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### THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

◆ Kim Adams reads "Memories of a Goldfish," by Devin Scillian, at 4 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. To register, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 206.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

◆ West Park Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corners of Kercheval, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield.  
 ◆ The Eastside Farmers Market is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Alter Square parking lot, 14820 Mack, Detroit.  
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods annual senior citizens day is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Front Park.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, Mack Plaza.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.  
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds a Business After Hours meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Learn about the theater's upcoming season.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

◆ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Sidewalk Sales begin at 10 a.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Sidewalk Sales begin at 10 a.m.  
 ◆ Last day to file for Grosse Pointe Woods summer tax deferment.

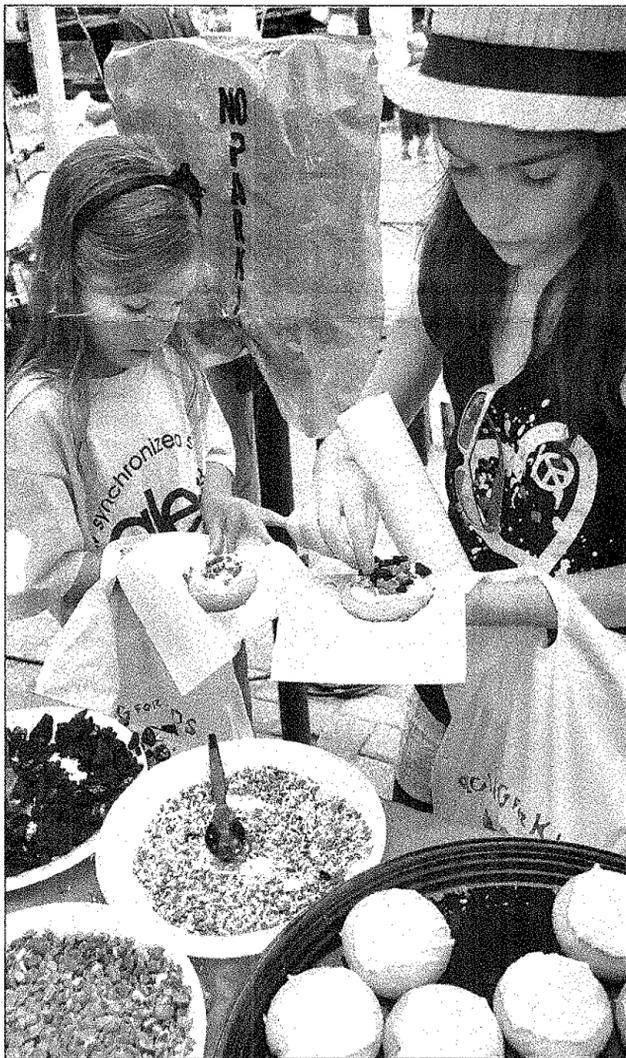


## Racing day

Racing for Kids took place on the Hill Wednesday, Aug. 31. Above, from vintage Chryslers to the hottest new Mustangs, more than two dozen cars were featured during the event. At right, Clare Rogos and Cece Doerr of Grosse Pointe Woods stop at the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital tent to create their own personal cookies. See story and more photos on page 3A.



Above, sisters Lily and Elle Petz of Grosse Pointe Farms pile into a mini racer at Racing for Kids. At right, families enjoy lunch in front of the Grosse Pointe News, where the band Whack the Mole entertained the crowd.



PHOTOS BY  
 RENEE LANDUYT

## Bummed about a beach

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — You can't see the forest for the trees, much less the lake, from inside the shoreline upstream of Pier Park.

Tangled flora flourishes on soil piling up in a manmade corner of Lake St. Clair.

The corner is based where the park juts 90 degrees from the breakwall lining Lakeshore Drive.

Low-lying weeds weave a thicket nearly a quarter-mile up Lakeshore past Waverly Lane. Trees, low-growing plants and invasive phragmites hold firm in the shifting soil.

They're rooted in accretion — silt, sand, dirt and rotting vegetation washed up by waves and deposited by in-shore currents. Shoreline currents have been blocked from their down-stream path since the park was fashioned nearly a century ago on landfill.

By trying to eliminate the stretch of unwanted wetland jungle, Farms officials are against a tide of environmental regulations.

State authorities say the soil build-

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## Outages addressed with DTE

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Installation of utility poles this spring on Waterloo and Charlevoix in the northeast sector is evidence DTE Energy officials are trying to end power interruptions in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"They undertook that work to deal with complaints of outages," said Peter Dame, city manager.

He met with company officials last month for an update on planned improvements.

His concerns comprise power losses in the Village, including the municipal parking garage.

"We asked them to look at outages that occur seemingly more frequently," Dame said. "Outages cause a lot of havoc for us, businesses and, four years ago, for voters."

He referred to a power failure at a voting precinct during an election.

The meeting was the first in which company representatives gave Dame a project outline, he said.

"It was good to have some indication," Dame said. "They are supposed to get back to us on whether they see a pattern of outages that may require

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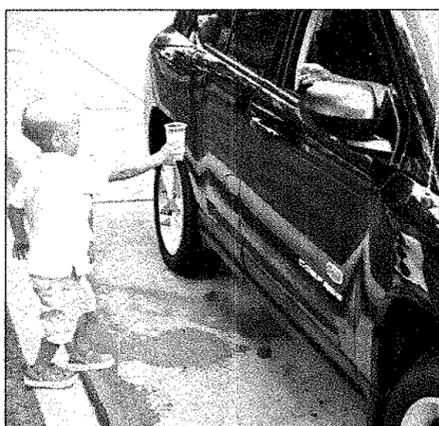
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### Curbside service

Though a storm blew through Alex's Lemonade Stand, operators Lauren and Olivia Owen and Brittany Miller raised \$305.25 for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation which donates money for childhood cancer research. This is the third year the Millers have sold lemonade to benefit the foundation named in memory of a girl who died of cancer in 2004. Top, Brittany Miller delivers two glasses of lemonade to a supporter. At left, Alex Miller makes a lemonade delivery.



## Park gears for annual fall festival

Grosse Pointe Park's annual Fall Festival, the official kick-off to the autumn season, is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the West Park Farmers Market.

More than 50 vendors, including several Michigan farmers, offer the best of the fall harvest, including apples, cider and outdoor decorations on the Kercheval site. Adventurous visitors can take a turn on the mechanical bull or try their hand at laser

tag. "This is always a fun event," said market manager Jennifer Meldrum.

"It's a great day for families to come out and enjoy the start of fall. There will be lots of shopping, entertainment and great food."

Detroit B.B.Q. offers a full menu; Buscemis serves up pizza; and Rustic Cabins provides adult refreshments. The annual chili cook-off, sponsored by Sunrise Sunset Saloon, is held

inside Rustic Cabins. For information, contact Angie at (313) 822-6080.

The festival is in conjunction with Defer Fall Family Fun Fest which focuses on child-friendly activities.

Kercheval is closed to traffic, allowing for dancing in the streets to the music of DJ KC.

For additional information, contact Meldrum at (313) 822-2812, ext. 202.

—Kathy Ryan

## BEACH: Smelly mess has useful options

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up and vegetation is part of nature and can't be dredged away. At least, not for reasons of ugliness.

"The state contends it's bottomland, so it's state jurisdiction," said Matthew Tepper, Farms assistant city manager.

"We don't normally allow natural resource destruction because someone doesn't like the look of it," said Andrew Hartz, district supervisor of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's water resource unit.

The beach isn't likely to wash away on its own.

"The water level of the lake this season is very near its long-term average," Hartz said. "I suspect that we will see this water level, or close to it, for some time. That means that area isn't going to be covered by water anytime soon."

Shane Reeside, Farms city manager, figured if he can't order the area dredged, he'd do the opposite. He sought permission to shift the breakwall farther into the lake and cover the accretion with landfill.

He'd replace the 90-degree corner, where the accretion starts, with a wedge-shaped fill forming a triangle between the breakwall and park landfill.

The wedge's lakeside boundary forms the triangle's hypotenuse. It would range from Lakeshore above the park, reach beyond existing accretion and end partially up the park's eastern breakwall.

Reeside has three goals:

- ◆ get rid of unsightly and smelly accretion,

- ◆ eliminate the 90-degree barrier that stops currents, forcing suspended particles to drop out as sedimentation and
- ◆ expand the park.

"You could make it useful property," Reeside said. "Unfortunately, the department of environmental quality doesn't see the wisdom of our solutions. Their idea is that nature dictated accretion is going to form there and our only option is to maintain it the best we can."

"We would not support extending the breakwall out into Lake St. Clair in order to address the issue," Hartz said. "There are other measures that could be implemented that may address the issue without too much damage, such as vegetation cutting, trimming. Planting of showy shrubs and such that would enhance the appearance of it could also be explored."

The city a few years ago obtained a state permit to burn invasive plants in the accretion zone. The permit was part of a long-term plan to eliminate unwanted vegetation, mainly hard-to-kill phragmites, flourishing in the area.

"You treat them in August and you burn them in spring," Tepper said. "We have the signatures of all property owners along that stretch to act as their agent in trying to move forward."

Early in the campaign, city officials contended with a resident who thought the overgrowth looked good.

"Then, it got taller," Tepper

said. "Now, the resident is on board."

Burning was intended to clear the way for planting low-lying native species. Yet, phragmites grew back with gusto.

It's a typical scenario. Phragmites are resilient. Their network of dense roots choke out competing vegetation. Phragmites also bounce back from stress, natural and man-made.

"When you cut them, it promotes growth," Reeside said.

"We're in the process of trying to kill those things," Tepper said. "Nobody's been able to do it yet. You need to eradicate non-indigenous things that will kill everything you'd go to great expense to plant."

Tepper suspects Reeside's tactics were used by prior generations to cover accretion that's bedeviled the park since its construction in the 1920s.

"The old way to deal with accretion was to make the pier bigger," he said. "I'm putting two and two together."

The park's original upstream border aligned with Moross Road and the main pier that exists today.

Park expansion upstream not only eventually doubled the harbor and parkland, it covered accretion.

Tepper has old photographs showing park development. Some images show rubble being dumped on a sand bar developing in a corner of the upstream breakwall.

The beach at the time was about the size of one presently growing above the Harbor Hill peninsula.

## City saves fuel costs

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A fuel tank installed this summer at the public works yard is the means for reduced costs of operating municipal vehicles.

"We expect to save 10 to 15 percent on fuel costs," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Spencer Oil Company was contracted last month to supply the city with unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel.

The city had been buying only diesel fuel wholesale.

"By purchasing (fuel) at wholesale prices

through competitive bidding, the city expects to realize savings, both operationally and through the lower purchasing prices," said Paul Weitzel, public services director.

The six-inch steel, 1,000-gallon, above-ground, double-walled tank should be in use this month.

"It meets all the safety requirements," Weitzel said.

Spencer Oil also supplies Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores.

—Brad Lindberg

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some fixes."

He also asked them to repair

streetlights.

"They did the edges of the city, from Cadieux to Fisher and Washington to Rivard two or three years ago," Dame said.

"But, they stopped. They said they're putting a plan together for next year."

He requested regular advisories on the cause of power failures.

"They thought that made a lot of sense," he said.

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# Start your engines

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Five-year-old Jack Nearhood came within a toggle switch last week of becoming the youngest driver in the Indy Racing League.

Nearhood, described by his mother as a "typical boy," activated one of two controls needed to start a two-seat Indy car displayed Aug. 31 at the Racing For Kids on the Hill street festival and charity auction.

As Nearhood, of Grosse Pointe Woods, sat in the driver's seat having his picture taken, a button behind the steering wheel proved too tempting.

He pushed it, triggering the starter.

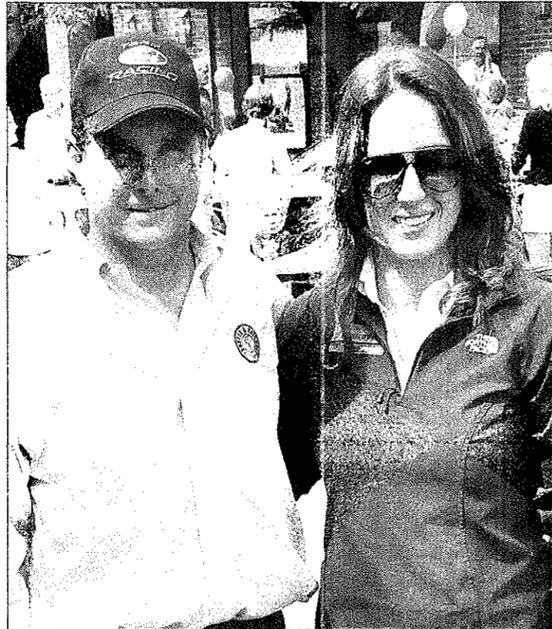
A wheezing sound came from the engine compartment, located between the cockpit and rear wing.

"With the ignition off, the engine won't start," said Jerry Washburn, of Indy Racing Experience, the car's owner.

The company is based in Speedway, Ind., home of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The car is a street-legal version of an Indy race car in which Washburn and others give rides to thrill seekers.

The car is designed as a race car, except three feet longer to accommodate a passenger seat. It's also powered by an



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Farms native and former IRL racer Robbie Buhl stands with Ana Beatriz, a driver for Buhl's Drewyer & Reinbold Racing team.

1,800cc Honda Goldwing motorcycle engine, not a car engine.

"Top end is about 140 mph, if we run it flat out," Washburn said.

Washburn shut off the starter and helped a grinning Nearhood out of the car.

The boy reached for his mother, Anne, to pick him up.

"Did you mean to start the car?" she asked, holding him to her chest.

He hid his face under her chin.

They attended the fifth annual festival so Jack could in-



Above, Racing for Kids gear is sold along Kercheval during the fundraiser. Gil Finger of Grosse Pointe Park sells raffle tickets with the help of Maureen Bosman, left. Below, Maya Rahaim and her sister Aline of Grosse Pointe Woods sit inside an Indy car.

dulge his interest in fast cars. Kercheval was blocked to through traffic for displays of exotic and high-end cars.

The array included, but not limited to, a Ford GT-40, Porches, a Ferrari, Audis, a Mercedes SLS Gull Wing, a 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28 and the Farms Public Safety Department's undercover Ford Mustang GT and Dodge Hemi Challenger.

"Jack would like to start them all," Anne Nearhood said. "It's his day for racing for kids."

She said she's attended the fair since Jack was in a stroller.

"It's a great family event," Anne Nearhood said. "It's really good for the community to come together for a good cause."

The 22-year-old charity uses the popularity of motor sports to raise funds for children's health care. More than \$5 million has been raised.

Racing For Kids' first and only national spokesman is Robbie Buhl, a team owner in the IRL and native of the Farms.

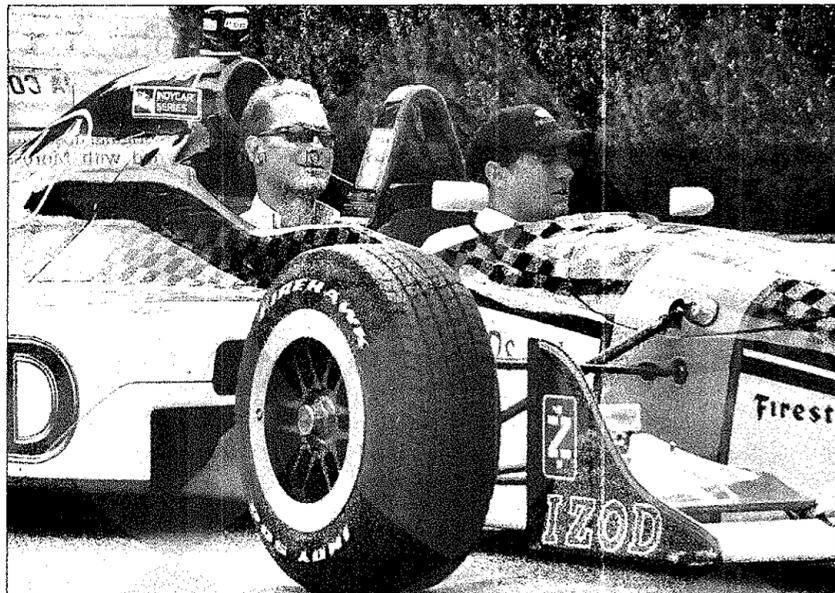
Buhl was an Indy car driver when he, a physician and Pat Wright, of Wright Enterprises on the Hill, founded Racing For Kids in 1989.

Buhl said he never imaged the charity would become so successful.

"I don't know if legacy is the right word, but it's a big part of my career," Buhl said at the fair.

An auction organized that evening raised money for local hospitals. Proceeds from the auction haven't been totaled, but about \$50,000 was raised in prior years.

In addition to raising money, Buhl and his drivers at Dreyer & Reinbold Racing visit sick children at hospitals along the



Above, Buhl takes a spin around town in a street-legal race car with Farms businessman Ed Russell in the passenger seat.

portunities against racing backdrops.

"It's always a pleasure to do," said Ana Beatriz, driver of Buhl's blue and yellow No. 24 Dad's Root Beer Dallara Honda. "It's nice to help give them a smile and talk about race cars. They get pretty excited."

Beatriz, 26, of Brazil, attended the festival prior to competing last weekend in Baltimore. She signed autographs and had her picture taken with children seated on a side pod of No. 24.

Fair activities included, for the first time, the 1,000-square-foot Meijer Mobile Virtual Playground.

The playground has interactive Wii games and photo op-

portunities against racing backdrops.

Ailey Kingsley, 10, of Grosse Pointe Park, said sitting in the two-seater was "cool."

She attended last year's festival, but hasn't been to an auto race.

"My grandma and grandpa have been to one and they brought me back some stuff," she said.

For Maya Rahaim, 4, of the Woods, sitting in a race car never gets old. Her grandfather drives dragsters at Milan Dragway.

Maya's mother, Sue, said the Hill festival was "spectacular."

She said, "We're very impressed. We love all the hand-on exhibits."

# Block party weekend is here

The fifth annual Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party is this weekend in the Village.

Dates and hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

The party, presented by Henry Ford Medical Center Cottage, is on Kercheval between Neff and Cadieux in The Village, downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

The festival of food, music, art and children's activities attracts 10,000 to 12,000 people.

New this year is a car show featuring antiques, hot rods, muscle cars, exotics and the legendary High & Mighty Ramchargers dragster.

## Events

◆ Taste of Grosse Pointe, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, features sample menu specialties from 16 area restaurants.

◆ Saturday Night Dance Party, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, features dancing in the street to rhythm and blues by Dr. Pocket.

◆ Art on the Block, 11 a.m. to dusk Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. A juried art fair with up to 60 artists featuring fine art and craftwork.



◆ Kids on the Block, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Activities include a pooch parade at 1 p.m. Sunday, a bounce house, giant slide, face painting, balloon artists, a coloring contest, a silhouette artist and more.

◆ Live entertainment on the Block Party Stage, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

◆ The Inaugural Village Car Show, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

◆ Stores Front & Center, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Village merchants set up on sidewalks with special offers and bargains.

## Entertainment

Saturday, Sept. 10

◆ 12 to 12:45 p.m.: Grosse Pointe Theatre, featuring selections from "The Music Man."

◆ 1 to 2 p.m.: Ben Steel (& His Bare Hands), roots Americana and classic country music.

◆ 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.: CutTime Simfonica, Detroit Symphony Orchestra strings, with guest Sharon Sparrow, play classical soul.

◆ 3:30 to 5 p.m.: Polish Muslims, polka-rock.

Sunday, Sept. 11

◆ 12 to 12:45 p.m.: Sweet Adelines Shoreline Chorus, sentimental favorites.

◆ 1 to 2:15 p.m.: DJ Jason Parent, dance music.

◆ 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.: The Look, vintage Motor City rock 'n roll.

◆ 3:45 to 5 p.m.: Chris Degnore and the Black Drops, power pop.

## Taste of Grosse Pointe

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# Serving with distinction

By Justin Hicks  
Special Writer

Private First Class Matthew Gray received the Purple Heart during a Thanksgiving Day ceremony in 2010 at Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Kirkuk, Iraq.

Originally given by General George Washington during the Revolutionary War, the award is presented to any member of the United States Armed Forces wounded in the line of duty by opposing enemy forces.

"After I received it, I tried to learn about it," the Grosse Pointe Park resident said. "That's a great honor to receive something like that."

Gray woke up to the sound of an alarm indicating indirect fire on the base Nov. 12. He made the decision to stay on his bed rather than make a break for the closest bunker just seconds before a rocket came hurtling into his room.

"I had a piece of shrapnel go through my speaker two inches from my head to the left and a big piece went through my pillow to my right," he said. "I was lying in the right spot not to take any severe wounds."

The explosion did leave its mark on Gray, sending pieces of shrapnel into the muscle tissue of his leg, head and elbow.

"Getting out of that situation; there were a lot of things going through my mind," he said. "I thought to myself I needed to stay where I was in case any debris fell, but the dust buildup was so bad, I needed to get out before I suffocated."

Medical personnel and Gray's fellow soldiers helped move him away from the building in case of a possible second explosion and then to the clinic on base.

The incident came four months into his service time in Iraq; some suggested Gray go home. He decided his injuries

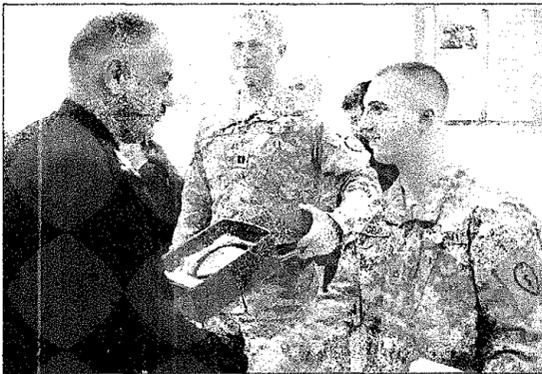


PHOTO COURTESY OF MATT GRAY

Private First Class Matthew Gray, right, received the Purple Heart during a 2010 Thanksgiving Day ceremony at Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Kirkuk, Iraq.

weren't severe enough and chose to continue serving.

"I wanted to stay because this is what I signed up for," he said. "This is my job. I can still walk and I can still do everything, so I recovered over a couple days and got back to

work."

General Lloyd Austin III, the commander of U.S. Forces in Iraq, presented a Purple Heart to Gray and Capt. Anthony Smith.

"Both of these cases are somewhat miracles," Austin

said. "If not for an inch one way or another and we may not have either one of these soldiers here today. The good lord was kind to us."

## Born a soldier

As early as Gray can remember, he wanted to be a soldier. From a childhood playing war to a fascination with paintball, he can't remember wanting to do anything else.

His earliest memory of having pride in his country and what he wanted to do occurred when he was five years old.

"I was watching something on the History Channel on World War II and it was the Germans versus the Americans," Gray said. "I looked at my mom and said, 'you know, I want to be an American!'"

His mother responded, "Honey, you are an American," and that's all he needed. "That moment gave me the initial pride and I realized I was like

those guys on the battlefield," he said.

Gray graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 2007. He spent two years working for a real estate management company before enlisting in the Army in 2009.

Gray plans to return to Grosse Pointe Park until his next deployment in two years to Afghanistan.

"Military is something I've always wanted to do, though it's not something family-oriented and by that I mean with my wife and getting a family started," Gray said.

Upon his exit from the military, Gray plans a career in law enforcement and raising a family with his wife, Mallory.

"The military has helped me become more independent and have more confidence," he said. "I can't say leadership skills yet, but lots of people who I work with view me highly and look at me as a leader."

## New method for sewer replacement

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — A new method of replacing old sewers is being used this month to fix problems in the 500 blocks of University and Rivard.

Work is scheduled to start mid September.

Construction promises to be unlike underground infrastructure projects City of Grosse Pointe residents may be familiar with by way of trenches dug through lawns, excavated dirt piled on roadways and muddy runoff after rainstorms.

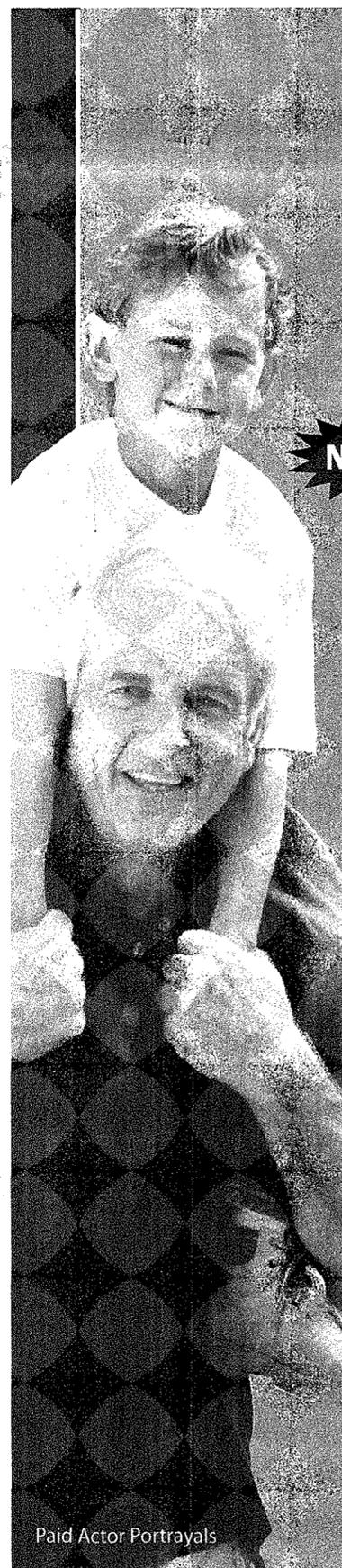
Improved technology means fewer holes, less disruption and quicker results, according to supporters of the "pipe burst-

ing" method of sewer repairs.

"It's the least intrusive method we can come up with," said Frank Schulte, City public services supervisor.

"The old method would have been to dig a trench the whole block," said City Manager Peter Dame. "This allows us to

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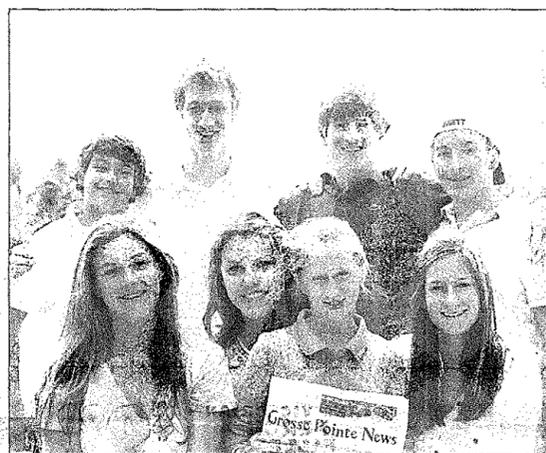
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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

### He said, he said

During the evening of

Saturday, Sept. 3, a tenant moving out of a residence in the 800 block of Neff asked police to investigate his landlord for possible theft of certain possessions, including tools,

an iPod and video recording equipment worth nearly \$4,000 combined.

Less than an hour later, the landlord complained to police the tenant might be removing things he shouldn't from the apartment. Officers forwarded the complaints to detectives.

### Her again

Police investigating a woman reportedly acting suspiciously in the 17400 block of Mack shortly after 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, recognized her from a case of attempted fraud in June.

They arrested her on five outstanding warrants:

- ◆ 36th District Court, disorderly conduct, \$50 bond,
- ◆ Allen Park, contempt of court, \$410 bond,
- ◆ Dearborn, failure to appear in court on a charge of larceny, \$500 bond,
- ◆ Madison Heights, failure to appear in court on a charge of retail fraud, \$750 bond and
- ◆ Oak Park, failure to appear in court on a charge of retail fraud, \$2,500 bond.

### Being honest

An officer detected the odor of marijuana coming from a disabled maroon GMC Envoy found at 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, parked in the 700 block of eastbound Notre Dame.

The driver, a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, claimed innocence.

The city's police dog, Raleigh, sniffed the car for narcotics.

"Raleigh indicated positive for narcotic odor on (the) rear hatch, driver-side door (and a) can in (the) rear of the vehicle," said an officer. "(The) can was a stash with screw bottom, which contained a small amount of suspected marijuana."

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"OK, I want to be honest with you," the suspect reportedly said. "That's mine."

Officers released the driver to his father and referred the case to the department's youth officer.

—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

### Pay up

A 46-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man and a 45-year-old Detroit woman were arrested at about 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, for not paying their bar bill at Irish Coffee, on Mack.

They owed \$38.40 and were charged with fraud.

The man had been driven home to get money to pay the bill, but disappeared.

Upon the woman's arrest, she carried \$340 in cash, police said. She also reportedly had a "one-hitter" marijuana pipe coated with suspected marijuana residue in her green 1996 Jeep, parked behind the bar.

Officers also charged the woman with resisting arrest and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

While that took place, the male suspect returned. He had \$40, but was arrested anyway, according to police.

### Benches taken

Two benches in front of a store in the 18400 block of Mack were stolen the night of Friday, Sept. 2.

They were worth \$150 each. A nearby fountain worth \$600 was damaged. Its owners think it was broken by someone trying to take it.

### Bike stolen

A 13-year-old boy's unlocked, yellow BMX bicycle was stolen during the evening of Thursday, Sept. 1.

The bike had been parked in an alley south of Kercheval near the grounds of Grosse Pointe South High School.

The bike has a torn seat cover and a white sticker on the handle bars.

### Package snatched

The intended recipient of a parcel containing a wallet and \$500 cash said the package was stolen at 9:52 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, during delivery to rental property in the first block of Muir.

### Converted

At 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, a woman living in the 400 block of Belanger was surprised by the racket her 1997 Oldsmobile Silhouette made upon being started in the driveway.

She looked under the vehicle and discovered someone during the previous night stole the catalytic converter.

## Endangered child

A 45-year-old Detroit man was arrested on westbound Lakeshore near Edgemere at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, for drunken driving.

A patrolman spotted the man driving erratically. The man registered a .195 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Officers added child endangerment charges because a 9-year-old child was in the backseat.

## Three at once

Three male teenagers were investigated during a traffic stop at 10:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, for speeding a black 2002 Mercury Mountaineer on southbound Kerby near Beaupre.

The driver, a 17-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident, was ticketed for speeding and let go.

A 19-year-old male passenger from St. Clair Shores was cited for having a .104 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

"(He) is on probation in Grosse Pointe City for the same offense," police said.

Another male passenger from the City, 16, was cited for possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Officers said he possessed a pipe and a small amount of marijuana.

## Suspicious

An officer patrolling westbound Lakeshore near Elm Court arrested an 18-year-old Detroit man at 11:50 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, for drunken driving.

The man reportedly registered a .153 percent blood alcohol level.

The traffic stop stemmed from the man operating a 1999 Ford Windstar with a flat tire.

—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

### Knife & fake cash

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was caught last week operating a motor vehicle in violation of a restricted license, according to police.

"(He) stated he (knew) he was going to lose his license anyways, so he didn't care about the restriction," said a patrolman.

A patrolman reported pulling the man over on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shores at 9:41 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, for operating a 2002 Mitsubishi with an obstructed license plate registration tab.

A search of the vehicle revealed a knife with a 5 1/2 inch blade and a counterfeit \$50 bill, police said.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Wedding bell blues

Several cars belonging to guests attending a wedding at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at a church on Hampton were broken into.

A church employee observed the suspects and provided a description of their van. Police spotted the van driven at a high rate of speed before crashing into a parked car. The driver, a 21-year-old Detroit resident, was taken into custody. The passenger fled on foot.

Items taken, including clothing, jewelry, laptops and golf clubs, were found in the van and most returned to their owners. Unclaimed items remain with police.

## Fire bug again

Public safety personnel were called at 1:43 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, to extinguish a fire set in a recycling bin put out for curbside collection. Several similar incidents have been reported in the past year. Police continue to investigate.

## Double play

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, for being in possession of a stolen bike. Following his arrest, police found suspected heroin on his person and the man was also charged with drug possession.

—Kathy Ryan

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Not in the contract

A Brys resident filed a report with police Friday, Sept. 2, alleging threats were made against her by a Rochester-based contractor.

According to the report, the homeowner filed an insurance claim for damage done to her garage and paid the contractor half of the cost, with the agreement the remainder would be paid upon completion.

When the contractor demanded full payment before the job was complete, the homeowner refused. The contractor ordered his crew to tear out the work they had done, but they declined. The homeowner, feeling threatened, wanted a police report on file. The detective bureau is to follow up.

## Curfew violations

Two 15-year-old Harper Woods residents were picked up at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, for violating curfew. They were released to their parents.

—Kathy Ryan

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

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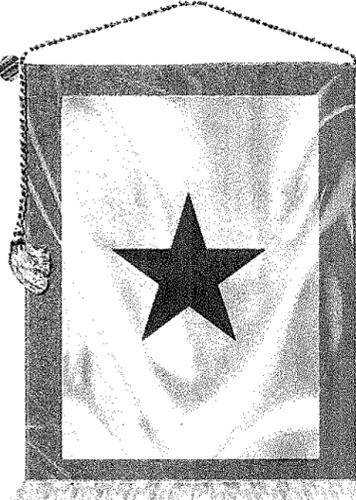
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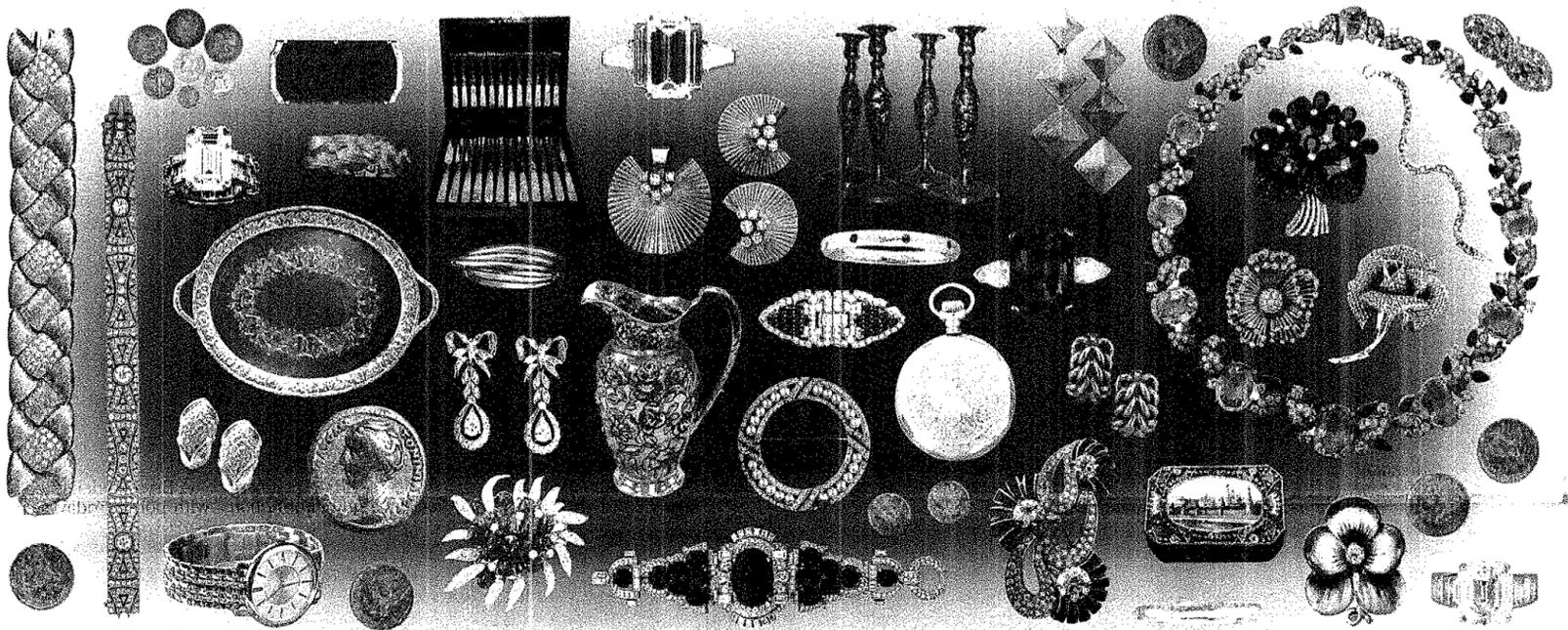
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## The National Anthem

**T**his Sept. 11, there will be somber ceremonies, moments of silence and prayers in remembrance of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terrorist attacks on that date in 2001.

American flags will flutter in abundance — many at half staff — outside houses and businesses throughout the nation. Hearts will swell a little extra as our national anthem is played at high school, college and professional football stadiums this year.

For this proud American, the sounds of "The Star-Spangled Banner" are even more poignant. This is not only because I, like millions of my fellow countrymen, watched in horror as terrorists attacked our nation nearly 10 years ago, but because I am a direct descendant of the author, Francis Scott Key. But despite my family connection, like many Americans I am guilty of a common offense: stopping once the words "...home of the brave" have faded into the wilderness of cheers and the game.

Key actually wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" as a four-stanza poem. Only the first is played or sung before sporting events. What the late author and scientist Isaac Asimov suggests in his essay in 1991 about "The Star-Spangled Banner" is that we are robbing ourselves of an answer to the question raised in the first stanza and stemmed from what transpired on Sept. 13-14, 1814.

Key was aboard a British supply ship behind enemy lines when the Brits attacked Fort McHenry in Baltimore during the war of 1812. He was sent to help negotiate the release of Dr. William Beanes. After securing the doctor's release, however, it was too late. The attack had begun. Key started composing "The Star-Spangled Banner" by jotting notes on an envelope. The battle began the evening of Sept. 13, 1814, and ended 25 hours later.

Asimov speculated on what went through the minds of Key and the American doctor:

*"As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. Through the night, they heard bombs bursting, and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting, and the American flag was still flying. But, toward morning, the bombardment ceased, and a dreaded silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered, and the British flag flew above it; or the bombardment had failed, and the American flag still flew.*

*"As dawn began to brighten the Eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the Fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other, over and over, 'Can you see the flag?'"*

Thus launching the first stanza, which poses the question, "O say can you see?" Most of us stop after "...home of the brave," not realizing this is still part of the question. If the first stanza asks a question, Asimov suggests the answer is provided in the next stanza:

*"On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream.  
'Tis the star-spangled banner: Oh! Long may it wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"*

If you don't have goosebumps yet, perhaps stanzas three and four will oblige: "And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,

*That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave,  
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."*

The fourth stanza, a pious hope for the future, should be sung more slowly than the other three, and with even deeper feeling:

*"Oh! Thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand,  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n - rescued land,  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, for our cause is just,  
And this be our motto - 'In God is our trust.'  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."*

This is not to suggest all four stanzas become standard at sporting events, but Asimov's closing lines offer good advice no matter which part of the song you hear: "I hope you will look at the national anthem with new eyes. Listen to it, the next time you have a chance, with new ears. And, don't let them ever take it away."

Kathy Hoekstra is a communications specialist with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.



KEN SCHOP

THOUGH IT MAY SEEM HARD TO SEPERATE THE TWO,  
I HOPE ONE DAY WE CAN STOP EMPHASIZING  
THE ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND RATHER SPEND THE DAY  
REMEMBERING THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND HEROES  
THAT GAVE SO MUCH OF THEMSELVES THAT WARM  
AND SUNNY SEPTEMBER DAY NOT SO LONG AGO.

TO BRAND A TRAGIC EVENT  
AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH IT OCCURED,  
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— KENNETH SCHOP

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## Racing For Kids

## To the Editor:

The roar of the engines may have faded away, but the memory of the fifth annual Racing For Kids to the Hill will last a long time.

We would like to thank our many wonderful friends from the Hill Association, the city of Grosse Pointe Farms and the community at-large, who pulled together to make it such a great event.

First, we would like to thank our honorary chairs, Dr. David and Shery Cotton and our honorary committee members Lynn and Paul Alandt, Mayor and Mrs. Jim Farquhar, Benson Ford, Jr., Dr. Donna Hoban, Robert and Victoria Liggett and Gretchen Valade.

Sincere thanks to our steering committee: co-chairs Ed Russell and Tom Buhl, and members Kristen Townsend Buisch, Julie Corbett, Chris Deschaine, Dan Jensen, Dan LaLonde and Liz Vogel who worked hard for more than a year to make sure all the details came together.

Next, we are most grateful to the gracious individuals at Northern Trust, who once again opened their doors to us

and let us take advantage of their beautiful facility for our cocktail reception and auction.

We really appreciate of the support of our sponsors: our winner's circle sponsor: Health Plan of Michigan; grand sponsors, Northern Trust and Huntington Wealth Advisors; pole position sponsors, Backer Landscaping, Beaumont Hospitals, Firestone Racing and Talmer Bank and Trust; front row sponsors, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, The Hill Association, Kloka Design Group, Legacy Wealth Management and Russell Development; media sponsors: Grosse Pointe News and Hour Detroit; and finish line sponsors, the Buisch family, Connell Building Company, Deschaine & Associates, Higbie Maxon Agney, Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety, Just Breathe, LaLonde Jewelers, The League Shop, Merrill Lynch, Millennium Aviation, Milberg LLP, Mary Anne Petz, PIP Printing and Marketing Services, Pointe Alarm, Pointe Towing, RK International, Salon Seventy Six, A Slice of Life Photography, Village Palm, Wayne County Community

College District, Ralph Wilson Enterprises and Woods Financial. Their underwriting made this spectacular event possible and we are deeply grateful.

We were delighted to have the restaurants of The Hill come together again as our pit stop sponsors and to put on a gourmet feast: Bambu, Cafe Nini, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds, Jumps and Fresh Farms Market.

The city of Grosse Pointe Farms, which allowed us to close off the street for our street fair and reception, was most supportive of our efforts, particularly Matt Tepper and the crew from the department of public works as well as Police Chief Dan Jensen and his excellent officers. The all did a great job.

We would also like to thank Dreyer & Reinhold Racing for bringing IndyCar driver Ana Beatriz and to the Indy Racing Experience for the unique IndyCar two-seater, which added to the excitement immensely.

Thanks also to the owners of the "dream cars" who brought their beautiful vehicles for display on the Hill.

Special thanks to Harry Kurtz and MRA for bringing the Meijer Virtual Playground, and to Indiana Power and Light for loaning us the remarkable Lite-Brite Indy racecar for our centerpiece.

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and the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe for helping to make the live auction a terrific success.

And additional thanks to the many merchants on The Hill who contributed some of their best merchandise to our most successful silent auction.

And finally, thanks to our dedicated volunteers including some terrific young men from Boy Scouts. It may sound cliché, but it's the truth — we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you for helping us put smiles on the faces of hospitalized children in our community and across the country and helping them get better faster.

ROBBIE BUHL  
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LINDA FINGER  
KATHLEEN CONWAY  
The Racing For Kids Team

Enough breaks

## To the Editor:

I have lived in Grosse Pointe Park for more than 50 years and have had six children go through the school system.

When my children were going to school, they did not get all the time off from school that students do now.

The children are so excited to be back in school, yet they have a half-day on the very first day.

I would think the school system would be ready for them on the first day after such a long summer vacation.

Then there will be teacher conferences, Christmas vacation, more teacher conferences, winter break, spring break, etc.

OTILIA WEIKSNAR  
Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Lawrence J. Korb, Sam Klug and Alex Rothman

## Defense cuts after the debt deal

**C**uts in national security spending in the deal to raise the debt ceiling attracted significant criticism from conservative commentators who argue these cuts are unexpected, unprecedented and threatening to national security.

In reality, however, any reductions in military spending are likely to be moderate, at best.

The Obama administration estimates the bill will reduce total security spending by \$420 billion over the next 10 years, with \$350 billion — or just more than 80 percent — coming from the Pentagon. But few of these cuts are specifically mandated by the bill.

The debt ceiling deal sets hard caps on security spending, limiting that budget to \$684 billion in 2012 and \$686 billion in 2013. These reductions, however, amount to less than 1 percent.

The \$350 billion figure assumes Congress voluntarily maintains similar caps on security spending through 2021 to meet the bill's \$1.5 trillion tar-

get for overall spending reductions. Given Congress's track record, the likelihood remains high a significant portion of these cuts will never materialize.

Due to the debt ceiling deal's broad definition of "security spending" — which encompasses the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security and State and intelligence agencies — Congress could keep within the caps without touching defense spending by slashing the budgets of other, already underfunded "security" agencies.

Doing so would continue to overstate the proper role for the military within foreign policy. After an unprecedented streak of 13 consecutive years of rising defense budgets, the United States is spending more now than at any time since World War II.

As the administration, Congress and the Pentagon work to make good on the debt ceiling deal, they should focus on reducing wasteful military spending without endangering national security.

Last March, the Pentagon

identified \$178 billion in savings and efficiencies through fiscal year 2016. But it plans to reinvest \$100 billion of the savings into new programs.

Plans released by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., the Bowles-Simpson fiscal commission, Project on Government Oversight/Taxpayers for Common Sense and the Center for American Progress suggest using that money to reduce the defense budget.

Coburn suggests putting \$78 billion of the \$178 billion back into the department, while CAP's plan recommends using the savings to reduce the defense budget.

◆ Health care — \$15 billion per year: The Pentagon estimates in 2011 it spent about as much on military health care as it did on the War in Iraq.

By reinstating a cost-sharing balance between military retirees — especially working-age retirees and taxpayers — and reducing overuse and double coverage in the military health care system, \$15 billion can be saved per year while still meeting obligations to members.

Many site military health care system reforms as a top priority, identifying savings of up to \$184 billion over the next decade from the Pentagon's budget.

◆ Troops in Europe and Asia — \$42.5 billion through 2016: About 150,000 active-duty U.S. troops are stationed in Europe or Asia. The Center for American Progress and Coburn recommend cutting them by one-third, or 50,000, saving \$40 billion through 2016 and \$70 billion through 2021.

The Bowles-Simpson commission proposes cutting bases by one-third to save \$8.5 billion by 2015, while Project on Government Oversight/Taxpayers for Common Sense proposes removing 20,000 troops for savings of \$30 billion through 2021.

Given improved U.S. capabilities for long-range strikes and rapid troop transport, the U.S. can protect its interests overseas without a substantial permanent overseas presence. Troops in Europe are essential-

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I SAY By Ann Fouty

# Quiet electric cars need to make noise



"Vanessa, you've got to get a car I can hear," my friend, Rachel, said as she climbed into the Ford Escape hybrid.

When Vanessa pulls into mine and Rachel's respective driveways, the engine is in electric/silent mode and we just don't hear a thing. Vanessa patiently bides her time for us to look out the window and notice she is ready to chauffeur us on our latest field trip. In a rush, both Rachel and I grab a coat and yell goodbye to whomever is left in the house. Our next action is to apologize as we pull

the car door shut and buckle up. "I hope you weren't waiting too long but I didn't hear you drive in."

Well, duh. The engine didn't give us the signal.

Thus, Rachel and I have discussed with our friend, the near noiselessness of her gray vehicle.

"That's what I like about it," she said. "I like the quiet."

I'm not the first person with the same conundrum, how to make a quiet car noisy so it gets noticed.

Engineers are concerned about the soundlessness of the engine. Pedestrians can't hear an approaching car because it makes no noise and kerthud... a pedestrian and car meet with negative results.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

feels the need to somehow warn inattentive pedestrians and those who are visually impaired an electric car is approaching.

While the engineers have found a way to reduce the hydrocarbon emissions into our atmosphere, they have introduced a new problem — quiet. And we feel the need to fill up the quiet with a sound, noise or melody identifying me and my right to be in this spot at this exact moment.

Someone somewhere is working on an acceptable solution to a global problem.

In the meantime, why not use a sound bite? Cell phones continually have a favorite melody ding-a-linging. Music companies could suggest, for a modest fee, the vehicle owner personalize the car's approach by down-

loading a special sound to make the quiet vehicle noisy.

I asked Rachel what her car's sound would be.

The "Airwolf" theme song would announce her approach to an intersection, she said after a few moments thought.

Colleague A.J. Hakim said, without hesitation, Benny Hill's theme would be on his car.

My son chose "Maple Leaf Rag."

Debbie Liedel, executive director of The Family Center, said her car's theme would most likely be a throat clearing sound followed by "Ahem, ahem. Excuse me."

An enthusiastic selection from "Planets" by Gustav Holst would be my friend, Martha's choice.

Bear bells or hands clapping would be the choice of photog-

rapher Renee Landuyt. Bear bells, she explained, are what hikers wear to ward off unsuspecting bears who may be lumbering through their backyards by which a people's trail has been installed.

She also suggested having speakers which share whatever is playing on the inside of the car, similar to what happens on a nice Michigan day.

Landuyt came up with a couple other ideas. She said nature sounds would blend in with the environment. In the Grosse Pointes that would be the Canada geese honking, dogs barking and English sparrows chirping.

Another of her suggestions was Darth Vader saying, "Luke, I'm coming."

Quiet chimes to be environmentally pleasing would be

Karen Fontanive's choice. Really, she would rather have Bruce Springsteen's "Thunder Road" coming from her vehicle.

The announcement: "Get out of the way, Karen's coming," was just something she added.

Squealing tires would announce editor Joe Warner's emanate approach.

My choice, well, I was told needs to be dissected by a psychologist.

I would install a short dum, ta dum, ta dum rendition of a cartoon character sneaking up on another and end with a "boo!"

That gets the attention of a pedestrian texting while crossing in mid-street.

A trade off — less air pollution and less dependence on imported oil for additional noise pollution.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## If you could be an animal which one would you be?

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



'A dolphin because they can jump high in the ocean and swim deep.'  
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'A pony because they are cute and grow up to be a horse.'  
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Grosse Pointe Woods



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Grosse Pointe Woods



'A giraffe because they have long necks to reach tall things.'  
ALEXIS RICHARDSON  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'A rabbit because they can hop fast and hide in their rabbit hole.'  
RIANN LIMMITT  
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

## The cohabitation revolution

The great divorce revolution of the 1960s and 1970s has faded. The great cohabitation revolution has begun.

The divorce rate for married couples with children is almost back to the levels of the early 1960s. But it only means marriage is unraveling in a different way. According to a new study by the Institute for American Values and the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, cohabitation has increased 14-fold since 1970. About 24 percent of children are born to cohabiting couples, more than are born to single mothers, while another 20 percent experience a cohabiting household at some time in their childhood.

On the face of it, this doesn't seem alarming. At least there are two adults there for the children. Except the research says it isn't enough. Children in cohabiting households tend to lag children in intact married families on key social indicators and are not much better off than children in single-parent fami-

lies. We want to believe all relationships, so long as they are loving and well-intentioned, are equal. But as a general matter, compared with married couples, people across the gamut of cohabiting relationships report "more conflict, more violence and lower levels of satisfaction and commitment," in the words of the National Marriage Project study. This basically holds true of unmarried biological parents who are living together. Cohabiting couples are more likely to be depressed and less likely to pool their income.

They are in altogether more tenuous relationships. Cohabiting couples with a child are more than twice as likely to break up as married parents. Only 24 percent of children of married parents experience a change in the relationship status of their mothers by age 12. The figure for the children of cohabiting couples is 65 percent.

This is especially consequential for the affected children. The study notes "an emerging

scholarly consensus that family stability in and of itself is linked to positive child outcomes." Children who experience a divorce or some other "maternal partnership transition" are more likely "to experience behavioral problems, drug use, problems in school, early sex and loneliness."

Children turn out to benefit from the structure, rituals and identity that come with a lasting marriage between their parents. And the very act of committing to the norms of marriage makes adults better marital partners and parents. One of the more affecting pieces of data in this study is fathers committed to marriage are more likely to hug their children than fathers who aren't.

One of the more disturbing is children in cohabiting households are more likely to be abused than children both in intact, married families and single-parent families.

The advantages of marriage run much deeper than merely having two adults in the house. It is an irreplaceable source of

social capital. As we move away from it and social scientists study the consequences,

we learn more about why it was such a timeless institution — once upon a time.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
— King Features Syndicate

## DEFENSE: Cuts after debt deal

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ly subsidizing European ally defense budgets that have been slashed without significantly furthering U.S. interests.

◆ Size of U.S. ground forces: — \$39.16 billion through 2016: The size of the Army and Marine Corps grew significantly after 9/11 to support operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. As we complete drawdown from Iraq and begin it from Afghanistan by removing 33,000 troops by December, we can reduce our end strength numbers in the Army and the Marine Corps to reflect these two wars are winding down. And, as former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates noted, we will not be sending large ground forces into the Middle East anytime soon.

Coburn claims the Pentagon can save \$92 billion by reducing the Army to 482,400, while CAP recommends cutting the

Army and Marines to pre-9/11 levels.

◆ Procurement — \$53.36 billion: Administrator Mike Mullen stated the rise in defense spending since 9/11 means the Pentagon has not needed to make any "hard choices." But the U.S. can no longer afford to fund underperforming or unnecessary weapons systems. All four plans target the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, V-22 Osprey helicopter and Navy aircraft carriers and air wings and recommend reducing the number of F-35s purchase. However, they distribute the cuts differently through the three services currently scheduled to buy the plane.

They all also suggest reducing or canceling purchases of the V-22 Osprey, on the chopping block since the early 1990s. And Coburn, POGO/TCS and CAP argue the U.S. can retire at least one of 11 aircraft carriers and corresponding naval air wings while still maintaining naval superiority.

◆ Nuclear weapons — \$33.72 billion: While New START has set the U.S. on a path toward

reducing nuclear stockpiles, CAP, POGO/TCS and Coburn identified further cuts. The POGO/TCS plan emphasizes canceling several nuclear weapon construction programs, downblending highly enriched uranium and selling it as low-enriched uranium to bring in revenue.

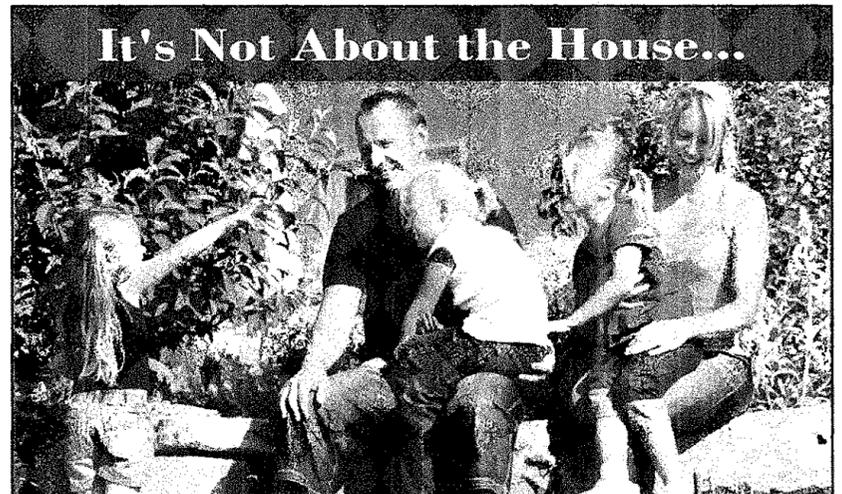
CAP's and Coburn's plan recommend significantly reducing the nuclear weapons force structure.

The six cuts to DOD spending represent more than \$350 billion in savings over the next 10 years. Congress will soon begin debating implementing the first stage of deficit reduction, and the Joint Super Committee will work toward identifying \$1.5 trillion in future savings.

These responsible defense cuts, promoted by groups left, right, and center, should be at the top of their lists.

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# SOC presents New York, New York

Two fundraisers this month 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 selection 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 band "Nemesis."

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

Services for Older Citizens was founded in 1978 as a non-profit information, referral and social service organization for seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"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.

"We're very honored to help with this year's event," said Vicki Liggett. "They provide a



Services for Older Citizens will feature two fundraisers this month to support their many programs.

lot of nice programs for citizens in the area."

Vicki Liggett said the entertainment both nights will be top notch, with Rennie Kaufmann and the band Nemesis at the Sept. 15 and Sept. 30 fundraisers, respectively.

"Rennie has a wonderful voice and the band plays a lot of fun music," Vicki Liggett said. "It's great dancing music."

Many have worked behind the scenes to help make this year's fundraising events the best ever.

Diamond sponsor is Henry Ford Health System. Gold Sponsor is Northern Trust Bank. Silver sponsors are Beaumont Hospital and Wolverine Packing. Bronze sponsors are Shorepointe Nursing Center, Shorepointe Village and Simasko, Simasko & Simasko, P.C.

Serving as auction chair is Katie Williams. Sue Davies and Rob Lubera are honorary committee co-chairs. The executive



director is Sharon Maier and the auction committee includes Patricia Gmeiner, Taylor Huber, Shirley Kennedy, Marie Boyle Reinman, Regan Stolarski, Emily Schwartz, Rich Solak, Patricia Stone and Lori Stefek.

The honorary committee - deluxe room level includes Anne and Chris Blake, Pam Boos, Nursing Unlimited, Vince and Megan Brennan, Cathy and Kevin Broderick, Beverly and Ben Burns, Mary Ann and Bob Bury, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Cotton, Dr. and Mrs. Desmond Davies, Judith Flanz, Rosemary Hastings, Susan Higbie, Joy Johnson, Shirley Kennedy, Sharon Leshner, Mamie Wong Lim, Robert and Mary Lubera, Sharon Maier, Kristine and Jim Mestdagh, Carl and Phyllis Mitseff, Peg and Russ Noble, Drs. Catherine Nordby and Gerard Martin, Jane Kay Nugent, Beline Obeid Realty, Shane and Sara Reeside, Timothy and Marie Boyle Reinman, Dwanine Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roselle, Frances Shonenberg, Richard and Nancy Solak, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Stephenson, Rick Swaine, Larry and Carol

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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.

# Charity outings seek golfers, support

The medical staff and the Guild of St. John Hospital & Medical Center sponsor their sixth annual golf outing Monday, Sept. 12. Tee times are available in the morning and afternoon. Tickets for the dinner reception are also available to the public.

The event will be held at Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. Morning golfers will register at 7:30 a.m. followed by golf at 8:30 a.m. Afternoon registration begins at 11 a.m. with a 1 p.m. start. Hole-in-one prizes are sponsored by Meade Lexus, Lucido Jewelry and Hour Detroit.

Grand prize in a drawing is the chance to compete in the 2011 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship. Only 100 tickets will be sold for the grand prize drawing.

For more information about the outing, sponsorship opportunities or the 6 p.m. cocktail

reception and dinner, call (313) 343-3674 or visit [stjohnsguild.org](http://stjohnsguild.org).

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan presents the annual Holden Club Golf Classic at Lochmoor Club Monday, Sept. 26.

The event, in its sixth year, has raised more than \$200,000 to support programs at the James & Lynelle Holden Club on Detroit's east side. The club supports 2,000 children annually.

Registration for the event is 11:30 a.m., with lunch until 12:40 p.m. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. followed by a reception and strolling dinner at 5:30 p.m.

For additional information, see next week's Grosse Pointe News or call Holden Club Director Chris Kyles at (313) 372-9550 or e-mail [ckyles@bgcsm.org](mailto:ckyles@bgcsm.org).

The Grosse Pointe News is a media sponsor of both events.

# Garden Club event set

The Village Garden Club of Grosse Pointe will host its fifth annual fundraiser for the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle. The event is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

Donations will be used in the restoration of the flagstones around the Barbour Memorial Fountain - The Leaping Gazelle.

Cocktails and appetizers will be served under tents on the grounds and tours will be avail-

able. In The Neighborhood, a barbershop quartet, will provide entertainment.

Co-chairs are Cheryl Gauss and Barbara Grogan along with the consortium representatives from 19 area garden clubs and the Belle Isle Botanical Society. Tickets are \$40 and are available in advance or at the door.

For additional information, visit [bibsociety.org](http://bibsociety.org) or call Jan Ellison at (313) 331-7760 or at [bibsjan@att.net](mailto:bibsjan@att.net).

# Drug busts fund cruiser

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Fighting drugs pays.

Money raised through drug forfeitures paid for a new City of Grosse Pointe public safety car.

"This vehicle will be utilized as the command patrol vehicle," said Chief James Fox.

Some \$35,700 was withdrawn from the forfeiture fund to buy a Chevrolet Tahoe from Shaheen Chevrolet in Lansing.

The \$28,986 purchase price resulted from competitive bidding through a state program.

Money left over from the purchase pays to outfit the new

vehicle, remove equipment from a 2006 Tahoe it displaces, plus replace obsolete equipment.

The 2006 Tahoe's odometer registers 132,000 miles. It is being retained as a backup vehicle. The department's current backup car is being sold for an undetermined price.

"We will sell it at a surplus auction," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Forfeiture money comes from seizing certain assets of convicted drug offenders.

—Brad Lindberg

# METHOD: Overhaul is less invasive

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dig only two holes."

Pipe bursting technology describes inserting a flexible PVC liner through buried pipe. The liner is inflated, bursting the old, clay pipe and replacing it.

Insertion should take eight hours, according to Schulte.

"Within 24 hours (of installation), they should have sewer service connected," Dame said of residents on the affected blocks.

Toilets in the work zone will work during construction, but not showers, according to Dame.

"This is the first time we've done a pipe bursting project," he said.

The 8-inch diameter pipe being replaced is partially collapsed. It serves 21 houses between St. Paul and Kercheval.

Pipe bursting uses a similar method, but stouter material, than lining leaky pipes, which the city has done before.

"We lined as many as we could," Dame said. "When a

sewer line deteriorates to the extent this one has, you can't reline it."

"As the sewer system gets older, this may be the first of many other ones we have to do," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher. "It looks non-invasive."

Construction isn't without disruption.

Two large access holes will be dug at the end of each block.

Holes also are needed to connect residential leads to the main pipe.

"We'll outline areas where holes need to be dug," Schulte said.

The \$189,975 project was awarded to low-bidder Fontana Construction. The company beat its nearest rival by nearly \$49,000.

"Fontana has worked in the recent past on similar projects in St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods and Center line," Schulte said. "Fontana is also currently working on a water main pipe burst program in Grosse Pointe Woods."

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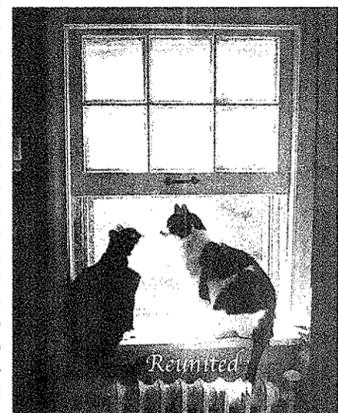
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I would like to publicly Thank all the people that assisted in my search and successful rescue of my year old Tuxedo cat 'P', aka Peapod. It has been one year since the loss took place and we're celebrating that 1st anniversary. At the beginning of last July the TV news stated the current heat wave was just beginning and another four to five days of record breaking heat was on the way. My small apartment was already experiencing close to 88° temperatures and my small window air-conditioner wasn't keeping up with the current heat. The announcement of an increased and prolonged heat wave became daunting. My two cats were already showing lagging tongues. My mother had passed away a few months earlier and I was preparing their home for sale. It had central air. Not to worry, 'guys we will go on a productive adventure.' We will pack up our necessities, litter box, fancy feast, lams and move to a cool house for four or five days until the boiling temperatures subside. They could explore the new location and I can work on the house. From all calculated dimensions it was a 'Win, Win' situation for all. I always place them in their cages during transport to Vets appointments, but with this scorching heat our movement was accelerated. I packed them up and made the two trips to the car with a firm grip each time. We arrived at my parents home on Ford Court with all systems go. I briefly cat proofed the house and returned to carry the older, male Elsie, to the house. All went according to plan. I opened the doors placed her in the controlled kitchen area. The next trip was for my other rescued little girl 'P'. All went well on the trip from the car to the house. I had a good grip on her against my neck and shoulder and she seemed fairly calm. We got in the house and I was closing the kitchen door behind us and Boom. She rocketed off my shoulder and over my back, in what seemed like a space shuttle lift off to a bounce on the floor and out the second back door. Gone, and gone at record breaking speed into the unknown. I chased after her and stamped up my neighbor's driveway to his backyard where she huddled in the bushes. I approached her calmly and in the blink of an eye, she was gone down the fence line. I scoured the neighborhood for hours and then retrieved Elsie and returned to my apartment in crisis. I had served 13 months in Vietnam in the Marine Corps and the rule was with the Corps, 'you never leave anyone behind, never.' I went into major search and rescue mode for the next thirty days. Nonstop, 24/7 and entered the world, until that time, of vague and distant flyers on bulletin boards of lost animals. I usually glanced at them, and miffed, "irresponsible owners." I then began a systemic search and continued to keep a secret I had learned right away, while searching the Humane Society's search techniques. I want to thank all the police officers that graciously took my flyers. The store keepers that let me post my flyers in their windows, all the people and children that called with sightings, All About Animals that stepped right up to the plate and gave me a trap with search instructions. GP Animal Adoption that also calmly told me what to do, animal control officers, the Harper Woods police officer that doubled back to his station to notify the dispatcher he had just picked up a black and white cat and taken it to a Detroit shelter. The kind man on Huntington that let me to use his house as a local search base. The caring animal psychic Lori that gave me excellent direction and a status report. As a little one year old, 'P' had no street survival skills at all, which terrified me. I rescued her from under a car in a November rain at about four weeks old. Along with all other concerns, food and water, and all the heat, could have been life threatening. The psychic assured me after these questions, 'she was getting food and water.' All the calls and calls, all the prayers, all the help had a big impact on my view of this community and how many people care for our innocent, voiceless companions. The young mother of two that called twice after holding a little black and white kitten, the woman on Holiday with a sighting, the waitress from Champs that met me after her night shift and showed me the alley she had seen a black and white, the staff at Urgent Care and on and on. Thank you all. After a month of heartache and numerous false starts I got a call from a woman that said "Your cat is on my deck." I, as always, charged over to her house with additional photos. After a brief, almost CIA interrogation, she assured me, it was my cat and that it had been coming to visit her two cats on her windowsill for about a week or so. That woman, JoAnn Platt-Stenstone warmly allowed me to set up the trap and the next day my wonderful Peapod was is it. Banged up, thin, but on her way back home. She and all of us, have been in Nirvana ever since. And her older buddy, Elsie, no longer has to look under the couch and in the rooms for his little pal. Oh, and the secret, the Humane Society's web site stated; only 17% of lost cats are found. We beat the odds and thank you all for your cards and gifts on my lawn 'Found' sign.



Sincerely,  
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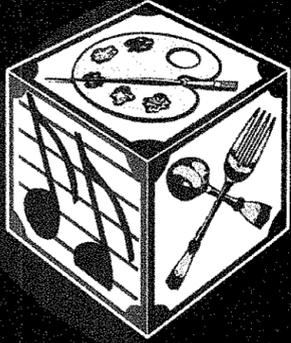
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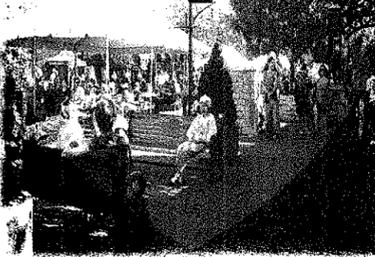
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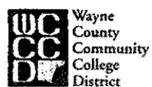
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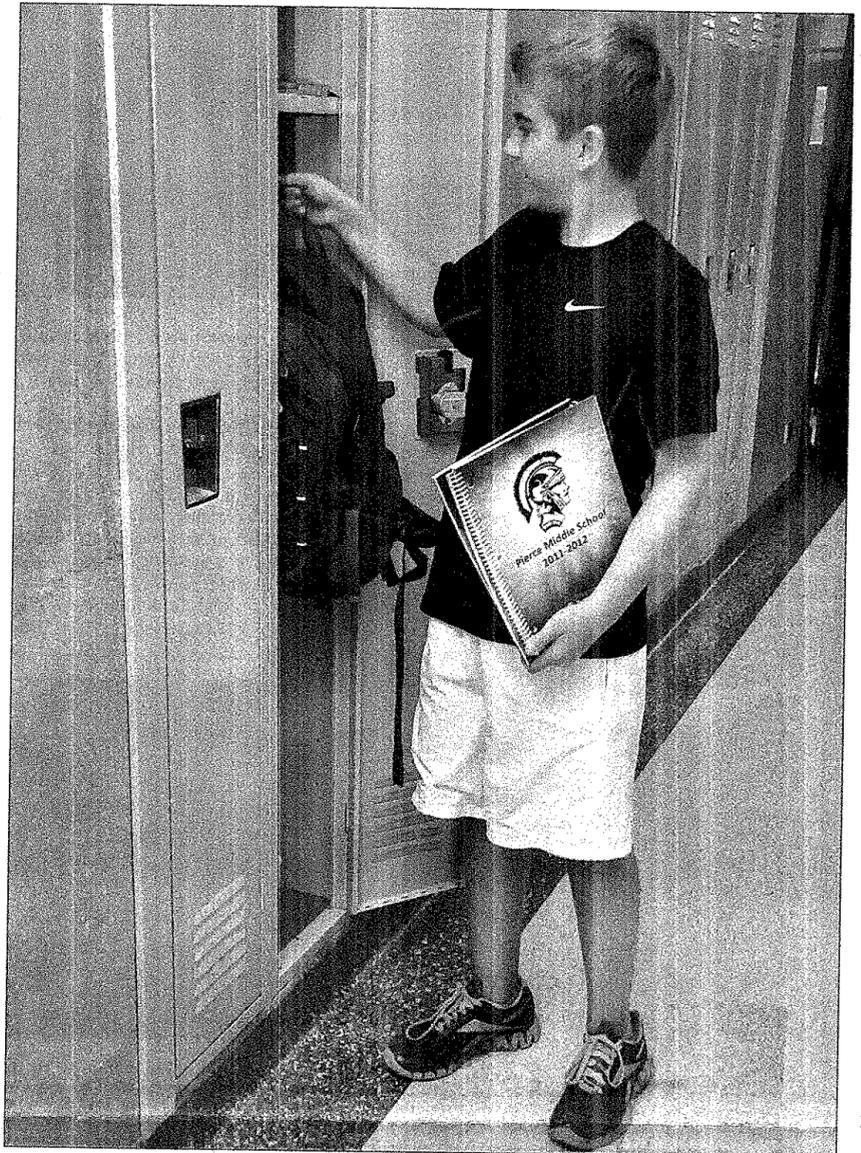
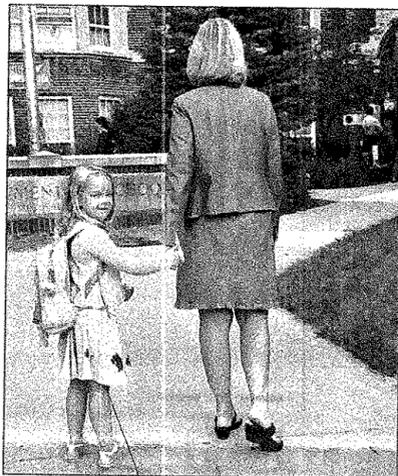
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Across the district, thousands of students, from kindergarten through high school, filled hallways and classrooms on the first day of school.

Above, Defer Elementary School teacher Shelley Dennison's third-grade class opened the school year with the Pledge of Allegiance. They also promised to do their best to be the best every day.

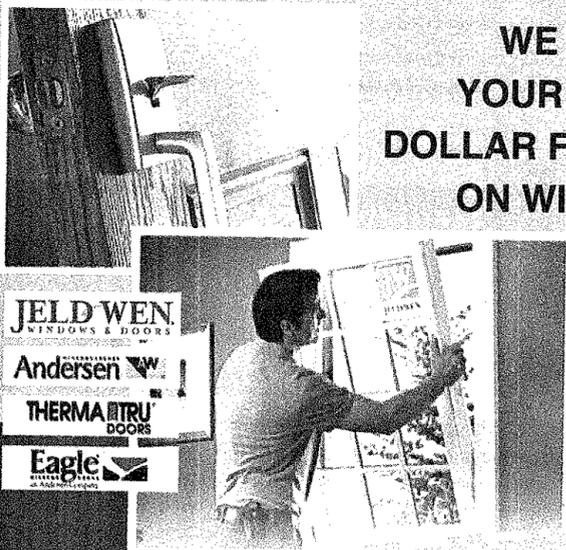
Far right, Parcels Middle School seventh-grader Morgan Clevenger stops at his locker before heading to his first math class of the school year.

Right, there's no looking back for Kendall Moorhead as her mom, Pam, guides her to the front entrance of Defer Elementary School.



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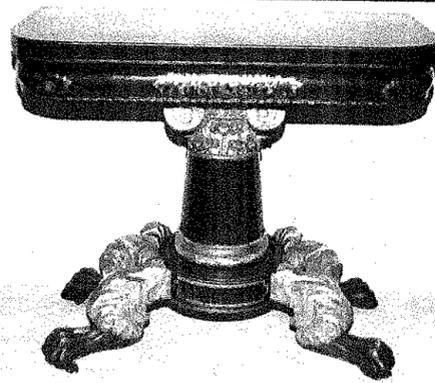
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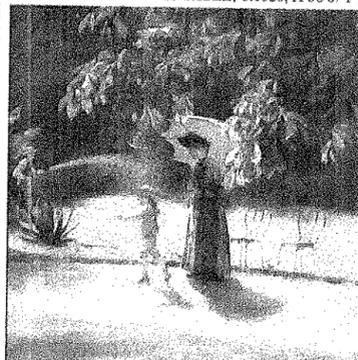
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# Renowned pianist excited for hometown recital

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

In many ways, according to renowned pianist Ivan Moshchuk, his 2009 solo recitals at the Grosse Pointe South auditorium ignited his most serious aspirations of becoming a musician and an artist.

Since then, the 20-year-old became the first Michigan resident honored with the Gilmore Young Artist Award, singling out the most promising U.S. pianists aged 22 and younger. He also has performed as a soloist and alongside decorated musicians, both across the country and around the world.

And at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, the Grosse Pointe South graduate returns to South for a one-night concert in which he performs Brahms's Piano Pieces, Beethoven's Sonata in E major and Chopin's Prelude in C-Sharp minor and Sonata in B minor.

"I'm very excited about being able to come back to Grosse Pointe," said Moshchuk, cur-

rently studying piano performance with Leon Fleisher and Brian Ganz at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

"For me to be able to do this, it's a very great pleasure and an honor that brings lots of happiness. It's my favorite hall, actually, acoustically and it's just beautiful."

Moshchuk, a Moscow, Russia-native, moved to Grosse Pointe Farms at age four with his parents and older brother, Alexander. And though he remembers little of his childhood in the birthplace of "The Five," a handful of musical nationalists who influenced Russian music during the mid 1800s, his family retained much of the art, culture and language.

"For me, Russia is not really the country it is now," said Moshchuk, who attended Maire Elementary School and Pierce and Brownell middle schools. "It's more this image my parents processed from literature, from books, paintings and music that I grew up with.

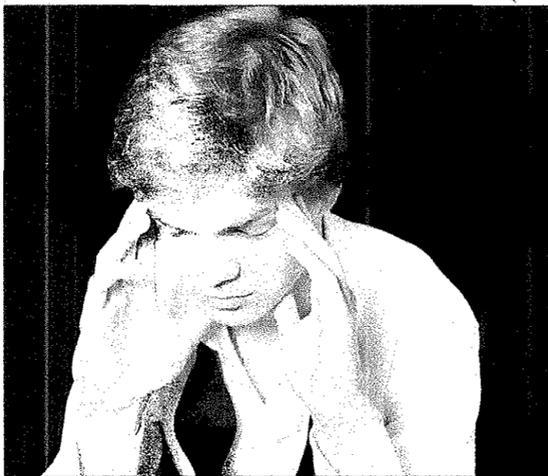


PHOTO COURTESY OF IVAN MOSHCHUK

Grosse Pointe South graduate Ivan Moshchuk returns to the school for a one-night performance at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at the auditorium.

For me, that's more the Russia I know than the political one."

He started playing the piano at age five, first to imitate his older brother, of whom he was close to and admired, then to fulfill a growing desire for the art. He received private lessons from Margarita Molchadskaya, former pedagogue of the cen-

tral specialized school for gifted children at the St. Petersburg State Conservatory, named after N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov. The lessons furthered his ever-evolving knowledge of the art and performance.

"The process which leads up to a performance for me involves a lot of searching and it's

hard sometimes to find where to look because you have very different sources," Moshchuk said. "For example, if I'm studying a piece of music, I have the score and the composer and the style it's written in, and to know all this, it's a lot of things you have to know and, in the end, you also have to make it come alive and that's a different aspect of the performance."

Through the years, he's performed at the International Music Academy in Plzen, Czech Republic, the School of Music Recital Hall in Columbia, S.C., Weill Recital Hall (Carnegie Hall) in New York, Friedberg Hall in Baltimore, at the Gilmore Keyboard Festival in Kalamazoo and the Verbier Music Festival in Verbier, Switzerland, among numerous other appearances.

Yet, for Moshchuk, playing at the Grosse Pointe South auditorium, the inspiration behind his most serious artistic aspirations, proves most rewarding.

"I think in the Grosse Pointe communities, there's a very good place for this kind of art and culture," Moshchuk said. "Grosse Pointe is the kind of community that can sustain a

large-scale concert series of classical concerts.

"Grosse Pointe is my favorite audience in many ways. I feel at home and very comfortable."

For tickets, visit Posterity: A Gallery or gpsouthchoir.org. Tickets are \$20, \$15 or \$10.

## Moshchuk's concert season 2011-2012, all solo recitals

- Sept. 17 — Grosse Pointe South
- Sept. 23 — Russian Cultural Center, Washington, D.C.
- Nov. 6 — Gilmore Rising Stars series, Wellspring Theatre, Kalamazoo
- Dec. 7 — Brightwood Hall, Lutherville, MI
- May 3 — Haus Engelfried, Regensburg, Switzerland
- May 5 — Stadthaus, Winterthur, Switzerland
- May 6 — EM Kirche, Zofingen, Switzerland
- May 8 — Gemeindefaal des Klosterdorfes, Einsiedeln, Switzerland
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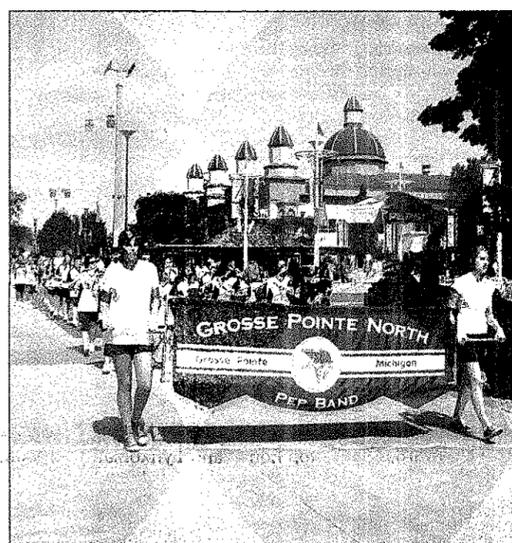
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## That's a wrap

The finale of a weeklong workshop, "That's Entertainment," held at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, showcased middle and high school students, whose one-night performance featured singing to the theme "travel across America from sea to shining sea." Grosse Pointe South choir director, Ellen Bowen, directed.



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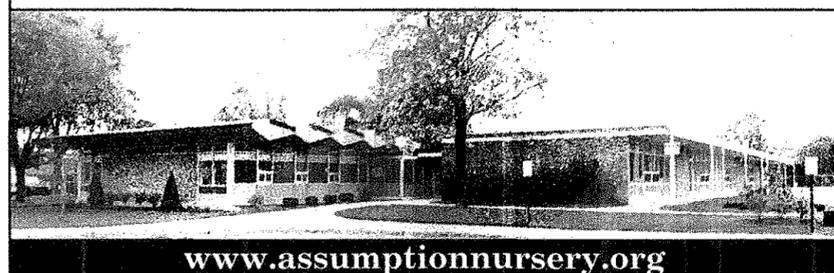
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# OBITUARIES

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

## Mary Duika

Grosse Pointe resident Mary Duika, 92, died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011.

She was the beloved wife of Paul, who predeceased her, and loving mother of Dennis (Diane) Duika, Michael (Kaye) Duika and Mary Ann Miller. She was the proud grandmother of Jason Duika and Alexandra Miller and sister of Tatiana Shamie.

Mrs. Duika is also survived by many loving family and friends.

She was loved deeply and will be missed greatly.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date.

Express condolences or share a memory at [cremationmichigan.com](http://cremationmichigan.com).

## Ann Marie Fermoile

Ann Marie Fermoile, nee Cusick, of Cape Coral, Fla., passed away Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011.

She was raised in Detroit and Grosse Pointe by her parents, William and Dortha Cusick and attended the University of Detroit and Wayne State

University.

Mrs. Fermoile worked as a secretary for Sen. Patrick McNamara in Washington D.C., on the campaign for Lt. Gov. Glen Anderson in California, as a subscription manager for Time-Life Book division in Chicago, a manager for National Bank of Detroit and a logistics consultant for Metropolitan Life.

One of her many adventures included sailing around the world with her husband.

Mrs. Fermoile is survived by her husband of 43 wonderful years, James L. S. Fermoile; brother, Thomas Cusick of Northbrook, Ill.; sister, Jeanne Perry of Lake Forest, Ill. and numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents and brothers, Patrick and Paul Cusick.

Memorial Masses will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church in Florida and Saturday, Sept. 17, at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Northbrook, Ill.

Donations may be made to either Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, 12165 Stringfellow

Road, Bokeelia, FL 33922 or St. Norbert Catholic Church, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062.

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## Catherine J. Marshall

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Catherine J. Marshall, 79, passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, after a long and courageous struggle with illness.

She was born Jan. 18, 1932, in Coleman to Melvina and Theodore Marshall. She was the beloved mother of Theodore and Catherine, but was known by everyone as "Mom." She was the cornerstone of the neighborhood, befriended anyone and always had an open door and open heart.

She enjoyed cooking and canning and shared the fruits of her labor with friends and especially her grandchildren. Her family said it was well-known that if you were hungry, "Mom" always had something for you.

Ms. Marshall loved her family and friends and was especial-



Mary Duika



Ann Marie Fermoile



Doreen Wessel Taylor

ly proud of her three grandchildren, Alison, Ashley and Michael. She loved passing on stories or funny jokes and was the life of a party. Her American Indian heritage was special to her and her family believes her strong beliefs will guide her in her afterlife. She will be missed greatly by family and friends.

Ms. Marshall is survived by her son, Theodore Marshall; daughter, Catherine (John) Pomaville; grandchildren, Alison and Ashley Pomaville and Michael Marshall; sisters, Barbara Muessig-Short, Mercedes Thomas and Mary Marshall and brother, Theodore Marshall Sr., as well as several generations of nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Theodore and Melvina and her brother, Wilmer.

Donations may be made to Liggett Breast Center, St. John Health Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3, at the Church of Daniel's Band in Midland.

Burial was in the Warren Township Cemetery in Coleman.

## Doreen Wessel Taylor

Grosse Pointe resident Doreen Wessel Taylor passed away peacefully in her sleep Sunday Aug. 21, 2011.

She was born in Valparaiso, Chile, in 1921, and raised and attended a French school in Denmark. She met her husband, Burt Eddy Taylor Jr., while she was staying with her sister in Grosse Pointe in 1944 and he was home on leave from the U.S. Navy. They married in 1946 in St. Alban's Anglican Church in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Mrs. Taylor was a pianist, avid gardener and traveler. The Taylor garden was shown several times for both the Grosse Pointe Garden Center and Garden Club of Michigan.

She was a member of the Garden Club of Michigan and was instrumental in getting 80 years of its archives organized

and moved to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. She did the same for the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. Taylor was a past president of the Tuesday Musicale of Detroit and past chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe Chamber Players and the Wednesday Music Club. She was an active pianist for all three musical organizations as an ensemble player.

She was also a member of the Sigma Gamma Association and served on the board of the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Society.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by five children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Burt.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, to be used for its music program.

## Teacher honored

Grosse Pointe South English and journalism teacher Jeff Nardone is one of seven recipients of the 2011 National Scholastic Press Association Pioneer Award.

The award, NSPA's top honor, recognizes "substantial contributions to scholastic journalism outside regular job requirements as well as service to NSPA and its programs."

Outside of the classroom, Nardone advises South's student newspaper, The Tower, an association Pacemaker finalist, presents at the association's conventions and workshops, is currently a board member of the Michigan Scholastic Press Association and once served as its president.

He also judges association contests and was a 1999 Distinguished Adviser from the Dow Jones News Fund and a 2008 Gold Key recipient from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The other six recipients include: Kathy Roberts Forde, assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of South Carolina; Jane Kirtley, Silha professor of media ethics and law in the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communications; Janet Levin, journalism and English teacher and adviser to the John Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, Ill. student newspaper, The Correspondent; Judy Robinson, assistant professor in the University of Florida College of Journalism and

Communications; Debra Rothenberger, journalism and English teacher at Brandon Valley High School in Brandon, S.D. and adviser to the student newspaper, Echo, and Lynxonian yearbook; and Robin Gibson Sawyer, journalism teacher at First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills, N.C.

and adviser to the student newspaper, The Nighthawk News.

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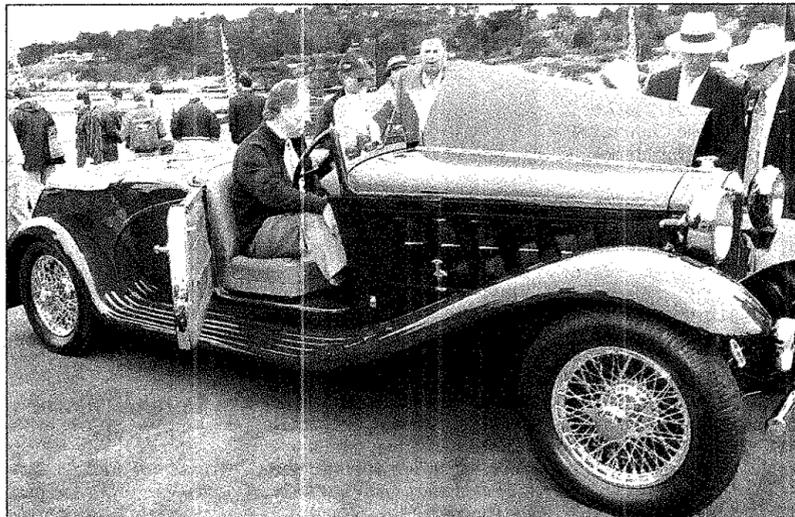
# 'Elegance' at Pebble Beach



New models and exotic concept cars from current automakers crowded the hill that pours down onto the 18th fairway, site of the Aug. 21 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach, Calif.

But the 200-plus vehicles specially chosen for this 61st concours easily overshadowed their descendants, with a 1934 Voisin C-25 Aerodyne four-door closed car owned by collectors Peter and Merle Mullin of Los Angeles winning Best of Show.

Mullin, a renowned collector whose Mullin Automotive Museum in Oxnard, Calif., celebrates the Art Deco move-



Members of the official judging team were examining this 1932 Lancia Dilambda with Viotti coachwork shown by Timothy Walker of Pasadena, Calif.

ment, has had vehicles at Pebble Beach on 27 occasions. He told the judges that win-

ning with the French-made Voisin was "special, significant, rewarding."

Vehicles assembled on the 18th fairway of the Pebble Beach Golf Links were grouped in 29 classes. The overall winner — best of show — was selected from the class winners.

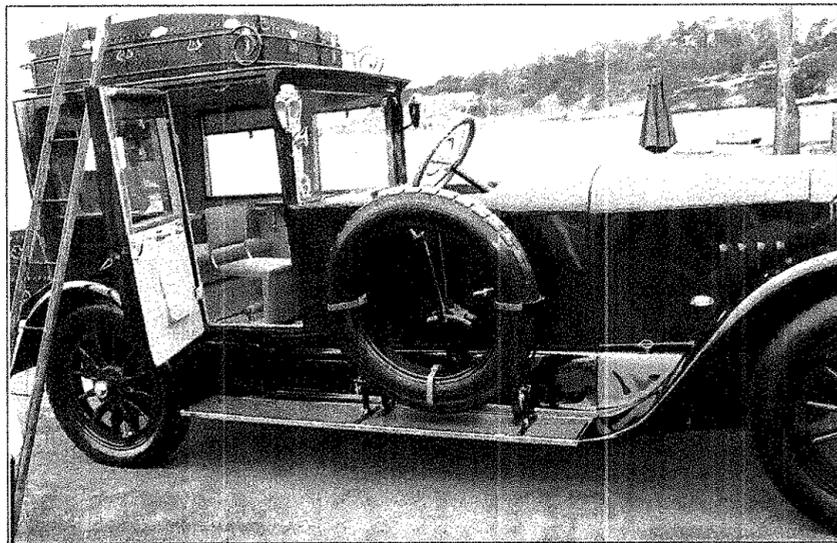


A unique five-window 1947-48 Dodge Derham Club Coupe owned by Dr. Richard Leir of Thousand Oaks, Calif., was among the special conversion American cars.

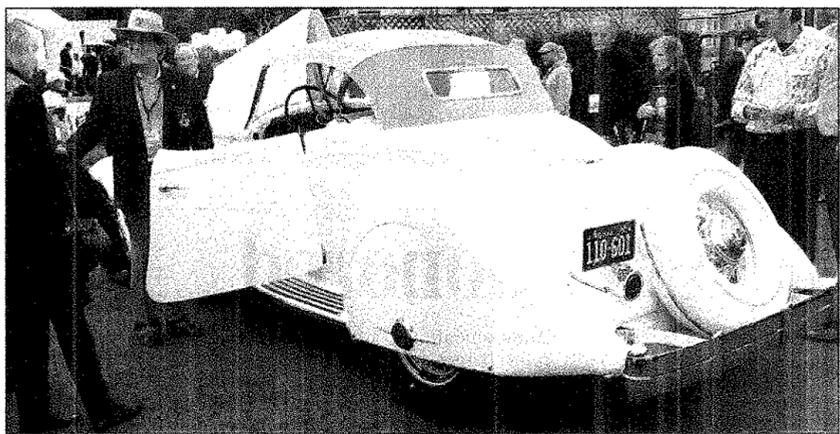
The 2011 concours celebrated anniversaries for Mercedes-Benz, Ferrari, Jaguar and Stutz. Stutz owners Richard and Irina Mitchell of Montgomery, Texas, had three Stutzes from their collection at the 2011

event. Mitchell said he likely was not the only invitee to bring several cars to show. Mitchell was seated near his 1930 Stutz M Lancefield Coupe.

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This 1916 Mercedes 28-60 has a closed winter body which, with tools provided by the factory, could be exchanged for an open torpedo summer body.



This flashy yellow 1934 Packard Boatail smashes proves Packards did not have to be imprisoned by formal, often-stuffy body styles.

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# AUTOS: Pebble Beach Concours

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"I've had the 1930 M for a year," he said. "After chasing it for five years, I bought it at the RM Auctions sale in Monterey in 2010."

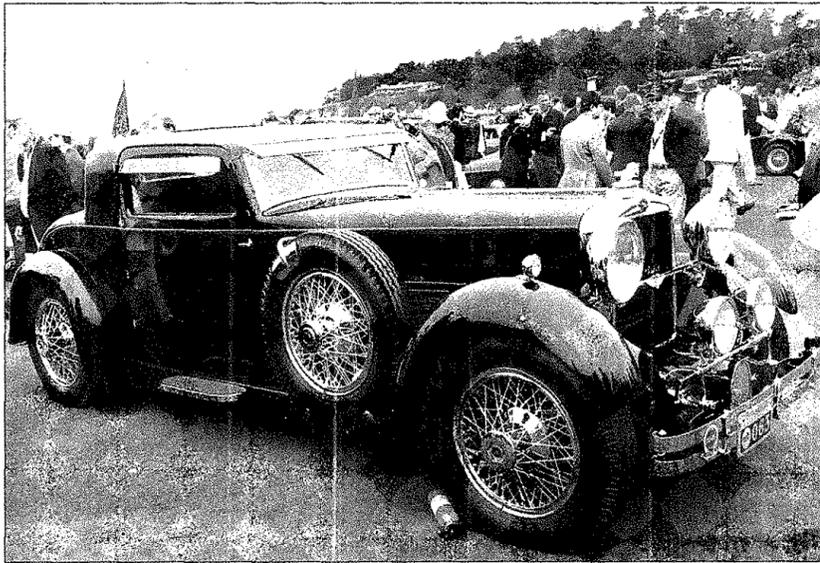
Mitchell said the British firm of Lancefield Coachworks built a total of six Stutzes; his, with overhead cam/overhead valve straight eight engine, is the sole survivor, he said.

The majority of cars invited to the concours featured special bodies. Their names as listed in the day's program were longer than the monikers worn by European aristocracy.

Concours guests packed the green, elbowing one another to take photos, sipping drinks and downing sandwiches on the typically gray August day.

The driver of the luxury shuttle bus, carrying visitors to the show from nearby Carmel, wagered the sun would not be out that Sunday.

"Our sunny weather is later in the year," he said, a fact attested to by a gentleman from Hayward, Calif., who said he found the autumn months gloriously sunny in Monterey. The short drive between



This 1930 Stutz M with body by Lancefield belongs to Richard and Irina Mitchell of Montgomery, Texas. The Mitchells had three Stutzes at the concours.

Carmel and the Lodge at Pebble Beach took well over half an hour to cover that morning. Two-lane roads in the exclusive Pebble Beach community were packed with cars and buses.

At the show, cameras were everywhere. Visitors scrutinized the cars, remarking on the extraordinary attention to detail each vehicle offered. Except for those being judged by officials, displayed cars were without their owners.

Mike Hemus was a kind of proxy for the 1952 Cadillac Special Roadster owned by John and Heather Mozart of Palo Alto, Calif. He said the 1952 Cadillac two-seater was designed by General Motors' Harley Earl and purchased by Harold Boyer, GM's executive vice president of Cadillac military manufacturing. Hemus pointed out the unique aircraft-style instrumentation on the gold-colored car.

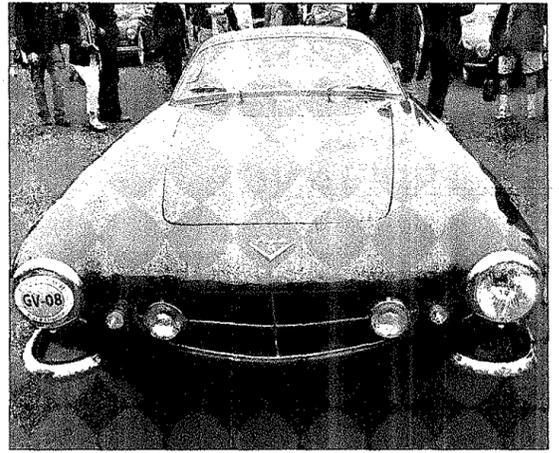
Celebrating 125 years of automotive history, the assembly of Mercedes-Benz cars included a 1915 Mercedes 28/60 with change-of-season bodies. This HP Tourer, owned by the Penultimate Group of Westlake Village, Calif., had a severe-looking open-front

town car body for winter driving from 1917. The car's original torpedo body (summer) has been reproduced and was displayed without chassis beside the vehicle. Tools for the transformation were stowed on board.

The winter town car was shown with a wooden ladder for access to roof-mounted luggage on the stately vehicle.

Competitors from 30 states, the District of Columbia, 14 countries and the principality of Monaco brought their vehicles to the Monterey Peninsula for this event.

"It's the ultimate thrill, although I wasn't sure I'd actually win," said Best-of-Show winner Peter Mullin, who admitted he is a "French car



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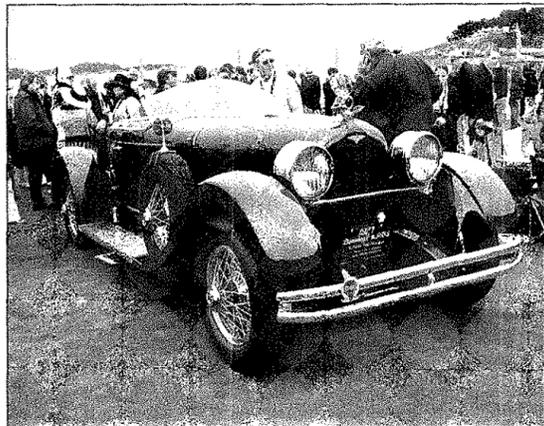
Concours guests admired the perfect lines of a 1953 Fiat.

guy." "We were sitting in the bullpen with the other two finalists (out of a field of 227 cars), the judges pointed at me and I thought I finished third."

The other cars nominated for best of show were a 1938 Talbot-Lago T150-C owned by

Richard Stephens from Auburn, Calif., and a 1929 Bentley Speed Six owned by Daniel Sielecki from Capital, Argentina.

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



Peter Heydon brought his 1927 Duesenberg X McFarlan with dramatic boat-tail to the 2011 concours at Pebble Beach, Calif.

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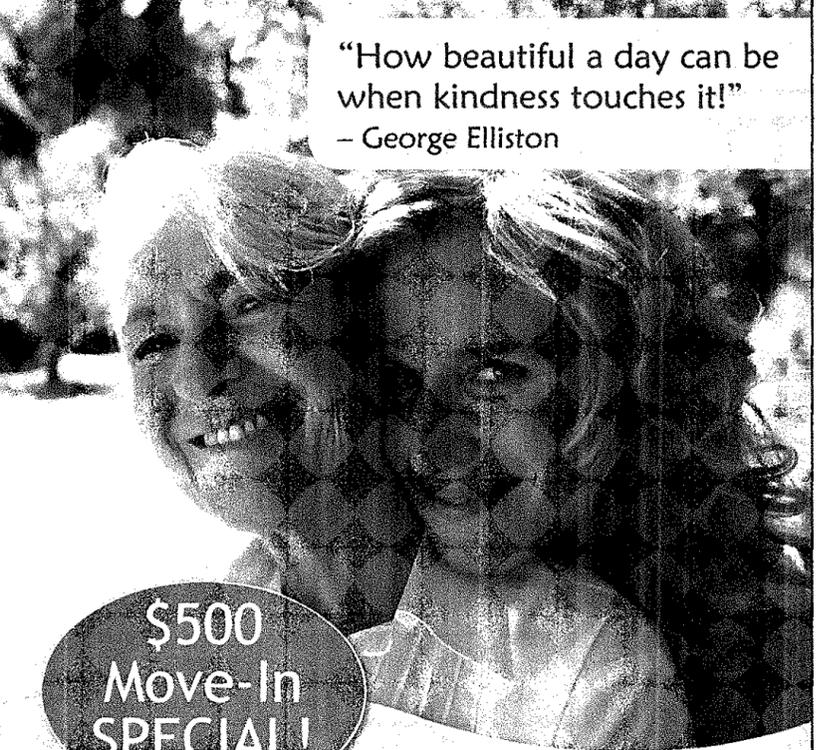
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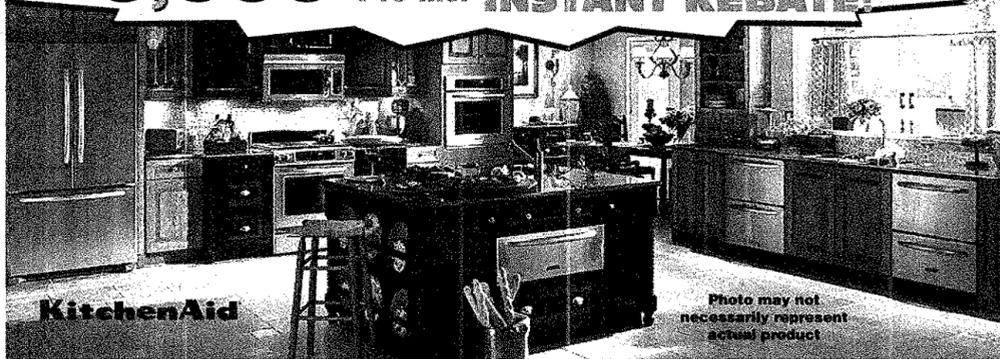
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## Service first

### Groups scramble a little as Neighborhood Club rebuilds

The change of address cards have been sent out, the moving boxes unpacked and the people and programs that once occupied space in the Neighborhood Club building on Waterloo are beginning to settle into their new locations.

While well known for its youth sports programs and nursery school, the Neighborhood Club building was also home to several non-profit agencies that provided a wide array of services to area residents, not to mention their dogs and cats.

As the old building is being demolished to make way for a new, state-of-the-art facility being built in partnership with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, organizations that once called the building home want those they served to know where they are and how they can be reached.



Nursery school teachers Molly Howard, Lori Corden and nursery school director Sue Sullivan get toys ready for the new school year.



Katie Cotzias at the registration desk.



Kathy Eisengruber and Amy Roy share an office.

#### Services for Older Citizens

The Services for Older Citizens (SOC) has moved the majority of its programs and administrative staff to the third floor of the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, while some programs, including some exercise classes and holiday parties, will be held at St.

James Church, about a block away.

"Our seniors will find it easier to get to exercise classes at St. James," said SOC's executive director Sharon Maier, "and our special events and holiday parties need a larger space than we could provide at the Cottage location. But all of our other events, including our food and friendship program, will be meeting here at Cottage."

Maier hopes that SOC's new third floor location isn't intimidating to seniors or their families.

"We are very easy to reach," she said. "We tell clients to park on the third floor of the parking structure across from the Cottage and use the walkway across Muir. We're right there."

She notes that the Meals on Wheels program will bring the food packages down to the first floor entryway on Muir so that

the volunteer drivers don't have to come to the third floor to pick up the meals. Also, for convenience, SOC's annual flu shot clinic, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11, and Thursday, Oct. 20, will be held in the main lobby just off Kercheval.

Maier hopes this is a temporary location as the agency moves ahead with fundraising that will allow it to renovate the Newberry House on Ridge Road which once served as the

nursing quarters for Cottage Hospital.

"We are halfway to our \$3 million goal," Maier said. "We desperately need more space. In 1994 we had 3,000 calls for

service. Today we serve 9,000 of the 11,000 seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Once we reach \$2 mil-

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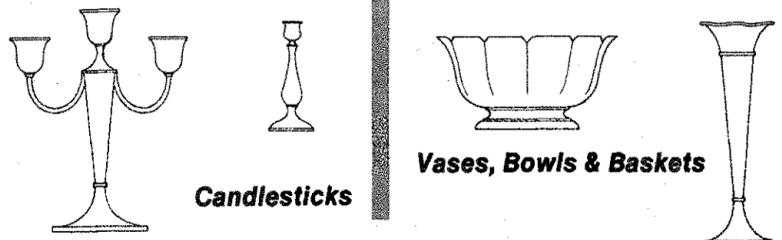
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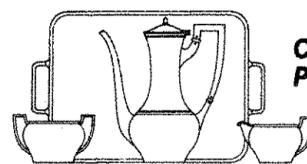
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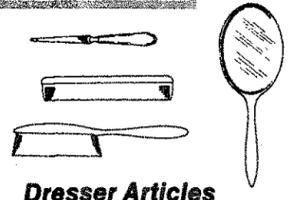
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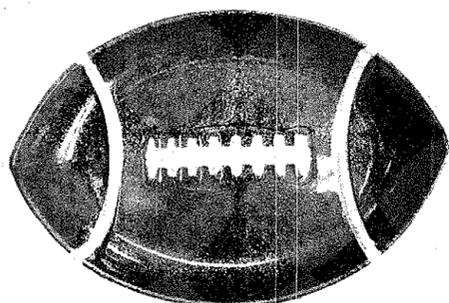
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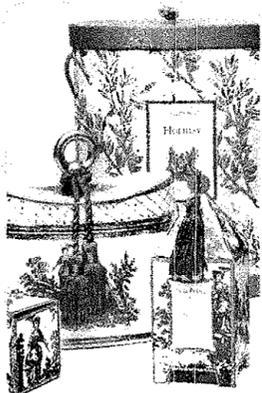
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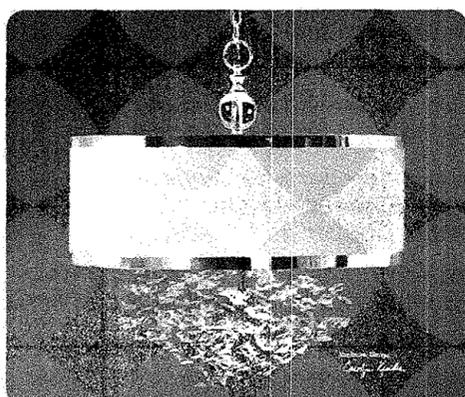
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## Yesterday's Headlines

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

### 1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **ESCAPED CRIMINAL SHOT AFTER THEFT IN PARK RESIDENCE:** A 28-year-old escaped criminal was shot down by a Park policeman as he fled from a home on Somerset which he had burglarized.

◆ **ARREST BOY FOR PURSE SNATCH JOBS:** The arrest of a 17-year-old Pointe youth by Farms police cleared up two recent purse snatchings. He was fined \$100 for larceny and given a year probation.

◆ **YOUTH ADMITS TAKING GUNS, \$1,000 CASH:** A 16-year-old-Woods boy who ran away from home after being questioned about the theft of a gun from Schummer Sport Shop on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, later returned and admitted the theft.

He also admitted breaking into a sports shop in St. Clair Shores on three separate occasions and taking several guns and \$1,000 in cash.

### 1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **TAVERN PETITIONS FOR LICENSE UPGRADE:** Voters in Grosse Pointe Woods may have a chance to vote on



FROM THE SEPT. 6, 2001, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 2001: Bird's-eye view

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bill Abraham decided to take full advantage of the view from his Fairway Lane yard by building this seven-foot high tree house overlooking Grosse Pointe North High School's football field's 50-yard line. Pictured here, enjoying a bird's-eye view of the Grosse Pointe North-Grosse Pointe South football game are, from left to right, Nico Abraham, Ryan Puckett, Rubin Bega, Chip Rogers and Sara Shubnell.

whether they want one of the two tavern licenses in the city upgraded to a Class C license establishment.

The owner of Da Edoardo's on Mack Avenue approached the city council asking that a proposal be placed on the November ballot which would ask voters to approve the license upgrade. The council denied the request.

◆ **DEATH, SUSPECT:** Detroit police homicide investigators were continuing the investigation of the rape and murder of a Grosse Pointe

Park woman.

The 42-year-old woman, a Wayne County Juvenile Court probation officer, was found in the rear of a home of a truant student she was reportedly checking on near I-94 and Junction in Detroit.

Police originally had taken four people into custody — three adults and a 16-year-old. Police later released the adults and were holding the juvenile while seeking a warrant on him.

◆ **SHORES BUYS FIRE TRUCK:** There will be a new addition to the Shores public safety department some time this winter: a \$103,000 pumper service truck for fighting fires in the village.

The new truck will replace a 30-year-old service vehicle and will give the village two pumpers, which could have an impact on fire insurance ratings for Shores residents.

### 2001

10 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS COUNCIL DENIES GARAGE VARIANCE:** A request to grant a variance to a home in the 100 block of

Lakeview in Grosse Pointe Farms turned into something of a neighborhood controversy.

The owner of the home asked the Farms council for a variance allowing her to enlarge and alter a garage as well as relocate it within the boundaries of her property. The garage is 18 feet high, four feet taller than allowed by zoning ordinances.

One neighbor spoke on behalf of many others when he said the garage, which is not attached to the house, is only one of the issues. The garage is being built to handle up to five cars, hardly a hardship. The garage is an accessory building. The real issue is the condition of the house. It's been boarded up for more than a year.

◆ **POST FOOTBALL HOUSE PARTY:** A party near Moran and Grosse Pointe Boulevard following the North-South football game attracted a number of students, as well as Grosse Pointe Farms police.

A 17-year-old Park youth was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and refusing to submit to a blood alcohol test. A \$200 bond was posted and he was released to his father.

In the home's yard, police found between 60 and 70 youths, several cans of open and unopened alcohol, and a bag of marijuana in plain view. Police told the homeowner they would seek charges against her in connection with the party.

### 2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **BUSINESS UP IN POINTES:** People are continuously walking into Gene Tutag's office, asking if there are any vacancies for their potential businesses.

However, Tutag, Grosse Pointe Woods' building inspector, has to tell them to look hard because the city's commercial business vacancy rate has dipped to 2.7 percent.

In 2003, the vacancy rate was 7.3 percent.

◆ **FENCING MARKS PROGRESS IN VILLAGE:**

Cyclone fencing went up Monday around the former Jacobson's building in the Village, marking momentum for new development.

The sidewalk from St. Clair to Notre Dame, and eight parking spaces in front of the store, will be blocked off for two to three months as crews cut into the brickwork to add windows in preparation for the shops and offices of Kercheval Place.

◆ **COOK SCHOOL MAY RELOCATE:** The Cook Schoolhouse in Grosse Pointe Woods might be moving to what hopefully will be its final destination — Ghesquire Park.

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— Compiled by Karen Fontaine

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**5:30 pm The Soc Show**  
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# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Rotary Club

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club hosts Melissa Damaschke noon Monday, Sept. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

She discusses The Sierra Club and its mission.

Judge William Giovan discusses the Michigan Supreme Court and its duties at noon Monday, Sept. 19, also at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The club is collecting books between 7 and 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The entrance is at the rear of the church building.

For more information about the club, visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org).

## Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, to observe the chapter's 50th anniversary.

Presenters are Rosemary Bay, Elsie Mackethan and Alyssa Mertz.

Hostess is Judy Matthews and co-hostesses are Jane Hoey and Dorothy Denomme.

## Coast Guard Auxiliary

The U.S. coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 20-12 offers a nine-week basic boating class from 7 - 9 p.m. 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](mailto:SLTBOAT@YA-HOO.COM).

## Sunrise Rotary

Sunrise Rotary Club hosts Wayne Manchester 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. He discusses the club's sponsorship of its 32nd annual run held Saturday, Sept. 17.

## The Lake House

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

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.

The art club meets from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15.

The breast cancer group meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. This is open to anyone who has or had breast cancer.

Guided medication is from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15.

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.

## Herb society

The Grosse Pointe Unit of the Herb Society of America meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The unit's 27-year history is presented by historian Sandy Jackson.

## Ski club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat House for a fall round up wine and cheese party.

For more information, call Carl Sultzman at (313) 268-1359.

## Wigs 4 Kids

The Wigs 4 Kids 8th annual gala, "Wiggling Out 4 Wigs 4 Kids" is 6 to 11 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16, at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center, 24225 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

The evening consists of dinner, entertainment, a sweet treats area, silent auctions and raffles.

Visit [wigs4kids.org](http://wigs4kids.org) or call (586) 772-6656.

## SERVICE: Most found a new home

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lion in our fundraising we can begin renovations. We really need a place of our own that our seniors and their families will feel comfortable with and will allow us to expand our services."

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"We're delighted with our new location," Lizza said, "but we will miss our friends at the Neighborhood Club. They were tremendous to work with and were very kind and supportive."

Information on programs offered through Special Kids can be found on the group's website, [specialkids.us](http://specialkids.us) or by calling (313) 881-7575.

## Special Kids

While packing up supplies and making sure the word was getting out to her clients of the new address, Jeanne Lizza, director of Special Kids, Inc., was able to cross one worry off her list.

"The Neighborhood Club was always very generous with us regarding space and equipment," Lizza said. "They let us use their computers for some of our programs, but thanks to a very generous donation from Grosse Pointe Rotary, we now have our own computers for our new location."

That location, 20451 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, will now serve as home to programs offered by Special Kids, Inc. to children with special needs, including speech and occupational therapy and tutoring programs. Lizza also coordinates several recreational programs, including a special needs swim program during the summer and a therapeutic horseback riding program.

In addition, Special Kids offers the Fast Forward reading tutorial, a reading program designed to boost skills for struggling readers.

Along with change of address cards, Lizza is sending out "Save the Date" cards for the Special Kids annual wine tasting fundraiser Friday, Nov. 11.

## Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Agency

Every other Saturday, critters of all sizes and stripes came to the Neighborhood Club in hopes of finding forever families at the bi-weekly adoption fairs held by the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

According to Corinne Martin, GPAAS executive director, the Neighborhood Club was the perfect site, as it offered a large room with an easily washable floor, a major requirement when dealing with dozens of dogs and cats.

"We had a rather unique situation, because while we have our own building in Grosse Pointe Park, it's not big enough to handle the crowds we get at our adoption fairs," Martin explained. "Also, parking is an issue, and we definitely need a first-floor location, as we have many senior citizens who come to our fairs who can't handle stairs."

After several local options fell through, the GPAAS adoption fairs have moved to the Camp Bow Wow Grooming and Training Center at Nine Mile and Mack, next to the Pet Supplies Plus, in St. Clair Shores.

"Ideally, we would like to be

in Grosse Pointe, but it's not easy to find a facility to accommodate our parking needs, schedule and dog hair, even if we do clean it up afterwards," Martin said.

GPAAS has scheduled adoption fairs at the Camp Bow Wow location for Saturday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 24. For additional information, call (313) 884-1551.

## The Neighborhood Club

Stuart Alderman's first duty as the new executive director of the Neighborhood Club was to pack up and move out even before he had a chance to settle in.

But now that Alderman and his staff are firmly established in their temporary location at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church on Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms, Alderman wants to make sure the community

knows his organization is open and ready to kick off its fall sports program.

"The move went extremely well, and the church has been fabulous to work with as we get settled in," he said.

While it occupies smaller quarters during construction, Alderman said some of its popular programs have to be put on hold, including several indoor athletic programs.

"We are still offering our youth sports programs, but urge families to register online at our website," he said.

However, the very popular Neighborhood Club Nursery School program will be ready for its young charges on opening day, Monday, Sept. 13, at the church. Alderman also noted there are openings in this year's program, and urges parents to call and register their children as soon as possible.

One Neighborhood Club program still looking for a home is the very popular Thrift Store.

"It has been difficult, since



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Thomas Liddane and Jacob Dall use the computers and Special Kids donated by the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club.

we need to work within city ordinances," Alderman said. "But we are still actively searching for a suitable site. If anyone has an idea, please let us know."

Even as Alderman and staff settle into their temporary location, they are focused on the new facility which should be

completed by the end of 2012. "It's an exciting time for the Neighborhood Club," he said. "We're in the final design stages now. We're looking forward to the future."

Additional information can be found on the club's website, [neighborhoodclub.org](http://neighborhoodclub.org) or by calling (313) 885-4600.

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Special Kids board member Carolyn Dall, Linda Mackool of Grosse Pointe Rotary and Jeanne Lizza, director of Special Kids in front of the new home on Mack Avenue.

**CHURCHES**

**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Ecumenical breakfast**

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. and the 7:45 a.m. speaker is Sharon Maier, Executive Director of Services for Older Citizens. The event ends at 8:15 a.m. For more information call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

**First English**

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds its annual rally day, signaling the start of a new Sunday School year, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Children ages 3 years through high school take part in Sunday School classes. Children should wear red, white and blue in memory of the 10th anniversary of the assault on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Penn. After devotions, children participate in outdoor Olympic-style games. Refreshments are served. For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.

**United Church**

Grosse Pointe United

Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, recognizes the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 tragedies with a vesper service at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. "This milestone anniversary provides us with an opportunity for remembrance and reflection about Sept. 11 and its deep impact on our lives and the lives of so many across the globe. "We invited the community to join us for this vespers observance," said Rev. Shelley Page.



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**Pandamania**

Mikinzi Allen beads a necklace during Grace United Church's Pandamania Vacation Bible School. She was one of 17 children who learned "God is wild about you." Lessons, crafts and songs reinforced the message of God's love.

**Grace Community**

Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit, offers "Alpha," a free course from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, from Sept. 13 - Nov. 29. Alpha's purpose is to open a dialogue for persons to explore and understand their questions about the existence of God, the purpose of life and the afterlife and the claims of Jesus. To register, call (313) 882-3000 or visit [gracewired.com](http://gracewired.com).

**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. 14, at the First Christian Reform Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. The Rev. Ben VanArragon facilitates the dialogue.

**St. Clare of Montefalco**

St. Clare of Montefalco PTO, 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, holds its 27th annual book sale, Sept. 14 - 18. From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sept. 14, prices are marked up 50 percent. Doors are open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16; and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 17, most items are marked half price. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 18.

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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

By Rev. Walter Schmidt

**God was first to send text**

Members of First English Lutheran Church, will readily tell you I am certainly not the most up to date when it comes to the new electronic age. Yes, I use a computer, have my own e-mail address at church and carry a cell phone, although a very basic one; but tech savvy I am not. However, the term text messaging got me to thinking. As I reflect upon those words, I am reminded God has been "text messaging" for centuries! Now for those who might not be familiar with church jargon, the word "text" is the assigned lessons from the Bible for Sunday and special services. For example pastors often say, "The text for today comes from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter so and so, verses so and so," and the text is read. Broadly, the word "text" is another word for God's word. The point I'm trying to make is "text messaging" has been around for a long time, long before the dawn of the electronic age. It might be old technology, although one can obtain the Bible on many electronic devices - but God has been communicating, "text messaging" if you will, with people through his word for a long, long time. Traditionally the church has spoken of God's word as the written, spoken and living word. The written word, obviously the Bible, the spoken word, as it is shared one with another, and the living word,

see both good and bad evolve from "texting," unfortunately a typical outcome of most advances. We hear "texting" has been used to communicate as nations struggle for freedom and we hear people are "texting" call others together for that which is destructive. All of this is a vivid reminder, I believe, of the power of words; whether those words are spoken, written, texted, e-mailed or sent by "snail mail." Two particular scripture passages come to mind. From Isaiah, Chapter 55, "So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;" God says, "it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Plus Romans, Chapter 10, "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." I return to my original point; God has been "texting" humankind for thousands of years; through his word, through his people, through his church, through our devotional life, and yes, in many and various ways, through our more modern ways of communicating as well. So the next time you receive or send a "text," take a moment and reflect upon how God has and continues to "text" us, his people, with the message of his great and gracious love! Rev. Schmidt is senior pastor at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. In our modern day world we

Here you might want to look at what has been called the "Prologue to John's Gospel," John 1:1-18, especially John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's only son, full of grace and truth." The New Testament speaks of how God not only tells of his great love for humankind through the written and spoken word, but he put that love into action by becoming one with us, through his son, the living word, to suffer and die, bearing our sin upon the cross, and conquering death through his resurrection, that we might live. In fact, the word "gospel" literally means "good news," the good news of God's love in his son. As I think about "text messaging," I cannot help but reflect on those scribes and monks who painstakingly copied the Bible, by hand, word by word, letter by letter so the message might be preserved and passed on to future generations. Or Johannes Gutenberg, with his movable type printing press, setting type by hand, although a great improvement over the hand written copies. And yes, had "text messaging" been around 2000 years ago, the Four Evangelists who wrote the gospels, or St. Paul and the other New Testament writers who penned the epistles, might well have "texted" their message.

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# Addressing pressures children face

"Race to Nowhere," a documentary addressing the pressures children face as they define and manage their middle school, high school and college expectations is shown from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Sponsored by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, the screening is followed by a question and answer period and discussion by a panel of experts. Members identify red flags indicating children may be at risk for depression or anxiety and provide tools for managing pressure children and families face.

Panelists are Sean Hogan-Downey, Carla Palffy and Mary Beth Garvey.

Hogan-Downey is a licensed master social worker and licensed marriage and family therapist. She works at The Grosse Pointe Academy as staff consultant and school counselor.

In her position, she accesses children's innate competencies and restores balance by empowering people to define their own expectations, needs and goals to assume accountability for how they manage the demands of school and community.

"The digital age further exacerbates the busyness of kids today," Hogan-Downey said. "Doing your best" is easily undermined by the constant distraction and focus on texting, e-mail and cell phones that re-

quire immediate attention. Children today have little time to develop independent thinking, problem solving or creativity."

Palffy is a licensed school counselor at Grosse Pointe's Parcels Middle School and has a private practice where she helps high school students navigate the college admissions process.

While she's observed the pressure to perform, compete and apply to the "best" colleges, Palffy reminds students and parents there is a "right" college for everyone.

"It is critical for students to pursue a few meaningful activities and interest they enjoy rather than focus on how multiple experiences may enhance

their college resume," she said, adding parents often send mixed messages about achievement to children.

"In good faith, we tell them we want them to be happy, while simultaneously driving them to unlimited activities and pushing for increased advanced academic performance as early as the middle school years," she said.

Garvey is a licensed master

social worker and family therapist who worked with children and families in both private and public mental health settings since 1993. She is now in private practice in Grosse Pointe.

"Race to Nowhere" will raise issues that resonate for members of this community," she said. "Our current culture is highly competitive, often overscheduled and fragmented and parents and educators are do-

ing their best to provide kids with the best opportunities and raise well-adjusted, resilient children."

The event is free and seats are limited. For reservations, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) and click on "Race to Nowhere."

Due to the sensitive nature of the documentary, the presentation is designed for adults and open to high school students accompanied by a parent.

## EVENTS: Churches present

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18, customers can fill a bag and be charged one price.

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### St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, items are marked half off.

Customers can choose from boutique items, collectibles, jewelry, linens, hard goods, books, furniture and toys. Adult and children's clothing is sold for \$6 a bag.

Proceeds support Detroit and Southeast Michigan ministries and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Association World Hunger Outreach programs.



## Crossroads

Crossroads of Michigan's 40th Anniversary Awards Gala committee includes, from left, Mike Hayden, Ginnie Rice, Crossroads Executive Director Mary Honsel, Kim Schmidt, Ted Everingham, Yolanda Turner, Fritz Damm and Julie Sutton. The event is Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. For more information contact Dawn at (313) 831-2787.

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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

# Hallow laughter in response to dark play



Pinter's vaunted masterpiece of theater, "The Homecoming," at Stratford's Avon Theatre.

But the laughter is light and generally hollow in response to the darkness of the lives portrayed.

The dominant figure is Max, a dictatorial and psychologically twisted father given to conflicting values of sexuality.

**B**lack humor and socially corrupt values are the currencies that buy laughter in Harold

He alternates between idealistic recollections of his late wife, raunchy references to her and independent adventures in limousine back seats. It is a predilection that leads to the play's tawdry climactic episode. As Max, Brian Dennehy flashes with moments of fire as he demands respect and reaction to his often self-contradicting comments and commands. He is not oblivious to his sons' frequent failure to respond, but quickly forgets and moves on.

Two of Max's sons who live with him in a gloomy mansion contribute their own venal attitudes. Lenny, who evasively refrains from admitting he is a pimp, reeks with disrespect and immorality. As Lenny, Aaron Krohn imparts suspi-

cious innuendo to every word and move.

Joey, a boxer, is slightly punchy and admits to working in demolition. Both show obvious disrespect, but largely ignore their father's foibles. Ian Lake gives Joey the air of the budding boxer destined for oblivion and a more straightforward approach to sex. But for all three, sleazy sex is a primary drive. Their frequent failure to respond to Max and gestures of disrespect even hint of an early abusive relationship.

The third brother, Teddy, has gone to America and is a college professor. Mike Shara brings to the role the guise of respectability that goes with his profession infected by a split personality in his family role. The enigma of his wife,

Ruth, is only gradually dispelled as we discover that she, too, has a role to play in the murky world of her husband's family. That comes about in the course of the couple's first visit home after six years of marriage.

As Ruth, Cara Ricketts appears at first with only the faintest hints of the ambiguity of her character. She lives up to her claims of an earlier "modeling" career and deals with the men with sophistication that makes the development of her role all the more amazing.

In one contrasting image, Max's brother, Sam, is a surprising figure of honorable decency. In that role, Stephen Ouimette generates some of the sincerest humor on occasions when he mutely gets up

and leaves the room to escape his family's vulgarity and his brother's demeaning insults.

Coming as it does from the era of protest and theater of the absurd a half century ago, the play does not seem as relevant as it did at the time of its opening success. Nor does this performance have the conviction and verisimilitude of its hugely successful introduction. The fascination of the convoluted characters and the historic importance of Pinter's unique style in recent theatrical history are undeniable.

The play is presented in repertory at the Avon Theatre through Oct. 30.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## A nautical appetizer



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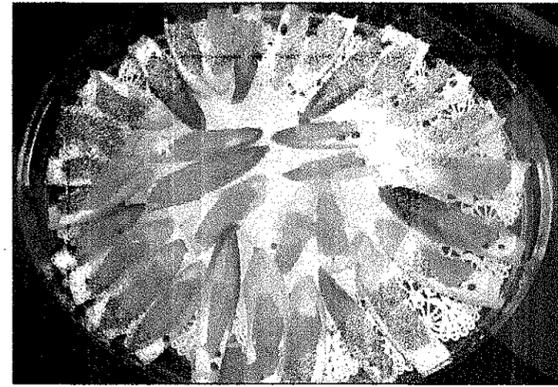
**Smoked Salmon boats**  
2 to 3 fresh endive bulbs  
4 oz. cream cheese  
1 tablespoon capers, drained

**12 oz. smoked salmon (lox style)**

Cut the end from the endive and separate the leaves. Place about 1/2 teaspoon cream cheese near the cut end of the leaf. Top with a few capers then with a small piece of smoked salmon.

Place the stuffed leaves on a serving tray, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

This is one of those recipes you just eyeball the amounts of everything according to how many boats you hope to prepare.



Smoked salmon tucked into an endive leaf, so simple, so elegant and so tasty.

## CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

### Broadway Onstage

"Long Song," an offbeat comedy is onstage at Eastpointe's Broadway Onstage Live Theatre, 21517 Kelly. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays from Sept. 9 - Oct. 8.

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Toll-booth operator, Beane, is the main "Long Song" character. An exile from life, his well-meaning sister, Joan, and brother-in-law, Harry, try to make time for him in their busy lives. Following a burglary at Beane's apartment, Joan is baffled to find her brother blissfully happy and tries to unravel the story behind his mysterious new love, Molly, who may not exist.

Tickets to opening night cost \$14. Other performance tickets cost \$16 and may be reserved by calling (586) 771-6333.

### Pro Musica

Violin prodigy Benjamin Beilman opens the 85th concert season of Pro Musica Detroit at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center. Beilman is accompanied by pianist Anna Polonsky.

After the concert, Beilman answers questions.

Tickets cost \$45 and can be bought by calling the box office at (313) 576-5111. Student tickets cost \$10 and can be reserved by calling (313) 882-7775.

### Art gallery

"Multiplicity, Connection and Divergence: African Art" from the John F. Korachis collection is on display Sept. 10 - Nov. 20 at the Oakland University Art Gallery, 2200 N. Squirrel, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester.

The opening reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

The exhibit includes 80 works of art, primarily from

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western Africa.  
Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.  
Korachis is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

## Century Theatre

"Freud's Last Session," the award-winning, Off-Broadway hit play by Mark St. Germain debuts at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison, Detroit, Wednesday, Sept. 7 - Nov. 20.

The play centers on legendary psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, who invites a young, little-known professor, C.S. Lewis, to his home in London. Lewis, expecting to be called on the carpet for satirizing Freud in a recent book, realizes Freud has a more significant agenda. On the day England enters World War II, Freud and Lewis clash on the existence of God, love, sex and the meaning of life — only two weeks before Freud

chooses to take his own. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. matinees Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets range from \$39.50 to \$44.50.

## Historical museum

The Detroit Historical Museum closes its doors for three weeks beginning Monday, Sept. 5. Four new exhibitions will be installed during the three-week closing.

When the museum reopens Sept. 23, the 1914 Anderson Detroit Electric Car is featured in the automotive showplace. In 1907, the Anderson Carriage Company began building an electric automobile powered by a rechargeable lead acid battery. The vehicles averaged about 80 miles per charge, with a top speed of 20 miles per hour. By 1911, the product had become so successful the company's name was changed to the Anderson Electric Car Company, and later to the Detroit Electric Car Company.

These cars were more reliable than gasoline cars and did not require cranking to start. They were also more expensive, selling for \$2,600 when a new Ford Model T was just \$600.

The vehicle on display was purchased by Helen Newberry Joy Oct. 11, 1921. She was the wife of Henry Bourne Joy Sr., president of the Packard Motor Car Company. Mrs. Joy kept the car's license active until 1947.

Another new display features the works of William Bushnell Stout, an inventor whose technical imagination was years ahead of his time.

This display includes illustrations, design drawings and models Stout donated to the society's collection. His revolutionary designs — including the Sky Car, an aircraft that could shed its wings and operate as a car — pushed the bounds of contemporary automotive, aeronautic and train travel.

It was Stout's creativity that produced the Ford tri-motor airplane.

The museum, located at 5401 Woodward, Detroit, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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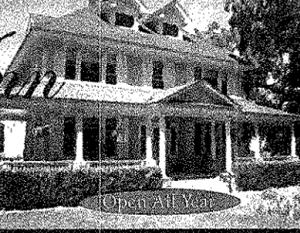
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