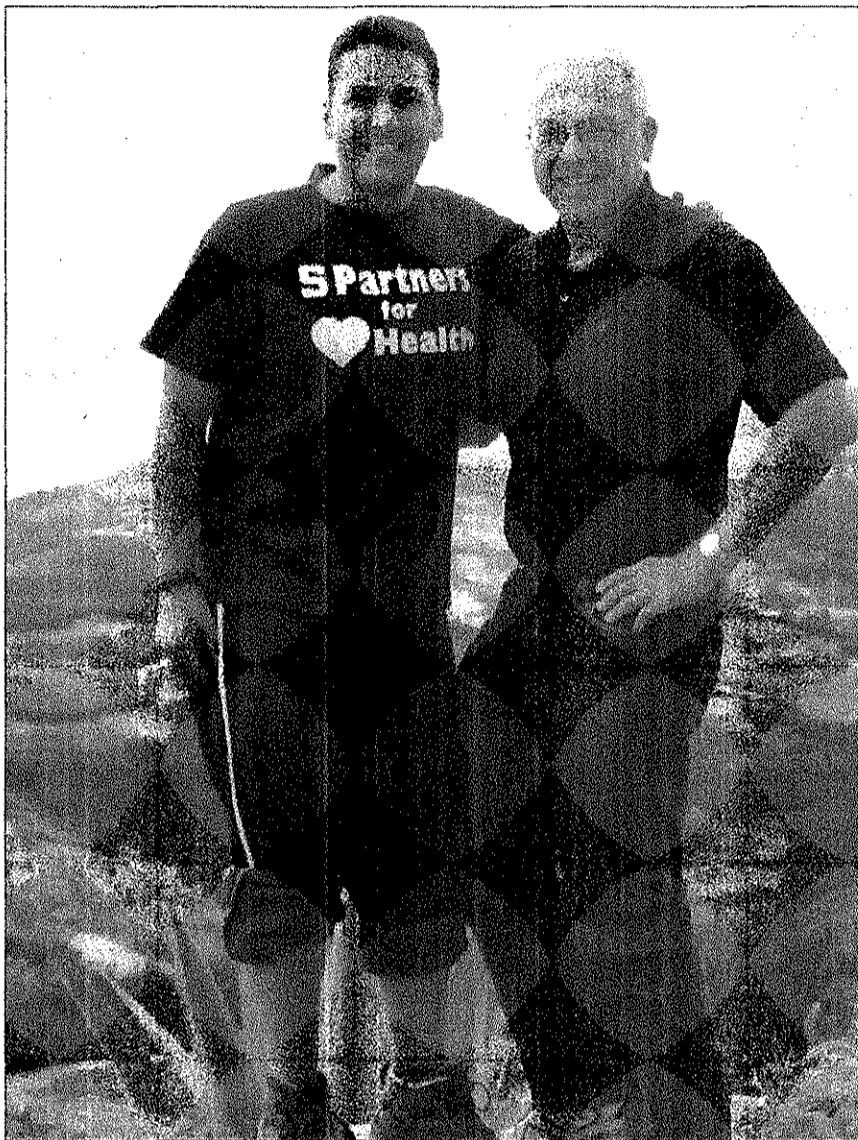
By A.J. Hakim  
 Staff Writer

In his 32 years as a practicing professional, Dr. Donald Moore never experienced anything like he did in Huamachuco, Peru. That he did so with his youngest son made it even more memorable.

Selected as participants in the Michigan State University College of

Osteopathic Medicine's annual medical service trip, Moore and his son, Scott, the youngest of three and a second-year student at MSU med school, recently spent two-and-a-half weeks in Peru, joining 24 other students, as well as 10 to 12 physicians, faculty and translators.

"One of the most important things about this is, I got to be there with my son," said the internal medicine physi-



Above, Scott and Dr. Donald Moore on the Inca Trail in Peru. Left, at the Huamachuco, Peru, Rotary Club.

cian, whose father is a retired obstetrician, wife an RN in rheumatology nursing, oldest son, Freddy, a certified public accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers, and middle child, Jeffrey, a third-month resident in anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh.

"Just the privilege of being there with him, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

"I was gone from my private practice for two-and-a-half weeks, and that's a long time, and I ordinarily, almost certainly couldn't do that. But the opportunity to be there with him, you can't pass that up. It's truly a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

The group packed more than \$100,000 in medical supplies for the trip, during which they spent time in Trujillo — a town south of the Peruvian capital, Lima — adjusting to the country; five days in Huamachuco, operating a medical clinic in the underserved town of approximately 123,000 people located in the northern province Sánchez Carrión, 10,000 feet above sea level in the Andes Mountains; two days performing outreach at a couple other rural areas; and a four-day excursion into Cusco, Machu Picchu and the Inca Trail.

"Over the course of four-and-a-half days, plus outreach into a couple of other, even more rural areas for two days, we saw a total of about 1,050 patients," said Moore, a Grosse Pointe High School graduate. "These are

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Mr. Buechel began his career at the Detroit Free Press in 1948, where he stayed until his retirement in 1992. Art was his passion and upon his passing in 2010, many of his paintings, brushes and tools of his trade were left to the care of his family.

Not needing art supplies or wanting to throw them out, Jon's wife came to us for guidance as what to do with these items. The "Artist Studio Estate Sale" was born. Perhaps you or someone you know is in a similar situation.

Perhaps you once took an art class and now have supplies sitting in the basement. Deciding to have us sell your gently used or new items is good for the environment. Art students (who are always struggling), teachers, professional artists and hobbyists will benefit from your decision.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By David M. Benson

## Depression awareness in adolescents



The following is the last of a two-part series.

**Q.** My son has always been outgoing and social. Recently, he appears to be really depressed. Can teenagers get "real" depression? If so, what are the warning signs of suicide?

**A.** As the pressures of being a teenager increase, so does the rate of teenage suicide. Part One explained teenage depression and identified warning signs every parent needs to look for and be aware of with their teenager.

Depression, as well as talk of suicide, should never be taken lightly. Many overlook the problem of teen suicide. However, the Centers for Disease Control reports the number of teen suicides is increasing. There are more pressures on teenagers than ever before and many are having trouble coping with demands placed on them.

Latest trends on Facebook and other social network websites often "glamorize" suicide in a dark, but real manner. It is

important to note the pressures of teenage living can lead to suicide. The CDC reports 60 percent of high school students claim they have thought about committing suicide and about 9 percent say they have tried killing themselves at least once.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among those 15 to 24 years of age; with accidents (mainly automobile) being first, and homicide being second. And even younger children are affected, as suicide is the fourth leading cause of death for those between the ages of 10 and 14 (National Institute of Mental Health).

Suicide has always been a "taboo" subject most parents choose to ignore. I have heard so many times in private practice, "my boy/girl would never even think of committing suicide." Teen suicide is a very real problem, taking the lives of thousands of teenagers across the country each year.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures:

- ◆ 19.3 percent of high school students have seriously considered killing themselves.
- ◆ 14.5 percent of high school students made actual plans for committing suicide.
- ◆ 900,000 youth planned their suicides during an

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Are your teens at risk? Responding to youth and parents

- ◆ 7 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, Oct. 5
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Congregational Church
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episode of major depression.

Several different factors may lead a teenager to take his/her life, but the most common is depression. Other factors include:

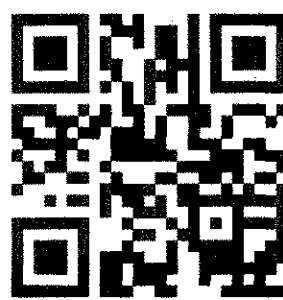
- ◆ Divorce of parents,
- ◆ Inability to find success at school,
- ◆ Feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness, anxiety and feeling trapped,
- ◆ Rejection by friends or peers,
- ◆ Continuous bullying,
- ◆ Substance abuse,
- ◆ Death of someone close to the teenager,
- ◆ The suicide of a friend or someone he/she "knows" online.

Support is essential for treatment of depression. If your teen experiences any of the above warning signs, it is highly recommended professional help be sought.

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HEALTH POINT From Henry Ford Hospital

## Patients benefit from pharmacist-directed service

A pharmacist-directed anticoagulation service improves the coordination of care from the hospital to an outpatient clinic for patients treated with the anticoagulant drug, warfarin, according to a Henry Ford Hospital study.

The study, published in the July/August issue of the Journal of Hospital Medicine, found the transition of care directed by the anticoagulation service was seamless in more than 70 percent of patients treated. The risk of bleeding and thrombosis declined by nearly 5 percent compared to patients not treated by the anticoagulation service.

"Our pharmacist-directed anticoagulation service has shown to improve the quality of care for patients taking warfarin in the hospital and transitioning to an outpatient setting," said James Kalus, senior clinical pharmacy manager at Henry Ford and senior author of the study.

"The advantage of this service is that it improved the patient transition, enhanced communication between inpatient and outpatient clinicians and ensured that pa-

tients made it to their outpatient follow-up appointment after being discharged from the hospital."

Warfarin, used to prevent clots from forming or growing larger in the blood or blood vessels, is prescribed for certain heart-related conditions. It is linked to an estimated 30 percent of anticoagulant-related medication errors.

Henry Ford sought to evaluate the impact of the anticoagulation service for managing the care and safety of patients receiving warfarin during hospitalization and after discharge to an outpatient anticoagulation clinic. Researchers followed 500 patients hospitalized in two internal medicine units and two cardiology units.

Researchers applied four key compliance metrics to measure how well care was coordinated as patients transitioned from the hospital to the outpatient anticoagulation clinic:

- ◆ Number of patients enrolled in an outpatient anticoagulation clinic.
- ◆ Documented communication between the inpatient and outpatient antico-

agulation clinics to reflect how the care was being coordinated.

◆ Documented communication between the inpatient anticoagulation service and physician responsible for managing the patient at the outpatient anticoagulation clinic.

◆ Number of patients who actually kept their initial appointment with the outpatient anticoagulation clinic within five days of being discharged from the hospital.

To determine the safety and efficacy of the anticoagulation service, researchers evaluated any episodes of major bleeding or new thrombosis experienced by patients.

"The pharmacist-directed anticoagulation service is a viable approach to standardizing care and improving anticoagulant safety," Kalus said. "Based on our findings, it may be possible this model can be applied to other complicated medication regimens or chronic diseases."

The study was funded by Henry Ford Hospital.

## PERU: Medically speaking

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non-surgical problems, and they had a wide variety of things — a lot of infectious problems, whether child or adult.

"Some turned out to be developmental problems. I saw a 2 1/2-year-old who hadn't walked or hadn't spoken at all. And when I got a chance to examine the patient, he was a little guy with Down syndrome and profoundly retarded.

"So, while we were able to take care of a lot of the infections, there were some things where there are no resources. Even if you go to the capital, Lima — which, these people have no money, so they can't go that far — even there, the resources for something like this is highly limited."

According to Moore, from a learner's perspective, the non-infectious, untreatable cases, where resources were most limited, taught students the most and afforded them first-hand experience in providing information in an honest and supportive way, without detailing a blunt diagnosis.

"Since this is the first time hearing of this problem from parents, what do we tell them," Moore said. "How do we explain what's happened and not be blunt? How do we be kind and supportive? We would try to give them hope without be-



PHOTO COURTESY DONALD MOORE

Dr. Donald Moore, right center, explains to students a patient x-ray.

ing deceiving."

During the trip, the group stayed in small hotels and hostels, each with limited access to hot water for showers. They ate cuy, or guinea pig — a favorite and very spicy cuisine of the Peruvian natives — a lot of chicken — so much, Moore joked with his wife upon returning, asking her to wait at least a month before making chicken again — and, in some instances, pizza.

For drink, they hoped for bottled water, as the regular drinking water was contaminated, resulting in several students and faculty falling ill.

"I can't think of any professional thing I've done that was

as exciting and meaningful as this," said Moore, whose career started with 17 years at Henry Ford Hospital before entering private practice, Primary Care Associates, in Roseville with partner Dr. Gregory Montpetit. "I've seen poverty before, I've seen a lot of need before, like in Egypt when I was there with my dad, but nothing quite like this. It adds a whole different perspective."

While the trip had its share of unsettling moments, the graciousness and hospitality of the natives, the rich culture and the excursions provided relief.

For four days, after completing their medical services, the group traveled to Cusco, the

with his son.

"He got to see a different world, and he got to see, not only a lot of medical issues, a lot of medical illness and medical problems, but a very different health system," Moore said. "He was so appreciative for the chance to have his eyes opened. And I was too."

"He was extremely grateful, and he was just so excited to see people and to be a hands-on student doctor to people who really had little to almost no access to medical care. And I think, far and away, he'll be better for it as time goes by, and it'll add a perspective to being a doctor he may have otherwise not had."

historic capital of the Inca Empire declared a world heritage site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1983; Machu Picchu, another 15th-century Inca site located on a mountain ridge above the Urubamba Valley; and the Inca Trail, a scenic hike winding through various ruins, valleys and hills.

And whether he was providing medical treatment or enjoying the historic sites, Moore was happy to experience it

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Coast Guard Auxiliary

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 20-12 offers a nine-week basic boating class from 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesdays Sept. 20 - Nov. 15. The classes are at West Marine, 25050 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

The cost is \$35 and includes an instruction book, practice chart and a course completion certificate.

For more information, call Mark at (586) 777-2967 or via e-mail at SLTBOAT@YA.HOO.COM.

## Sunrise Rotary

Sunrise Rotary Club hosts Mary Fodell at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at The Hill Seafood &

Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Le Leche League

The La Leche League meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in a Grosse Pointe Park house.

For more information, call Clarke at (313) 469-7399 or Maria at (313) 885-3709.

## The Lake House

The Lake House, a resource for those touched by cancer, holds free orientations at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 and 8.

◆ Tai chi classes are from 2 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday and the knitting and crocheting circle meets from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

every Tuesday.

All events are free and donations are accepted.

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

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

## Community chorus

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus begins rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Grosse Pointe North High School choral room for its 59th annual holiday concert, "I'll Be Home for Christmas!"

The concert is held in collaboration with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, the educational arm of the

Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Directed by Joseph Palazzolo and accompanied by Ron Pietrantonio, the GPCC is in its 59th year.

The concert is at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.

Registration begins at 7 p.m. and dues are \$35. No auditions are necessary and new members are accepted until Sept. 27.

For further information, call (313) 882-2482.

## Henry Ford

Colleen M. Allen, Ph.D., Director of the Henry Ford Health System Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, discusses the latest information on evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

There is no charge to attend the presentation, but reservations are required. A light meal and refreshments are served.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 1-800-436-7936, or visit [henryford.com/hottopics](http://henryford.com/hottopics).

## Art center

The Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a variety of art classes this fall including drawing and watercolor painting for children ages 7 to 14; teen to adult drawing; digital photography, making jewelry from precious metals, wood block printing and oil painting.

A workshop, "Small Paintings, Big Differences Discovered: Experimental Lab," is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16 and 17 and 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 19. The instructor is Marilyn Derwenskus. The cost is \$150.

To register for art classes or the workshop, call the art center at (313) 821-1848.

## St. John

St. John Hospital and Medical Center hosts a free screening event for peripheral arterial disease from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 10, at the

medical center, Van Elslander Pavilion, second floor, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

People at risk for PAD include:

◆ Over age 50 (especially blacks)

◆ Those who smoke (or have smoked)

◆ People with diabetes, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, or a personal or family history of vascular disease, heart attack, or stroke.

For an appointment, call (866) 501-3627.

This event is part of a national effort to fight vascular disease and help patients with this condition, which number nearly 9 million in the United States. PAD is a hardening of the arteries in the legs or extremities and is caused by the same risk factors that lead to heart disease, and is treatable.

## Detroit Garden Center

The Detroit Garden Center holds a cocktail party benefiting the Belle Isle Conservatory from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the conservatory.

The cost is \$40. Send reservations to Mrs. Robert Everett, 7015 Harbor Place Dr., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

A blood donation drive is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Each person donating is entered to win a pair of Tiger baseball tickets. In addition, everyone who donates bloods through Sept. 12 is entered to win gas for a year — a \$3,000 value.

Drop-in donors are welcome, but appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code "gpcomm." Select from the available time slots. Appointments can also be made by calling the community center at (313) 343-2408.

◆ The film, "The King's Speech," starring Colin Firth and Helena Bonham Carter, is the featured movie Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Lunch and Movie event at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. Firth won an Academy

Award, Golden Globe, and a SAG Award for Best Actor in this film.

Lunch is served at noon and the movie follows.

Tickets cost \$9 for Woods residents and non-residents pay \$11. Reservation deadline is Sept. 12.

For more information, call the community center at (313) 343-2408.

## GMEC

The General Motors Employees Chorus meet at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at Lincoln High School in Warren.

New members, men and women 18 years and older, are accepted during the first three rehearsals.

For more information, visit [information@gmchorus.com](mailto:information@gmchorus.com) or call John Bober at (586) 412-3871.

## RiverFront Conservancy holds fundraiser Sept. 8

The Detroit RiverFront Conservancy hosts a fundraiser, Shimmer on the River, from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, outdoors on the GM Plaza & Promenade.

The nonprofit conservancy helps develop the Detroit riverfront.

The evening features a strolling dinner with Michigan-made products, cocktails and dancing on the Detroit RiverWalk with live entertainment by jazz musicians Les Williams Band and One World Island.

A VIP ticket allows guests admission to a pre-event cocktail reception in the Waterfront Lounge.

VIP tickets cost \$250 each and include complimentary valet parking and admission at 5 p.m.; general admission costs \$125; young professional tickets cost \$75; reserved table prices of 10 are \$1,000 and \$2,000. Tickets can be purchased at [detroitriverfront.org](http://detroitriverfront.org) or by calling (313) 566-8206.

Vivian W. Day & John W. Stroh, III, of Grosse Pointe Farms, are honorary co-chairs.

## Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE AUG. 28, 1986, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1986: Fishy

A group of youngsters were impressed with the bucket of fish caught during the 38th Annual Farms/City Fishing Rodeo. The youngsters were part of a group of about 150 children who participated in the event. Pictured are from left, Lauren Kleinert, Patrick Famularo, Matthew Skinner, Katherine Kleinert and Rebecca Skinner.

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

## 1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **YOUTHS ADMIT DRIVING CAR ON GPHS PRINCIPAL'S LAWN:** Two Pointe teenage boys pled guilty to a disorderly person charge for driving over the front lawn of High School Principal Jerry J. Gerich's home on Lincoln Road.

◆ **STOLEN GUN LEADS BOY TO FLEE HOME:** Investigation of a 15-month-old unsolved burglary at Schummer Sport Shop on Mack Avenue, was completed this week when an unsuspecting customer took the stolen gun back to Schummer's in an effort to trade it for an air pistol.

The customer told police he had received the gun from his younger brother. The brother told detectives he purchased the gun from a 16-year-old boy. The 16-year-old told police he bought it from an unknown boy he met at Grosse Pointe High School.

The morning the youth was to appear at the police station to examine yearbook photos, his parents arrived to say their son had left home around 11 p.m. the previous evening and had failed to return. After a statewide teletype was issued by Woods police, the boy returned home and admitted the theft of the gun.

## 1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HIRE LATCHKEY COORDINATORS:** The Grosse Pointe Public School System will try to hire two coordinators for its

latchkey programs to bring them into compliance with state Department of Social Services child-care regulations.

The hiring of the coordinators for the program will end almost two years of haggling between the state and the school system over the district's compliance with the rules for child care programs.

◆ **RAMP IRKS NEIGHBORS:** How offensive can a wooden skateboard ramp be? The question is being hotly debated by Grosse Pointe Farms officials and residents this week as battle lines are drawn over the Muir Road ramp in the back yard of one of its residents.

The resident says the ramp provides a good place for teenagers to congregate off the street. Some of the neighbors said the kids — and the ramp — are too noisy. Officials say the homeowner should have taken out a permit, although they admit they probably would have turned it down.

## 2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **HUNT CLUB CASE HEADS DOWNTOWN:** Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce bound over a 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man to Wayne County Circuit Court.

The man faces one charge of arson and 19 counts of willful and malicious destruction of an animal in the early morning barn fire July 5 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

◆ **SEARCH ON:** The search is open, but has not quite started, for a principal of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Since Benjamin Walker announced his resignation in June, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has posted the opening with a number of professional organizations on the district's website, but is not yet

actively recruiting.

◆ **SAYING THANKS:** Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers were surprised to receive a bouquet of flowers in mid-August from a former prisoner.

Chief of public safety Gary Mitchell said the arrangement came from a man who spent the night in jail after being arrested for traffic charges. He posted bail and sent the flowers, which had a note stating the prisoner's stay in the Shores jail was the nicest time he had in jail. The card thanked Shores staff for the hospitality and kindness.

## 2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **COUNCIL SEEKS BOND:** Grosse Pointe Park voters will be asked again to approve a \$7 million bond issue to upgrade rental housing, expand a home improvement loan program and create additional parking.

◆ **WET PAINTING GOES MISSING:** Someone stole a painting that had been left to dry in the garage studio of a 32-year-old Washington resident.

The 16-by-20-inch painting depicting a farmhouse with fields was taken sometime between 1 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The garage door does not close completely, City of Grosse Pointe police noted. They suggested the woman get the door repaired.

◆ **SLEEPY DRIVER TOLD TO REST:** Multiple drivers flagged down a Grosse Pointe Shores patrol officer to report a swerving vehicle westbound on Vernier at 2:35 a.m.

Police pulled over the driver, who turned out to be an overly tired, 70-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man. Officers gave him a lift and told him he could return for his vehicle in the morning.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

## Grosse Pointe War Memorial's

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Roasted Sweet Potatoes

### Things to Do at the War Memorial

Hula Hoop Your Way to Fitness, Ballroom Dancing, Stretch Yourself Healthy and G. P. Driving School

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Author

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Marcia Farrow

# Will we learn from the past?

While doing some cleaning and rearranging in the pastor's office, I ran across a hardbound collection of 1931 and 1932 Sunday bulletins from Grace Evangelical Church, the church's name before becoming Grace UCC.

An article in the Aug. 21, 1932, Sunday bulletin entitled, "Religion In A Period Of Depression," really caught my attention. I'm reprinting the article because I feel it necessary for religious leaders to think about. I hope it helps us find a way to assist our congregations, or others, survive these current financial conditions which may get worse in the future. The article was written by Shailer Mathews who, at the time, was president of the Chicago Church Federation.

Her article: "What can religion do in a period of depression? First of all, it may refuse to be depressed! Churches may reduce their budgets, funds may diminish, and all the irritating and discouraging elements of financial worry may assail the church. But the church is more than its finances. Christians ought to be able to see something more in life than the gloom of Wall Street. A financial depression ought to be a call to religious faith.

And religion ought to be a minister of sanity and hope. God has not forsaken his world because men have lost paper profits. Nature is doing the best it can for man and it is time that men act sensibly and hopefully. We have discovered that the world is not as disintegrated as we thought. Poverty, like prosperity, is not national. The church has the great opportunity of driving home the fact of human solidarity and the community of human needs. When men are creditors and debtors one to another, they need to learn that they are also brothers.

The church has the opportunity of showing that civilization must recognize the worth of human beings if it is to succeed. It has no special economic or political program, but it does have in the gospel a power of God unto salvation to those who believe it. At the heart of this message is the fact that God will certainly help men who are brotherly to find an intelligent expression of their brotherliness. We are something more than a world of material wants and animal instincts. Let the church bring God to the world and believe that all things will work together for those who love their God. Faith, hope, and love — let the church be the herald of these in a day when credit shrinks, hope weakens. Love is still the greatest treasure in the world."

I hope you were able to find some nuggets of information that may be helpful. I will continue searching for wisdom from the past. Blessings to all.

The Rev. Farrow of Grace United Church of Christ in Grosse Pointe Park.



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## SonSurfers

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church's Vacation Bible School focused on learning about Jesus during its week-long evening sessions. Emerson Gant, Vivian Rizer, Elaina Morgan, Sara Linsdeau, Sophie Conrad and Brynn Conner were among the 94 children who learned the Bible verse, "I am the way, the truth and the life." The John 14:6 verse explains what Jesus means to Christians. Following the sea theme, preschooler Scott Dzerkis puts the finishing touches on his starfish wind chime.

## CHURCH EVENTS

### Digging Deeper

Digging Deeper, an emotional and spiritual support group for those in job transition, meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the First Christian Reform Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Rev. Ben VanArragon facilitates the dialogue.

### First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church returns to traditional worship at 8:15 and 11 a.m. includes Holy Communion twice a month, and 9:30 a.m. contemporary worship has Holy

Communion every Sunday and children's Sunday school, all beginning Sept. 11

Annual rally day, Sept. 11, activities begin the season featuring Olympic games for all ages. Refreshments are provided after all activities.

Educational session for adults is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. The topic is "Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers," using the book subtitled "Exploring Christian Faith" by Lutheran scholar Martin W. Marty. The Rev. Walter Schmidt and Rev. Jerry Elsholz alternate as leaders.

Thursday morning Bible study is from 9:30 to 11 a.m., beginning Sept. 15, and is conducted by Schmidt. The book of Revelation is studied.

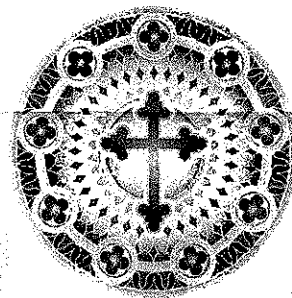
The winter topic, beginning January, is "What's So Amazing About Grace?" based on Philip Yancey's book and includes a 10-week study guide. Both sessions are held in the lounge.

Men's Club Breakfast and Bible Study resumes at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Big Boy Restaurant at Mack at Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The group travels to First English Church lounge where the DVD series on "Land of the Bible" continues.

Women's study in "Lutheran Women Today" magazine is the Gospel of Mark. Call the office for time and location.

First English is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call the office at (313) 884-5040 for more information.

# WORSHIP SERVICES



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Cemetery grave sites bear the names of 19th and 20th century residents, both prominent and humble, after whom streets and parks are named. The show features original scripts written by local playwrights who base their characters on informa-



tion provided by the historical society. The short plays are woven together by a narrator.

"Grosse Pointe Theatre is proud to have collaborated on this fascinating look at our local heritage with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society," said Marcia Scavarda, theater executive director.

"This year's 'Talking Headstones' will reveal new stories as seen through the eyes of our ancestors. Don't miss it."

Call the Grosse Pointe Theatre Ticket Office at (313) 881-4004 for reservations. Tickets are \$15 with special pricing for theater and historical society members. Seats are limited; audience members can bring blankets and lawn chairs.



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Above, Ruth Ellen Mayhall, of Grosse Pointe Farms, as Mary Alger, is shocked by the axe-wielding Carrie Nation, played by Phyllis Reeve, of Grosse Pointe Park, in "Thirst for a Change," written by Carol Ghesquiere, of Grosse Pointe Woods. Far left, Jessica Boehmer, of Grosse Pointe Farms, as Margaret Powers, and Luke Naidow, of the City of Grosse Pointe, as Augustus Van Tiem in "The Promise of a Lifetime," written by Cyndy Nehr, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

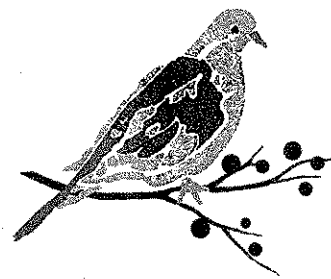
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# SPORTS

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
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## FOOTBALL

# South wins opener against U-D Jesuit

By A.J. Hakim  
 Staff Writer

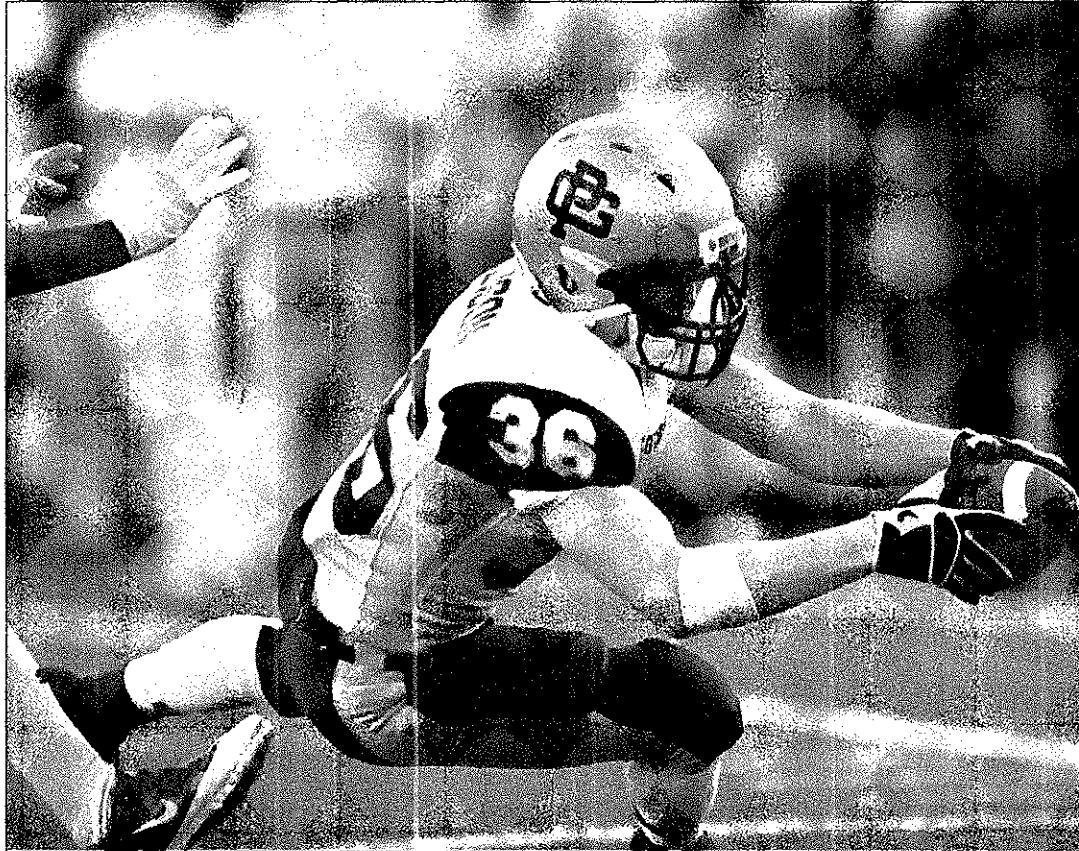
A year after allowing 43 points in a last-minute loss to U-D Jesuit, Grosse Pointe South's defense exacted revenge against the Cubs, forcing four turnovers in a 12-0 shutout victory in its season opener.

"I didn't expect a goose egg today, not with that offense," South coach Tim Brandon said of U-D's offense that returned seven starters, including Grosse Pointe resident and quarterback, Brian Cleary.

The defense — six returning starters — disrupted Cleary's rhythm, applying persistent pressure from the line and line-backing corps. With Cleary unable to establish a groove, oftentimes scrambling from pressure, he threw two interceptions — to senior line-backer Martin Moestra and senior defensive back, Jon Parker, whose interception at 5:45 in the fourth quarter all but sealed the victory — and failed to sustain quality possessions, as South's offense controlled the ball for 30 of the 48 minutes.

"We knew we could take advantage of their offensive line," Brandon said. "We have three great down linemen — I mean great — and they're all underclassmen ... We went after them, brought pressure from all different areas, kind of kept Brian on his heels a little bit, and they couldn't get into a flow. They never really started clicking."

"[Cleary] is a great athlete, a



Senior Eddy Mollison dives across the goal line to score the only touchdown of the game in the Blue Devils' 12-0 victory over U-D Jesuit.

great player, reads the field real well. So, we knew we had to get him on his heels and disrupt what he wanted to do."

South's defense also forced two fumbles, including a key fumble midway through the second quarter. During a rare scoring opportunity for U-D, South forced and recovered a fumble at its 1-yard line, diverting a potential shift in momentum. Junior linebackers, Renell Perkins and Jack Doyle, each recovered a fumble.

"When you're playing an of-

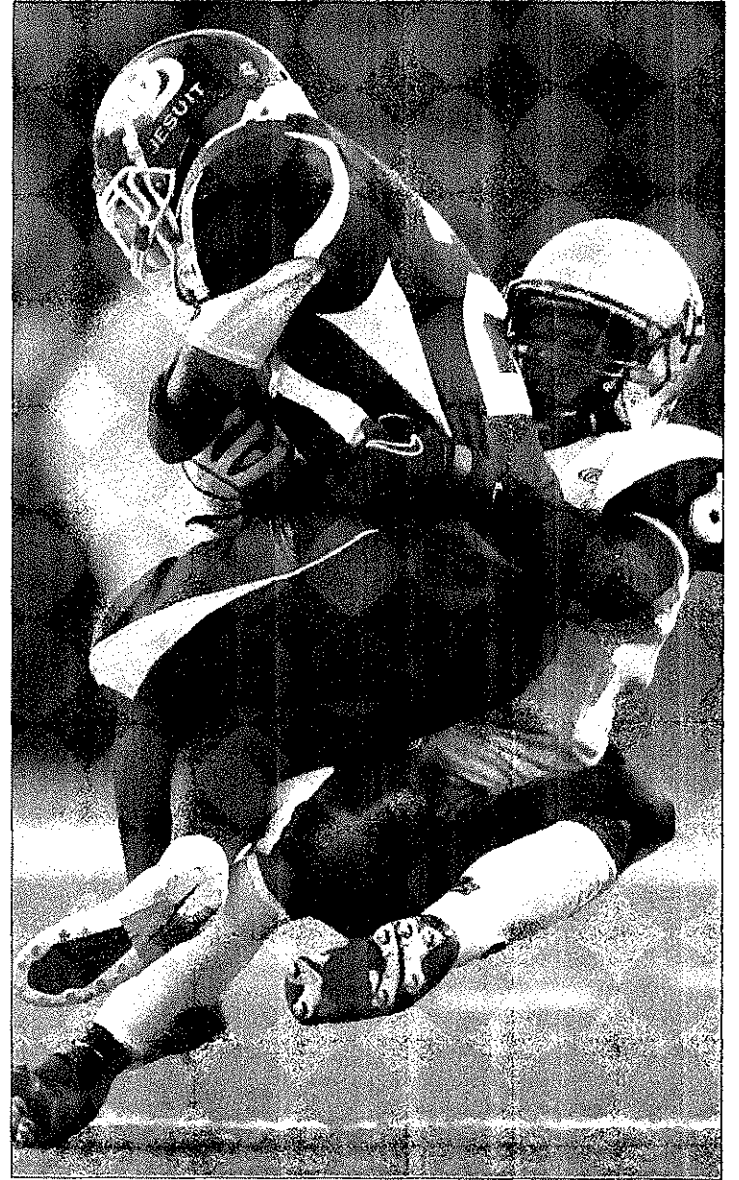
fense like this, you have to expect some of those," Brandon said. "You're not going to shut them out if you don't get those kind of key, timely turnovers. And our kids really stepped up and got them at the right time. The big stop on the goal line was huge."

While South's defense forced four turnovers, its offense eluded any mistakes, committing zero turnovers and only two penalties. Parker (2-for-3 field goals) opened and closed scoring with a pair of

field goals. His 20-yard field goal with 1:55 left in the first quarter gave South a 3-0 lead, and his 29-yarder capped a nine-minute drive at the start of the second half, finalizing the 12-0 score.

Senior running back Eddy Mollison (75 yards on 23 attempts) scored the game's only touchdown, an 11-yard run with 9:16 left in the first half. Parker missed the extra point attempt.

Quarterback Robby Kish, taking over for the graduated



Junior Renell Perkins tackles a U-D Jesuit player during the first half of South's season opener last weekend.

Ben Fry, completed 9-of-23 passes for 142 yards.

"We showed a lot of discipline," Brandon said. "The inexperienced offensive line I was worried about really

played impressively. They were blowing holes. We opened the third quarter with a nine-minute drive. We took all that time and put the wind out of their sails."

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Fantastic finish dulled by overtime loss

By Bob St. John  
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team lost a heartbreaking 27-21 overtime decision to host L'Anse Creuse last weekend.

It was the season opener for both squads.

"We made far too many mistakes to win this game, but we had a chance after that improbable come back," head coach Frank Sumner said. "We have to get back to practice and work on every facet of the game because we didn't do any of them very well tonight."

The Lancers scored on third down of their first overtime possession, thanks to an eight-yard run right up the gut.

The Norsemen had a chance to score on their overtime possession, but junior Dylan Ermanni missed a 23-yard field goal.

Despite the defeat, the Norsemen pulled off a stunning comeback, trailing 21-13

when the Lancers scored a defensive touchdown with less than a minute left on the clock.

Entered backup quarterback, junior Jack Stander. He ran for one yard on the first play of the drive and scrambled for an 11-yard pickup and a first down on the next play.

With the clock winding down, Stander threw a dart over the middle, hitting junior wide receiver Taiwan Wiggins for a 26-yard pickup, putting the ball on the Lancers' 31-yard line.

With only 21.1 seconds left, Stander completed a 31-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Tod Long, who caught the ball at the 10-yard line and motored over the goal line for the improbable touchdown.

Stander completed the tying two-point conversion pass to junior wide receiver Sean McHale.

The Lancers had one final shot to win the game, but a

long field-goal try was well short and nearly returned for the winning score by McHale.

"That touchdown drive in the final minute was great," Sumner said. "It's too bad we couldn't get the win after that drive. The kids never gave up and they battled, but all those penalties and turnovers killed us tonight."

In the opening quarter, senior running back Aaron Rivera scored on a two-yard run on fourth-and-goal with Ermanni kicking the extra point, tying the game 7-7.

It remained 7-7 at the half, but the Norsemen jumped ahead 13-7 when senior quarterback Dylan Balicki ran five yards for a touchdown with 1:42 left in the third period.

However, Ermanni's PAT was blocked, giving the Lancers some momentum.

The Norsemen had the Lancers stopped and could have had good field position midway through the fourth quarter, but a turnover on a

low punt gave the home team the ball right back in Norsemen territory.

With three straight stops inside the 5-yard line, the Norsemen couldn't make it four in a row as the Lancers' running game plowed through for the tying touchdown. The PAT gave the home team a 14-13 lead.

Balicki was sacked and lost a fumble on the ensuing possession. A Lancer defensive player scooped up the ball and ran it in for what looked to be a clinching TD.

Senior Nick Lamparski was the Norsemen's leading rusher, gaining 66 yards on five carries, while Long had two receptions for 51 yards and five carries for 13 yards to finish with 64 total yards.

Grosse Pointe North is 0-1 overall and plays its home opener at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, against Utica Ford. It is also the Macomb Area Conference White Division opener for both teams.



Junior Jack Stander guided the Norsemen's offense to the tying touchdown and two-point conversion, thanks to a last-minute, fourth-quarter drive.

## LIGGETT

# Knights fall to Warriors

By Bob St. John  
 Sports Editor

University Liggett's season opener will be put in the back of the mind as quickly as possible.

The visiting Knights lost 52-0 to Detroit Westside Christian Academy. It was 28-0 at the half. The Warriors completed the scoring with a touchdown pass on the last play of the game.

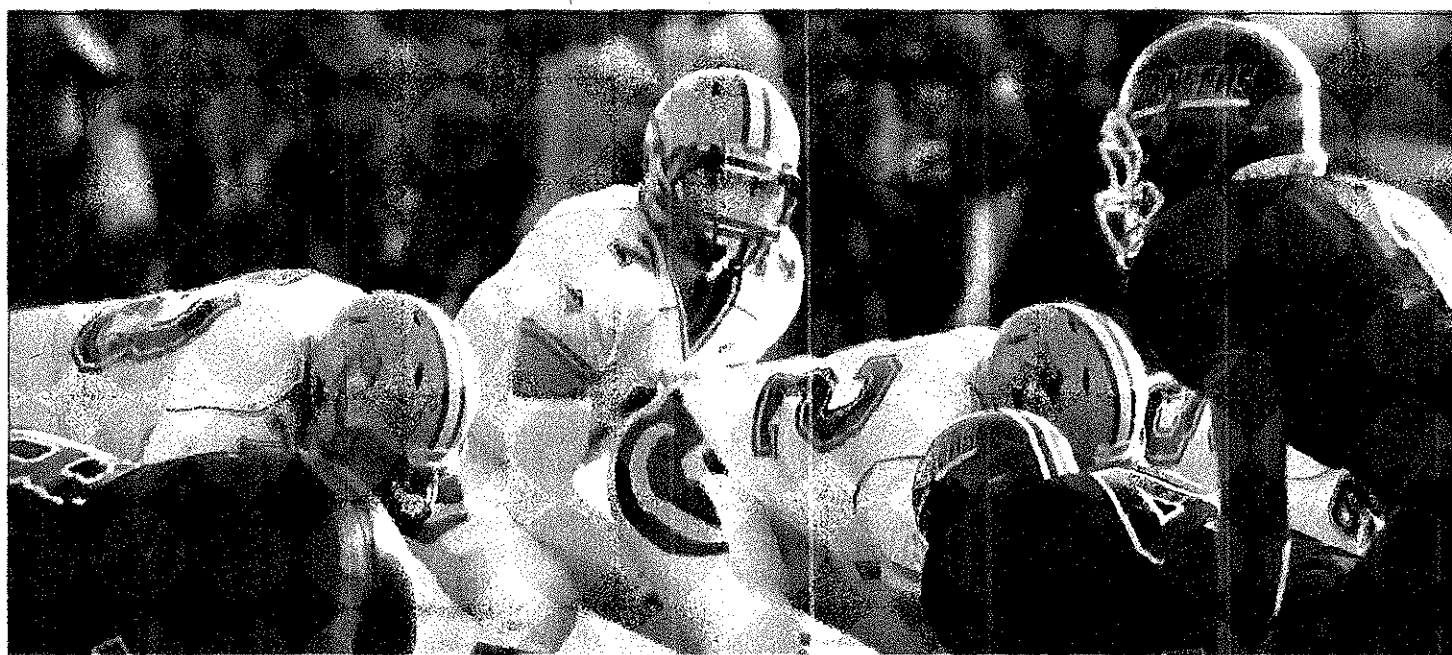
"They had a lot of speed and they spread the field, using that speed to score on a lot of big plays," head coach Lou Ray

said. "They were bigger than us and faster."

"We moved the ball, but mistakes cost us as we tried to put points on the board. That is a good football team and we have some work to do to get better for our next game."

Junior quarterback Nate Gaggin completed 7-of-14 passes for 58 yards. Ray mentioned juniors Drew Jerome and Daniel Bard as two of his better players of the game.

Liggett is 0-1 overall and opens league play at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Southfield Christian.



Senior Dylan Balicki ran for a touchdown to give the Norsemen a six-point, second-half lead.

## Cross country

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS &amp; BOYS

## Blue Devils dominate Mariner Invitational

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' and boys' cross-country teams enjoyed successful season-opening results at last weekend's Mariner Invitational at East China Park.

South's girls' squad won the title by 57 points over second-place St. Clair.

Junior Hannah Meier broke the course record she set a year ago. Her time was 18:42 compared to 18:48 last fall. Junior Haley Meier was second and sophomore Kelsie Schwartz third with times of 19:03 and 19:19, respectively.

"Our top three dominated the race from start to finish," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "They pushed each other and were able to come through the two-mile mark only four seconds apart. They will help each other tremendously in the races to come."

The Blue Devils' other medalists were senior Kelly Langton and junior Nicole Keller, placing 15th and 17th with times of 22:08 and 22:24. Other top seven runners were junior Carolyn Sullivan with a time of 23:03 and sophomore Alex Calas at 23:51.

"We learned a great deal in our first meet," Zaranek said. "In spite of the heat and course conditions, we must work on closing our gaps. This is a huge focus in practice and it will happen. We are off to a great start."

South also dominated the junior varsity race with Ellie Zak, Rachel Forcillo and Megan Dzedzik taking three of the top four spots. The three sophomores earned medals, as did 10th-place finisher, sophomore Gen Hummer.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Grosse Pointe South's Mariner Invitational championship runners are, from left, Alexa Calas, Hannah Meier, Kelsie Schwartz, Kelly Langton, Haley Meier, Nicole Keller and Carolyn Sullivan.

Also finishing in the top 15 were Mary Spencer, Erin Ivers, Christy Finkenstaedt, Alex Pizzimenti and Abby Passamani.

"This was our first meet of the season and for many of our girls, the first race of their cross-country career," Zaranek said. "We looked so good as a team and our teammate support was superb."

The Blue Devils had 55 run-

ners post a time under 30 minutes and 85 under 40 minutes, which is well ahead of last year's pace, according to Zaranek.

Head coach Mark Sonnenberg's boys' squad was second among 14 teams, earning 86 points. St. Clair won the meet with 33 points. It is the second year in a row the Blue Devils took second.

With the strong perfor-

mances, the boys' combined scores with the girls' earned the Blue Devils the "Most Outstanding School" at the meet. St. Clair has been a regular recipient of this award.

Senior Austin Montgomery was the Blue Devils' top runner, finishing seventh with a time of 17:55. Sophomore Jacob Knuth was 10th with a time of 18:18, followed by junior Matt Geist and sophomore

Charles Warren, taking 21st and 22nd with times of 18:42 and 18:45. Senior Cam Davies was 26th with a time of 18:52.

These runners took home a medal.

Junior Brad Sanford was 31st with a time of 19:11 and senior Pat Rennell was 62nd with a time of 20:56 to round out the Blue Devils' finishers.

Finishing behind St. Clair and Grosse Pointe South were

Macomb Dakota, Marine City, Almont, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Macomb Lutheran North, Yale, Chippewa Valley, Port Huron, Capac, Algonac, Warren Cousino and Landmark Academy.

The Blue Devils' junior varsity team ran well with Conor Buckley, Henry Leto, Jack Kuchta and Zach Montgomery.

"It was a job well done," Sonnenberg said.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

## Norsemen start fast, finish third at invitational

Grosse Pointe North's girls' cross-country team placed third out of 16 squads in last week's season-opening Mariner Invitational.

The Norsemen also took third last fall. This year's leading runners were Allison Francis, Katy VanEgmond, Natalie Schaefer, Sarah Rustmann, Laura O'Brien, Kelsey Richards and Alyse Victor.

The Norsemen's top four finishers earned a medal.

"Francis and VanEgmond have really stepped it up and are looking to have fantastic seasons leading our team from up front," head coach Scott Cooper said. "The loss of Kailey

Sickmiller was great last season, but these two look to pick up the slack and fill that spot nicely.

"They both put in a lot of mileage this summer and have worked extremely hard in the practices. They are both tremendous competitors and push each other to be better."

Rustmann and her twin sister, Julia, who could not compete, have put in a lot of miles and improved enough during the summer to earn a spot in the varsity lineup.

"I am excited to see what these two can do," Cooper said. "Neither likes to lose to the other, which pushed them on during the races. O'Brien is what I



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

Grosse Pointe North's run to third place included solid times from, from left, Katy VanEgmond and Allison Francis.

call a workhorse. She is always pushing herself beyond what I expect of her. In any race and any workout, she just works and works. Most of her success comes from pure will and de-

termination. "Victor and Richards are two additional standout seniors who are going to have great endings to their four-year careers here at North. They both

have been instrumental to North's success and are doing a fantastic job of leading this team as captains, along with VanEgmond and Amy Cooper."

In the junior varsity race, Maria Vasquez came across the finish line first for the Norsemen, followed by Hailey Ferguson, Maddie Gafa, Marie Bourke, Savannah Ransome and Cooper.

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## Golf

## RIVALS

## South opens by beating North

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South won the first battle between city rivals, beating Grosse Pointe North in the season-opener for both squads.

For the Blue Devils, captains Ella Pandy and Claire Leshia led the charge and the two were instrumental in the

team also winning its next match against Utica.

With the wins, Grosse Pointe South is 2-0 overall and in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

For the Norsemen, Ali Scoggin shot a 51, followed by Jenna Paglino and Annie Leshia with a pair of 54s. Paige Micks rounded out the team score with a 57.

"We had some mixed results the first few matches," North head coach Brian Stackpoole said. "Our goal is to improve with each match and so far we're right on track."

The Norsemen split their other matches last week, beating Romeo 174-181 and losing to Port Huron Northern, 176-186.

In the victory, Leshia shot a 39 with Scoggin posting a 43. Micks had a 45 and Paglino shot a 47.

In the defeat, Scoggin led the way with a 44, followed by Leshia with a 45, Paglino with a 47 and Micks with a 51.

Grosse Pointe North is 0-2 in the MAC Red Division and 1-2 overall.



## Soccer

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils start fast

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' soccer team began its season with a 1-1 tie against Chippewa Valley last week.

Junior Henry Fildes scored the Blue Devils' goal.

"It was a typical season opener," head coach Stefan Harris said. "I thought we played much better a few days later in our tournament."

The Blue Devils' results don't count in the overall standings, but the three tournament games counted as one of their official 18 games allowed.

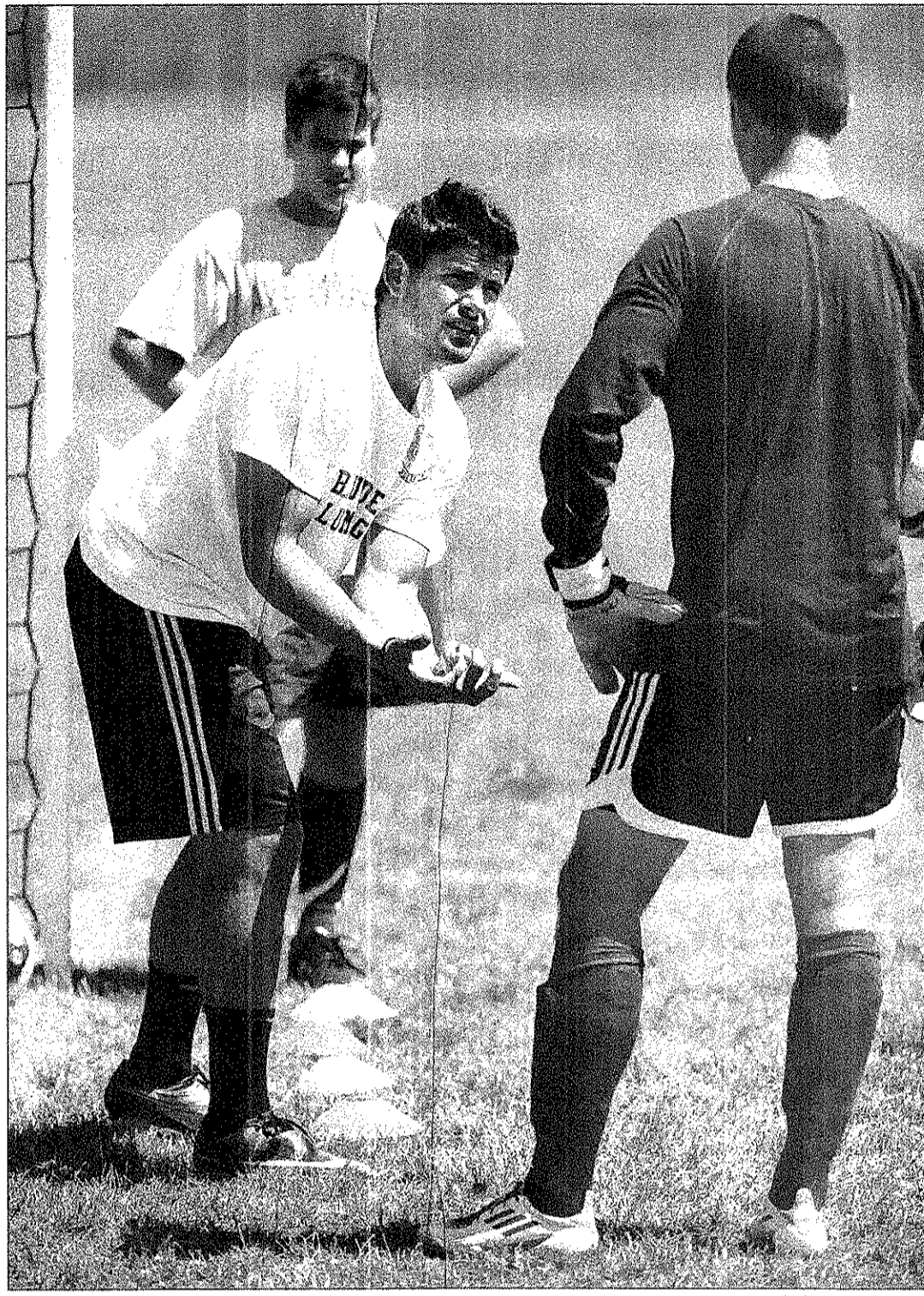
The Blue Devils lost 2-1 to host Dearborn, but came back to crush Trenton 4-0 and Dearborn Divine Child 3-1.

"I thought we were the best team in the tournament, but we had a couple of defensive lapses Dearborn capitalized on," Harris said.

"I loved the way the guys competed and they played very well."

Against Dearborn, junior Jeff Woolstrom tallied to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. Dearborn scored the final two goals to pull out the win.

In the Trenton game, junior Mark Adamaszek scored twice, while senior Adam



Head coach Stefan Harris, left, had his South boys' soccer team ready for its season-opening tournament last week.

Black and Fildes tallied one goal apiece.

Josh Carolan was the offensive star against Divine Child,

scoring two goals, while Fildes had another goal, giving him a goal in three of the four contests.

"In our two tournament wins, we outshot Trenton and Divine Child a combined 16-2," Harris said.

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## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen lose MAC crossovers



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North sophomore Vince Bruno, No. 24, dribbles the ball up the field during the opening half against Lakeview.

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North built a 2-0 lead midway through the second half against Warren Cousino Monday night.

Senior Anthony Saleh scored at the 32:18 mark of the first half and sophomore Brad Centala tallied at the 39:28 mark of the second half.

The host Norsemen had the momentum, but the Patriots kept the pressure and it paid off.

The Patriots scored at the 16:28 mark to cut the deficit to 2-1 and tied the game at the 2:24 mark.

In the closing seconds, the Patriots scored the game-winner to send the Norsemen home with a tough 3-2 loss.

Head coach Chris Alston has a very thoughtful roster and the inexperience showed in the final 20 minutes.

In other action, North lost 3-0 to St. Clair Shores Lakeview to drop to 0-2 overall.

The host Huskies scored just 3:21 into the first half and added two more tallies at the 13:09 and 8:57 mark.

## Correction

Isabella Gelle's first-place 25-meter freestyle time should have read 18:89 in last week's Lakefront Swimming Association Championship meet event No. 5 girls 8U event.

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## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

# James, Heat brunt of NBA jokes

It became a matter of what the National Basketball Association wanted versus what the fans wanted in the end, and the latter came out on top.

At the conclusion of the NBA Finals, the league's pride and joy walked off the court filled with disappointment, and the fans enjoyed that more than the Dallas Mavericks winning their first title in franchise history.

It was never about the Mavericks winning the championship in the eyes of NBA fans outside Dallas. It was about the victor being anyone but LeBron James and the Miami Heat.

Finals MVP Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points in the Mavericks' 86-83 game four victory to even the series, despite carrying the weight of a sinus infection and 101-degree fever. And yet this was the second most talked about topic the next day.

More people were commenting on James' disappearing act in the fourth quarter, scoring just eight points on 3-11 shooting in the game, and failing to contribute a point in the final 12 minutes.

When it came down to it, the fans cared more about who lost than who won, and that all started July 8.

James did nothing wrong in making the decision to leave Cleveland, but the way he went about it ignited fans and critics outside of Miami. Rather than respecting his former club with the decision, he held it over Cleveland as much as he did to the rest of the country.

He requested an hour special before disclosing his choice to "take his talents to South Beach." Critics and fans saw the stunt as a selfish, attention-seeking act, and the 26-year-old lost more respect that day than the Cavaliers lost jersey sales.

James was quoted as saying, "I'll be taking my talents to South Beach," which is the new "it's not me, it's you."

James moved to Miami, followed by Chris Bosh and a handful of players around the league to create one super team to one-up the big three in Boston.

While the majority of fans have favorite teams around the league, many picked up a least favorite team that day, and that hatred held through to game six of the finals when Dallas won 105-95.

Following the game, James met with the media and he continued to feed the critics.

"All the people that were rooting for me to fail, at the end of the day, they have to wake up tomorrow and have the same life that they had before... I'm going to continue to live the way I want to live..."

To the public, this sounded like a slap in the face. In translation, people heard, "my life is still better than all of you, I'm better than you, and this loss changes nothing in that aspect."

Another poor choice of words and another failing to accept blame.

The Heat knew before the season started that they would be under a magnifying lens — that every mistake would be blown up to something larger because creating a super team went against some sort of unwritten rule.

I expected the initial loathing of King James to pass as people get used to seeing him in a Miami jersey, but he has yet to make it easy on himself.

Despite playing in the NBA eight years, James' immaturity burns bright and this was made clear prior to game five when he and teammate Dwayne Wade were caught mocking Nowitzki outside the locker room.

The duo later denied the allegations, passing blame to the media for blowing "a real cough and a joke" out of proportion.

Maybe the loss is what the super team needed. Maybe it will be a humbling experience that will change this team in the eyes of the fans — not to mention their own eyes.

Miami was the enemy during the 2010-11 season, but maybe the team will gain more backing now that it's had time to settle in.

James made his move to Miami to improve his chances of winning championships and I think Miami is indeed closer than Cleveland to that goal.

For that to happen though, he does need to find out how to close out big games — and he's going to find that in the lane rather than by his jumper.

James and the Heat begin the 2011-12 season, barring a work stoppage due to the lockout, Wednesday, Nov. 2, at New York.

The Heat's home opener is the following night, Thursday, Nov. 3, against the Orlando Magic.

— Justin Hicks  
Special Writer

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## SPORTS

## Tennis

LIGGETT

# Knights win tournaments

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett's tennis team is off to a roaring good start, winning its first two tournaments last week.

The Knights won the Portland Tournament as junior Phillip Pierce and senior Austin Petitpren won the No. 2 and No. 3 singles flights.

The No. 1 doubles team of seniors Boris Canzano and Robert Stanley took home a gold medal, as did the No. 2 doubles squad of senior Patrick Thomas and junior Alec Petitpren.

The Knights' No. 4 doubles teams was also a gold medalist as senior Anthony Palleschi and sophomore Patrick Diaz won every match.

"Our singles players are learning to more than just power the ball, but control their points and it is making a difference," head coach Drew Mascarin said. "Our doubles players are also making solid strides and building confidence since we beat five teams that played in last year's state finals."

No. 1 and No. 4 singles players, junior Garrett Mallires and

sophomore James Jurcak, played well in Portland, as did the No. 3 doubles tandem of sophomores Alan Jurcak and Neil Sekhon.

Mascarin and assistant coach Chuck Wright watched the Knights win 15-of-16 matches against Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central and host Jackson Lumen Christi.

Mallires won his matches 6-1, 6-0 against both foes, while Pierce won 6-2, 6-3 and 6-1, 6-0. Austin Petitpren also won his two matches in straight sets, winning 6-3, 6-4 and 6-4, 6-2.

James Jurcak beat his St. Mary's foe, 6-1, 6-2, but lost a tough three-setter to Dean Hitt of Lumen Christi, 1-6, 7-6 (7-4) and 7-10.

Canzano and Stanley took care of business, winning 6-2, 6-3 and 6-1, 6-3, and Thomas and Alec Petitpren beat their Lumen Christi foe 6-0, 6-1, but they had to dig deep to beat St. Mary's Justin Kegerns and Chad Cousino 6-2, 5-7, 10-7.

Alan Jurcak and Sekhon never lost a game in either match and the squad of Palleschi and Diaz won 6-1, 6-1, and 6-1, 6-2 to close out the invitational for the Knights.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen off to flying start

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' tennis team opened its season with an 8-0 win over Warren DeLaSalle last week.

The host Norsemen were clicking on all cylinders against a youthful Pilots squad.

"I'm very excited to see these results after the boys played well in our Okemos Tournament," head coach John VanAlst said. "It was nice to start the season on a positive note."

In singles matches, Bryan Butts won at No. 1, followed by Michael Kain at No. 2, Bobby Malpuri at No. 3 and Nick Cusmano at No. 4.

At No. 1 doubles, Jeffrey Irving and Patrick Hastings were victorious, while Jeremy Harr and Michael Plouffe won at No. 2 doubles.

Scott Johnston and Jason

Vismara won at No. 3 doubles and the Norsemen's final victory of the dual match was Matthew Kain and Grant Shaheen winning at No. 4 doubles.

In other recent action, North took third in the Okemos Tournament. Ann Arbor Huron was first, Okemos second and Grand Rapids Christian was fourth.

"The competition was very good and I was pleased with our results," VanAlst said. "These tough matches are good for our players. Win or lose, they make our players better."

Michael Kain was second in his singles flight, winning 2-of-3 matches, and the doubles team of Harr and Plouffe also took second, winning 2-of-3 matches.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall and plays at Ann Arbor Greenhills Tuesday, Sept. 6, in its next match.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils net solid results

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

A season-opening loss to Ann Arbor Huron didn't stop Grosse Pointe South's boys' tennis team from excelling last weekend at the Ann Arbor Huron Tournament.

"Huron is a deep team and probably one of the favorites to win the state title," head coach John Willard said. "I was proud of the guys for coming back a few days later and playing much better tennis against some very good competition at the Huron tournament."

South took fourth against Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Bloomfield Hills Anodver, Midland Dow, West Ottawa, Portage Central and Saline.

Earning medals for the Blue Devils were two doubles teams and one singles player.

Freshman Nicholas Paolucci won a third-place medal, win-

ning 2-of-3 matches, while the No. 1 doubles team of seniors Daniel Garberding and David Harris brought home a bronze medal, winning 2-of-3 matches, as did the No. 3 doubles squad of senior Michael McCuish and sophomore David Wittwer.

The Blue Devils' other doubles teams, seniors Ted Berkowski and Henry Brophy (No. 2) and sophomore Victor Flynn and junior Patrick Dietz (No. 4) won 2-of-3 matches, but did not earn a medal.

Senior Matt Clune won one match at No. 2 singles and the No. 3 and No. 4 singles players, senior Alex Gosselin and sophomore Coiden Gosselin, played well, but did not win a match.

"Playing this tough competition improves our players and they enjoy the challenge," Willard said.

Grosse Pointe South is 0-1 overall.

## Volleyball

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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# Great start

Head coach Ryan Welser, above, has his Grosse Pointe South girls' volleyball team off to a 9-1-1 start. In the first two tournaments of the season at Livonia Churchill and Gibraltar Carlson, the Blue Devils defeated Yale in the title game of the first and lost to Port Huron in the semifinals of the second. Other victories on the young season include Grosse Ile, Monroe, Dearborn, Marine City, Yale, Capac, New Haven and Lutheran North. Early statistical leaders are junior Claire DeBoer, the top hitter with 119 kills and senior Caitlin Moore with 52 and freshman Izzy Murphy with 28. Sophomore Kate Krueger, getting eased into the setting role, is averaging 8.6 assists per game and serving a team-high 96 percent, while senior Somers Brush is averaging 5.1 digs per game. Sophomore Hannah Adams had 79 service points with 25 aces.

## Field hockey

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

# Tough opener

Liggett field hockey head coach Tamara Fobare, far left, expects seniors, from left, Elizabeth Drake, Abby Belcrest, Meghan Berkery and Cassidy Olson, to step up and enjoy a successful season. The Knights began the season last week with a 7-0 home loss to defending state champ Ann Arbor Huron. The Knights fell behind 1-0 at the 20:13 mark of the opening half. It was 4-0 at the half.





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VE-11 SOLUTION 08-25-11

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# We create the look that reflects you

## Fine Tailored Clothing for Men & Women of Discriminating Taste



There was a time not long ago when artisans would begin their apprentice training at six or seven years old. Mike Vonella was such a person. At the age of seven he began by doing odd jobs in the tailor shop, sweeping floors, running errands, doing whatever needed doing. Slowly he was introduced to needle and thread. He learned about the subtleties of fabric, the geometry of the physical body and at the age of sixteen, made his first complete suit.

### FALL IS COMING!

Have your suits custom hand made with all your detail request. Call Mike Vonella for an appointment.

## What's in a Suit

At Vonella Custom Clothing, we help our clients select the finest fabrics and unique designs that best make the statement of who they are.

### Crafting Your Garments

True custom handmade suits are "built from the ground up". No detail is overlooked, from the cuffs to the collars, from the lapels to the pleats. Each suit carries our distinctive "Made for..." signature, reflecting with pride the work of a true master tailor.

From the style of the garment to the choice of fabric, Vonella Tailors fits each person individually. "I do my best in custom dressing all my customers," says Mike.

*"When a client puts on a Vonella creation, they immediately feel special-and they are."*

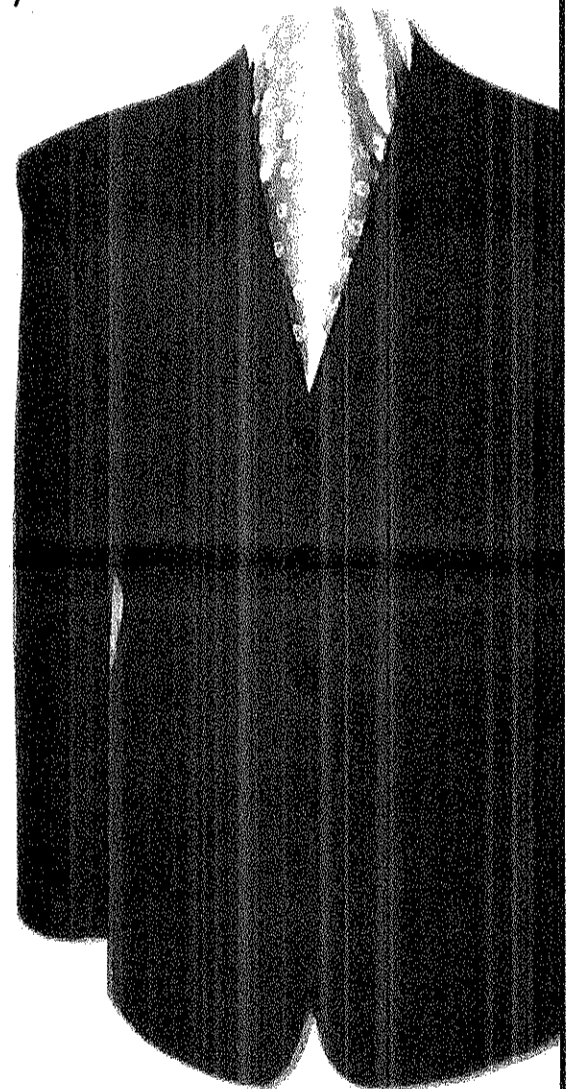
### Custom Made Suits

**3 for \$2500**

Reg. \$2500 each

**2 for \$1800**

**1 for \$1000**



How to take your measurements:

WAIST



SEAT



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LENGTH



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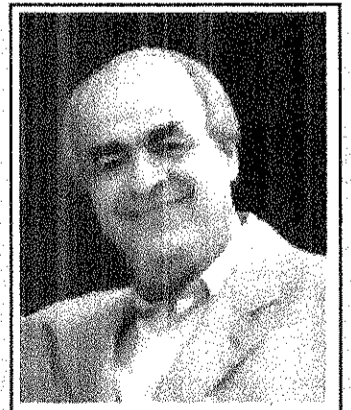
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**3 Custom  
Hand Made Pants  
for \$650** Reg. \$375 each

**Materials:** Pure and mixed cashmere is used to produce exquisite suits, jackets and over coats. In addition, the super 100%, 120%, 150% and 170% wools are used to create the most excellent suits, **custom hand made** especially for you by Master Tailor Mike Vonella.

Mr. Vonella introduces **Holland and Sherry**, the finest cloth in the world. For suits, overcoats and sport jackets. **Holland and Sherry** 100% Khan Cashmere.



Mike Vonella  
Master Tailor

This best of quality collection - features smooth sensuous doeskin cloth finish with a beautiful handle and excellent selection of colors.

Call for more information or an appointment

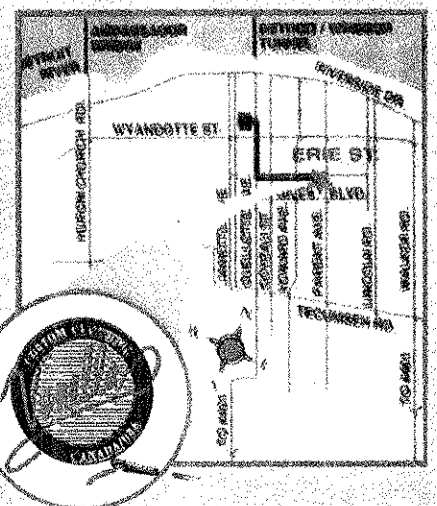
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