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◆ "That's Entertainment" Show Choir/Vocal Jazz workshop for middle school students is from 8 a.m. to noon and high school students from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Assumption GreekFest opens at 6 p.m. The event at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods, closes at 11 p.m.

◆ Poets Follies Reading Series begins at 7 p.m. at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Local writers Maria Costantini and Olga Klekner will read. Admission is free.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 21**

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◆ Secretary of State offices will be closed due to a mandatory state employee furlough day.

◆ Assumption GreekFest is from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 22**

◆ "That's Entertainment" Show Choir/Vocal Jazz performances are at 6 and 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village or online at [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org).

◆ The fourth annual dog wash is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the corner of Bedford and Kercheval. The cost is \$10. All proceeds go to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

**MONDAY, AUG. 24**

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Ewald branch library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The board packet is available

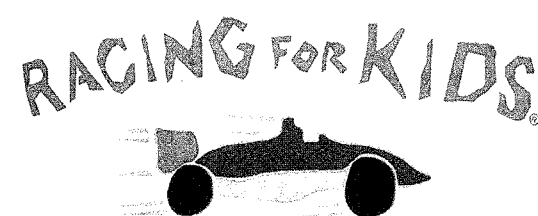
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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS**

## Hill decked out for street fair



By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Dan Schmidt, 13, isn't so focused on sidewalk surfing that he doesn't look up now and then. He and fellow skateboarders on the Hill are wondering about hundreds of black and white checkered flags strung over Kercheval.

"I thought they were something for cars," said

Schmidt, of Grosse Pointe Farms. "I was seeing sports cars on the Hill, a Ferrari a few days ago."

He'll see a lot more in two weeks. Kercheval will be shut down the afternoon of Wednesday Sept. 2, for an exotic car show preceding an evening fundraiser for Racing For Kids health care charity.

"We've gotten a couple of Ferraris and Ford GTs, a

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Taste of summer

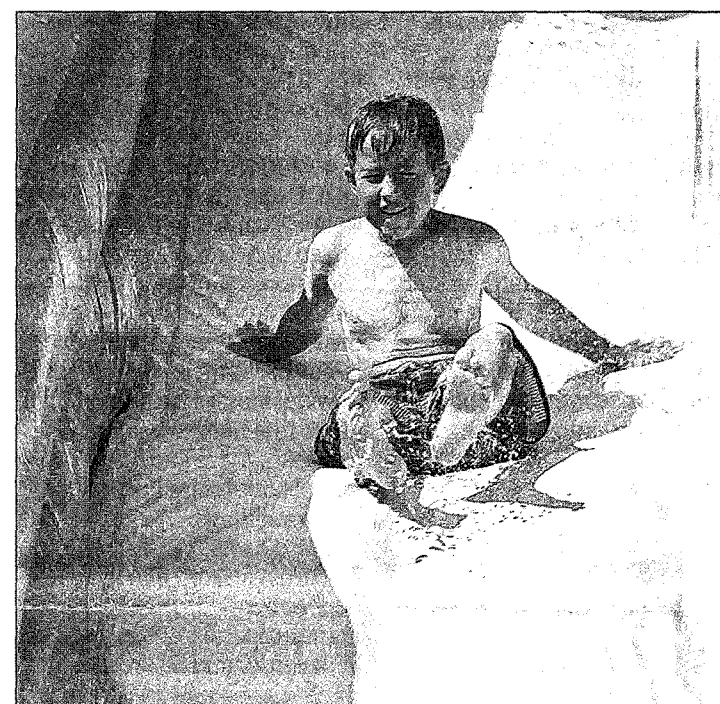
Fresh flowers and vegetables, handmade crafts and treats were available all day at West Park Market's annual beer tasting fest and corn roast Saturday, Aug. 15. Above right, Mickey Kuchta cooled off during Saturday's heat.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

## Sliding by

Word spread quickly Saturday, Aug. 15, a car had gone into the lake just north of Moross. Traffic backed up as police blocked off Lakeshore, but it was not what it seemed. Grosse Pointe Farms resident Scott Houghton was cruising the lake in his 1963 Amphicar, a cross between a boat and a car, when it stalled. Fortunately, he was near shore. A good samaritan and fellow Farms resident Kevin Conrad stopped to assist. "I wasn't sure who to call," said Houghton good naturedly. "I mean, do I call a boat repair or a tow truck?" He decided on the tow truck, and traffic came to a stop as the amphicar was pulled it from the lake. "I've had the car for six years and never had a problem," he said. Houghton "launches" his amphicar from Crescent Sail Yacht Club's beach.



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE**

## Luring developers

### Proposed zoning changes pave way for future boom times

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Development-friendly zoning changes proposed for the Village could prime it for boom times when the economy blasts back.

"It will be a stronger district when the economy catches up with our foresightedness," said Jean Weipert of the City of Grosse Pointe council.

Council members are close to codifying changes outlined in the master plan, updated earlier this decade to create a greater mixture of uses in the city's central shopping area.

The matter will be discussed over the coming months. A public hearing and potential adoption is tentatively scheduled for the October council meeting.

The expanded recipe of economic activity allows taller build-

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**POINTER OF INTEREST**

*'I always knew I wanted to serve my country in some capacity.'*

## Mary Ellen Burke



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Woods

**Age:** 60

**Family:** daughter, Marie

Agocs; two brothers; two sisters

**Claim to fame:** Retired Air Force Reserve Colonel

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Yesterday's headlines

1959  
50 years ago this week

◆ **PARKING PLEA RE-BUFFED AGAIN:** The Grosse Pointe Farms Council dealt a crushing blow to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's hopes for additional parking.

After an hour and a half discussion between interested citizens and the council, a proposed amendment to the city's zoning ordinance was rejected.

Construction of an addition to the War Memorial's parking facilities was stopped when it was determined the parking facilities did not conform to the zoning ordinance that prohibits parking in the front yard.

◆ **GAS THEFTS:** A phone call from a citizen reporting to Grosse Pointe Woods police that boys were prowling in the area near Charlevoix and Hollywood resulted in the resolution of five gasoline thefts in Warren. When police searched the car they found a siphoning tube, a large can which smelled of gasoline and several tools. The 19-year-old occupant of the vehicle admitted siphoning gas from five cars in Warren.

◆ **PARK BAR HOLDUP:** Two armed men held up the Baby Grand Bar on Charlevoix and escaped with \$340.

Both bandits were wearing dark glasses when they walked into the bar. One man walked behind the bar and ordered the bartender to put money from the cash register into a paper bag. The second man stood in front of the bar and held a gun on the customers. The men ran out of the bar and into a waiting car.

1984  
25 years ago this week

◆ **LOTS OF TAKERS:** The



FROM THE AUG. 20, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1959: Restaurant blaze

A three-alarm fire caused extensive damage to London East, one of the Pointes most famous restaurants. Located at 123 Kercheval, about \$150,000 in damage resulted. Shown here is the popular inner room. Owner Les Gruber hopes to have the place redone and open for business within two months.

deadline for filing applications to become Grosse Pointe Public School System's next superintendent passed yesterday with more than 100 hopeful candidates on file. The board hopes to have a new man on board by the first of next year.

◆ **FARMS TABLES HILL ORDINANCE:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council tabled until Oct. 1 a proposed "first floor retail only" ordinance for new businesses on the Hill.

The ordinance would require new businesses in the front half of the first floor to be retail uses. New service and office uses would have to use the rear half of the buildings.

◆ **WILLOW TREE THEFT:** Two men walked into the back door of the Willow Tree clothing shop in the Village, grabbed between 20 and 30 dresses off a

rack and ran to a waiting car parked just outside the door.

1999  
10 years ago this week

◆ **RESIDENTS CORNERED:** A number of Grosse Pointe Woods residents appeared before the city council to express their displeasure with the new fence regulations approved by the city in April. Since the council passed rules limiting the height of fences and the types of material that can be used to construct them, the council has held numerous variance hearings requested by residents who wish to go their own way.

◆ **JEFFERSON CONSTRUCTION:** Jefferson, from the Grosse Pointe Shores bor-

der to Marter Road is getting much needed repairs and it is the hope of Grosse Pointe Woods parks director Bill Babcock that this work won't be too inconvenient for those wishing to attend Lake Front Park. Entry and exit to the park will vary depending on when construction reaches the park's front gate and its exit gate.

◆ **ART THEFT:** A woman living in a duplex on Neff told City of Grosse Pointe police that her \$1,000 signed lithograph was missing from a hall closet. Police suspect a moving company contracted by the victim's neighbor mistakenly packed up the artwork and is delivering it to New York.

2004  
Five years ago this week

◆ **NEW OWNERS?:** The former Jacobson's building might change hands.

Current owner CVS Pharmacy is reportedly weighing offers from two metro-area developers for the signature building in the Village.

◆ **ROBBERY FOILED:** An unknown man attempted to steal a deposit bag from a St. Clair Shores restaurant manager making a deposit at a bank in the 21000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The restaurant manager was approached by the suspect and resisted. A struggle ensued. A St. Clair Shores resident, who was walking away from the building, turned back to help the restaurant manager.

The suspect gave up when another car pulled into the parking lot.

◆ **WAVERUNNERS STOLEN:** A 38-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested for possessing two Kawasaki Waverunners and a double-wide trailer, all stored at Pier Park.

The items worth at least \$5,000, had been reported stolen earlier this month by a 31-year-old Farms woman.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Teens mugged on Mack

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Two muggers armed with a gun and knife ambushed three male teenagers walking on eastbound Mack near Bournemouth a few minutes after midnight Thursday, Aug. 14.

One of the teens was punched to the ground and taunted, he told police.

"It's OK, we are nice robbers," the assailant reportedly said, holding a knife and patting the teen. The second robber had a black semiautomatic pistol.

The victims, two 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods residents and a 16-year-old from Harper Woods, were otherwise uninjured.

Police have no firm suspects. Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Mike McCarthy has a hunch they're "area youths," he said.

McCarthy described the assailants as "punks with a gun and knife who were able to bully their way through this."

The robbers stole two cell phones and fled on foot south on Bournemouth toward Chalfonte.

"(Two of the victims) said it appeared they got into a vehicle, as they observed taillights, but could not describe the vehicle in any detail," said investigating officer David Stone. "All three victims said they would recognize the (men) if they saw them again."

Farms Public Safety Director Dan Jensen has been fearing a rise in street crime.

"I'm surprised, with the economy the way it is, we haven't had more of it," he said.

Officers on the midnight shift make an effort to be visible patrolling Mack.

"I have a lot of well-trained

and aggressive officers," Jensen said. "They love being out there. The No. 1 deterrent to crime is visibility. A lot of times at night, you'll see three police cars at the gasoline station on Mack and Moross. They love having us there."

The mugging victims had been riding bicycles when one of them got a flat tire and all three started walking.

As they approached Bournemouth, two men "came out of nowhere," a victim told police, and knocked the one youth to the ground.

"One of the males showed a knife," a victim told Stone, "approached and said, 'Get me everything.'"

The man with the knife was described as 6 feet tall and wearing a yellow T-shirt. The gunman was 5-foot-5. He wore a T-shirt and black do-rag.

The boy who was knocked to the ground had thrown his cell phone in the bushes to avoid it being stolen. He later retrieved it.

The second Pointe youth surrendered his Blackjack cell phone and silver iPod. The Harper Woods resident gave up his phone, which he told police his mother had given him that day.

Police hope to subpoena the victims' wireless carriers to track the stolen phones.

Shortly after Farms police radioed nearby agencies to be on the lookout for the two suspects, Sgt. Dan Pullen of Grosse Pointe Shores investigated two men matching the descriptions in a car on southbound Lakeshore near the Farms city limits.

"(The) driver stated he was from out of town and they were looking for 7 Mile," Pullen said. "Officers determined that these two subjects were not the subjects from the (alert)."

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# Park Foundation observes 25 years of giving

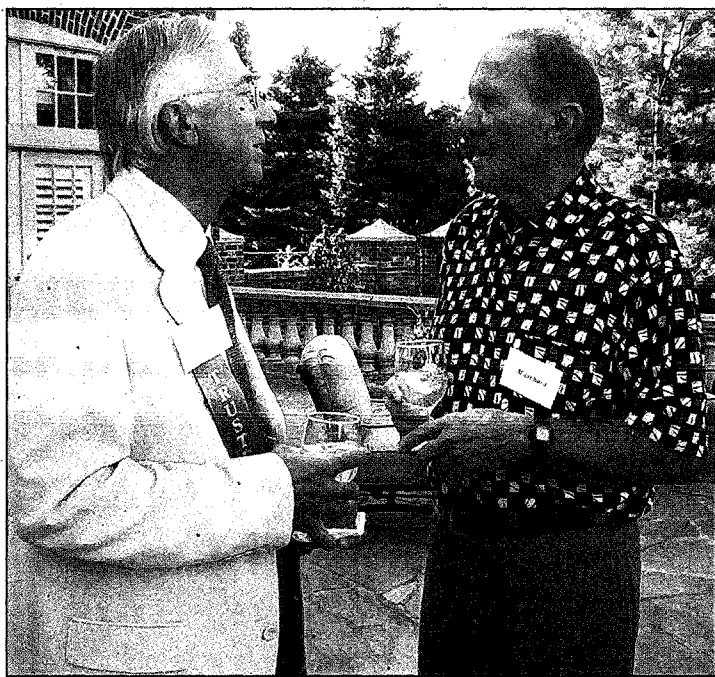
By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

It was an event 25 years in the making as the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation marked both a significant anniversary and a financial milestone.

Donors and city officials came together Thursday, Aug. 13 at the lakefront house of Dr. Richard Golden to celebrate not only 25 years of contributions to improving Grosse Pointe Park, but celebrate more than \$2.5 million in donations.

"We're excited about reaching this milestone," said Dale Ehresman, the foundation's new president. "It was formed to enhance city-owned property along Jefferson, and has done so much more."

Among the projects funded through the foundation are the Lavins Activity Center and the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe



Grosse Pointe Park Foundation President Dale Ehresman, left, and Al LeChard discuss ideas of how the foundation can serve the community.

Park, the lakefront boardwalk and the splash pad at Patterson Park and the flower pots along Kercheval Avenue.



Dr. Richard Golden's house overlooking Lake St. Clair was the setting of the 2009 Grosse Pointe Park Foundation summer fundraiser. Left, Golden told Al Thomas the use of his house and grounds was a way to give back to the community.

The most current projects were the zero-depth children's pool and fountain at Windmill Pointe Park and a putting and chipping green for Park duffers at Patterson Park. A bocce ball court was also added for residents' enjoyment.

"The foundation helps knit the community together," said Patrick McKeever, a trustee. "It brings together volunteers with so many different skills, and allows all of us to give something back to our community."

The foundation's next project is a new gatehouse at Patterson Park, with groundbreaking scheduled for spring 2010. High on the foundation's "wish list" is an arts center auditorium.

"Our city projects are all good," said Ehresman, "but with the work of the foundation they can be great. We're looking forward to the next 25 years."

## GROSSE POINTE WOODS

# Stop sign removal yields warnings from traffic cops

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

It's not often a street scores in the 85th percentile, but that was the score given to Bournemouthe in Grosse Pointe Woods during an analysis of traffic patterns.

The study was conducted as part of the city's program aimed at removing unwarranted stop signs, and was done at the request of the City Council after residents complained that removing the stop sign from the corner of Bournemouthe

and Raymond had handed motorists an invitation to speed.

The 85th percentile designation means that 85 percent of vehicles using the street stay within 5 mph of the speed limit, and the perception by residents that large numbers of cars are speeding down the block may not be accurate. The 85th percentile is a law enforcement and traffic safety standard used throughout the country to determine the relative safety of a road.

"You will always have a person who speeds," said Sally

Behgin, Woods traffic safety officer. "People don't notice cars that are going the speed limit. We have found it to be more of a perceived problem than a real one."

And the statistics collected by the public safety department appear to back that up.

Both manual and mechanical speed devices used to study traffic usage at Bournemouthe and Raymond registered nearly identical findings. The manual study, done between December 2008 and February 2009 showed the highest speed

driven during that period was 38 mph, while an automated counter used between April and July showed an average speed of 29 mph.

"People think that a stop sign somehow makes a corner more safe, but it doesn't," Behgin said. "Our studies show that 85 percent of the drivers on Bournemouthe are basically following the law. What we have to recognize is that 15 percent of drivers out there are simply bad drivers. They don't follow speed limits, they have suspended licenses and unpaid

tickets. We know they are out there, but it is a percentage of drivers that is hard to reach. A sign won't influence them one way or the other."

Beghin explained that the stop sign removal program is an attempt by the city to comply with the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

"We have the manual, but we also consult with traffic engineers before beginning the sign removal. We notify residents and conduct before and after studies," she explained. Non-compliance with federal regulations could result in some loss of funding, though no penalties have been imposed as of yet.

Several Bournemouthe residents addressed the council about their concerns about speeding and the large number of children who live on the street, and with those children in mind, a compromise was reached when the council recommended to the public safety department that an advisory sign, "Slow. Children Play Here" be placed in both directions at Bournemouthe and Raymond.

"It may help, but it's definitely not going to hurt," said Mayor Robert Novitke.

While the council chose to take action on the Bournemouthe signage, it de-

clined to take action on another contested corner, Morningside and Moorland.

Statistics from automated counts done between July 2004 and July 2009 showed virtually no change in average speeds both before and after the sign was removed.

Moorland resident John Brucia questioned the accuracy of the data, saying that people slowed down because a police car was present for a manual traffic count during the cold weather when a mechanical device cannot be used.

"A stop sign must do some good," he told the council. "We're either going to err on the side of caution or we're going to err on the side of compliance."

Public Safety Director Michael Makowski advised the council that there were no pedestrian or vehicular accidents at that corner, and that the traffic studies produced nearly identical data from before and after the sign was removed.

Based on that information, the council declined to take any action on that intersection, and the stop sign will not be replaced.

To date, the city has removed 29 "unwarranted" stop signs, with eight more set to be taken down by the end of the year.

# Jilted teenager assaults replacement

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Police requested aggravated assault charges against a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods male for conducting a gang-like beating of his replacement in love.

Boostered by a pack of friends, the accused assailant reportedly tailed his ex-girlfriend and her new date to a house on Fairford in Grosse Pointe Shores and, at a few minutes after midnight, Monday, Aug. 10, lead the attack.

"He had been attempting to set up a fight with (the victim) all evening," according to a report by Sgt. Scott Rohr, a Shores detective. "Upon following (him) to

Fairford, it appears that he summoned approximately 10 to 12 males in four to five vehicles. Upon their arrival, (the suspect) attacked."

The new suitor, an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods male, refused medical transport but went on his own to the hospital with injuries to his face and body, according to a police account.

A second victim, a 17-year-old St. Clair Shores male and friend of the first victim, tried to stop the fight, police said. He was sucker punched by the instigator in an "unprovoked assault" and went to the hospital with a broken nose, said an officer.

"The defendant is alleged to have continued to strike the (victim) as well as re-

straining (the other victim) during the assault to allow four to five other unknown males to kick and strike him," Rohr reported.

Grosse Pointe Woods officers picked up the suspect at his house in the 2000 block of Hollywood. Shores officers took him into custody. They'd planned to charge him with inciting a riot and disorderly conduct.

"Due to the nature of the attack and the injuries requiring medical treatment, I have changed the report to aggravated assault," according to Rohr.

Two other suspected attackers, both 17-year-old males from Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods, were questioned and released.

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Ticked off patron vows to shop elsewhere

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Sue Steiger wants City of Grosse Pointe officials to know she has no sour grapes about getting her latest parking ticket in the Village.

That she has no hard feelings about the ticket being her third in the Village in 34 years.

That she could have put another quarter in the parking meter before letting time run out, even though the parking lot wasn't full and, thus, she wasn't taking up space anyone else needed.

Steiger spent part of Monday night saying so to members of the city council. She ended by saying she's

had it with their parking tickets and will shop somewhere else.

"I am ticked off," she said. Steiger lives in Grosse Pointe Park. She's a book lover, yet will forsake Borders Books in the Village and patronize a branch on Ford Road in Dearborn near where she works. If she wants to lose herself in a bookstore locally, she'll go to Barnes and Noble in Detroit.

Mayor Dale Scrace failed to ensure things over by inviting Steiger to join him in for coffee in the Village.

"I'll bring the quarters," he said.

Steiger wanted to know if city officials consider the recession when tagging people

with parking tickets.

"We haven't changed our enforcement," said Peter Dame, city manager. "There's less ticket writers here (from three to two) than when I came here. We are not a gotcha community."

Dame advised Steiger to park in the municipal parking garage behind Kercheval Place, where Trader Joe's validates up to three hours of parking for its customers.

"You can't get a parking ticket in the garage," Dame said.

"You're charged for as long as you stay. If you do that and shop at Trader Joe's at the end of your trip, its free."

"The city also started free parking on Sundays in that

garage," added Councilman Chris Walsh. "The garage was one way for us to facilitate growth and activity in the district without laying a big tax on everyone. Trust me, complaints for a tax would have been a lot more than you coming in tonight."

"The most common complaint we receive is parking," Scrace said.

"But, you can't have free parking or else you can't support the (parking) system. The system has to support itself."

"I realize they need the money for upkeep," Steiger said later. "I knew about the garage and forgot about it. This is the third ticket I've got in 34 years."

# Parking structure maintenance deal accepted

A year-long deal to maintain the Village municipal parking garage has been accepted at a 5 percent discount.

Terms of the \$10,830 agreement include regular service, emergency repairs and on-call holiday repairs to the structure's computerized traffic equipment.

"Any time you operate a parking structure, you need to

have someone responsible for fixing the ticket machines, gate and payment machines," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The agreement is supposed to ensure breakdowns are fixed fast.

"If you don't have a maintenance agreement, you're at the back of the line," Dame said. "It's a standard agree-

ment if you're running a garage."

The contractor, Traffic and Safety Control System, Inc., offered the city a 5 percent discount if paid annually instead of monthly.

"The company is the same that installed the equipment and is the only company locally that is trained in this type of equipment," said Gary

Huvaere, public service supervisor.

City officials had budgeted \$11,400 for the contract.

"It's not cheap," Dame said. "It's just another example that it's not free to operate a parking garage. There are costs to providing public parking."

The deal runs through July 1, 2010.

— By Brad Lindberg

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

# Above and beyond: A line of service

By Olivia Ferguson  
Special Writer

Col. Mary Ellen Burke has gone above and beyond in life, just as the motto of the United States Air Force states.

On July 27, the Grosse Pointe Woods resident celebrated retirement from one phase of her life during a special ceremony. Her family, friends and colleagues came together to honor her 33 years of exemplary military service: 22 years in the Illinois Air National Guard, and 11 years in the Air Force Reserve.

Burke grew up in Grosse Pointe with her parents, C. John and Peggy Burke. She attended Academy of the Sacred Heart, and credits much of her success to the outstanding education she received there. Following her graduation, she attended St. Mary's College in Chicago, earning an education degree with an American history major. Her passion for the history and founding principles of this country inspired Burke to join the military. "I always knew I wanted to serve my country in some capacity," she said.

She got her chance in 1976. While Burke was teaching fifth grade math and science in a Chicago Catholic school, the teacher across the hall enlisted in the Air National Guard. The idea appealed to Burke; the ANG offered her travel opportunities, the chance to work

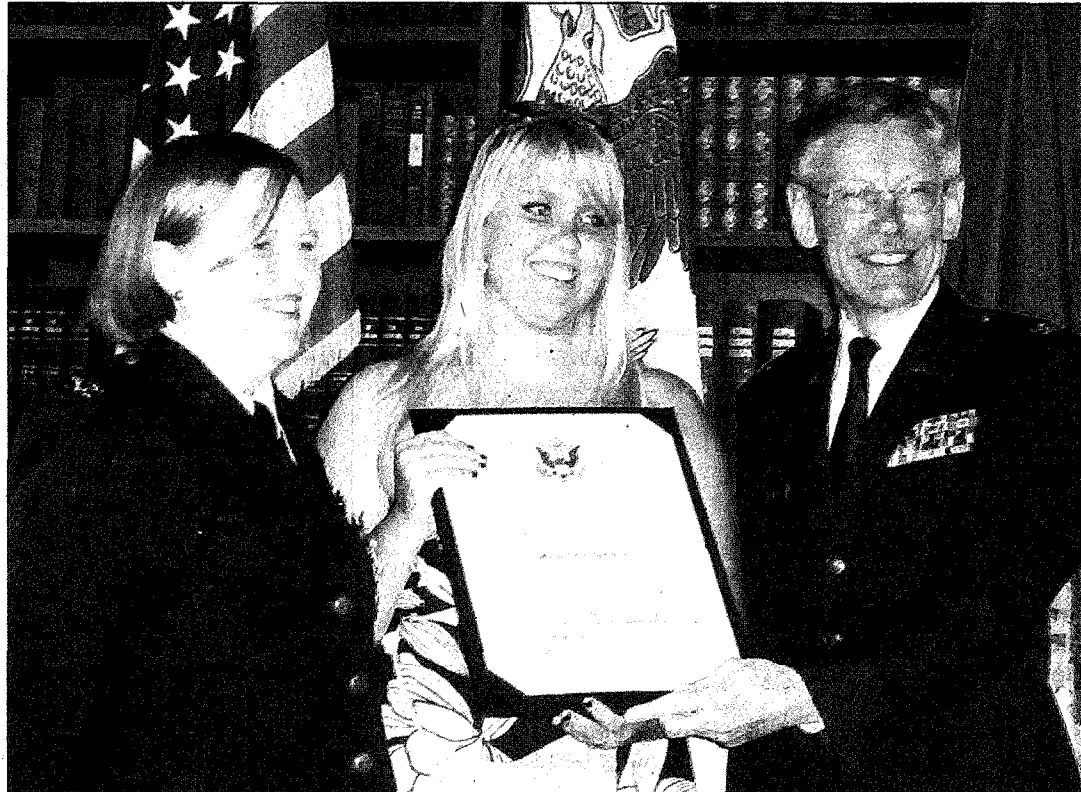
with both women and men, and a scholarship enabled her to earn a master's degree. She followed her coworker's example and enlisted that year.

Her first seven years, Burke served as an enlisted member of the ANG. Wearing her stripes, she worked first in an electrical supply unit, and next for the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute. Then, in 1983, she received her commission as a medical administrator.

Her first station as a second lieutenant was with the 182nd division in Peoria, Ill. There she trained the clinic staff to document their work and make sure the proper records were kept and organized. Through her motivation, the clinic passed its mandatory Air Force inspection with an outstanding rating, the highest given by the USAF.

Next, Burke served at the O'Hare refueling base in Chicago. As administrator of the 126th USAF clinic, her job was to train medical people for wartime activation. She conducted team-building exercises for the entire staff, and worked as a hospital tent manager in the 48-hour battle simulation medical readiness training. Burke had to track locations of "chemical contamination zones," communicate with ambulances by radio, and keep track of the "injured" in the tent.

"A lot of people treated combat training like a game, but to



Colonel Mary Ellen Burke, her daughter, Marie Agocs and Col. David Seaman.

me it was serious. I didn't want anyone to die on my watch," she said.

When the Chicago base was relocated to Missouri, Burke switched to the 910th Air Force Reserve division in Youngstown, Ohio. At this point she was living and working full-time as an accountant in Michigan, but commuting to her base for weekend duty. In Youngstown, Burke trained junior officers to be medical ad-

ministrators.

"I was afraid they would all quit," she said. "I am a very serious, intense person, and quite a taskmaster, but they all followed my leadership." Her staff also provided physicals to the entire base population of 1,800 people.

Upon promotion to a full-bird colonel, Burke took her last position with the AFR. As one of 100 AFR colonels in the United States, she served as the emer-

gency preparedness liaison officer, for Illinois. She was the contact between the Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol, in case a natural disaster proved too much for civilian forces to handle alone.

Burke earned two achievement medals and three meritorious service medals for outstanding contributions during her career. These were displayed at her retirement ceremony, along with a certificate of

appreciation signed by President Barack Obama and a flag that had been flown over the White House.

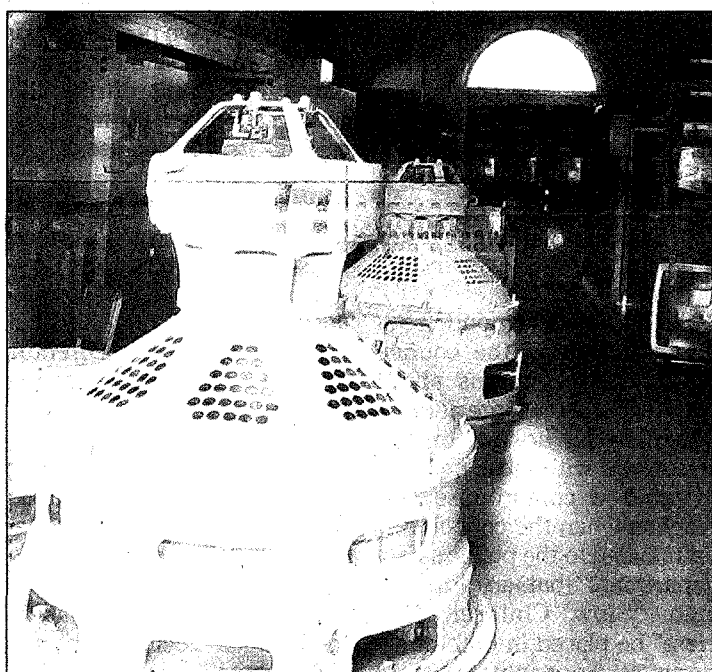
But despite these honors, Burke is proudest of the difference she made in the lives of the people she worked with, and the respect they gave her.

"When the people you're supervising respect you for who you are, that makes being a leader really worth it." She said her life has changed for the better through her military experience. "Not only do I feel that I made a difference in the lives of others, this experience transformed my life to go above and beyond," she said.

Now, Burke continues her work for a woman-owned CPA firm, Wolinski and Co. Their clients are mainly hospitals such as St. John Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital and the Detroit Medical Center.

"I love it because it reminds me of my work with medical people in the military," she said. She is also the treasurer of the Grosse Pointe chapter of Soroptimist, a group dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. Rather than accepting gifts upon her retirement, Burke requested donations to a Soroptimist scholarship in her name, and she raised about \$1,600.

Her career in the Air Force may have ended, but Burke continues to live a life that goes "above and beyond."



## Pump station upgrades

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Nearly half of more than \$800,000 to be borrowed for upgrading the Neff Road wastewater pumping station

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Pumps on the ground floor of the Neff Road station are only the tip of the iceberg. The station has multiple basements filled with equipment and pipes. During part of the Cold War, portions of the basement reportedly were to be used as bomb shelters.

won't have to be repaid. "The nice thing about this loan is we have to pay back only 60 percent of it," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. "Thanks to the federal stimulus program, 40 percent will not have to be repaid. The remainder is a 2.5 percent low interest loan."

Money comes from the state revolving fund obtained through a process city officials rate as Byzantine.

"We're issuing bonds so they can give us a loan,"

Dame said. "We are going through the process as if we were issuing a bond, a negotiated bond with the state."

The award of \$830,000 covers \$642,135 for construction plus the balance for engineering costs to revamp the station on the corner of Neff and Charlevoix.

Work has been tentatively awarded to low-bidder Degenhardt & Sons, based in Troy. The contractor had to be chosen before this month's city council meeting to comply with state rules.

Dame said the state has approved the loan package, but the bid is contingent upon actually getting the financing.

"To stay on track of the Department of Environmental Quality's schedule, they wanted execution of the contract prior to the date of the next council meeting," Dame said. "They refuse to be flexible."

Engineers had estimated the project would cost about \$770,000. City officials were prepared to issue bonds totaling \$1 million.

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The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe has worked for more than 50 years to safeguard democracy through expanded civic engagement, said Wilhelmina Giblin, president of the Grosse Pointe League.

For information about the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, visit [grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org](http://grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org).

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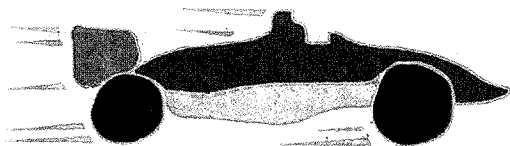
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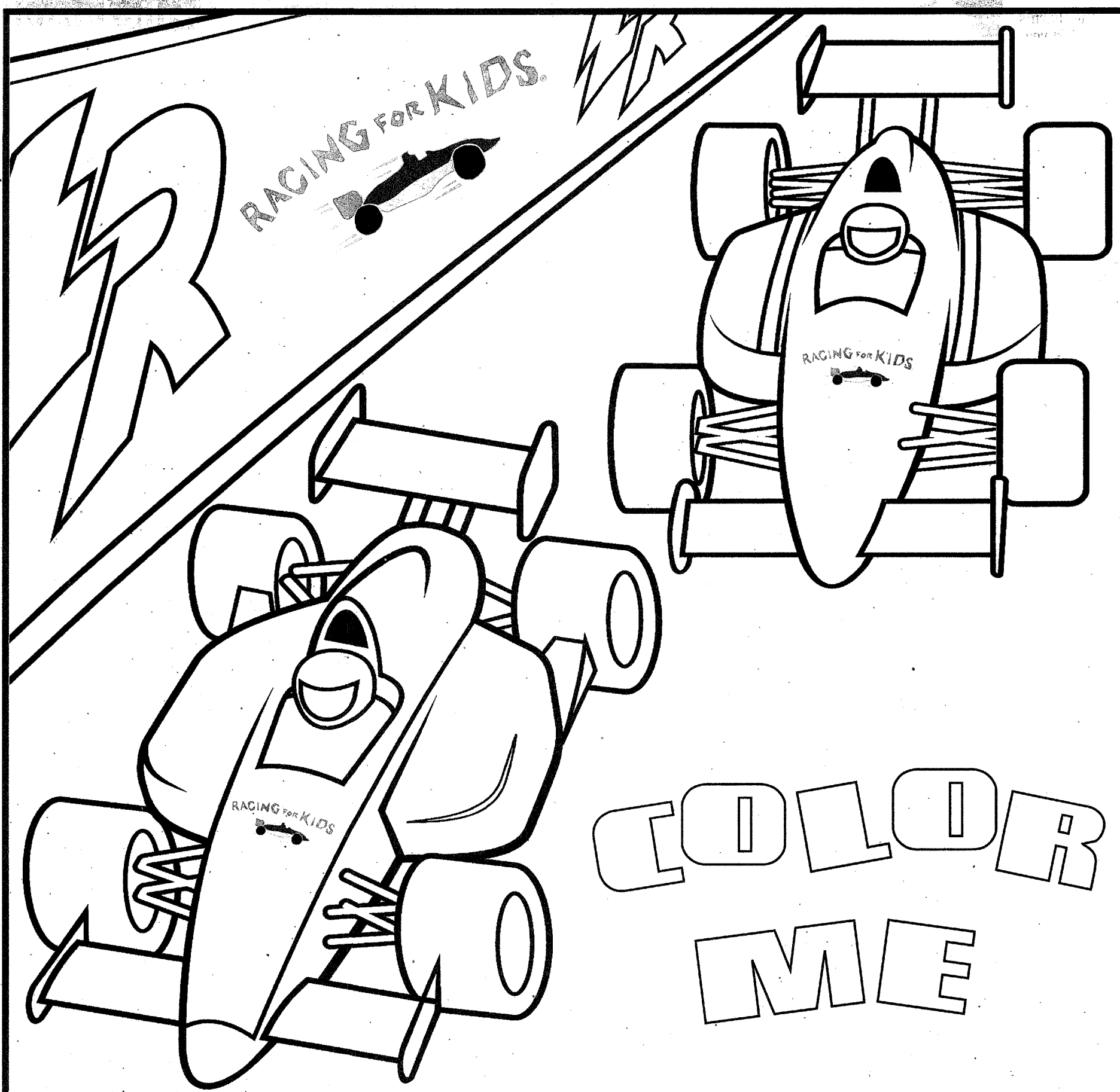
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## RACING: Gearing up for charity

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Cobra, an Aston Martin — a mixture of pretty high-end cars,” said Tom Buhl, one of the event’s organizers and a Farms resident. “It’s shaping up the be a great daytime event. But, we don’t want to lose focus on what we’re trying to accomplish, which is raising money and awareness for children’s hospitals.”

This is Racing For Kids’ 20th anniversary. It uses the popularity of motorsports to raise money and awareness for children’s health care needs. Its national spokesman has always been Robbie Buhl, Tom Buhl’s brother. Robbie Buhl is a former race car driver and current co-owner of a team in the Indy Racing League and racing commentator on the Versus television network.

This is the third straight year the charity has had a street fair on Kercheval and an auction of donated items at Northern Trust Building on the Hill.

Last year’s auction, ticket sales, sponsorships and donations totaled nearly \$50,000, according to Pat Wright, Racing For Kids executive director, headquartered on the Hill.

“The last two years we’ve raised close to \$90,000 combined,” Wright said of the Hill events.

The funds are part of more than \$5 million the charity has raised nationally since its founding in 1989.

“About 90 percent of money stays in the community where it is raised,” Wright said.

Last year’s local beneficiaries were Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in the Farms, William Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe in the City of Grosse Pointe and Children’s Hospital of Michigan, part of the Detroit Medical Center.

Attendance at the Farms street fair was so high last year that organizers preparing this year’s edition asked Farms leaders to close Kercheval so pedestrians could have more room.

“We’re trying to fill the street with activity,” said Dan LaLonde, a Hill merchant and member of the Hill Association.

Organizers are lining up children’s games and activities, such as moonwalks, clowns, snow cone vendors and more.

“It’s like a holiday when we have all the children coming through,” LaLonde said. “Merchants have fun with it.”

Racing flags are doing their job of drawing interest to the event.

“With the flags out,” said Buhl, who from his office on the Hill can hear the flags flapping on windy day, “I’ve gotten calls from people asking if they missed it. We want people to be planning for it.”

LaLonde said out-of-town customers have been asking, “What’s the deal?”

The fair and auction had been coordinated during the last two years with the Detroit Grand Prix on Belle Isle. The race was called off this year and next due to the recession, but Racing For Kids’ supporters want the Farms charity celebration kept on track.

“This was a challenging year,” Buhl said. “With no race, and economic challenges



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

**Checkered flags strung over Kercheval set the tone for the Racing For Kids street fair and auction Wednesday, Sept. 2, on the Hill.**

across the nation, we asked each other if we should go forward. Once we decided to, everyone was on board and excited about it.”

*The Racing For Kids street fair is noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 on Kercheval on the Hill in Grosse*

*Pointe Farms. A charity auction to benefit Racing For Kids is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Northern Trust Building, 120 Kercheval on the Hill. To purchase auction tickets, (\$75 each in advance and \$85 at the door), call Kathleen Conway at Racing For Kids headquarters on the Hill at (313) 882-3403.*

## DEVELOPER: Promoting retail

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ings and a wider array of retail, residential and office uses in downtown areas currently zoned for office use only.

Developers also would have the flexibility of paying the city to provide additional parking in a public facility, such as is done on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, rather than providing parking themselves.

“It signals to developers that we are open and willing to see things happen in our downtown,” said Peter Dame, manager of the City. “If it weren’t for the dire economic straights we’re in currently, I think people would be beating down our doors.”

When the knocking comes, city officials will welcome first-floor beauty salons, barber-shops, contractor showrooms and outdoor cafe’s that have shown their value in competing downtowns, whether on the neighboring Hill or in Birmingham.

Doors are being readied for residential use above the ground floor retail stores and offices.

Zoning provisions drafted with advice from Village merchants and landlords would allow first-floor offices in the rear 40 percent of buildings that are 80 feet deep or greater. Most

buildings in the Village are deep enough to qualify for the office space.

“There are four of five buildings in the Village that are only 60 feet deep, which must maintain all retail on the first floor,” said John Jackson, a city resident and the community’s planning consultant. “There wouldn’t be enough room to split those up.”

### New districts

Another proposal creates two new districts, labeled T-1 and T-2.

T-1, located on the southeast corner of Waterloo and St. Clair, is zoned for lower intensity, allowing for residential, office, some first and upper-story retail and public uses such as the Neighborhood Club. The district limits building heights to 35 feet within 100 feet of Waterloo and 42 feet beyond that limit.

The T-2 district encompasses part of the municipal parking on St. Clair behind Ace Hardware, the Bank One building across the street and portions of neighboring property extending to Notre Dame. The district is intended as a transitional zone, allowing the same ranges of uses as along Kercheval, yet with broader uses on the first floor, including office and services.

“It’s a rearrangement of density,” Jackson said.

### Promoting retail

A goal of Jackson’s when drafting the proposed zoning updates was promoting retail

activity.

“It seems counter intuitive in the current economic situation,” he said, “but there’s more value in keeping the integrity of the downtown retail-oriented and active seven days per week instead of limiting it to typical business hours. It encourages more investment by maintaining that than it does casting a net for a wider market.”

A residential element is intended to do the same thing.


“The residential component is something you’d think all traditional downtowns have,” Jackson said this week to the city council. “But, a lot of them don’t have them in their zoning ordinance. That’s another area where Grosse Pointe is either on par with or ahead of a lot of downtowns you’re competing with.”

Many Village merchants have been asking for a greater range of permitted economic uses along Kercheval. Concerns increased a few years ago when Jacobson’s shut down.

“Overall, it’s an effort to make the Village a more economically viable and more vibrant place for people to shop,” Jackson said of zoning changes.

Not all new business would be allowed. Prohibited uses include pawn shops, payday loan stores, currency exchanges and resale shops.

Those types of operations would “take away from the environment we’re trying to create in the Village,” Jackson said.



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for review at each library Friday, Aug. 21.

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GUEST EDITORIAL  
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Achieving  
a culture  
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coverage

There is a broad agreement all Americans will probably have to obtain health insurance under a reformed health system. This individual responsibility will make the system more efficient and help ensure health coverage for all. But implementing this system can only be done once insurance has been made affordable and accessible. This means making insurance as easy as possible to acquire — and maintain. Yet it is often disenrollment that is automatic in today's health insurance system, and there are many barriers for those seeking to enroll or stay enrolled in insurance. The current system is far too costly and far too fragmented

*An individual responsibility for purchasing insurance must be coupled with shared responsibility — the equal participation of individuals, employers, industry and government in reforming the system.*

to truly enable individuals to take responsibility to purchase insurance — let alone create a culture where coverage is the norm. For this reason, an individual responsibility for purchasing insurance must be coupled with shared responsibility — the equal participation of individuals, employers, industry and government in reforming the system. This would make the requirement to purchase insurance a responsibility of individuals to obtain coverage, and a promise to individuals to create a working health insurance system. The two most critical steps the federal government needs to take for individual responsibility to work are making insurance affordable and making it accessible. Individual responsibility is necessary to maximize enrollment and achieve universal coverage, but a well designed enrollment system will minimize the need for enforcement. The vast majority of Americans want health insurance, but the designed system is against them. Consider, for example, primary school education where enrollment is easy, schools are accessible, and it is a requirement for parents to ensure their children attend. Just as we have a culture of education for children, health reform should seek to create a culture of coverage, where being insured is the norm for everyone. An insurance exchange, or gateway, is at the heart of a well-designed system. The exchange would connect Americans with the health coverage that meets their needs. The exchange is an opportunity to remedy the failings of the current, fragmented health care system while building on what works in today's system. Reform plans under current discussion would limit the exchange to individuals and small businesses, while a more robust exchange would include all Americans. Two auto-enrollment designs characteristics will ensure individuals are able to obtain and keep coverage. First, the exchange must create an open door to health insurance and provide the government resources to help families obtain coverage. Families should be able to submit a single application to the exchange and be enrolled in the coverage that best meets their needs whether that is private coverage, the public plan option or public programs such as Medicaid. Second, the exchange must empower families to stay covered, even through job changes or loss of income. Policymakers must keep several considerations in mind as they design an exchange to perform these functions. Americans must have the option to enroll in a public health insurance plan. Patient privacy must be strongly protected. And enrollment practices must be seamlessly linked with affordability reforms. These characteristics will help create an exchange system of seamless coverage that over time will develop a culture of coverage for America. Peter Harbage is an expert on health care and insurance for the Center for American Progress. Hilary Haycock has held senior communications positions dealing with health care issues and serves as a director for Harbage Consulting LLC.

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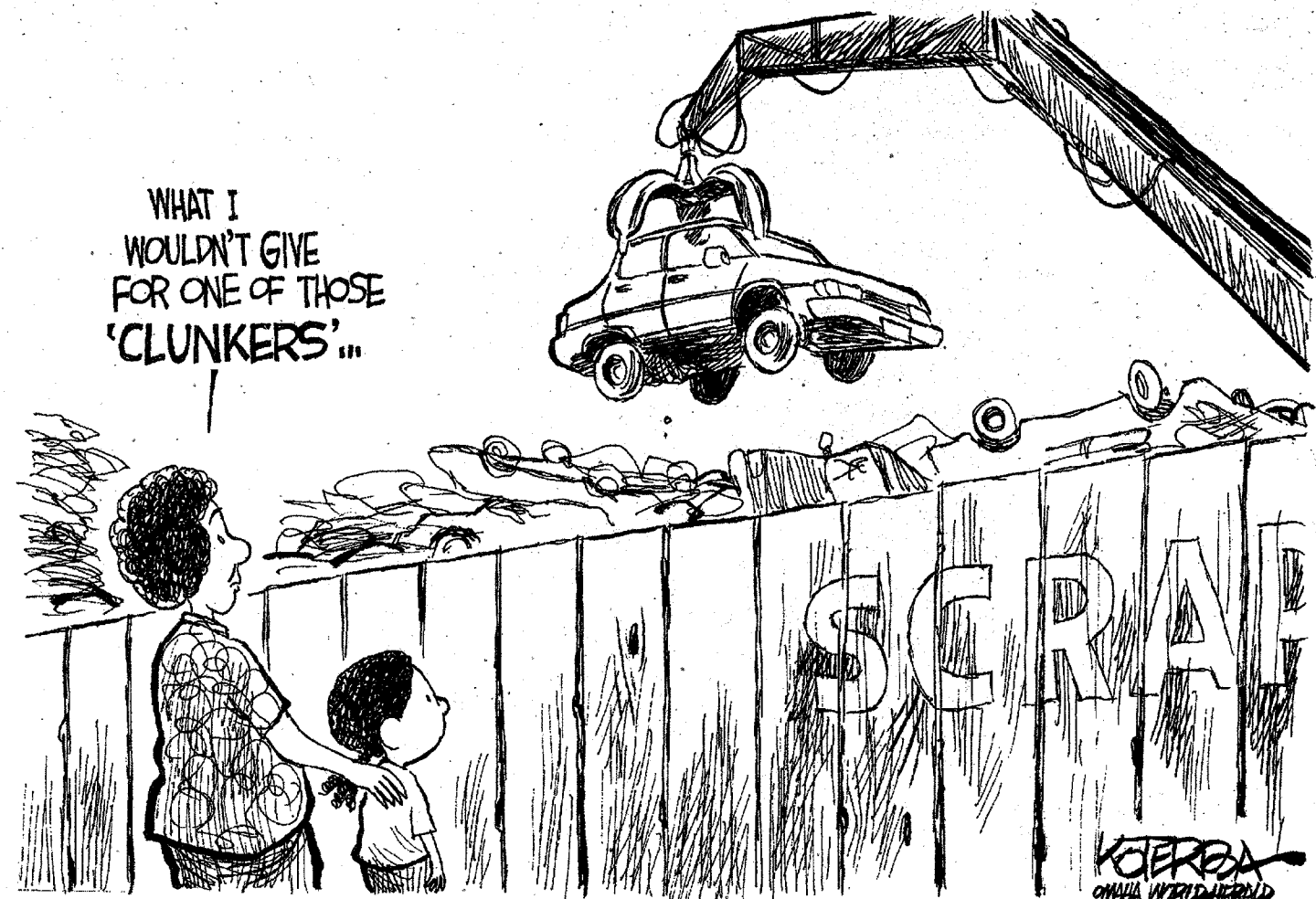
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Village parking lots

To the Editor:  
Attention Village shoppers! Saturday, Aug. 15, was warm and sunny. The surface parking lot behind Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair was less than one-quarter full. I deposited 50 cents in a parking meter. A sign on the window of what once was the Hallmark store, encouraged shoppers to patronize local businesses and dine in Grosse Pointe. So I enjoyed a quick lunch at the new "Burger Pointe" restaurant. After "losing myself" in Borders and gathering some paint sample brochures at ACE hardware, I returned to my car to find a \$10 parking ticket. I was 15 minutes over the allotted one hour. Guilty as charged. I admit it. I will not contest the ticket in municipal court and open myself to the additional court costs that would entail. However, I will not be back to the Village shopping area any-

time soon. I live in the Park but my office is on Michigan Avenue in Westland. Every day I pass three large Krogers, complete with pharmacies and bank branches, and an ACE hardware store. I can visit a very large Borders Bookstore on Ford Road in Dearborn or run up to the Barnes & Noble store at 7 Mile and Mack Avenue, all of which offer free parking. I really do not need to pay to park and shop in the Village. I understand the City must pay for parking lot upkeep — the fees have jumped to 50 cents an hour and the hours of enforcement extended from 6 to 9 p.m.! However, with the number of empty storefronts and the small number of shoppers visiting the Village on a sunny Saturday, I wonder how the policy of strict parking enforcement is working for the City. The Village is not Royal Oak where, on any given morning, noon or evening, you can barely find a parking space even if you repeatedly circle the block. The Village parking lots are virtually empty by comparison. So, how about it, City of Grosse Pointe — how do you justify this strict enforcement? How is that working for you? SUE STEIGER Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks sponsors

To the Editor:  
Services for Older Citizens and Beaumont Hospital of Grosse Pointe sponsored a Health, Happiness and Hurrah event at University Square Campus — formerly Beacon East Theater. Many events were offered during the day, even a box lunch. This event was well attended and most informative. I wish to thank the sponsors for holding this event in our community. MARION MC CARTHY Harper Woods

GUEST OPINION By Janet Neilson

Massachusetts should not be  
Michigan's role model

Michigan has an opportunity to become a leader in health insurance reform. State legislators know this and are pushing to see state-level reforms passed before Washington implements its national plan. They should be commended for taking the initiative and pushing for bottom-up solutions, but caution is advised lest unintended consequences of some proposals far outweigh any potential benefits. At 11 percent, the Great Lakes State's uninsured rate is below the national average, and insurance premium prices compare well with other states. Nevertheless, some people are still priced out of the market. As such, it's troubling many of the provisions proposed by Michigan policymakers would actually increase the cost of health insurance. One monumental reform is

not on the table: Repealing a prohibition on residents purchasing health insurance from providers licensed in other states. This measure would vastly increase both the competition and consumer choice in a state market dominated by one company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, which reportedly claims some 70 percent of the market. Instead, the proposals being promoted resemble the policy mix first attempted in Massachusetts. While held up as a model by some, the Bay State's overhauls have generated serious problems. For example, health insurance premiums in Massachusetts increased sharply in the wake of the "Romney Care" plan adopted in 2006. Although Massachusetts' uninsured rate is low, this is largely because of state subsidies that have proven much more costly than anticipated. That should raise a

red flag for Michigan, which already is facing a state government overspending crisis of \$1.6 billion. Despite hopes the Massachusetts plan would reduce health care costs, they are instead ballooning, generating ever-deeper deficits. Even these steadily climbing costs — up from \$158 million in its first year to \$1.3 billion in 2009 — are not enough to fund Massachusetts' commitment to universal health coverage. The state is instead cutting eligibility for its programs for some 30,000 legal immigrants. Massachusetts has also restricted residents' choices, effectively outlawing basic policies with more limited coverage or higher deductibles, even though these are a proven strategy for dramatically lowering monthly premiums. The state's restrictions have contributed to skyrocketing insurance costs. The Bay State also suffers

higher costs due to a "community rating" mandate that existed before the 2006 initiative. This mandate allows people to wait until they get sick before buying insurance, meaning they don't pay into the system before accepting payments from it. One of the two health care proposals before the Michigan Legislature, House Bill 4934, would impose this disastrous policy on Michigan. As more people in Massachusetts are covered by insurance, and as caps on payments to providers are implemented, there is some evidence that Massachusetts doctors are putting limits on or not accepting new patients. Since the beginning of "Romney Care," the average waiting time for a doctor's appointment in the state has increased from 33 to 52 days only a few years into the reforms. This is no surprise. Higher government involvement in health care inevitably leads to rationing of care. Massachusetts is now considering a cap on total health care spending — a step that would necessitate rationing. Clearly these aren't the results that Michigan — or the nation — is looking for. If Michigan's legislators want to be leaders in health policy reform, they can start by recognizing that Michiganders are the best judges of what insurance is best suited for them. Rather than increasing mandates and reducing insurance options, the state should instead allow out-of-state insurers to provide real competition in the health insurance market. Janet Neilson is a health policy communications associate for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

GUEST OPINION By Kirk S. Lippold

The price tag for new  
GITMO in Michigan

Across the globe, the Obama administration has applied undue political pressure and promised exorbitant financial incentives for countries willing to accept dangerous terrorists. Palau, Spain, and Albania, to name a few, have indicated

their willingness or given permission to put their citizens at risk to "help" President Barack Obama keep a campaign promise in exchange for a deal funded by the U.S. taxpayers. With this in mind, how much is the Obama administration willing to pay the state of Michigan to accept the

many terrorists that no other country is willing to take because of the dangers they represent? More importantly, what is the cost of our safety? It has taken seven years and an investment of more than \$300 million to create the detention center at Guantanamo

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I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

# What’s a savory rabbit stew side dish?



Mrs. Smith leaned over the fence, clutching her pruning shears. She asked: “When are you going to invite us over for rabbit stew?” “How would tomorrow work?” I replied. “That rabbit of yours is eating my flowers and my vegetables,” she said. For emphasis, she gently shook her garden-gloved hand and shears. Mr. and Mrs. Smith live be-

hind us. Their apple tree drops fruit on our side of the fence. We share a beautiful white-flowered vine which grows with proliferation and blooms with gusto in August. Sometimes her tomato vines sneak through the fence. And we share our lilacs with the retired couple. It’s a friendly situation — sharing stories over the fence and enjoying each other’s company during occasional neighborhood celebrations. However, sharing the Rabbit family is less than mutually pleasurable. The Rabbit family moved in about three years ago, taking up residence under our backyard deck. That winter, which was not particularly hard, saw an interruption of the glowing

deck lights. My husband discovered the following spring a member of the Rabbit family had eaten through the electrical wires. It’s a wonder we didn’t have fried rabbit. The wires were repaired and the space under the deck became a warren; a family emerged one sunny spring day. We’ve been living in tentative harmony, until this year. Other members of my family thought the Rabbit family was soooo cute and placed a gift of carrots in the foyer of their home — the backyard. Needless to say the family thrived in our yard and the Smith yard, setting out on family outings. In the early spring, I noticed only Baby Bunny sitting in the yard, nose twitching in the breeze. The

parents and siblings were missing. I admit, he was cute. Throughout the spring, he thrived by eating a swath of grass near the deck. He didn’t go into the neighbor’s to the northeast because Bailey, the yellow Lab, lives there. Nor could he venture too far east because Misty, the cocker spaniel, and Kibbles, the Chihuahua, live there. However, the rest of Baby Bunny’s world was a platter. Well, except three houses down, which is Cooper’s home, and a few more houses down were some pampered little yipping, white dogs live. Nonetheless, he lives well. Then I began nursing my garden back to life and his plate overflowed. He had a

smorgasbord from which to select his early morning and evening sustenance. He dined heartily on my flowers. (I should be grateful he left the lettuce and herbs alone.) He sojourned through the fence into the Smiths yard to add variety to his palate and supply his needs. After all he was a growing bunny. Every morning I would look out the kitchen window. “What’s the matter with the weeds?” I would ask Baby Bunny as he stared at the young flowers and kept an eye on me. (You have to admire a multitasking rabbit.) “There are a variety. I know because I keep pulling them — long ones, short ones, fat ones and skinny ones. And don’t tell me they

are bitter or give you a tummy ache. I don’t buy it. Eat the weeds not the flowers.” A few weeks ago Baby Bunny found the flowers in the front yard. I scattered hair clippings to discourage Baby Bunny from that dining area. That didn’t work. Chemicals are low on my list to discourage Baby Bunny. Boarding up the bottom of the deck is a possibility but only after Baby Bunny becomes passe’ to family members. My next move is to call Elmer Fudd to get that “was-cally wabbit.” Unfortunately, in the cartoons Elmer never did bag Bugs Bunny. But there’s always a first time. What is a good dish to accompany rabbit stew?

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What well-know person would you like to meet?

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



‘Ivan Rodriguez on the Astros because he was my favorite Tiger before he was traded.’ SARAH EDMONDS Grosse Pointe Park



‘Cher because I love her attitude and personality and her character in ‘Moonstruck.’ MAI QIANG HIPSELY Grosse Pointe Farms



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‘My father because he died when I was 15 years old and he was only 42 and I would love to talk with him about things and get his advice.’ DON BERSCHBACK Grosse Pointe Park

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

# Old hotels, roadhouses and picnic grounds of the gay ’90s



The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

## The Hudson House, Grosse Pointe Farms

Friend Palmer writes in his history, just this side of the Country Club, on the river bank, lived Henry Hudson, “Old Hudson” every one called him. He and his family were considered for some reason an unsavory lot and were known far and wide through this section of the country. Besides Hudson and wife, there were three or four boys. They were stalwarts all, parents and the boys, and when the sheriff or any of his deputies had occasion to visit the premises in their line of duty, they went prepared, for they were fully aware they might meet with trouble. On one occasion Sheriff Wilson had a warrant for Hudson for some alleged misdeed. He went up to the house to serve it. Mrs. Hudson saw him coming and divining his mission, she at once provided herself with a large basin of scalding water and stationed herself behind the open front door so she could give it to him good and plenty. The sheriff fortunately discovered the enemy and her means of defense through the crack of the door and struck the basin from her hands with the heavy butt of his riding whip, spilling its scalding contents over her bare feet. The outcome tickled the officer immensely. Mrs. Hudson was a masculine looking woman, marked with smallpox. She wore a

broad brimmed straw hat, winter and summer; and when the weather demanded it, a sailor’s heavy sea jacket. At the French dances, the boys were almost always on hand and almost sure to get into a muse of some kind before the party was over. One occasion I call to mind was a dance given at a house on Jefferson Avenue, just above the present water works. About the usual number and quality of people were on hand, as were two of the Hudson boys, also some five or six youngsters from the city, myself among the number. The dance proceeded merrily for quite a while and everything bid fair for an enjoyable peaceable party. But along in the small hours it became apparent that some of the party had partaken quite liberally of liquid refreshments, so much so that it made them inclined to be ugly, particularly the two Hudson boys. They appeared to be spoiling for a muss of some kind. The opportunity soon came, John Demas, whom very many will remember, was present on this occasion, and as usual, was very busy enjoying himself. He was quite a favorite among the French girls and his attentions were eagerly sought. It seems that John had been during the evening more than polite to the elder Hudson’s “fancies,” a young Grosse Pointe beauty. This angered Hudson to the degree that he determined to put a stop to it — and he did. A dance was called. The couples, including Demas and his partner (Hudson’s girl), were in their places on the floor. The music and everything was ready and waiting for the caller when in rushed Hudson, nothing on but pants and shirt (it was in summer), a short iron bar in his hand and

*The Fisher Hotel was known for its famous low priced dinners. Frog legs, fish and chicken dinners were served for the small sum of 35 cents.*

crazed with drink. He at once proceeded to stampee the party; pell mell dancers, music and spectators hustled for the doors and windows, any way to get out. Hudson, after they were all cut, proceeded with his bar of iron to smash the furniture in the room, knock all the plastering off the walls and put out the lights and broke up the party completely. I never learned the outcome of the matter. I presume though, that John Demas, being the better man, came out first best. What finally became of the Hudson family, I never knew. I have, however one pleasant remembrance of them. Adjoining their homestead was a fine cherry orchard; I have often visited it during the season. Visitors for cherries were always welcome, whether they brought theories or showing that they were not as bad as they were painted. A Mr. Fisher succeeded them. I think he bought the Hudson property. He opened a roadhouse there and Fishers was known as a house of entertainment for years and years. Who have not danced at Fishers’ honed and otherwise enjoyed themselves under the hospitable roof?

“Fisher in the early 30s was a grocery merchant on lower Woodward Avenue. He married a daughter of Conrad (Coon) Ten Eyck, of Dearborn, then sheriff of Wayne County.” Directly after his marriage, he disposed of his grocery business in the city and moved to Grosse Pointe. Mrs. Fisher carried on the business quite successfully at the Pointe for many years after her husband’s death. “Judge James May in his notes of early Detroit, states, that Hudson House was standing in 1778.” In the early 1850s, Merritt M. Fisher purchased the old Hudson house property, then known as the Ten Eyck farm. There he built his hotel at the foot of Fisher Lane now called Fisher Road, nine and one half miles from Detroit city hall, in Grosse Pointe Farms. This hotel was a very pretentious building at that period. The hotel was built entirely of homemade brick and was three stories in height with frontage of 100 feet and an equal depth. There were 10 large guest rooms along with the family and servants quarters. Mr. Fisher discovered a brick clay deposit on Fisher

Lane, about 1/2 mile north of his property and established there a brick kiln. He manufactured all of the bricks with which he built the hotel. In addition to using a team of horses to haul the bricks to the building site, he also used a span of oxen hitched to a wagon, the oxen were known as buck and bright. Mr. Fisher died in 1861; Mrs. Fisher operated the place for some time and then leased it to Proctor Weaver, who operated it there for some years under the name of Fisher Hotel, until he built the Weaver House in about 1875. The place was then leased to Frank Belisle who also operated under the name of Fisher Hotel until 1886 when he moved to Wyandotte. The Fisher property was sold for clubhouse purposes. Thus after a period of 30-odd years, this famous hostelry came to an end. The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club made this hotel their headquarters for many years and every four years they would cut a 75 foot hickory tree from the woods nearby. Making a hickory pole, they would plant it on the front lawn of the hotel, fastening a broom at the top with a banner beneath depicting an image and the name of the presidential candidate. The poles were removed after each election; a fresh pole being out for each occasion. Each time a pole was raised, a democratic rally was held.

Political speeches were made by prominent Grosse Pointe citizens and politicians. Prior to the election of the Honorable J. Logan, Chipman, former city attorney and judge to Congress in 1865, a hickory pole was again erected on the front lawn. Mr. Chipman established his headquarters there and many rallies were held at the old Fisher Hotel, to which all were welcome; the gay parties lasting into the early morning. The Fisher Hotel was known for its famous low priced dinners. Frog legs, fish and chicken dinners were served for the small sum of 35 cents. Mrs. Fisher sold this property of about seven acres for \$16,000 to a group of prominent Grosse Pointe citizens who organized the Grosse Pointe Club and there erected a clubhouse in 1886, which later was named the Country Club and was exclusive. This building was a frame construction. Three stories with cupola on the roof, it had a full veranda covering front and one side, 140-by-120 feet. This property was purchased by the late Horace Dodge in about 1929 and his widow, the present Mrs. Hugh Dillman, there erected her new Grosse Pointe mansion in 1932-33. The Country Club erected a new brick club house east of and adjacent to the old site, in the rear of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on the shore of Lake St. Clair.

## GITMO: Detention of terrorists

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Bay. It now provides the highest standard of security and

humane detention of terrorists in accordance with the standards of the Geneva Convention. If Standish Prison is the future GITMO, then in the next six months the president must figure out how to bring this inadequate prison up to the detention and security standards established at GITMO. In addition,

the Obama administration must inform the residents of Standish the dangers these detainees pose and the new security risk inflicted on their quiet community. It is absurd to unnecessarily spend hundreds of millions of additional taxpayer dollars to create a Guantanamo Bay in Michigan. The chance of a terrorist

attack against Guantanamo Bay is almost zero; yet, the chance of an attack against a facility in the United States is only limited by the innovative imaginations of the terrorists. Kirk S. Lippold is the former USS Cole Commander and senior military fellow at Military Families United.



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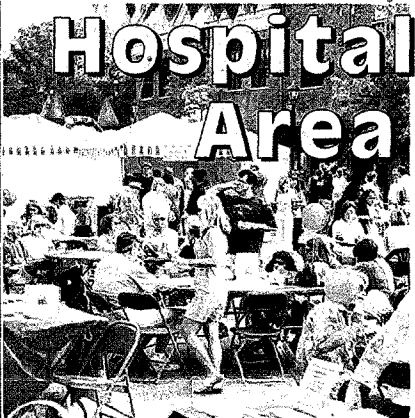
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**City of Grosse Pointe**

No incidents that turned out to be crimes were reported last week in the City.

"I've never had a week like this," said Detective Ron Wiczorek.

—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**

**Lands in hole**

Someone during the evening or overnight Friday Aug. 14 entered the fence-in construction zone at St. James Church in the 100 block of McMillan, started a \$25,000 compactor roller and drove it into a 10-foot-deep hole that had been freshly dug for a basement.

"The cost of redoing the footings and cleaning up the fuel leak is approximately \$35,000," the construction manager told police.

Investigators hope to see who caused the damage by reviewing three security cameras at nearby Richard Elementary School. A school custodian said the cameras should have been operating during the alleged vandalism.

**Failed car thefts**

Two residents of the 400 block of Cloverly reported last week that someone had tried to steal their Chrysler van.

◆ A man getting ready for bed at 1:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, looked outside and saw his 1998 van running. Public safety officers searched the neighborhood but didn't find any suspects.

**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Lock your cars**

Overnight Thursday, Aug. 13, an unlocked 2006 Honda was taken from the 1300 block of Audubon.

Overnight Friday, Aug. 14, a Samsung Blackjack cell phone was taken from an unlocked car in the 1200 block of Balfour.

"The ignition (was) punched and the ignition cell was on the driver-side floorboards," said an officer.

◆ At 1:57 a.m. that same morning, a resident discovered his van's reverse lights on and ignition punched out.

**Con man**

A swindler claiming to be an insurance agent last week tried to talk a Farms woman into sending him \$3,000.

The man called the woman and said her grandson had been in an auto accident in Vancouver, British Columbia, and needed the money transferred to him by wire. The woman's grandson was not in Vancouver.

Police advise residents who receive similar calls to get the caller's phone number to help with their investigation.

**Golf clubs taken**

Two sets of golf bags and clubs were stolen between 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10 and 9:30 p.m. the next day from a garage in the 400 block of Roland Court. The garage faces Bournemouth.

—Brad Lindberg

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

**Grosse Pointe Shores**

**Needle found**

A man walking along the Lakeshore breakwall near Fontana reported finding a hypodermic needle. A public safety officer recovered it.

**Hits trees**

Police think a 36-year-old Ohio man was drunk when he drove his 2002 Mercedes G500 over the median curb in the 1000 block of Lakeshore, ran over a small tree and bounced off a bigger one.

Police were on the scene at 1:21 a.m. Sunday Aug. 16. The driver reportedly smelled of intoxicants. Medics

**Failed snatching**

A woman walking on Devonshire Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 10:45 p.m. was assaulted by three teens who attempted to take her purse. She resisted, and the suspects fled. A 14-year-old was later detained at Bedford and Mack. He confessed his role to detectives.

**Bike theft**

A locked bike was taken from a backyard on Maryland overnight Saturday, Aug. 15.

**Pot on the playfield**

Officers located three juveniles at the rear of Pierce Middle School at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 who were in possession of marijuana. All were released to parents.

—Kathy Ryan

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

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## SAFETY: Crimes from the Pointes

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took him to St. John Hospital for treatment of minor injuries and to have his blood alcohol level tested.

### Car B&E

A man living on Willow Tree said that within the last three weeks an Audiovox rearview camera was stolen out of his Ford F-150 pickup truck while parked at his residence.

The man told police he doesn't use the truck regularly, but noticed the camera missing on the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 13.

### Power problems

Power interruptions beginning at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, impacted about one-third of the city, including public safety headquarters at the corner of Lakeshore and Vernier.

Officers rated the outage a brownout because not all electrical service was interrupted.

Some lights at headquarters went out, others stayed on. Traffic lights at the intersection went dim, not out, and switched to blinking lights instead of the normal green, yellow, red cycle. Police compensated by setting up stop signs.

Electrically-operated fire bay doors were stuck in the down position, so officers cranked them up manually.

Officers activated a back-up generator to power essential equipment.

Discretionary appliances, including air conditioning, were turned off.

Spotty electrical service extended into the community.

The problem continued into the next day.

Municipal offices were closed.

Officers said DTE Energy crews were scouting the Shores and neighboring Grosse Pointe Woods for a cause, but couldn't pin the problem down to anything specific.

### More golf balls

A Sunningdale resident at 8:32 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, reported more golf balls being hit into her yard by a rear neighbor on Belle Meade.

She'd made a similar complaint the week before.

### Relieved

A drunken 53-year-old male bicyclist from Grosse Pointe Woods was jailed at about 5 p.m. Monday Aug. 10, for urinating on northbound Lakeshore near Webber.

An officer arrested the man in the 1100 block of Lakeshore near the Milk River bridge.

The man's blood alcohol level measured .29 percent.

### Seller beware

A Shores woman who received a \$1,800 check for payment of \$500 worth of furniture sold on craigslist.com became suspicious last week when the supposed buyer wanted her to forward the excess payment to a shipper in Texas.

"Situations like this are always fraud," said a public safety officer.

The officer suspected the buyer's check was fake or not backed by sufficient funds.

In order for the scam to work, the victim was supposed to send her own money to the so-called shipper before anyone found out the buyer's check was no good.

—Brad Lindberg

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

### Grosse Pointe Woods

#### Check fraud

Police were called to a bank on Mack at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 when a 24-year-old Detroit resident tried to cash a \$3,600 counterfeit check. The bank contacted the company the check had been drawn on and verified that it was counterfeit.

A search by police of the woman's purse revealed another counterfeit check in the name of the same business for \$3,699.

#### Target practice

Cars parked on Hampton, Anita and South Oxford had windows that were shot with BB gun pellets overnight Thursday, Aug. 13. Police continue to investigate.

#### Pot smoking

A 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident admitted to smoking pot shortly before he rear-ended a car stopped for a red light at Mack and Vernier at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

#### Drug paraphernalia

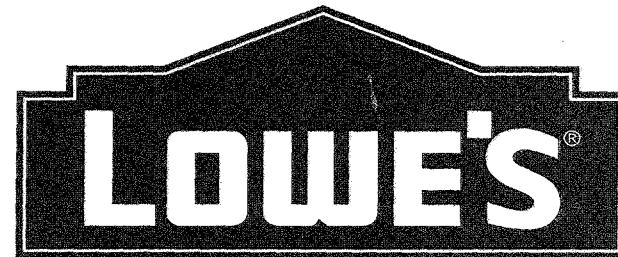
Police on routine patrol at 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 stopped a 27-year-old driver for an illegal turn on red.

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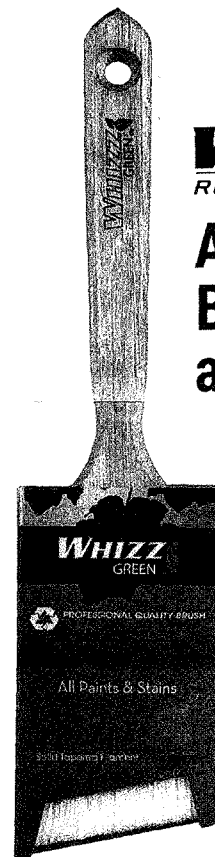
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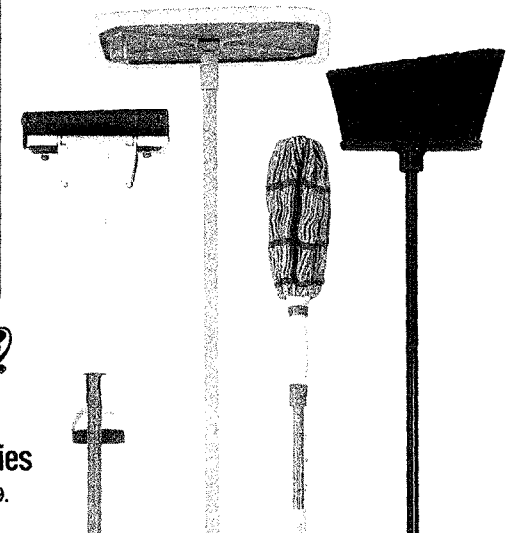


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## First preschool prepares for learning, play

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

A new set of doors will open this fall to the youngest learners in the Pointes.

Officials for the Grosse Pointe Public School System are putting the finishing touches on the classroom at Barnes Early Childhood Center that will house the district's first-ever preschool.

Rebecca Fannon, community relations coordinator, said the administration learned

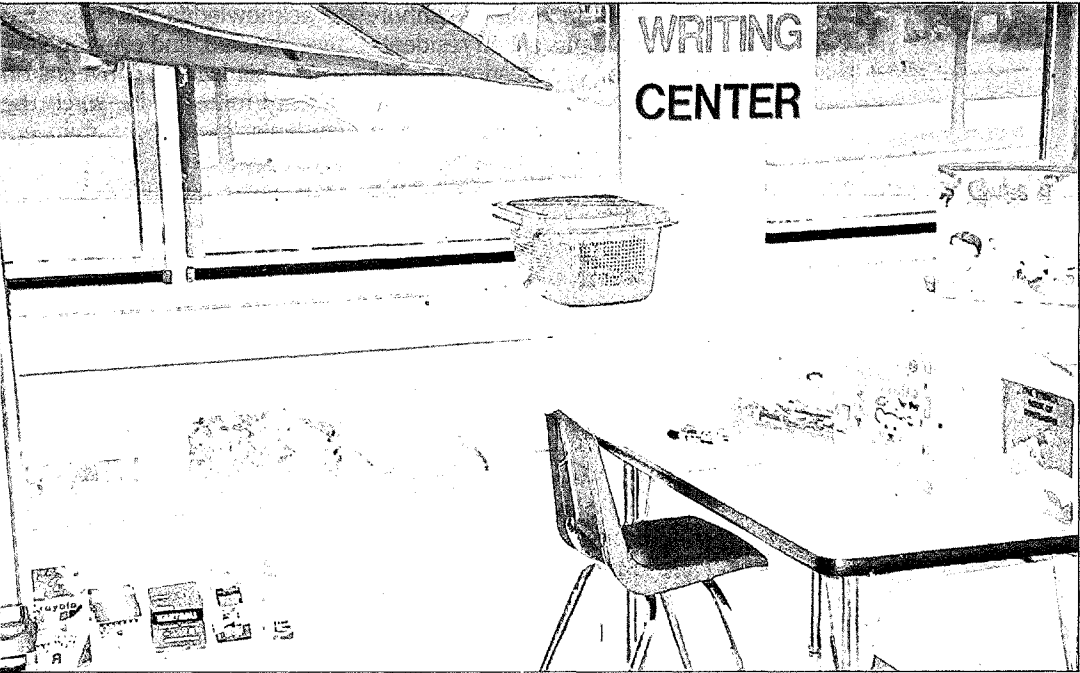
through conversations with parents that there was an opportunity to help working moms and dads by offering a full-day preschool option.

"Many other school districts have preschool programs already and they have found them to be a very useful tool in recruiting families to the public school system while providing a valuable service," she said. "We are delighted with the caliber of staff who have been hired to work with these little ones and help them start out

on the right foot preparing for kindergarten and beyond."

Director Jill Flaherty has been prepping the play-based program for 2-and a-half- to 5-year-olds with assistant director Lindsay Poole. Several hands-on "centers" will keep children engaged throughout the day and include concentrations on listening, fine and gross motor skills, math, science, art, housekeeping,

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Above: The writing center holds everything a child needs to learn to write, draw and spell. Right: Assistant Director Lindsay Poole, left, and Director Jill Flaherty look through the bag of toys for the district's new preschool and find a few pair of wings, appropriate as the first-ever program has taken flight. An open house is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 25.







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# South student steps into unfamiliar shoes

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

In a neighborhood on the south side of Chicago, where poverty and homelessness are all too common, 17-year-old Adam Smith had a change of heart.

Toward situations he'd never before seen, toward circumstances difficult to change, toward the difference he can make.

Accepted to the Center for Talent Development Civic Leadership Institute, an urban field study program, the Grosse Pointe South High School 11th-grader spent three weeks last month in an environment unfamiliar, but one he would still embrace.

Housed at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Smith and 55 students from around the country and globe not only participated in daily classroom discussions and listened with intrigue to guest speakers, but al-



PHOTO BY AMY SALVAGNO

South High School junior Adam Smith spent time on the streets of Chicago this summer, learning about several social issues.

so spent time out on the streets engaged in service-learning projects — most out of their

comfort zone.

"They hope kids will be more of an active citizen, have more

passion for social issues and help solve them, and be a leader in the community,"

Smith said of the selective program.

One of the group's first field studies involved a visit to the historic Bronzeville neighborhood. Students asked residents a number of questions: what it's like to live there, how the community has changed and what social issues it faces.

"It wasn't just so we would step outside our comfort level, but it was good introduction to what we would be doing — feeling comfortable in a place we've never been," said Smith, of the City of Grosse Pointe.

On another day, in the same community, students worked with the voucher program, Chicago Shares, which provides an opportunity for the community to aid the homeless. Smith visited several restaurants and grocery stores to convince the manager to accept the vouchers for food and personal care items for those in need.

"Some weren't interested. Within the first 30 seconds of being shot down, it makes you want to say, 'I don't think you understand what I want to do here,'" Smith recalled.

In a similar simulation, students crowded onto Lake Michigan Avenue to sell magazines, another outreach program to help get the homeless back on their feet.

"I couldn't do this every day. Once I was out there and everyone ignores you, you think, 'Oh my gosh, how do these people stick with this?' You have to have a lot of charisma and self confidence," said Smith. "It was a great experience — you have to be willing to accept getting rejected. In the course of two hours, getting yelled at a lot

and trying to do my best, I only sold one."

On days in the classroom, discussions ranged from students forging personal relationships with those different from themselves to privilege and the obligation to help those less fortunate.

Course instructor Tina Patterson wrote in Smith's assessment that he was always willing to evaluate himself honestly, even admitting his own bias. One example she cites is a discussion in which Smith shared his reluctance to approach some community members because they acted differently than him and didn't have the same access to personal hygiene. Smith encouraged other students to examine their own intentions and prejudices.

Another story Patterson shared occurred during a field study. A street performer climbed aboard the same train as the class to ask for some change for a song. Smith was the first to begin clapping and to acknowledge the Belize native, she said, and everyone followed his lead. A conversation quickly followed in which the students learned the man enjoyed the same movies and video games.

"This was an exemplary moment of empathy and forging relationships, and it set an example for other class members on the importance of human connection," Patterson wrote. "Adam was an invaluable member of the class ... he explored several important social issues facing our society and demonstrated an understanding of the process of social change. His empathetic understanding of these social issues, ability to connect with other people and honesty will ensure that he is a successful civic leader."

For Smith, one of the most impactful moments was talking to those who were once without a place to stay or food for their family.

"It was powerful because you got to hear every detail of how they survived. It taught me to be more open-minded because you don't know what this person's story is. You can't make an assumption. They might just be like you," he said. "Next time, don't just drop a few quarters in their cup. Stop and have a conversation with them."

Now home and with an attitude of awareness, Smith says he wants to make a real difference.

"I know I want to be more active. I feel somewhat obligated after everything I saw."


## Discussion on giftedness

Dr. Cheryl Blau, giftedness programming coordinator and teacher at the Grosse Pointe Academy, addresses questions on giftedness at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, in the parlor of the Lake Shore Building on the campus, 171 Lake Shore Road.

Blau will answer inquiries on


what giftedness looks like; how it is different from being very smart; why gifted students need special academic programs; and how do schools typically identify which students are gifted.

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# ULS, Ford House partner for outdoor learning

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

After decades visiting more than a hundred geological sites throughout the country, University Liggett School teacher Jim Schmidt discovered he and his students didn't have to travel far to find hands-on, up-close adventures.

A resource has been in their backyard all along.

ULS will partner this year with the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, using the historic grounds for classwork and projects. Students visited the property last spring to help pick up litter washed up along the shoreline.

Schmidt's science class stopped by the following day and scouted locations for sampling water and measuring erosion.

Earlier, during a visit to the estate, the longtime educator discovered an unrealized asset.

"Like a lot of Grosse Pointers, I've worked within two miles of the Ford estate, taken tours of the mansion like many people had, but I never had the time or took the time to look at the natural grounds out there. It's not just what a visitor would see when they're going to the house, but rather the peninsula that sticks out onto Lake St. Clair," said Schmidt, who learned from a groundskeeper that Eleanor

Ford roamed the point — in bloom with purple flowers — during her daily walks.

"My wheels started turning and I thought, 'Wow, not only is this a great opportunity for residents, it's also a wonderful opportunity for the students. In my many years here, my forte has been to take high school students to all portions of the U.S. ... Alaska, Wyoming, California. Little did I realize, looking here, there and everywhere, there's a place here in our own backyard to utilize.'"

Chris Shires, the Ford House director of education, observed the efforts of students the day they helped clean up the shoreline.

"It's really exciting to see. It's always a dream of an educator for students to not only be engaged in the environment, but also have a good time doing it," he said. "With ULS coming in, we've started this new initiative and opened our resources to a variety of audiences. We're beginning to use the site in different ways and being flexible enough to meet the needs of teachers and students. This was a wonderful opportunity to make available."

Schmidt, who has spent much of his career studying the Lake Superior and Lake Michigan shorelines, had last year's seniors take detailed measurements of the Lake St. Clair shoreline to know it's ex-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School student Bianca Avolio helps clean up the Lake St. Clair shoreline at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House last spring. A new partnership between the school and estate will give students the opportunity for hands-on learning.

act shape, size, dimension and determine if the lake is retreating or advancing — and if it's advancing, figure out what can be done to help preserve the estate. Students also took initial water samples and this year's classes will continue the ongoing analysis.

Classes will be involved in environmental aspects as well. Last year, through guidance

from the estate's master gardener Dale Bowman, students picked garlic mustard, an invasive species they learned can be troublesome to the property and, if not caught, throughout the Pointes.

"What you initially start off with as one idea, you can turn down a different road and come up with an entirely different destination than you

thought. Students can't tell you what they did in math class, but if you ask them something we did on a trip, they remember every little detail. It has such a dynamic impact," Schmidt said about the importance of students getting outdoors to learn.

"When I think of that property and what can be done with it — there's really no end

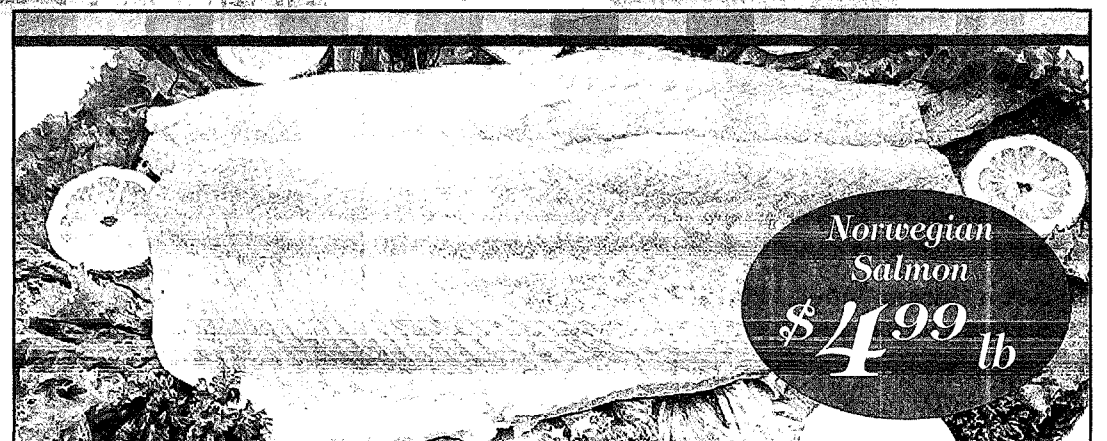
to it. I can see second-graders doing nothing more than taking a walk and seeing flowers, and that having an impact without any kind of fancy plans. All the way up to seniors in AP (advanced placement) class, thinking about what they want to do with their lives and they don't have to travel far and perhaps do something about it and figure it out."



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## Lemonade with love

The Fabulous Four — from left, 10-year-old Lauren Miller, twin 9-year-olds Olivia and Lauren Owen and 8-year-old Brittney Miller — provided cool drinks on a hot Friday, Aug. 14, to raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. The national fundraiser was formed by Alexandra Scott, a 4-year-old cancer patient who began raising money with lemonade stands to help find cures for childhood cancers. She died at age 8. The Star of the Sea students marketed their stand on Cook Road to neighbors and local businesses and raised \$342 to contribute to the foundation.



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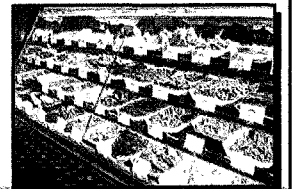


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Flaherty, who holds a bachelor's in elementary teaching and a master's in early childhood development, is the mother of three children.

"I'm thrilled the district is offering a chance for the youngest learners to get off to the right start. It's very nice to have this option now," she said.

Fannon added the program is expected to break even or possibly make a small profit in its first year.

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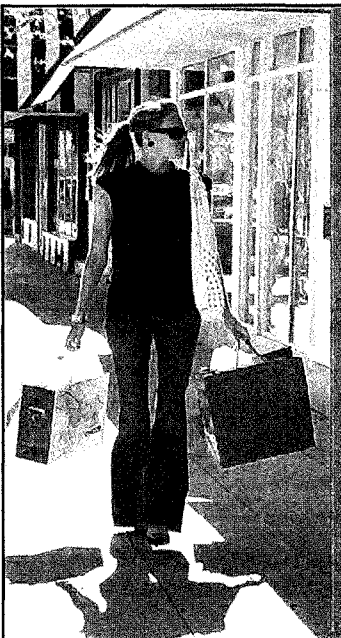
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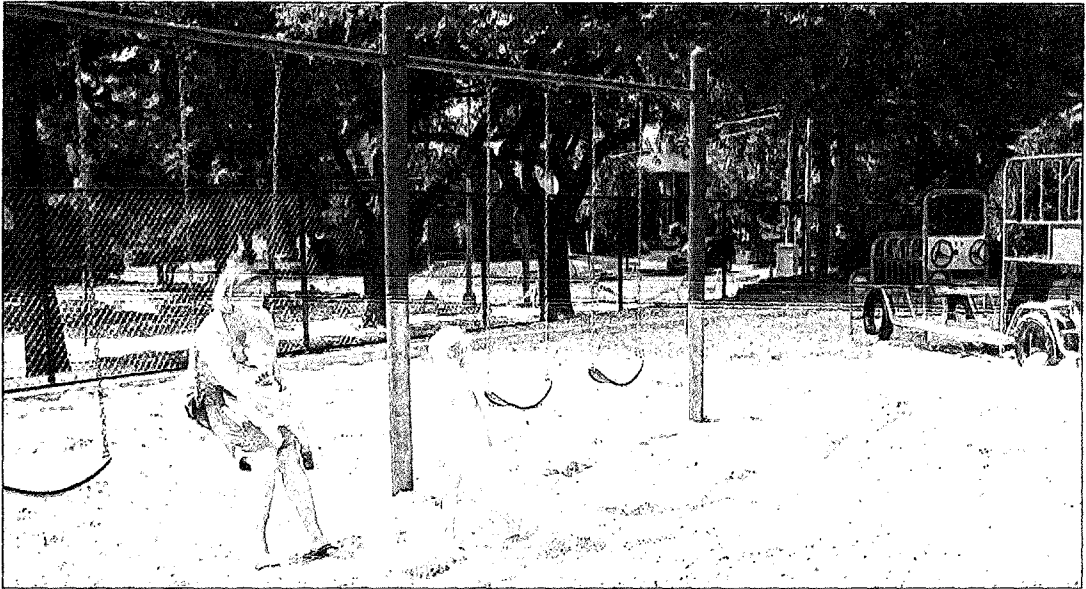
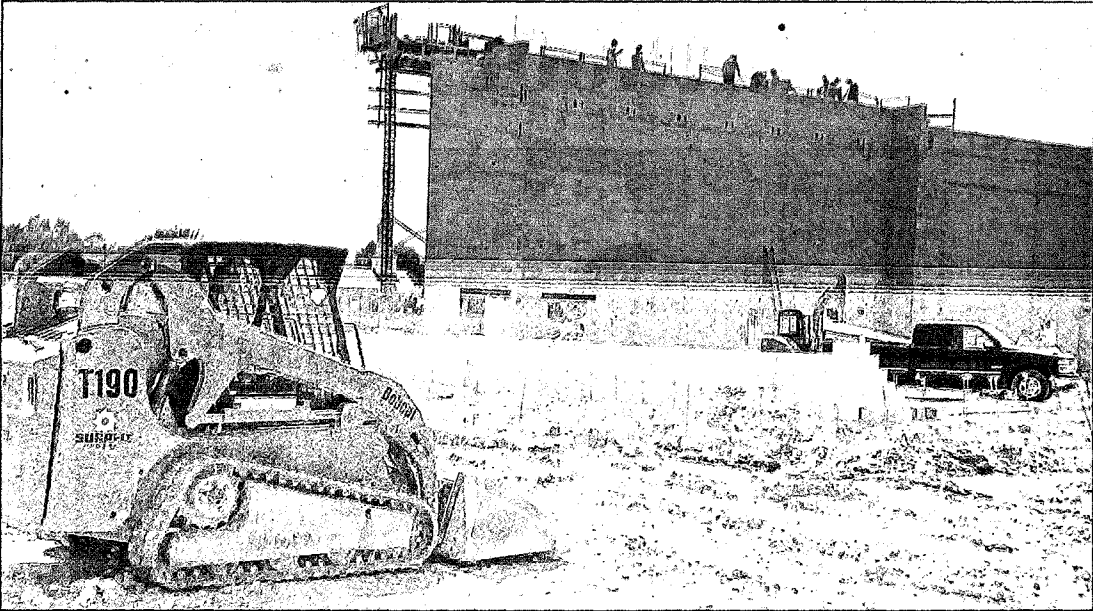
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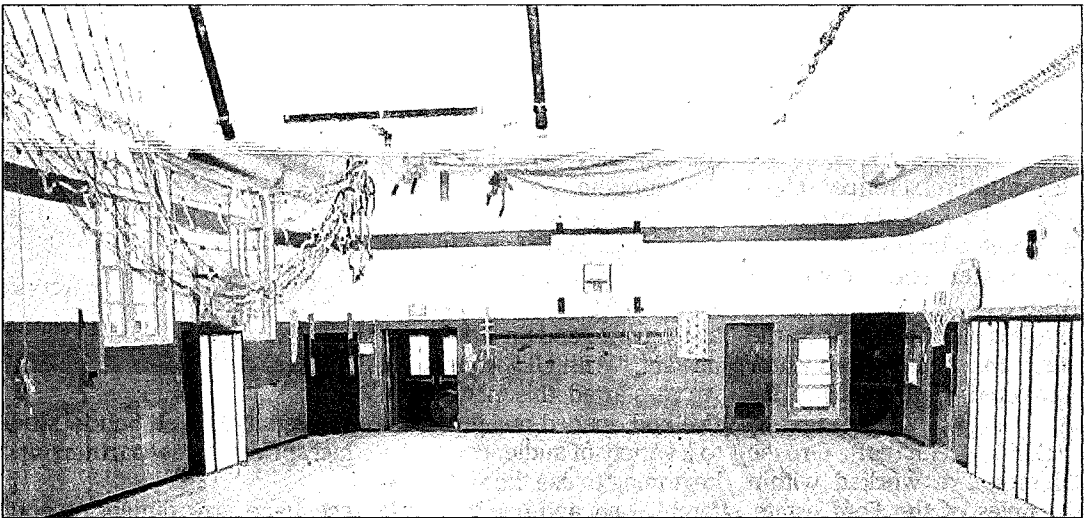
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Work and play

Construction is slowly progressing on the new multipurpose room at Brownell Middle School, set to be completed next fall. Last week, crews showed the first signs: the walls of the 18,000 square foot structure. Nearby, work has wrapped up on summertime renovations at Richard Elementary School, right. Updates include a new ceiling, floor and air conditioning ducts in the gym, and new terrazzo tile at the entrance of the building. Minor improvements haven't been overlooked, either. Top right: 3-year-old Macy Smith tests out new mulch on the playground as her grandmother, Tricia Beckenhauer, looks on with 1-year-old grandson, Beck Smith.



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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2010 Ford Mustang is widely recognized, respected and desired. Though retro inspired, it is a thoroughly modern car — a pure and simple thrill machine.

# Mustang untamed by ordinary styling



**G**ot red? Yup, deep and rich. Got sporty, perforated, leather-trimmed seats? Indeed — that's some cowhide.

Got a five-speed manual transmission? Yes, though traffic jams are no fun.

Got "the sound?" Check. The 4.0-liter engine is throaty and rumbles.

Got a 2010 Ford Mustang V-6 coupe and really enjoying the ride.

In a size-matters approach to styling, Ford designers have created a bulked-up-looking Mustang for 2010, one that managed to turn lots of heads as we tool around town, out to the airport, up to Meadow Brook and over to Ann Arbor.

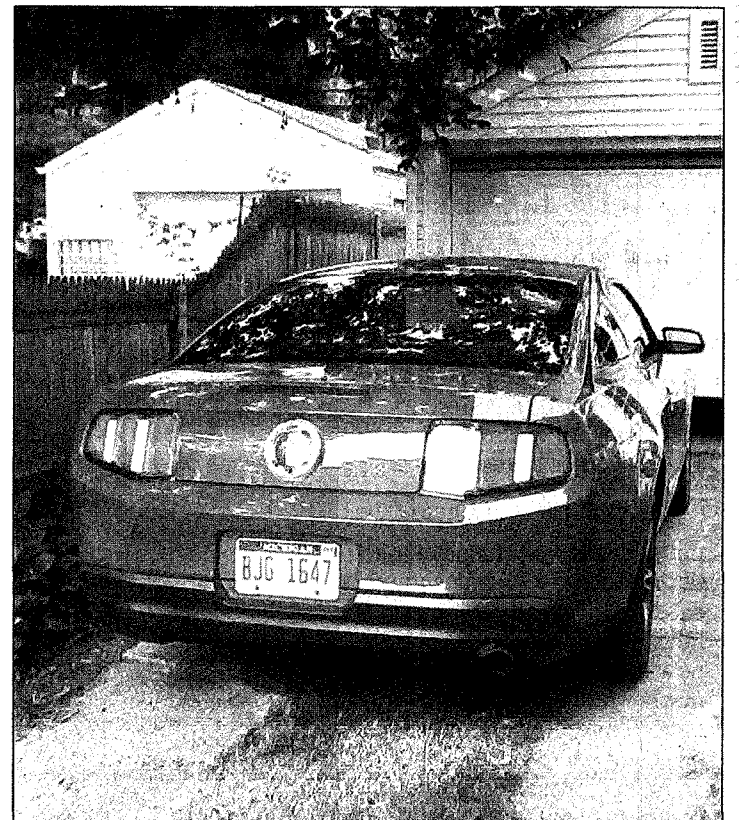
The 4.0-liter V-6 is the standard engine; it has a 210 horsepower rating. A 4.6-liter V-8 develops 315 horsepower. Automotive News reports for 2011, a 5.0-liter V-8 and a 3.7-liter V-6 are on the Mustang agenda.

The five-speed manual is the standard transmission. A five-speed automatic is available.

Ford is very proud of the redesigned interior of the beloved pony car. The brown, leather-trimmed seats in the test car did indeed display the high-quality stitching the company boasted. The instrument panel was clean and uncluttered, with chrome-ringed gauges.



New sheet metal and standard electronic stability control add to the allure of the 2010 Ford Mustang. A 4.0-liter V-6 is the standard engine, with a 4.6-liter V-8 available to power the ready-to-ride 2010 Mustang.



One of our favorite instrument panel features was the low fuel warning. A less favorite was the unexpected voice asking one morning if we wanted a systems check on the car.

Sometimes you are having so much fun driving around, or you are so bogged down in errands, you forget about the basics.

Fortunately, Ford has added a mom-like reminder: When the fuel reaches a certain low level, not only does the little fuel pump icon on the gauge light up, but there's a read-out alerting you to how many more miles you can go before you are sidelined.

We came to trust that on a couple of occasions; not exact-

ly coasting into the gas station, but certainly hoping "20 miles to empty" was accurate.

At other times, the screen displayed one's fuel economy which, alas, never moved above the 23.8 miles per gallon overall average. The Mustang with 4.0-liter six and manual transmission is rated at 26 mpg on the highway and 18 mpg in the city.

Taking a lot of around-town driving and a nasty Monday evening traffic jam on west-bound I-94, 23.8 mpg isn't too bad.

A couple of days later we heard about a family-owned 3-year-old Ford Taurus with six-cylinder engine and 110,000 miles on its odometer that was capable of between 35 and 40

mpg on trips up North. The Taurus is no Mustang, but it does have a bigger back seat!

Our complaints with this sport coupe were few. Maybe only one: The sound. Ford refers to the Mustang engine rumble as its "signature sound." We refer to the sound — road and transmission — inside the car as almost truck-like, surprisingly noticeable and not impressive.

And yes, the visibility isn't the best in a coupe with so much sheet metal. So be careful when backing up, whether in a structure, out of your drive or in a shopping area parking lot.

By the way, that "red candy metallic" paint job, that got rave reviews, runs an extra

\$300. A security package with wheel locking kit has a \$395 price tag. Tack that onto the \$23,995 window sticker along with an \$850 destination charge and you've got yourself a spiffy sport coupe for just more than \$25,000.

The Mustang is available as a coupe, convertible or with a glass roof.

Models for 2010 feature the first new Mustang emblem since the car's introduction in 1964. Both the V-6 and GT have sculptured front-end designs unique to each model, Ford said.

The exterior sheet metal, except for the fast-back roofline, is all new for 2010. A power-dome hood adds to the muscular appearance and increases

air cooling of the engine.

A rear-view camera incorporated into the spoiler is available on some models.

A new tail lamp design features three LED bulbs firing sequentially from the inside for turn indication, Ford said. The sequential bulbs were a distinct Mustang feature in the 1960s; they return for 2010.

The wheel-and-tire combinations have increased by an inch and now range from 17 to 19 inches.

Springs, stabilizer bars and shocks have been retuned for all models. Electronic stability control joins all-speed traction control and antilock braking systems are standard on all 2010 Mustang models.

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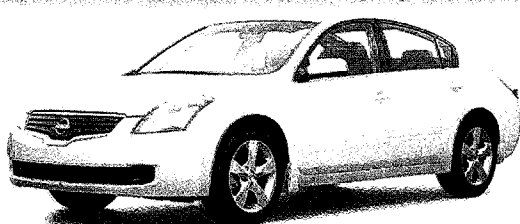
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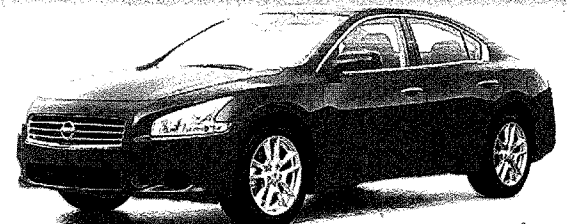
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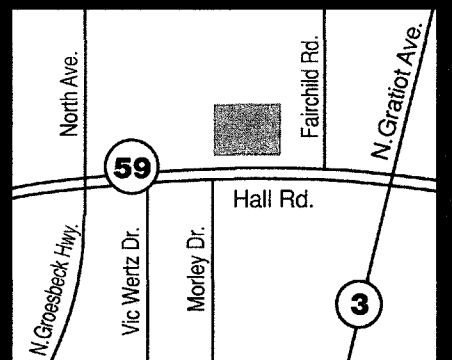
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

Delivered in Premier dress with Voga trim, it's hard to look at the 2009 Mercury Mariner Premier 4WD as a compact SUV, thanks to its "big class" ride, room and amenities.

# 2009 Mercury Mariner Premier 4WD



This week, we're testing one of the most popular compact SUV's on the road, the updated and improved 2009 Mercury Mariner — Entry level price: \$22,650; price as tested: \$32,425.

Mariner's popularity stems initially from its well proportioned and tastefully designed exterior, especially the waterfall satin chrome grill that is now a Lincoln-Mercury trademark. Mercury designers haven't altered a motif that has been a hit since Mariner came to market in 2005, yet continue to make excellent design upgrades along way.

Don't be misled by our test Mariner's final retail price, as every option conceivable pushed the price higher. Entry level Mariners start at \$22,650, not counting any incentives or rebates that might be in order. For 2009, Mariner adds even more to its completely revamped 2008 edition, especially on the mechanical side.

Along with sibling Ford Escape, Mariner offers two new powertrain lineups, including a larger, more fuel efficient and 18 horsepower more than last year's 2.5-liter, 171 horsepower Inline-4 and a new 3.0-liter V-6 that produces a whopping 40-horsepower gain over last year.

This huge power increase

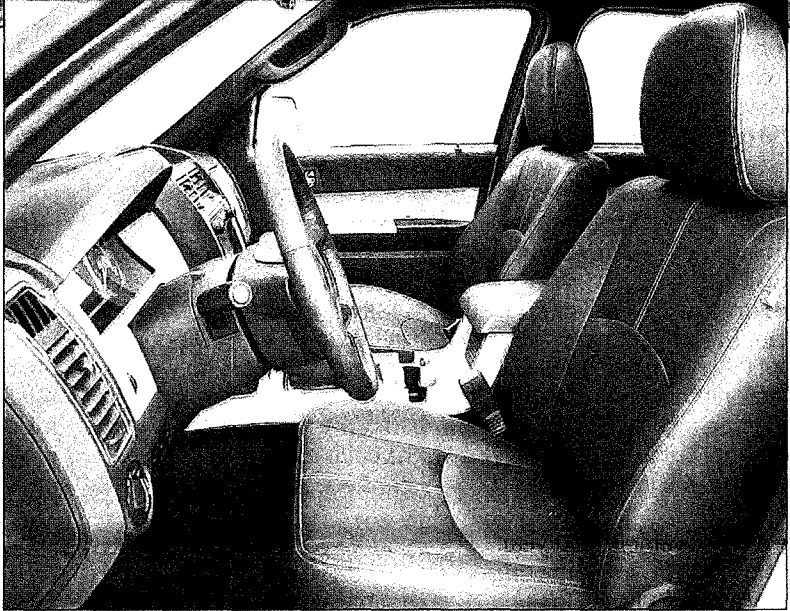


2009 Mercury Mariner Premier 4WD

basically equates to an all new engine, even though it's the same size as the 2008 model at 3.0-liters. Everything from pistons to camshaft is new, and the final 10.3-compression ratio and better breathing cylinder heads account for most of the horsepower increase. The new 4-cylinder is also used in the Mercury Mariner and Milan Hybrids in a 153-horse version.

I appreciate Mariner's extra horsepower, as what once was just a "so-so" Mariner when it came to passing and merging

is now an official "acceleration pleaser," thanks to the extra ponies. Then, when Mariner arrives at highway cruising speeds, a standard 6-speed automatic transmission utilizes what is known as a "higher gear" — lower number numerically — by shifting into sixth gear and delivering good highway fuel mileage numbers.



Notable is the 4-cylinder also offers the six speed transmission as an option, which we recommend over the five speed automatic if you buy a 4-cylinder powered Mariner.

Underneath, a tweaked for 2009 four wheel fully independent suspension collaborates with a full-time four wheel drive system, assuring both go in snow capability and a smooth ride. On the safety side, all expected air bags are in place resulting in excellent 5-Star government safety and crash test ratings. Four wheel ABS is also standard, but we can't figure out why Mariner's top class SUV still rides on rear drum brakes.

We especially like Mariner's interior, which is very roomy for the smaller SUV class. Our tester came with the \$1,070 Voga Trim package, which adds 17-inch tires, beautiful chrome wheels, roof rack with chrome crossbars and stylish Voga badged interior upgrades.

A \$295 heated package adds power heated mirrors and heated front seats. The interior deserves additional comment, as I loved Mariner's standard two-tone leather seats, which were firm yet comfortable.

As the sun sets, click on the beautiful blue gauges and then the \$1,995 Audiophile and Navigation system, and you're in SUV heaven, especially with the moonroof open on wonderful summer nights.

Hands down, Mercury has one of the best five-passenger interiors in class. I could drive Mariner from coast to coast,

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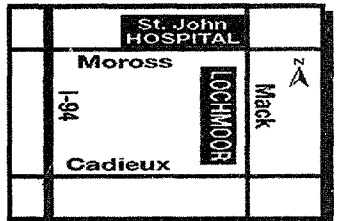






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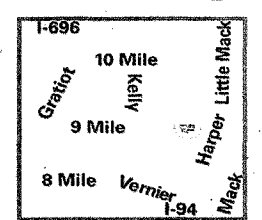
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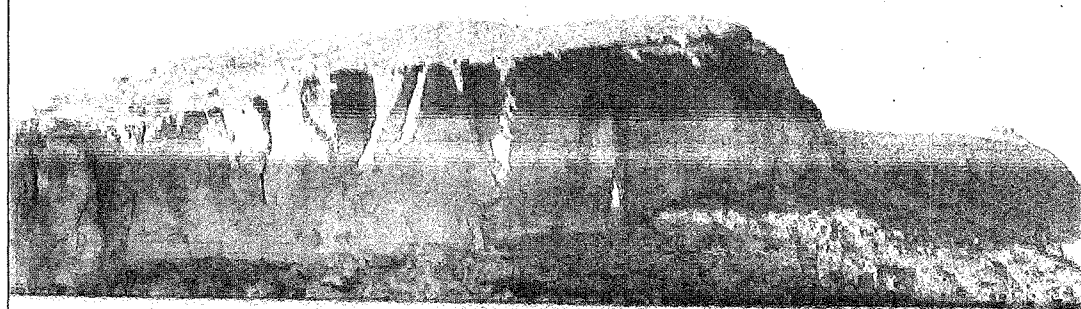
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## MARINER: More than enough room

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Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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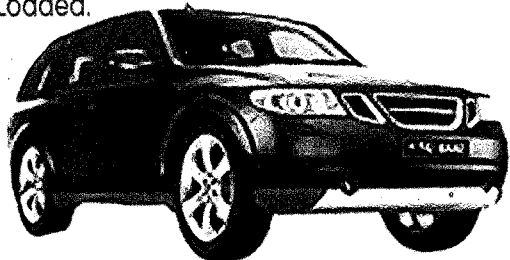
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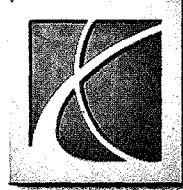
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# OBITUARIES

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## Elaine M. Almond

City of Grosse Pointe resident Elaine M. Almond, 85, died Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

She was born April 14, 1924, in Grosse Pointe to Laureen and Clement Poupard and graduated from St. Mary's Academy High School in Monroe in 1942.

Mrs. Almond was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by her children, Mary Shawn (Douglas) Skipp, Laureen Van Hamme and Richard Charles Almond (Kathleen Harter); grandchildren, Jessica (Tom) Maples, William Tyree, Daniel Van Hamme, Richie Almond, Whitney Almond, Aaron Esline, Christopher Almond and Nikki Almond and great-granddaughter, Grace Maples.

She was predeceased by her husband, David; her son, David and her brother, Richard C. Poupard.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Bonaventure, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

## Corajane Bennett

Corajane Bennett, 82, passed away peacefully Tuesday Aug. 11, 2009, at St. John Senior Community in Detroit.

Mrs. Bennett was formally from South Bend, Ind. where she graduated from John Adams High School in 1945.

She worked for the Simplicity Pattern Company in Niles for 25 years as a pattern production scheduler. Prior to that she worked as a secretary for a ladies ready-to-wear store in South Bend. Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Rainbow Girls, a female organization of the Masons, and a 4-H leader for Berrien County.

She was married to Delbert M. Bennett of Lakeville, Ind. in 1946 for 34 years until his death in 1980.

Mrs. Bennett enjoyed sewing, cooking, baking, playing bridge and traveling. She treasured her time as a grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family.

She is survived by her son, Gregory D. (Janine) Bennett of Granger, Ind.; former daughter-in-law, Victoria L. (Robert) Liggett and grandchildren, Emily, Marjorie and Roberta Liggett, all of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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

Memorial donations may be made to The Liggett Breast Center at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 19229 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2857.

## Catherine McKinley Carey

Catherine McKinley Carey, 81, passed away peacefully after a brief illness Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, in the home she so loved. Known as Kitty to family and friends, she was a longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

Born in Brunswick, Ga. in 1927, she moved to Grosse Pointe at age three. After attending Country Day, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. While at U of M, she met her husband, Bruce Carey. They were married June 23, 1951.

Mrs. Carey taught first grade in St. Clair Shores for

several years before starting her family. She was active in many volunteer organizations, most notably the Foundation for Exceptional Children.

She also was an avid collector of English and Continental decorative arts. For more than 20 years, she was co-proprietor of CM Antiques in Grosse Pointe and participated in antique shows across the East and Midwest. Her passion for antiques led to many buying trips to England and sparked her love of world travel.

However, her family said her greatest love was for family and friends. Mrs. Carey delighted in providing family expeditions to Castle Park, Florida, Calgary and Europe. She especially loved cooking and entertaining, and almost every week had dinner parties or other get-togethers with her many friends.

She was active in the Junior League of Detroit, IBEX and the Colonial Dames and was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, the Country Club of Detroit and Kappa Delta sorority.

Mrs. Carey is survived by her children, William McKinley Carey of St. Louis, Mo., Ann Dunwoody Carey of Winnetka, Ill. and Elizabeth Carey Goodell of Winchester, Mass. and her beloved grandchildren, Kitty, Paige and Jennifer Carey and Sarah, Brian and David Goodell.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bruce, who passed away in April.

A memorial service was held Aug. 14 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Foundation for Exceptional Children or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, both at 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## F. Parker Colby

F. Parker Colby, 85, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, of complications of Parkinson's disease at Havenwood Health Services Center in Concord, N.H.

Born June 19, 1924, in Waban, Mass., to Clara Parker Colby and J. Tracy Colby, he lived in Bronxville, N.Y., attended Culver Academy in Culver, Ind., graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Business School.

Mr. Colby served in the United States Army, 97th Division in World War II, first in the European Theater, then in the Occupation Army in Japan.

Mr. Colby's business career was spent in Detroit as a merchandising manager at The J.L. Hudson Co. and as a vice president in the trust department at National Bank of Detroit.

Volunteer work was an important part of Mr. Colby's life. He served on the board of directors of Goodwill Industries and the board of directors of the Detroit YMCA.

Later, in retirement, his greatest interest was in the Service Corps of Retired Executives branches in Portsmouth and Dover, N.H. He also worked with handi-

capped adults in Dover and Concord, N.H.

Sailing was Mr. Colby's lifelong passion, both on Lake St. Clair and on the New Hampshire seacoast. He also enjoyed golf, squash and bowling.

Mr. Colby is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eleanor Hayeslip Colby; his daughter, Margaret Colby Bittner and her husband, Robert, of Camarillo; his son, Frank P. Colby, Jr. and his wife, Beverly, of Lexington, Mass.; his daughter, Claire Colby-Hielscher, and her husband, Raimund, of Dortmund, Germany and seven grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, James Tracy Colby, Jr. and Henry Stark Colby.

A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 20, in the Havenwood Auditorium at Havenwood Heritage Heights, Concord, N.H.

Memorial donations may be made to Residents' Fund, Havenwood, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, N.H. 03301 or Unitarian-Universalist Church, 274 Pleasant St., Concord, N.H. 03301.

Arrangements were handled by Bennett Funeral Home in Concord, N.H.

## William Lefèvre Hurley

Longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident William Lefèvre Hurley, 90, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2009.

Born in Watertown, Mass., June 25, 1919, he moved with his family to Detroit in 1920 and in 1928 the family settled in the City of Grosse Pointe. A resident of the City almost continuously since then, Mr. Hurley served on the city council and as mayor pro tem from 1963 to 1971.

He was also active in various church and community organizations.

He graduated from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy and, in 1942, from the University of Michigan with a degree in economics.

Upon graduation he entered the United States Army and served as an infantry officer in the North Africa Campaign, and was awarded the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge. He retired as captain in 1946.

After the war, Mr. Hurley entered the investment securities business where he specialized in corporate finance for more than 30 years as a partner with Baker, Simonds and Co. and Watling, Lerchen and Co. During that time he was state chairman and national governor of what is now the Securities Industry Association.

In 1978 he joined the administrative staff of Bon Secours Hospital in charge of fund development and community relations, retiring in 1989 as a vice president. During that time he was also president of the Michigan Association for Hospital Development. He continued to serve on the hospital foundation board.

He also served as president of the Friends of the Grosse



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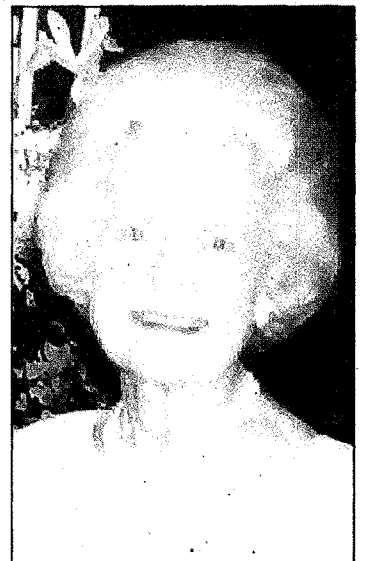
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Pointe Library and was a board member of the Clements Library Associates at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Hurley was formerly a director of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, a trustee of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation and was president of the Respiratory Foundation of Southeast Michigan.

He was active in St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church as a member for more than 80 years, serving on various committees and as a member of the parish council.

He was active in Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Witenagemote Society, and the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe. He also had been a member of the Detroit Club and Grosse Pointe Rotary.

Mr. Hurley is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Bartemeier Hurley; children, Ann (Tim Johnson), William Jr. (Jill Rullkoetter), Leo (Ariane), Timothy (Kim), and John (Melissa); seven grandchildren; his sisters, Marie Louise Moser and Suzanne (Edward) Kane and brother, Robert.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Prayers begin at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 21, at St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Assistance League, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230; St. Paul on the Lake Church Education Trust, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI 48221, or a charitable organization of the donor's choice.

## Geoffrey Lee Petz

Former Grosse Pointe resident Geoffrey Lee Petz, 52, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009.

He was born July 17, 1957, in Detroit to Robert J. and Delphine, nee Dodge, Petz

and graduated from the Friends School in Detroit in 1975.

He was a finish carpenter and an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fly fishing.

Mr. Petz is survived by his children, Geoffrey J. (Alisha) Petz of Davison, Daniel L. Petz of Sterling Heights, Thomas D. Petz of Sterling Heights, David E. Petz of Metamora, Autumn L. Petz of Metamora and Alexander A. Petz of Metamora.

He also is survived by his siblings, Robert (Mary Anne) Petz of Grosse Pointe, Virginia (James) Soddy of Lapeer, Stephen (Kathleen) Petz of Holly, Susan Nicholas of Metamora, James (Ruth) Petz of Gaylord, Barbara (Bruce) Willinsky of Metamora, Thomas (Kathleen) Petz of Grosse Pointe and Martha (David) McCauley of Wolverine and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, and his grandmother, Lois Knowlson.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, 1021 S. Main, Lapeer, with Pastor Todd D. Smith officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

## Carolyn Jean Roberts

Carolyn Jean "Burtie" Roberts, nee Burtless, passed away Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, after a courageous year-long battle with brain cancer.

She was a native of Seneca Falls, N.Y., graduated from Mynderse Academy and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from Cornell University. She later earned a master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University.

Mrs. Roberts taught junior and senior high school for more than 30 years, retiring from the Grosse Pointe Public School System in 1997.

She was an active member of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church in Detroit and spent many hours devoting her time

to others through "Crafters," a church based community service group.

She returned home to Seneca Falls in September 2008. She was a gracious and loving person who was loyal and devoted to her family and friends. She also had a great love for cats.

Mrs. Roberts is survived by her daughters, Caron (Dave) Meendering of Coldwater and Wendy (Tom) Shannon of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; brother, Richard Burtless of Seneca Falls and her loving companion, Santo Calcagno of Seneca Falls.

A memorial service was held Aug. 14 in Seneca Falls.

Memorial donations may be made to the donor's local Humane Society in Mrs. Roberts' name.

## Theresa Wall

Harper Woods resident Theresa Wall, 94, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2009.

Born Sept. 11, 1914, she was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Wall and sister of Edward Dettloff, Leonard Dettloff and Ann Karle. She also was predeceased by her parents, John and Martha.

Mrs. Wall was the dearest aunt of Glenn (Carol) Karle, Donna (Roy) Dettmer, Gail (Steve) Rayrat, Priscilla (George) Banfield, and Paulette (Eric) Kosorski. She was also surrounded by the love and happiness of many friends.

Mrs. Wall retired from General Motors after 42 wonderful years of employment.

Her family said that she was a very special person who brought love and sunshine to everyone whose life she touched. She selflessly gave to so many, leaving an everlasting impression. She will be greatly missed by all those fortunate to be a part of her life.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 19 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Harper Woods. Interment is in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial donations may be made to Foreign Missions to Sister Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, Techny, IL.

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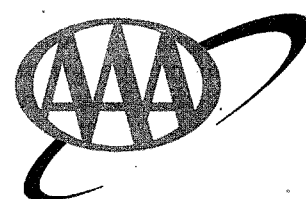


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# Lending an ear

## Abused children need only tell their story once when Lt. Jim Smith is in the room.

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Imagine being 7 years old and the victim of child abuse.

Perhaps a teacher has noticed and has asked you about your bruises. The teacher tells the school social worker, who asks you some more questions. The school social worker calls the police, who ask you the same questions and then some more questions. Then the police notify the prosecutor's office which sends a representative to ask you some questions.

Imagine how scared you would be, having to tell the same story over and over again to unknown adults who you're not sure you can trust. Perhaps there are some embarrassing details you're forced to repeat over and over again.

Or maybe you will be fortunate enough to meet Lt. James Smith of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.

The tall, soft spoken, amiable detective is a trained forensic interviewer

for Kids-TALK (Talking and Listening to Kids), a child advocacy program funded through Wayne County that provides a safe, non-threatening environment for children under age 17 where they can talk about some very bad things that may have happened to them, or perhaps something horrible that they may have witnessed. Instead of repeatedly telling the story, the child will sit down alone with Smith.

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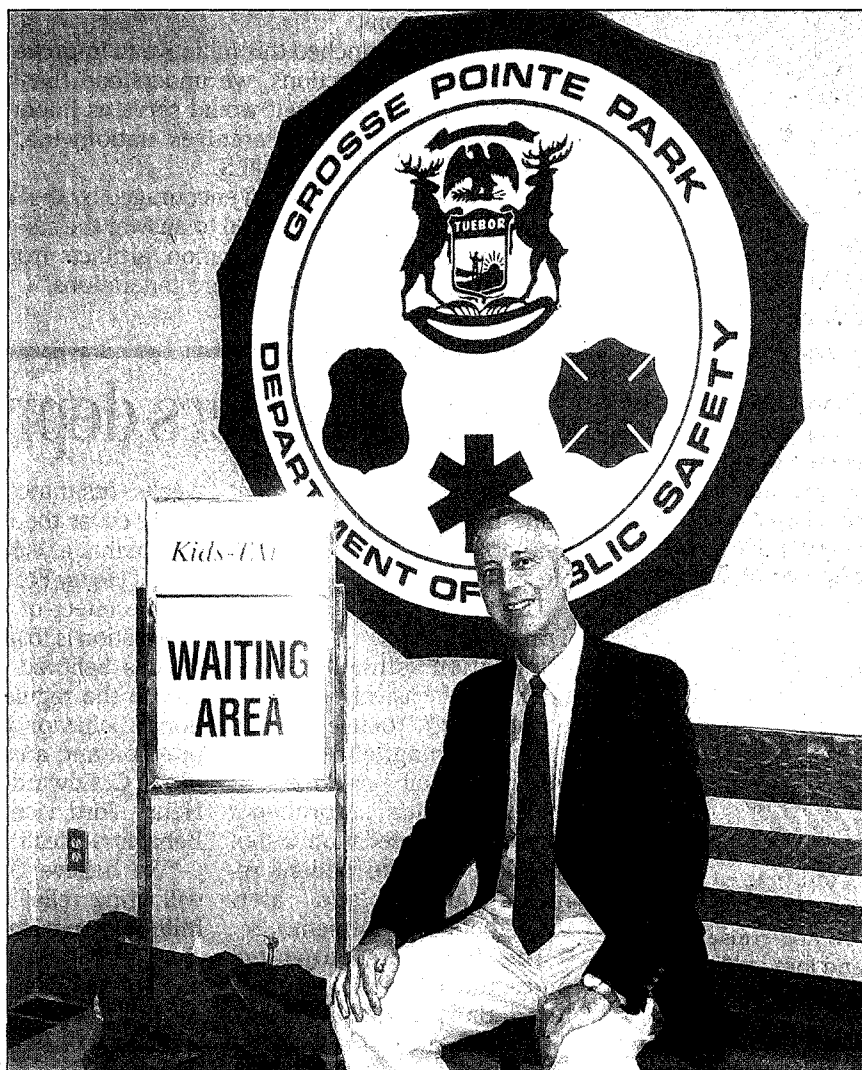


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Lt. Jim Smith trained forensic interviewer for Kids-TALK.

For his colleagues and those who work with Smith in the program, it comes as no surprise that the 32-year-old Park public safety department veteran is involved with the Kids-TALK program. Nor is it surprise that he was recently honored by the Wayne County Council Against Family Violence with its Spirit Award, citing his dedication and tireless effort on behalf of victims of family violence for that work.

"Sometimes you don't know if you're making a difference," Smith said. "But then you receive recognition like that and you realize that you are doing something important and making a difference in the lives of children."

According to Smith, when he joined the department in 1977 as a patrol officer, there were no school safety programs, but that was changed under Chief William Frutaw. When he began a school safety bureau, Smith became involved. When he was promoted to the Park's detective bureau 22 years ago, Smith began handling all the cases involving juveniles, and his talent in dealing with children led to his professional training with the Kids-TALK program.

Smith is part of the forensic team that brings together all parts of an investigation, including other trained Kids-TALK professionals from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, the Wayne County Department of

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## Historical society gets conservation bookshelf

Objects and artifacts held by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society will be better preserved with help from a core set of conservation books and online resources.

The Connecting to Collections Bookshelf was donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and special library collections.

The reference addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

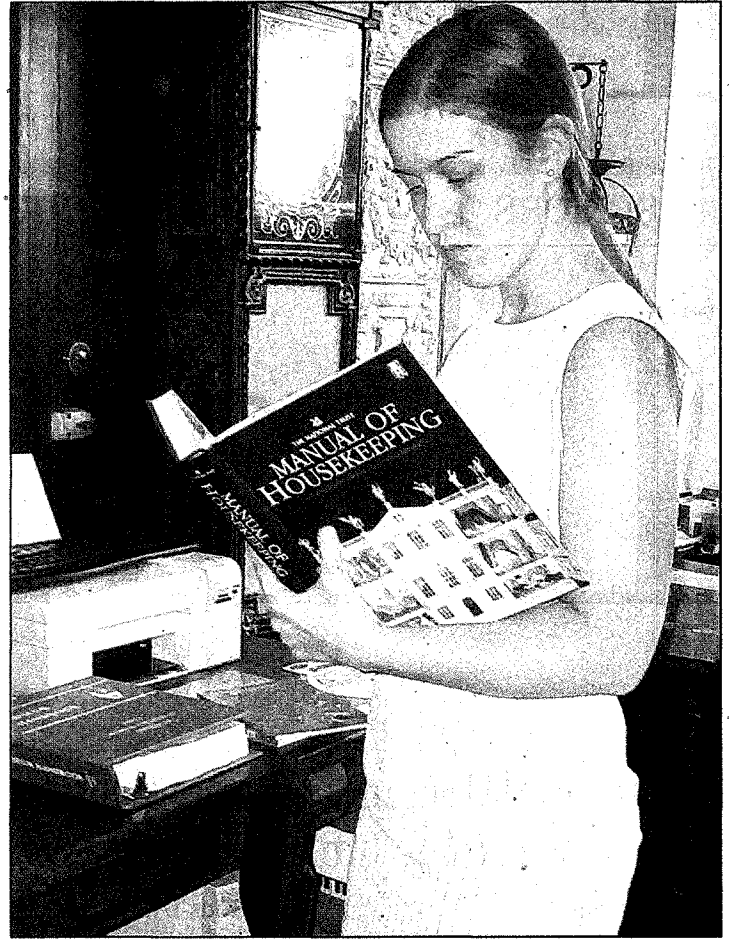
"We have many fragile items that need special care and storage housing including photographs, plat maps, private claim documents, blue prints, Native American artifacts and various memorabilia," said Maureen Devine, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. "These resources will help us properly care for these items in the GPHS collection."

The books will be available for visitors to the Moran Resource Center and for those conducting research in the GPHS archives, Devine said.

The IMLS Bookshelf is a component of Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, a conservation initiative launched in 2006. The plan spotlights the needs of America's collections, especially those held by smaller institutions, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to adequately care for their collections.

"When IMLS launched this initiative to improve the dire state of our nation's collections, we understood that the materials gathered for the bookshelf would serve as important tools for museums, libraries, and archives nationwide," said Anne-Irnela Radice, director of IMLS.

"We were both pleased and encouraged by the overwhelming interest of institutions prepared to answer the call to action, and we know that with their dedication, artifacts from our shared history will be preserved for future generations."



Grosse Pointe Historical Society intern Victoria Slater uses one of the books donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

## Hospital offers depression treatment alternative

A new depression treatment using magnetic pulses is now available at Henry Ford Hospital.

The therapy, called Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, stimulates the brain non-invasively by delivering highly focused, MRI-strength magnetic pulses through a coil positioned on the patient's forehead. Anesthesia or sedation is not required and the patient remains awake and alert throughout the treatment.

The 40-minute outpatient procedure is typically administered daily for four to six

weeks. Insurance doesn't currently cover the cost, which is approximately \$300 per session at Henry Ford.

"The effect of the magnetic stimulation is to activate neural circuits believed to be important in the regulation of emotional behavior including depression and anxiety," according to C. Edward Coffey M.D., Henry Ford vice president of Behavioral Health Services.

"We believe this treatment will bring relief to those 18.8 million Americans suffering from one of the most common and difficult conditions in all of medicine. Patients should ex-

perience an improved quality of life with a treatment that has virtually no side effects."

Common side effects of antidepressant medications often include weight gain, sexual dysfunction, nausea, anxiety and intestinal distress. Those treated with TMS have reported mild scalp pain or discomfort during the actual stimulation.

Henry Ford is the only provider in the Detroit metro area offering the TMS Therapy, which was cleared by the FDA last year for the treatment of depressed patients who failed to receive adequate

benefit from antidepressant medication.

SMITH:  
Questioning  
the children

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Human Services Child Protective Division and medical professionals from Children's and St. John hospitals.

A small room off the detective bureau is used by Smith for his interviews. It is bare, with the exception of one more picture, so there is little to distract the child. Other members of the team are in a room on the second floor of police headquarters, which contains sophisticated recording equipment.

"Everyone can view the interview, either as it is being conducted, or view the tape," Smith said. "They get their piece of the puzzle and each agency can make a determination as to their next step. This interview is the glue that holds everything together and it's a very important tool for law enforcement agencies. It also protects everyone, the child and the accused."

The emphasis on better interrogation techniques for children is a natural outgrowth over the way police and prosecutors handle domestic violence cases, according to the Park's Chief of Police David Hiller.

"Over the years law enforcement had to change the way it dealt with domestic violence and that change led to more prosecutions," he said. "And we found when we were dealing with kids that the old ways were not effective. We knew we needed to train people in proper forensic interview techniques."

And, according to Hiller, no one is better suited to handle those techniques than Smith.

"Jim is one of the best interrogators I know," Hiller said. "We worked together in the detective bureau for 12 years and I can tell you that Jim has a special talent. He's an outstanding detective who can look at something and be totally objective, and no one is more organized than he is."

Hiller appreciates the exposure Smith's efforts bring to the department.

"It's a great source of pride for me when another agency calls and requests Jim to conduct an interview," he said. "Jim is a good interrogator because he's a good listener. He's really one of the best. He has all the skills necessary for this job, he's relentless, flexible and compassionate. He sets the standard for all of us."

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Traveling photo exhibit

The Faces of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, a traveling photo exhibit, will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Eastland Center, 18000 Vernier, Harper Woods, Aug. 24 through Aug. 30. The exhibit is in the Grand Court.

The event is free. The exhibit, shot by photographer George Lange, features portraits and stories of CFS patients, family members and health care professionals.

This is part of a national public awareness campaign about the illness.

The church is located at 1404 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 647-5050 or visit [stclarem.org](http://stclarem.org).

## Boat club

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club holds its general membership gathering at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at the Pier Park Clubhouse. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Ice cream sundaes will be served.

For membership information, call Nadine Pendolino at (313) 882-8595.

## Little Lambs

Little Lambs program at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers two Christian education programs during the school year.

For children ages 18 to 36 months, the program is from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Parents' Day Out program is for children 30 months through 4 years old from 8:45 a.m. to noon, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Both programs are staffed by experienced care givers.

For more information, call the church at (313) 886-2363 or visit the church to pick up an information packet. The church office is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Registration deadline is Sunday, Aug. 23.

## St. Albertus

St. Albertus Historic Church, corner of St. Aubin and Canfield, Detroit, has a Tridentine Latin Mass at noon Sunday, Aug. 30. The celebrant will be the Rev. Louis Madey, professor from Orchard Lake Polish Seminary.

The mass will be accompanied by a Gregorian chant sung by a choir.

Doors open at 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 527-9321 or (313) 664-0257.

## Clambake at Cottage

Celebrate Henry Ford Cottage Hospital's 90th year and raise funds for its

Behavioral Health Department by participating in a clambake on the hospital grounds.

The Clambake at the Cottage, a seaside casual outdoor event, begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and features entertainment by "Vintage Moments," a clambake-style supper, and a live auction.

Guests can also dig for clams and come up with prizes, or take a swing at the putting competition while raising funds for Behavioral Health Department programs and services at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

The department provides care and services to individuals and families dealing with acute mental health issues. Included are assistance, resources and treatment needed to help patients and their families better understand how to ease and resolve mental disorders.

Tickets start at the "Next Generation" level of 99 clams (\$99) for those 21 to 35 years of age. General tickets are \$175 per person and go up with added benefits and recognition, including a "pre-glow" event.

A variety of tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are also available. For an invitation and complete ticket and sponsorship information, contact Crystal T. Smith at (313) 876-9871.

## Military retirees

The Ft. McCoy Lower Michigan Retiree Affairs Council hosts the 2009 Retiree Appreciation Day Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. All military retirees, their spouses, widows and widowers may attend.

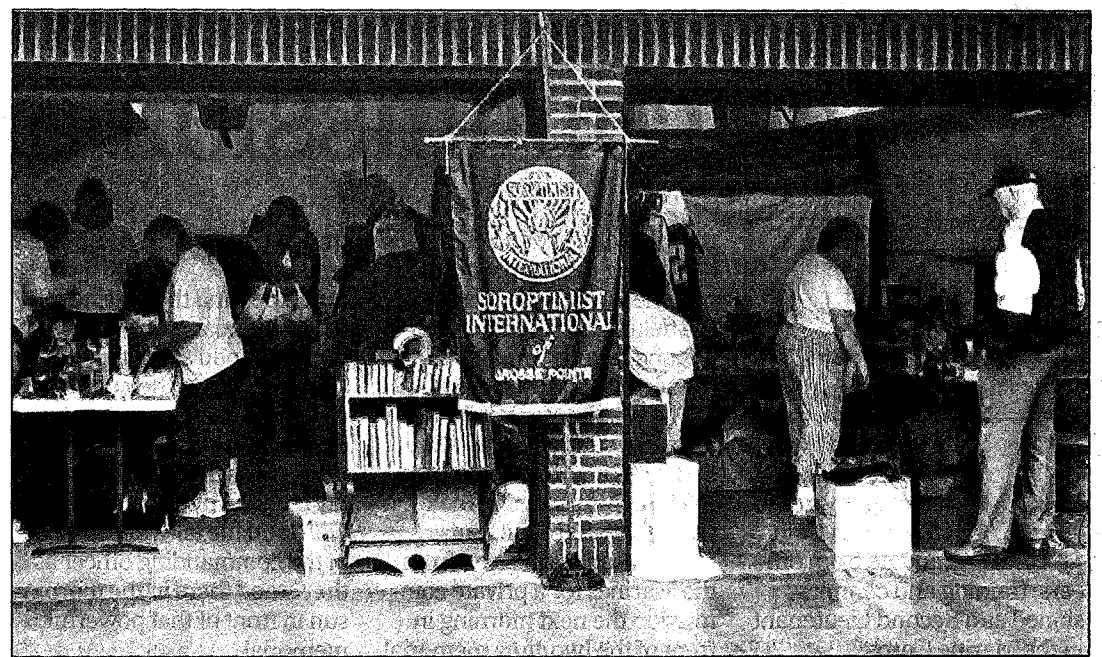
Conference subjects include retirement pensions, medical and dental benefits, pending legislation, national cemeteries and Southeast Michigan Homeland Security activities. ID cards may be updated at the main gate.

Meal reservations must be made before Wednesday, Sept. 16.

For more information, call (586) 239-5580 or (800) 645-9416.

## Eastern High School

The Old Detroit Eastern High School annual alumni re-



## Garage sale success

More than \$1,000 was raised during the Soroptimist garage sale, despite the rain Aug. 8. Proceeds support the organization's annual scholarship presentations. The Soroptimist future fundraisers include a Dine-Around-Town restaurant gift certificate event in September and in November, a holiday ornament sale. For more information, visit [grossepointesoroptimist.org](http://grossepointesoroptimist.org).

union, for all classes up to 1959 is from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan, Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. There will be an open bar and a sit down dinner is served at 3 p.m.

The cost is \$30. Advance reservations are required before Friday, Sept. 25. Tickets may be picked up at the door.

Special recognition will be given to the classes of 1939, 1949 and 1959.

For more information, call Bob Butler at (586) 412-9998 or Nancy Linhard at (586) 268-1187.

Call Mary Jane Masinick at (586) 226-0782 for reservations.

## League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe is seek-

ing members.

This is a nonpartisan political organization that works to increase understanding of public policy issues.

For more information, call (313) 343-0771 or visit [grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org](http://grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org).

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**11:00 am** Out of the Ordinary  
**11:30 am** Senior Men's Club

**12:00 pm** Economic Club of Detroit  
**1:00 pm** The SOC Show  
**1:30 pm** Great Lakes Log  
**2:00 pm** The John Prost Show  
**2:30 pm** Legal Insider  
**3:00 pm** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**3:30 pm** Art & Design  
**4:00 pm** Vitality Plus (Tone)  
**4:30 pm** Musical Storytime  
**5:00 pm** In a Heartbeat  
**5:30 pm** The SOC Show  
**6:00 pm** Legal Insider  
**6:30 pm** Who's in the Kitchen  
**7:00 pm** Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
**7:30 pm** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**8:00 pm** In a Heartbeat  
**8:30 pm** Senior Men's Club  
**9:00 pm** Art & Design  
**9:30 pm** Pointes of Horticulture  
**10:00 pm** The John Prost Show  
**10:30 pm** Great Lakes Log  
**11:00 pm** Out of the Ordinary  
**11:30 pm** Senior Men's Club

**Midnight** Economic Club of Detroit  
**1:00 am** The SOC Show  
**1:30 am** Great Lakes Log  
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## CLUB NEWS

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Name of organization \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a non-profit organization? A special interest club? Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of organization. Tell us what your group does — projects; fundraising events; program topics; whatever \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of members or volunteers are you looking for? \_\_\_\_\_

Ages \_\_\_\_\_ Skills \_\_\_\_\_ Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate time commitment necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Are there dues or expenses? \_\_\_\_\_

Do members need their own transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do volunteer activities and/or meetings take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Who to contact for more information \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Is there other information prospective volunteers might need to know about your organization? (Use another sheet of paper if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for return is 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28



4B | SENIORS/HEALTH

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Marine commission exciting, but worrisome



Last weekend I was in Washington, D.C. watching my grandson, Charles Cain, graduate from officers' training and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. I was particularly interested in being a part of this great moment, as I had been at his graduation from boot camp as a Navy cadet at the Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago. This final and important graduation took place Saturday

morning at Quantico. Some 300 young men and women marched in formation around the field as hundreds of families and friends watched from the surrounding bleachers. The weather for Washington was fine; sunny, temperatures in the 80s and not too humid. The commissioning took place that afternoon. But Charles had permission from the Marines for a private commission the next morning in front of the Iwo Jima memorial next to Arlington National Cemetery. Charles' parents, his brother and sister, friends from high school, those he made at George Washington University from which he graduated in May and those from officers' training classes were all in attendance. Charles and the Marine officer in command at officers' training stood at the top of the stairs leading to the magnificent Iwo Jima memorial. It was the first time I had seen Charles in his dress uniform. I was simply stunned by the uniform he wore and the all-white uniform of the commanding officer as they stood there in the morning sun in front of that powerful memorial. The officer told of the significance of the Iwo Jima memorial for the Marines. One of the soldiers memorialized was a Navy man, the others Marines. Raising the flag was a symbol of the hard-fought landing, but three more weeks of intensive

and deadly fighting remained before the island was secured. He also spoke of Charles, saying he would be a good leader and is a fine example of the character of Marine officers. He asked Charles why he had picked the Iwo Jima memorial and Charles said he is greatly impressed by the teamwork and bravery of the men that helped the soliders overcome the terrible odds they faced. The officer commissioned Charles as a Second Lieutenant. In accordance with a long-standing tradition, Charles gave the officer a sterling silver coin engraved with his name and date of commission. Charles' parents — my son Brad, and his wife, Nancy,

— each pinned a bar on Charles' shoulder. It was a touching and unforgettable moment, marred only by newspaper accounts that day of four Marines having been killed in Afghanistan. Tourists, who had gathered were thrilled to have been a part of what the commanding officer told Charles: "The most important moment in your life as a Marine officer." Everyone gathered round Charles. There was kissing and hugs. We went to a luncheon with those in attendance sponsored by my son and his wife. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to talk with Charles' friends. While Charles was attending George Washington University,

he spent three Thanksgivings in Detroit with me and his Detroit relatives. He had only four days off and the five-hour flight to his house in Salem, Ore. was too far and too expensive for the short time. I got to know Charles much better. He is a very disciplined and intelligent young man, who thinks that ultimately he will go into politics. I wish I would be here to see it, but my age makes that highly unlikely. But it's good to know that the future of our country will be guided by young men like Charles and his fellow graduates, who, of course, include outstanding women. Reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.



Tea time

Services for Older Citizens hosts "Summer Beach Fun" afternoon tea from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at SOC in the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Music will be performed by Douglas Whitaker during the tea sponsored by My3Angels Private Health Care Services. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. Admission is free but donations are welcome. From left, Mary Ellen Doucette, Betty Wirwelle, Ruth Keogh and Helen Baldyga attended the July tea.

Defend against conjunctivitis

Pink is generally a well received color, but the Michigan Optometric Association doctors want to bring awareness to one pink item no one likes - pink eye. Pink eye, or conjunctivitis, is an inflammation or infection of the thin transparent layer of tissue lining the inner surface of the eyelid and covering the white of the eye. It can be caused by allergic re-

actions, chemicals (like chlorine and smoke), and sexually transmitted diseases, such as chlamydia and gonorrhea. However, the most common types of pink eye — viral or bacterial conjunctivitis — are very contagious. "Once someone has pink eye, it can be spread very easily between classmates, coworkers, family members and anyone living in close

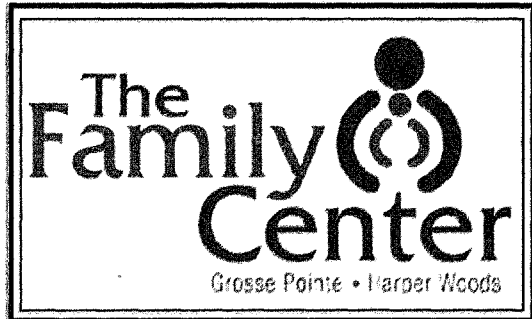
quarters," said Lee Newton, O.D., MOA member. "Many people aren't aware that pink eye can also develop from one's own skin or respiratory system, insects, poor hygiene or by using contaminated makeup and face lotions." The best way to prevent spreading pink eye is through good hygiene. The following are practices to follow for those who contract pink eye and the people around them:

- ◆ See an optometrist immediately for the appropriate diagnosis and treatment.
- ◆ Don't touch contaminated eyes.
- ◆ Wash hands thoroughly and frequently.
- ◆ Change towels and washcloths daily and don't share with others.
- ◆ Discard eye cosmetics, particularly mascara.
- ◆ Don't use anyone else's eye cosmetics or personal eye care items.
- ◆ Remove contact lenses until an optometrist approves using them again.
- ◆ Common symptoms of pink eye include:
  - ◆ A gritty feeling in one or both eyes.
  - ◆ Itching or burning sensation in one or both eyes
  - ◆ Excessive tearing
  - ◆ Discharge coming from one or both eyes
  - ◆ Swollen eyelids
  - ◆ Pink discoloration to the whites of one or both eyes
  - ◆ Increased sensitivity to light.

Those experiencing these symptoms should visit an optometrist for diagnoses and treatment. To locate a Michigan Optometric Association doctor, visit themoa.org.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Ted Kasper

Expressing frustration, anger toward children



This is part 1 of a two-part series.

Q. My 6-year-old son often does things to anger me. I discipline him by yelling, taking things away (like his favorite toy or TV time), or grounding him. Many times I say things I later wish I hadn't said — or done. What is the best way to let him know I'm angry and upset with him? A. It's OK to be angry or frustrated with what he did/didn't do. By expressing your anger or frustration, you're identifying what the expected outcome should've been. That doesn't necessarily mean to yell at him, threaten to or actually take things away, or ground him. Always remember you are your child's role model and teacher. He is looking to you to teach him how to respond when he is angry or frustrated. In expressing anger or frustration, there are two options: stuff it or express it verbally. The problems with stuffing are: 1) your son fails to learn what he did was not the best way to handle things; 2) you can only stuff for so long before you explode; and 3) the inevitable explosion gives your son more reason to look to you rather than inwardly and be responsible for his behavior. There is a way to express anger or frustration that does not teach inappropriate responses. It

can be done so it doesn't "wound their spirit" and allows them to keep their dignity intact. Perhaps you've heard the expression, "less is more"? Remain calm and only use three sentences when expressing anger or frustration:

- ◆ Describe the situation (in one sentence). Your sentence should speak only to the situation without referring to your son.
- ◆ Describe how you are feeling (in one sentence). Use "I" statements. Instead of telling him how he made you feel, just tell him "I feel....."
- ◆ Describe the expected outcome. Do not tell him what to do, only give him a gentle reminder.

Using this "less is more" consistently while staying calm will communicate your anger and model your son's future responses. It also guarantees your language shows the same amount of respect you expect from your son. I will address how to stay calm in the "heat of the moment" and what one should do when he says "no" to your "less is more" statement in a future article. Kasper, MA, LMSW is a licensed social worker and provides counseling to children, adolescents, adults and families. He specializes in behavior analysis and interventions; parent coaching, mentoring and support and "SuperNanny Services." He can be reached at (586) 255-2259, via e-mail at tedkasper@comcast.net or visit familyactionplan.com. The Family Center, a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization, serves as the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals. To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit familycenterweb.org. E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

Study warns of energy drink impact

Those with high blood pressure or heart disease should avoid energy drinks, according to a Henry Ford Hospital study published online in The Annals of Pharmacotherapy. Researchers found that healthy adults who drank two cans a day of a popular energy drink experienced an increase in their blood pressure and heart rate. No significant changes in EKG measurements were reported. The increases in blood pressure and heart rate were insignificant for healthy adults, but could prove harmful to people with a heart-related condition, according to James Kalus, Pharm.D., senior manager of Patient Care Services at Henry Ford Hospital and lead author of the study. "Based on our findings, we recommend that people who have hypertension or heart disease and are taking medication for them to avoid consuming energy drinks because of a potential risk to their health," he said. Researchers believe the caffeine and taurine levels in energy drinks could be responsible for increases in blood pressure and heart rate. The brand of energy drink used is not being identified because most energy drinks boast similar levels of caffeine and taurine, a non-essential amino acid derivative often

found in meat and fish. The caffeine levels in energy drinks are equivalent to at least one to two cups of coffee. Kalus said energy drinks should not be confused with sports drinks, which aim to replenish the carbohydrates and electrolytes the body needs. "Both caffeine and taurine have been shown to have a direct impact on cardiac function," he said. Researchers studied 15 healthy adult participants who abstained from other forms of caffeine for two days prior to and throughout the study. On the first day after a baseline measurement of blood pressure, heart rate and EKG was taken, participants consumed two cans of the energy drink. Researchers then measured

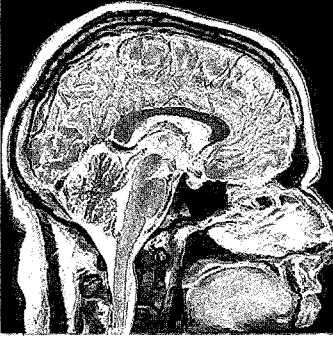
the participants' blood pressure, heart rate and EKG again at 30 minutes and one, two, three and four hours after consumption. For the next five days, the participants consumed two cans of the energy drink. On the study's seventh day, the protocol used on the first day was repeated and the average baseline measurements were compared to the measurements obtained after energy drink consumption. Researchers found participants:

- ◆ Heart rates increased 7.8 percent the first day and 11 percent the seventh day.
- ◆ Blood pressure increased at least 7 percent the first and seventh days.

Kalus said participants did not engage in any physical activity during the study, suggesting the increases could have been higher.

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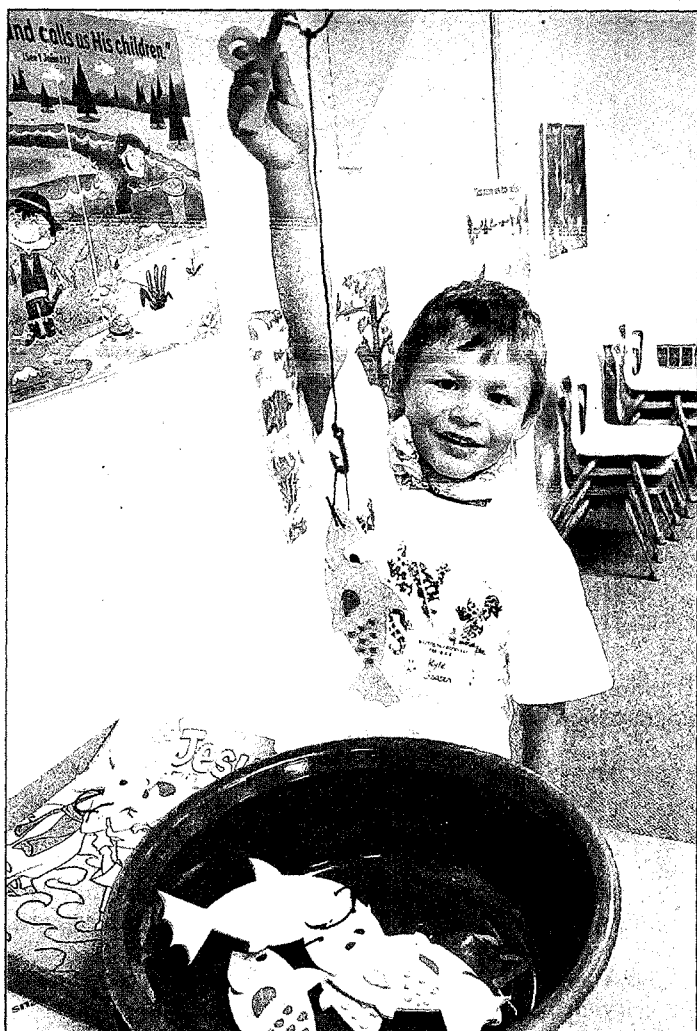
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# Son Rock Kids Camp

Right, one of the lessons learned during Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church's "Son Rock Kids Camp" vacation Bible School was teaching a man to fish will feed him for a lifetime, as illustrated by Kyle Goosen.

Far right, Matthew Colombo carries a rock across children in a version of leap frog. Two teams competed in the contest to fill their pools with rocks.



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**PASTOR'S CORNER** By Matthew McCroskey

## Feast of the Dormition

**T**his month, Christians remember the Dormition—or falling asleep—of the Mother of God.

Every day we celebrate those who have fallen asleep in the Lord because "the memory of the just is blessed" (Prov 10:7) and "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalms 116:5), and what is precious to God is, or at least ought to be, precious to us. But this celebration is different. The Dormition is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Church because it shows us again a glimpse of our own salvation.

It has been said that what is true of Mary ought to be true of

us. Like her, we are born into a world corrupted by sin and need the salvation of Christ. And when we imitate her life of humility, purity, holiness, obedience and love, we too can expect to join her son in glory.

Nearly every religion in the world believes in the afterlife, but only in Christianity do we "look for the resurrection of the dead." The feast of the Dormition affirms this belief. It is a celebration of hope in the Resurrection. It is a reminder that we can trace our destiny through the life and actions of Mary.

Those Christians who have forgotten about Mary—and, sadly, there are a few who have done just that—would do well to remember how our lives

ought to reflect her unconditional "Yes" to God. They that "hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28), who commit themselves to heavenly rather than earthly things, who respond to the Lord's call with "be it unto me according to thy word" as Mary did, will also "participate in the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:2-4). They whose "soul magnifies the Lord," can rest assured that "the Lord will exalt the humble" and "fill the hungry with good things" (Luke 1:46-55).

The Feast of the Dormition reminds us of this awesome reality.

Matthew McCroskey is director of Christian Outreach at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, Harper Woods.



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# Vocal otter joins Detroit Zoo

A 3-year-old male North American river otter named Lucius has joined the Detroit Zoo and is not afraid to make his presence known. With his boisterous nature

and loud calls, the spirited otter is putting on a show for visitors.

"Lucius has been very vocal, playful and mischievous while exploring his new home, which is typical of a young otter," said Director of Conservation and Animal Welfare Scott Carter.

The North American river otter is an aquatic mammal native to Michigan. A mature river otter can reach 20 to 30 pounds and its slender, cylindrical body can reach 2 to 3 feet in length.

River otters have short, dense, waterproof fur and profuse whiskers. Flaps in their nostrils and ears shut to keep water out and their excellent underwater vision helps them catch prey.

Lucius can be seen — and heard — at the Edward Mardigan Sr. River Otter Habitat across from Amphibiville. For a preview of his antics, visit [youtube.com/watch?v=NC9GVvP9MoE](http://youtube.com/watch?v=NC9GVvP9MoE).

The Detroit Zoo is also home to 8-year-old female North American river otter, Stormy, and newcomer, Whisker, a 6-year-old female. Whisker is currently in quarantine for the requisite 30 days to ensure she is healthy and acclimating well before joining the others.

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

## New take on an old favorite



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

**Traditional sandwich revised — egg salad with egg whites and no mayonnaise.**

**E**gg salad is one of my favorites. Hard cooked eggs smashed with loads of mayonnaise, salt and pepper and a little red onion.

This week I created an egg salad for my pal, Bruce, who can't have egg yolks or mayonnaise because he is lactose intolerant. I turned to fresh herbs and capers to bring the cooked

egg whites to life.

### Egg-White Salad

18 hard boiled eggs, peeled, halved and yolks removed  
1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
1/3 cup (packed) chopped fresh mixed herbs (parsley, thyme, basil and chives)  
1 heaping tablespoon capers (drained)  
1 small red onion, quartered and thinly sliced (about 2/3 cup)  
salt and pepper to taste

To cook the eggs, begin by taking them out of the refrigerator for an hour or two before



cooking. Place eggs in a large pot and cover with cold water (about an inch over the eggs).

Bring the pot to a boil, turn off heat (don't move the pot!), cover and set the timer for 15 minutes. Submerge the cooked eggs under cold water until they are cool enough to handle.

Cut (chop) the cooked egg whites into small, bite sized pieces and place in a medium bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar and Dijon and toss well with the eggs. Add the mixed herbs, capers and onion. Taste and season with salt and pepper. (Use salt with a bit of caution, as the capers will add a salty flavor as well.)

Allow the egg-white salad to chill and give the flavors a chance to marry. Taste again after chilling for additional salt and pepper.

Serve the egg-white salad over fresh greens or a toasted whole wheat English muffin. The herbs, capers and onion come together perfectly with the Dijon for a salad that's fit for guests.

Use a combination of whatever fresh herbs you have on hand. If capers aren't your thing, swing the egg-white salad to the other side with some chopped sweet pickles.

Devil up the leftover egg yolks for a cracker spread or vegetable dip.

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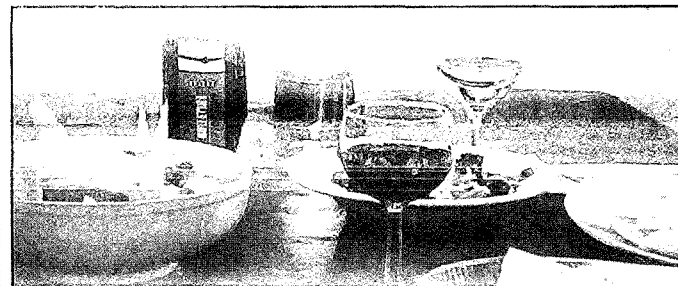
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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Kovacs preps for college in junior hockey

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

With the blink of an eye, Justin Kovacs can skate the length of the ice and put the puck in the upper corner for a goal.

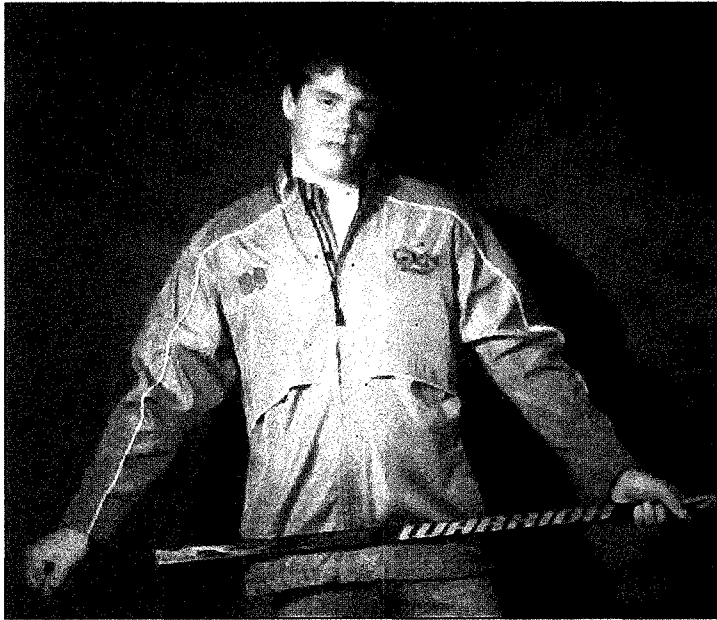
His speed, vision and tenacity led the 17-year-old Grosse Pointe North graduate to be a draft pick of the Cedar Rapids Roughriders of the United States Hockey League.

"My goal is to play as hard as I can, play the best I can, and earn a college scholarship," Kovacs, of Grosse Pointe Woods, said. "I have played for some nice coaches, especially Scott (Lock), who really gave me the opportunity to play junior hockey and continue my dream of playing in college and maybe in the NHL."

Kovacs will join the Roughriders in a couple of weeks. Cedar Rapids is in the East Division, along with the Chicago Steel, Des Moines Buccaneers, Green Bay Gamblers, Indiana Ice, Waterloo Black Hawks and Youngstown Phantoms.

In the West Division, the teams are the Tri-City Storm, Sioux Falls Stampede, Sioux City Musketeers, Omaha Lancers, Lincoln Stars and Fargo Force.

"Justin will be about eight hours away, but Andy (Justin's father) and I will attend a few



Justin Kovacs

games," said Justin's mother, Denise. "We're already looking at the calendar, trying to schedule the games we can make."

"We're excited for Justin. He has worked hard for this and now he will be following his dream. We will miss him, especially his brothers, but it's time for Justin to move on to bigger and brighter things."

Kovacs will live with a local family during his stay with the franchise.

"We don't know the family, yet, but we should find out soon," Kovacs said. "Cedar Rapids loves hockey and I had a chance to skate in a camp at the arena."

"It was a great place to play and the entire town supports us. Every game should be played in front a packed house. It's going to be a lot of fun, but I know I'm there to work hard and improve my skills to get that college scholarship."

Kovacs is playing under head coach Mark Carlson, who is also on the coaching staff for the 2009 U.S. National Junior Evaluation Camp in Lake Placid.

One of the first tastes of Kovacs' USHL season is the Battle of Iowa, hosted by the Roughriders. It will be the first ever battle taking place Sept.

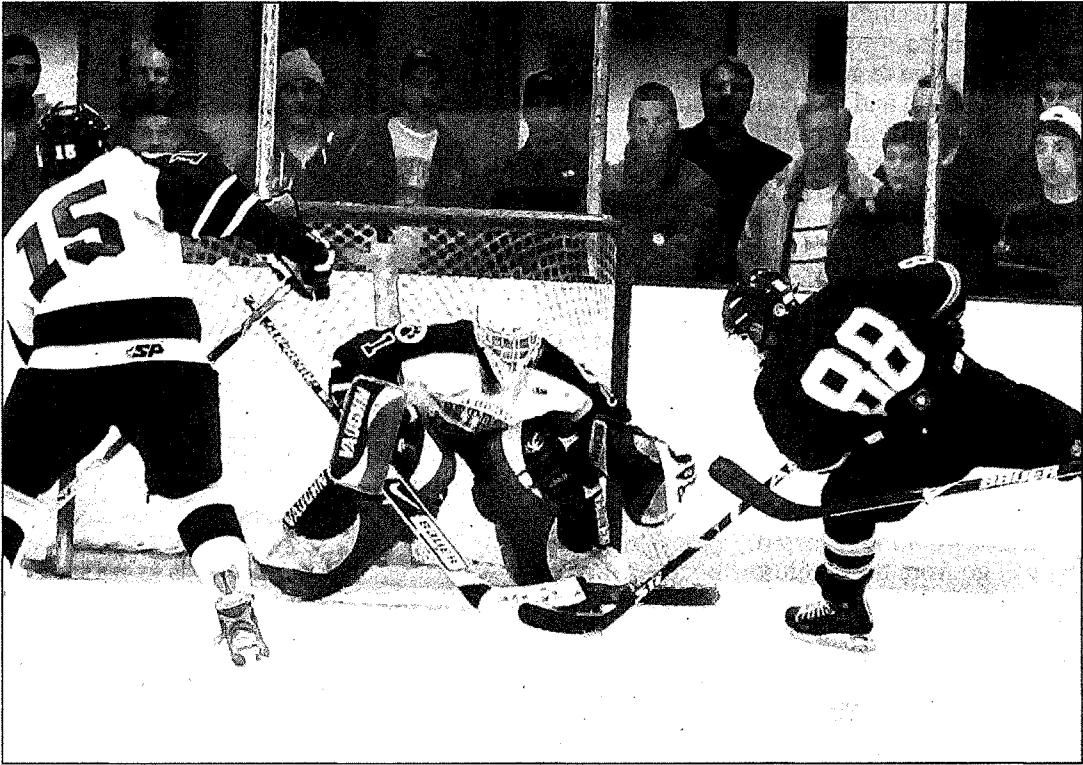


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Justin Kovacs, No. 88, scored on this shot during Grosse Pointe North's regional victory over rival U-D Jesuit.

19 and 20 with in-state rivals Waterloo, Des Moines and Sioux City duking it out for state bragging rights.

"That should be quite a tournament," Kovacs said. "I heard the fans in Iowa get pumped up for hockey; so each game should be excited and I'm happy to be a part of the fun."

One of Cedar Rapids' most famous alumni is Detroit Red Wings' and Muskegon native

Justin Abdelkader, who went on to play college hockey at Michigan State University before making the NHL.

The number of Cedar Rapids players who have gone on to play at the collegiate level and beyond is 134 since the 1999-2000 season.

Kovacs was Grosse Pointe North's leading scorer this season, tallying 19 goals and 32 assists for 51 points in 28

games.

He was the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League's second-leading scorer in the 12 games, netting three goals and 16 assists for 19 points, which was only three points behind Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Brent Darnell, who had nine goals and 13 assists for 22

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# Thinkengagement

**T**op-down and bottom-up give two different views. Looking at things either way changes our understanding of them.

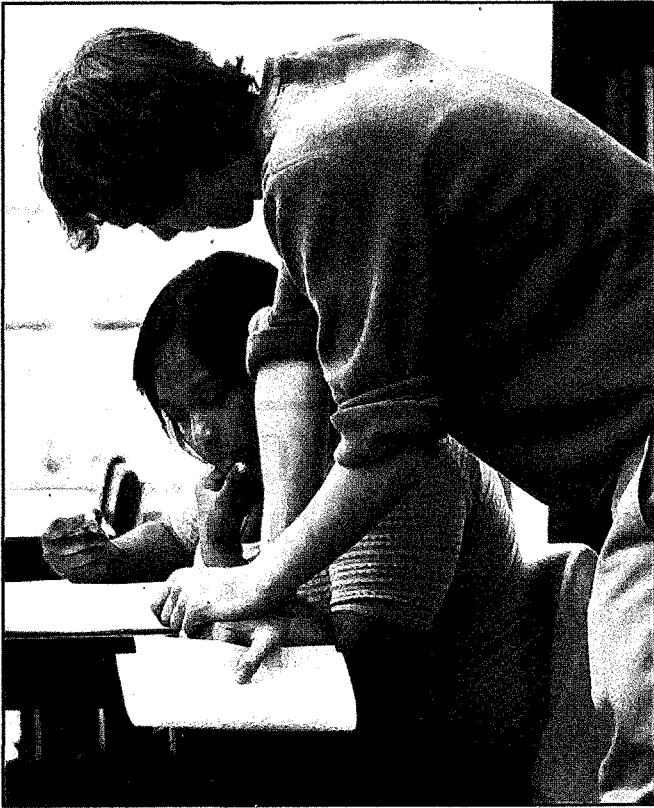
Schools can work either way.

Some learners prefer the top-down approach, and some programs use that method as a more efficient and economic way of learning. It is faster to get from A to Z, top-down.

Bottom-up, on the other hand, offers more opportunity to grapple with and examine ideas. It's often messier and focuses more on the process of learning than just the outcome. Bottom-up might not get you to the answer very quickly. While the other approach has a clear cut outcome, it may not allow for the full consideration of all the options — including the blind alleys — that might be present when solving a problem.

Liggett learning leans toward bottom-up, problem-solving through inquiry and exploration. Getting to the answer is a fine outcome, but not necessarily our only goal. Instead, we really want to get the question right and consider the process and possibilities — what can we learn along the way that will let us see the question in a different light?

When we struggle a bit with the process, when we turn our questions on their heads, we get a clearer sense of the possible as well as the given. The teacher can give



the answers and point the way, but students benefit most when they learn on their own. Struggle is what an active learner needs to fully engage the subject — it's not easy to not know the territory or the best way of getting around. To find the answer may take longer, but it also makes it possible to branch out more, to see a variety of ways, to discover what the mathematicians like to call the "elegant solution," that is, the answer

that captures the very essence of the problem in the most complete and satisfying way.

In October, our juniors read Emerson's great essay, "The American Scholar." In this essay Emerson writes that scholars should not only receive knowledge, they should create it.

Emerson's essay always sparks intense debate — what is education for? As part of their work on this essay, Liggett students assess each of their classes in light of Emerson's transcendental views on learning. They evaluate the methodology and pedagogy of their Liggett classes and report their findings to their peers. They are putting Emerson's essay into practice, constructing its meaning as a group of independent learners rather than being told what to think of the essay by their teacher.

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## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Vatsis ready to begin new chapter in life

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Catherine Vatsis is ready to step out of her little niche and into the spotlight called the University of Michigan.

She has prepped for this moment throughout her four years of high school and in a matter of a couple of weeks, the 17-year-old University Liggett School graduate will walk into her dorm room with a plethora of feelings swirling around her head.

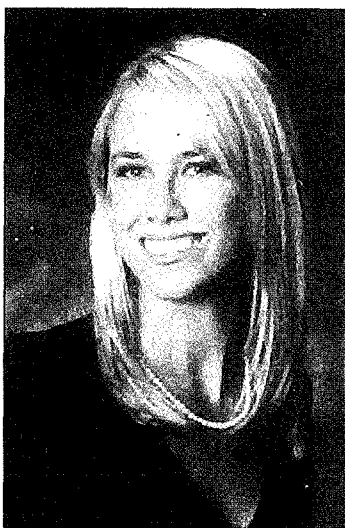
"I have wanted to go to U-M since I was a kid and in a couple of weeks, my dream will be real," said Vatsis of Grosse Pointe Woods. "I also sent an application to Loyola in Chicago, but who was I kidding? I was on cloud nine when I received that acceptance letter from U-M last November."

"I'm very excited and a little nervous, but overall I can't wait to go."

The "lifer" has spent her entire academic career at ULS, starting with kindergarten. She will go from the comfortable confines of that small and intimate campus to one of the largest universities in the world.

"I was fortunate to get such a great education at ULS and I know my work there will really help me excel at U-M where the work will be very demanding," Vatsis said. "I am a little intimidated going from a small classroom to some classes with 200 or so students. It's going to be a little weird at first."

Other than receiving her acceptance letter, Vatsis said her crowning moment in high school came during the first semester of her freshman year when she, along with fellow freshman Claire Peracchio, won the No. 3 doubles flight in



Catherine Vatsis

the 2005 Division IV girls tennis state finals.

They beat Flint Powers' Christina Mikhail and Sandy Delfin, both upperclassmen, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 under the tutelage of then head coach Chuck Wright.

"That was a great moment for my athletic career," Vatsis said. "I jumped in Claire's arms after we won that championship point and I almost knocked her over. We really pulled it together to win, but boy was I nervous."

"I wish I could have won another state title, but I gave it my best shot in every match I played and I just came up short a couple of other times."

In the semifinals of the championship run, they beat Birmingham Detroit Country Day's Sona Parikh and Shiravani Mikkilineni 1-6, 6-3, 6-0 after losing in straight sets to the same duo earlier in the season.

In the quarterfinals, they defeated Battle Creek Pennfield's Morgan Lind and Alyssa Eubank 6-0, 3-6, 6-4, and in their second-round match, Vatsis and Peracchio beat Saginaw Nouvel's Natalie Bartnik and Lauren



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Catherine Vatsis won a state title at No. 3 doubles her freshman year and made it back twice more at No. 1 singles.

Tighe 6-1, 6-3. It was their only straight set victory during the finals.

Vatsis played for Cathy Hackenberger her final three seasons on the tennis team, two of which were played in the spring when the girls switched from the fall season. She moved from No. 3 doubles to No. 1 singles.

She matured as a player and had a solid senior season in which she was a team captain and helped a young Knights squad win a regional crown.

"I had a lot of fun playing tennis and we had a lot of fun as a team this year," Vatsis said. "I'm glad I'm continuing my tennis career at U-M, even though it is just at the intra-

mural level.

"I love the sport and it will be fun to keep playing to stay in shape and get my mind off my homework for a while. I'm looking forward to the competition, which I'm sure will be good."

Besides tennis, Vatsis played varsity basketball her junior and senior years and participated on the Knights' softball squad her freshman and sophomore seasons.

"I wish I could have played softball for coach (Jim) Schmidt for all four years, but the switch in sports forced me to make a choice and I love tennis too much to give it up," Vatsis said.

She was also on the school's

athletic council during her four years. Out of school, Vatsis played soccer for the Grosse Pointe Mustangs in the 8U Division for Stu Dow. She began playing soccer at age 3 for the Neighborhood Club.

"Coach Dow was very motivational and helped me become a better soccer player," she said. "I have played for some very good coaches and I feel fortunate."

Academically, she finished in the top 10 percent of her graduating class, earning the Terrill Newnan Award for that accomplishment.

She was Summa Cum Laude. Other honors were the Girls Athletic Award, National Spanish Honor Society,

Thelma Fox Murray Scholar-Athlete Award and the Michigan Promise Scholarship.

While at U-M, she will study in the Literature, Science and Arts program, but is undecided on a career.

"I don't know what I want to do after college," Vatsis said. "My dad (Dennis) is a lawyer and my mom (Karen) is an accountant, so I guess it might be in one of those fields."

"I have time to decide," she said.

During the remaining couple of weeks of summer, Vatsis is packing for college and mentally preparing for that morning when she leaves for Ann Arbor.

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## LITTLE LEAGUE

### Perfect

The Grosse Pointe Park Little League tournament team comprised of 8-year-olds won its district championship with a perfect record, as well as titles in the Farmington Wolves Tournament and 8th Annual A&W 8U World Series Tournament in Lansing without suffering a loss. Team members were, front row from left, Ben Lemanski, Joey Erickson, Jacob Balconi, Mickey Walkowiak,

J.D. Finger and Brandon Carey; middle row from left, Collin Mulcahy, Gino Lutfy, Nate Budziak, Jackson Lawrence, Giovanni Lutfy and Ryan Downey; back row from left, Anthony DeManulian and Alex Azar; and coaches, from left, Geoff Finger, Geoff Lawrence, George Lutfy, Jim Budziak and Mike Downey.



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## KOVACS: Juniors next step for grad

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points.

"I had a pretty good season, but I was disappointed we didn't get to the state finals after we lost in the semifinals again," Kovacs said. "I had a lot of fun playing for coach Lock and we were one tight family through my two years on the team."

Kovacs had six power play goals, two shorthanded goals and six game-winning goals for the Norsemen, which finished 7-5 in the MIHL and 18-9-0-1 overall.

Kovacs earned MIHL First-Team honors each of the two seasons he played for the Norsemen. As a junior, he led the MIHL in scoring with 24 points on 12 goals and 12 assists.

His first taste of hockey was at the age of 5 when he lived in Big Rapids. The next year the

Kovacs' moved to Grosse Pointe Woods.

He played hockey for Mount Clemens, Belle Tire, Victory Honda and Compuware before taking a year off during his sophomore season.

"I was a little burnt out, so I took the year off," Kovacs said. "It helped a lot because I really had more energy when I decided to get back on the ice and play for coach Lock at North."

"We had two fun seasons and it's a time I will never forget."

His fondest memories of being a Norsemen were the first playoff game this season against U-D Jesuit and last year's playoff opener against Livonia Stevenson. Both times the Norsemen went in as an underdog, but skated away with victories with Kovacs and his teammates playing at the top of their game.

His worst moments came with the state semifinal losses to Howell this season and Marquette a year ago.

The 5-foot-10-inch, 183-pound forward has the game to play at the next level, coach Lock said.

His summer has been loaded with on- and off-ice training, running and weight lifting to get stronger and improve his already fantastic stamina.

"I have to be in the best shape of my life and get a little stronger since I'll be playing against some pretty big players," Kovacs said.

His style of play mimics that of Detroit Red Wing forward Pavel Datsyuk from Sverdlovsk, Russia. Datsyuk is one of several NHL players Kovacs closely follows.

For the first time in his academic career, Kovacs, who is a good student, will not be enrolled in any college courses. Instead, the Roughriders will provide a work program conducive to his ability to play at a high level on the ice.

"I'm going to work while I play hockey," he said. "I will get a college degree, but all of that depends on how I do at Cedar Rapids."

For now, Kovacs is spending as much time with his parents and younger brothers, Jordan, 9, Jacob, 6, and Jaxon, 1, as well as friends before leaving for Cedar Rapids.



## LITTLE LEAGUE

# Farms-City wins district championship

Completing an improbable run, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Little League All-Star team consisting of 10-year-olds won the District No. 6 championship, beating Grosse Pointe Park 6-4 in extra innings Sunday, July 19.

Winning the championship was not an easy task for the team, considering two weeks earlier the Farms started the pool play portion with a 16-5 loss to the Woods Shores team at Guesquire Park.

Thereafter, the Farms City team faced three elimination games to advance from pool play to the double elimination portion of the tournament.

The team rebounded from its opening loss by beating Clinton Valley, Detroit Pal and L'Anse Creuse to advance to the next round.

The Farms City team entered the next week of districts as the last seed of six teams, facing No. 3 seed Clintondale Fraser in the first game. Farms City won 6-4, setting up a rematch with the Woods-Shores team the next night.

The Woods Shores bested the Farms City team again, 8-2, throwing the Farms City team in the loser's bracket.

With their backs against the wall and needing to win five consecutive games in five days, the Farms City team started their climb.

Their first game was Wednesday, July 15, and was a 10-9 win over Lac St. Clair and in the second game, they beat



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The Grosse Pointe Farms City Little League team coaches and team members above are front row from left, Jack Froelich, Mac Welscher, Charlie Denison, Joey Veneri, Jack Liagre and Jonathan Theros; second row from left, Connor McCarron, Michael Coyle, Charles Kruse, Logan Mico and Jacob Brauer; and back row from left, assistant coach Kevin McCarron, team manager Joe Veneri and assistant coach Louie Theros.

Harper Woods 11-5.

Friday brought a rematch with Woods-Shores, which lost to Grosse Pointe Park the night before. The third time

was the charm as Farms City led the entire time and held on for a 6-5 win, setting up a match against the No. 1 seed, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Farms City team would need to win both games that weekend to advance to the state finals.

In Saturday's game against

the Park, Farms City quickly fell behind 2-1 in the first inning, but bounced back with three runs in the second in-

ing. It was all Farms City after that as it won 14-9, setting up a winner-take-all game three. The winner of the final game would advance to the state finals in Cheboygan.

In the final game, the Farms City jumped to a quick 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Park tied it 3-3 after the second inning.

At the end of the third inning, the game was tied 4-4, and it would stay that way through the final three innings.

In the top of the seventh, the Farms City scored twice and held the Park off the board to win the district title, 6-4.

The team was managed by Joe Veneri and his assistant coaches were Louis Theros and Kevin McCarron.

The team is comprised of Joey Veneri, Jonathan Theros, Connor McCarron, Jack Liagre, Mac Welscher, Logan Mico, Jacob Brauer, Charles Kruse, Charlie Denison, Michael Coyle, and Jack Froelich.

The team motto became "11 as 1" as it overcame unexpected adversity, went 10-0 in elimination games and coalesced as one tight team.

The team, coaches, and families traveled to Cheboygan where the 16-team state finals were played.

The squad finished 2-1, but did not advance to the Elite Eight after losing a tiebreaker in pool play.

## LITTLE LEAGUE

# Farms-City 11 year olds victorious

One of the most difficult challenges facing any defending champion is figuring out how to repeat the accomplishment the following year.

The 11-year-old boys who played on the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League All-Star team seem to have the right stuff as they won the District No. 6 championship for the third year in a row.

They recently completed a strong 10-2 run through the entire tournament, winning the district title, as well as repeating as a state tournament finalist. The Farms-City 11s began their run by sweeping through the district tournament, going undefeated.

The boys started out with a bang in their opener, beating Detroit NW 22-0. The boys had 19 hits on the day, including strong plate appearances by Matt Barry, Reis Becker, Austin McMahon, Matt Gushee, Andy Jakub, Jacob Montague and Will Poplawski. Jared Demkowicz and Ryan McWood combined for seven hits and 12 RBI with each belting a home run in the contest.

Jack Steinhauer, Demkowicz, Becker and Gushee combined to pitch a no-hitter. In a rematch of the 2008 district championship game, the Farms-City boys next faced Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores at Elworthy Field in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The Farms-City boys came out on top 11-1 behind a strong offensive attack led by Justin McMann, Gushee, Steinhauer, Demkowicz, McWood and Poplawski. On the mound, Steinhauer turned in a stellar performance, giving up only three hits and one run. Excellent run-saving plays were made in the outfield by Tyler Leggat, Joey Ellis and Jakub. Behind the plate, Poplawski mowed down six would-be base stealers.

The Farms-City 11s then beat Harper Woods 11-3 after trailing 3-0.

In the final game of pool play,

Farms-City faced Macomb American to determine seeding for the next round. Farms-City struggled in the early going, but turned on the jets in the middle innings to win 15-4. The boys broke the game open in the fourth inning with key hits by McMann, McWood, Montague, Poplawski, Barry and Becker. Demkowicz capped the scoring by hitting a grand slam.

Winning their pool, Farms-City then advanced to the double-elimination championship round to play by beating Macomb National 8-4 and next was a win over Woods-Shores.

With that victory, Farms-City advanced in the winner's bracket to the championship game, awaiting the winner of the Woods-Shores/Grosse Pointe Park game.

Woods-Shores defeated the Park 3-2, setting up a championship rematch between Farms-City and Woods-Shores.

Farms-City fell behind 2-0 in the opening inning, but roared back to win 8-3 to claim the district championship. In the bottom of the first inning, Farms-City took the lead as Barry and Becker both singled and Demkowicz followed with a three-run home run over the left field fence.

Advancing to the Michigan State Tournament, the Farms-City 11s continued their strong play, winning their pool by beating teams from Taylor, Ishpeming and Petoskey.

Their only pool play loss was 6-4 to South Portage. With the victory, Farms-City advanced to the state finals as the No. 3 seed and lost their opening game 11-5 to Bay City, ending the playoff run.

"This has been a great experience for the boys, parents and coaches," manager Brian Demkowicz said. "We had an excellent run together, and everyone is so proud of the way the boys conducted themselves on and off the field."

In addition to Demkowicz, Farms-City was also coached by Andy Montague and Art McWood.

## ICE HOCKEY



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## Victors

The Michigan '97 Ice Hawks spring team won the 2009 McCann Spring Tournament the weekend of April 24. The Ice Hawks, comprised of 10- and 11-year-olds from the Grosse Pointes and many surrounding communities, went 4-0 to capture the championship, yielding just three goals in four games. The Ice Hawks beat the Toledo Cherokees in the championship game, 5-2. Pictured above are, front row from left, goalies Tyler Burroughs and Andy Jakub; kneeling from left, Brad Miller, Zack Zscherer, Alexander Minanov, Jake Babbish, Shane Doig and Nick Kreda; and standing from left, Marko DerManulian, Nick Azar, Richie Filippelli, Bobby Kaiser, Jason Sommerville, Justin Kusch, Will Poplawski, Jonathan Theros, William Walker, Nick Sieradzki and Jordan Reece. Coaches are, from left, Greg Cheesewright, Lyle Reece and manager Louis Theros.

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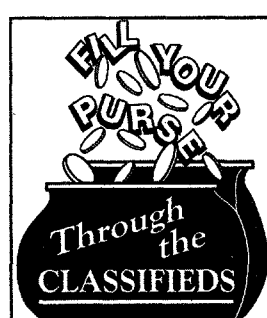
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## The Romeo readers

For 15 years the Romeo (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Club has been getting together. This year, the men gathered at a Sarasota, Fla., restaurant and read the Grosse Pointe News. From left, Dick Simonds, Marshall Noecker, Bill Krag, Fred Ollison, Tom Fox, Larry Connor, David Mitchell, Chip Noecker, Neil Georgi, Bob White and John Worcester.



## The Texas readers

Pat Meek of the City of Grosse Pointe shared the Grosse Pointe News with her grandchildren, Kate, Cole and Will Stout of Beaumont, Texas. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [editor@grossepointenews.com](mailto:editor@grossepointenews.com). Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



## Ecuador readers

Cathy Watson of Vancouver, British Columbia, left, and Rosann Kovalcik of Grosse Pointe Woods took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited Mt. Antesana in Ecuador.

## Sea World readers

John and Alyssa Eppers read the Grosse Pointe News while waiting for Shamu to perform at Sea World in Orlando, Fla.



## The Fujairah reader

William and Patricia Cosgrove of Grosse Pointe Woods took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates.



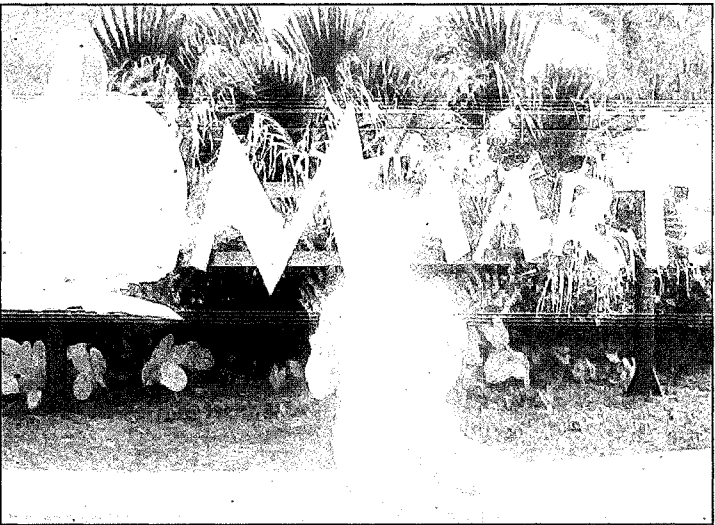
## The Los Cabos readers

Dale and Diana Johnson of Grosse Pointe Woods carried the Grosse Pointe News on their vacation to Los Cabos, Mexico where they read it on the beach.



## The Switzerland reader

While in Zermatt, Switzerland, Jan Davidson of St. Clair Shores read the Grosse Pointe News in front of a chalet at the foot of the Matterhorn, Davidson, her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Lisa Judd, vacationed in Switzerland.



## The St. Maarten reader

Pam Webb of Grosse Pointe Farms read the Grosse Pointe News when she, her children and grandchildren took a Disney cruise to St. Maarten in the Caribbean.



## The kangaroo readers

Michael and Alexander Kelly of Grosse Pointe Farms read the Grosse Pointe News under a kangaroo crossing sign in Australia.