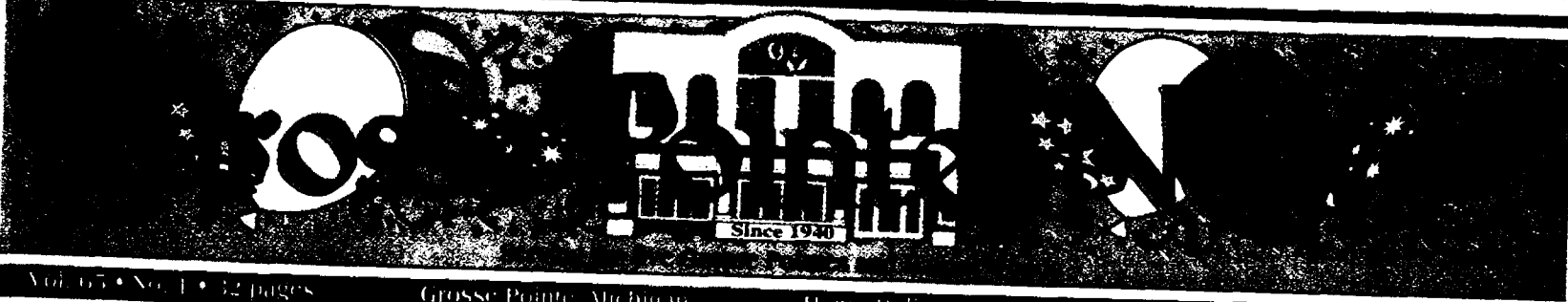
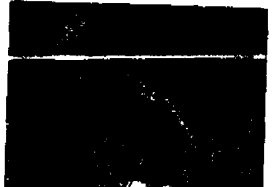


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- A video security system will be installed at the Grosse Pointe Farms water filtration plant. Page 13A
- Harper Woods had a hopeful and fruitful year. Planning for Kelly Road advanced, and the city wants to look into obtaining a new community center and refurbishing Salter Park. The library will undergo construction and renovation due to the passage of a \$3.1 million library bond last November. The Harper Woods School District hopes to garner community support for some renovation of the schools since the \$42.4 million bond was defeated last September. Page 14A
- After 11 months of study, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council isn't sure whether the city's gun range should be permanently closed to residents. Page 16A



Steve Pastewski, operator of the Grosse Pointe Farms water filtration plant, conducts a routine test of water purity. Some of the plant's water filters are visible through the laboratory window in the background.

**Shores leads way on creating a water plant**

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

At least one customer of the Detroit Water Department isn't going with the flow of rate increases.

Grosse Pointe Shores has joined a consortium of eastside suburbs looking into building its own water treatment plant.

"It's better to be an owner than a renter," said Brian Hunt, a Shores trustee. "We have very little say on the Detroit Water Board. If we develop our own treatment facility or partner in one, we will be able to determine our own destiny in the purchase of water."

Hunt represented the Shores at a meeting last month in St. Clair Shores in which participants from nine communities floated the idea of obtaining drinking water from a source other than the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

"A preliminary study indicated a new treatment plant was financially feasible, with water rates for Grosse Pointe Shores actually falling slightly," Hunt said.

Grosse Pointe Shores pays \$11 per 1,000 cubic feet of fresh water, according to Mike Kenyon, village manager. One cubic foot equals 7.48 gallons.

Hunt said early estimates showed the cost would drop to \$10.50 per thousand gallons if a suburban plant is built jointly and financed over 20 years.

Proponents recommended pursuing options through an in-depth study. "Total cost of the study would be in the range of \$125,000 to 175,000," Hunt said.

Fees would be spread among participating cities.

"Grosse Pointe Shores' apportionment would be approximately \$1,450 to \$2,450, depending on how many cities want to go along with this," Hunt said. Shores officials this week approved spending no more than \$2,500.

Other possible partners are Warren, St. Clair Shores, Roseville, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Woods, Eastpointe, Centerline and Fraser.

**Public services played big role in 2003 news**

By Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

Public services — whether it was parks, water, sewerage, electricity, phone service, bus service or trash disposal — proved to be a unifying theme in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods in 2003.

**See related editorial, Page 6A**

**A low-key high alert**

Although the aftershocks of 9/11 were more than a year past, and the U.S. military was waging Operation Iraqi Freedom nearly halfway around the world, the changing color-coded threat levels weighed heavily on the minds of local residents in early 2003.

"I don't want to worry about the threat levels," said David Hiller, Grosse Pointe Park director of public safety and head of the East Side Mutual Aid Special Response Team. "We should be more concerned about things that are more likely to happen, such as tornadoes and ice storms."

just have to roll with the punches."

Grosse Pointe Farms overtook the City of Grosse Pointe as being charged the highest sewage rates in the area. The Farms saw an increase of \$13.55 MCF to \$15.02 MCF, or 10.85 percent. The City saw an increase of \$13.61 to \$14.80 MCF, or 8.74 percent. Grosse Pointe Park experienced a 10.48 percent increase in their sewer rates, from \$7.92 MCF to \$8.75 MCF.

Water rates rose between 0.18 percent in the Shores and 2.96 in the Park, which are now being charged \$11.01 MCF and \$7.66 MCF respectively.

The Shores \$0.02 increase was due to the effort of the Shores' and DWSD's efforts to bring the village's wholesale cost in line based on pricing factors.

Rates in Harper Woods rose 1.87 percent, which brought the wholesale cost up to \$7.64 MCF.

Grosse Pointe Woods proved to be an anomaly of the trend in wholesale water prices when it was hit with a 20.96 percent increase, which raised its rate from \$5.03 MCF to \$6.05 MCF. The Woods, however, still has the lowest wholesale water rate among the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The rates were approved by the Detroit City Council in February and went into effect in July.

**Sewer rates gush**

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) held the line on wholesale water prices this year, but some of the Grosse Pointes saw double-digit increases in their sewer rates.

The cities comprising the Northeast Sewerage System — Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores — saw the biggest increase in sewer rates from \$7.12 per 1,000 cubic feet (MCF) to \$7.94 MCF, or 11.52 percent.

"Sewerage rates are very hard to argue," Shores Village Superintendent Michael Kenyon said. "You

See WATER, page 2A

**WEEK AHEAD**

- Thursday, Jan. 1**  
 Happy New Year!  
 All municipal offices are closed on this day.  
 Wednesday rubbish pickup is scheduled for Friday in the City of Grosse Pointe. Thursday and Friday rubbish pickup is delayed one day in Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods. Wednesday and Thursday rubbish pickup will be collected on Friday in Grosse Pointe Shores.
- Monday, Jan. 5**  
 The Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms city councils meet at their respective city halls at 7:30 p.m.  
 The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

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Photo by Brad Lindberg

**Just Tasing**

A Taser's 50,000-volt burst of electricity lets police incapacitate out-of-control lawbreakers without using lethal force. Doug Fraser, a public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Shores, demonstrates the department's latest weaponry. See story, page 2A.

**POINTER OF INTEREST**

**Karen Marshall**

Home: Grosse Pointe Park  
 Age: 48  
 Family: Daughter, Katie; grandson, Brandon  
 Occupation: President and CEO of the LifeHouse Foundation  
 Quote: "It's a privilege to be able to do this kind of work. It's very hopeful work."  
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Karen Marshall

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## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ Robert Orr, director of Grosse Pointe public libraries, reports that the Pointes have 15,834 registered library users. The figure represents almost one-third of the communities' population, or an average of better than one for each family.

In a wrap-up of 1953, Orr says 131,850 books circulated from the Central Branch alone compared to 73,589 for the old Main Library.

■ Parents of the late Robert Olsen and Ben Marsh Jr. take part in half-time ceremonies of the All-Alumni basketball game at Grosse Pointe High School.

Ceremonies honor the two officers who were killed in the service of their country. Marsh was the first officer from Grosse Pointe killed during World War II. Olsen died last summer in a jet crash.

Their parents were given the Robert Olsen Memorial Cup and Ben Marsh, Jr. Trophy. Marsh played basketball under Forrest Geary in the late 1930s. Olsen led the 1946-47 squad to a Border Cities League championship.

■ Fifty Grosse Pointe Woods residents petition their city council to erect a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Torrey and Fairholme to combat speeding. The council agrees to install temporary stop signs.

The matter will be placed on this month's agenda of the public safety committee, after which the city council will revisit making a ruling. The head of the public

safety department is unable to comment because a traffic survey is still in progress.

## 25 years ago this week

■ An examination of municipal expenses in Grosse Pointe Woods turns up higher than expected costs for the 1977 elections.

City officials attribute the \$20,404 cost through November, which is \$5,638 over budget, to residents abusing the privilege of applying for absentee ballots.

City officials hope to make up the slack by delaying the purchase of equipment but will more likely target salaries and wages.

■ Seniors Onward for Change, or SOC, which was incorporated last month as a non-profit corporation, moves steadily toward implementing its minor home repair program for senior citizens.

■ McKinley road is made one-way. Grosse Pointe Farms officials base the change on a recommendation by traffic consultants.

The street had been one-way only during the attendance hours of Richard Elementary School. Robert Ferber, Farms chief of public safety, said the change is designed to alleviate confusion and traffic safety hazards caused by the part-time nature of the one-way rule.

## 10 years ago this week

■ Employees of Hill merchants are asked to park their cars somewhere other than Kercheval metered spaces.

The request by Leon Sehoan, owner of Leon's hair salon in Grosse Pointe Farms, is in response to the shopping district having roughly 700 more parking spaces than a decade ago, but metered spots on Kercheval are filled by 8:30 a.m.

■ It becomes illegal to camp overnight outside Grosse Pointe Woods businesses that sell entertainment tickets.

Woods council members pass the ordinance in response to complaints of noise, fights, fouled sidewalks and alleys known to occasion all-night lineups outside the Ticketmaster outlet at Harmony House record store on Mack.

■ The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs Squirt A travel team reach the finals of the prestigious Silver Stick hockey tournament for the second straight year. But hometown players miss winning the championship by 2-1 to the St. Clair Shores Saints.

## 5 years ago this week

■ Lake St. Clair may look as if it's gone south for the winter, but water levels are higher than their long-term average.

Even with sandbars piling up south of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and an increasing amount of accretion north of municipal parks in the Farms and Shores, the lake is expected to remain seven inches above average for the next six months.

■ Wanting to stop a plan it says threatens the ecology

## 50 years ago this week



## Mother's and Dad's Clubs to present play and panel

The Mother's and Dad's Clubs of Grosse Pointe High School will present an evening program to which all parents are invited next Monday in the high school auditorium. Among those taking part are, from left, Richard Spindle, Dave Netherton, Sandra Dickely, Pat Nelson, Reese MacFarlane, Judy Fordon, Jeane Leete and Him Clyma. (From the Jan. 7, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

of Lake St. Clair, a citizens group opposed to expansion of the combined Grosse Pointe Yacht Club-Grosse Pointe Shores marina files suit against the club and Shores village council.

Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion

(NYCE) wants a permanent injunction against expansion of the harbors.

■ Two Detroit teenagers fail to kidnap and carjack a 35-year-old woman from the City of Grosse Pointe while she exited a store in the 17600 block of Mack.

The 14- and 16-year-old suspects tell City police they would have dumped the woman's body in a garbage bin had she not escaped being wrestled into her van.

— Brad Lindberg

## Stun guns jolt tough guys back into line in the Shores

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

People who threaten public safety in the Pointe's quietest community could be jolted into line with a 50,000-volt lesson in good behavior.

"It's going to be effective," predicted Gary Mitchell, Grosse Pointe Shores chief of public safety.

Officers have been outfitted with Tasers. The battery-operated stun guns made by Taser International of Scottsdale, Ariz., shoot bolts of electricity, not lead.

But in terms of short-term stopping power, the results are the same.

"You go down pretty good," Mitchell said.

Tasers fire twin, 21-foot wire strands tipped with metal barbs that hook into a trouble-making subject's skin. Barbs look like pin-sized harpoons.

"They're very accurate," said PSO Doug Fraser, one of the department's two Taser instructors.

AA-size batteries in the weapon's handle generate a powerful, crackling shock lasting five seconds.

"Even if you hit a subject in the leg and the other prong doesn't stick in the

body but touches the ground, it completes the circuit," Fraser said. "He'll still get part of it."

Winter-weight clothing is no defense.

"Even with baggier clothing you'll be able to incapacitate them somewhat," Fraser said.

Officers served up as guinea pigs during Taser demonstrations never forget the paralyzing helplessness of being plugged into the power grid.

"It's the most intense five seconds of your life," Fraser said.

Fraser got the full treatment during instructor training.

"As soon as you get hit with prongs all muscles in your body contract," he said. "It incapacitates you immensely. You still have your thought process; however you can't react to anything."

Tasers are the latest component in the Shores' policy of enforcing the law by using less than lethal force.

"It's going to prevent injuries to suspects," Mitchell said. "There were studies in California that showed Tasers resulted in zero injuries to officers and

suspects."

"Officer safety has been enhanced," Fraser said.

When facing potentially violent subjects, Shores' practice includes dispatching extra manpower to calm or contain wrong-doers.

"From there you go to a baton, and from there to pepper spray," Mitchell said. "If none of that works you go to the Taser."

Mitchell said his department's four Tasers are the new X26 model costing \$800 each. A Shores resident who wishes to remain anonymous picked up the cost. Regular sidearms cost \$600 a piece.

Citing company statistics, Mitchell said, "Tasers are being used by 3,500 agencies nationwide with an unmatched 94 percent success rate. The X26 is 60 percent smaller than the company's first model, and 5 percent more powerful."

During training last month, officers received a dose of their own medicine.

"Each officer was given a five millisecond shock to let them know what they're doing to the public," Mitchell said.

## Water

From page 1A

Officials in Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores are still considering the proposal.

The (pre-election) Grosse Pointe Woods city council put the matter aside in early November.

"We expect to discuss it shortly," said Ted Bidigare, Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator.

Detailed analysis will focus on three alternatives to buying drinking water from Detroit:

1. Development of a separate water treatment facility.

2. Tapping into the Farms' plant, which would have to be expanded.

3. Reactivation of a Highland Park water plant.

"This is just an informational gathering process," Hunt said. "We're not building a plant. We just want to find out that if there's an alternative to the Detroit water system."

Detroit processes drinking

water for 4.2 million residents of 125 communities spread over 1,011 square miles of southeast Michigan. The department also provides waste water service to three million people living in 77 communities.

Suburbs eyeing their own water plant would remain customers of Detroit's waste water treatment system.

A separate freshwater plant is a refreshing prospect for a lakeside community such as Grosse Pointe Shores. Hunt said constituents are frustrated by claims of overbilled suburban customers who subsidize deadbeats.

"Each time Detroit raises its water rates or fails to collect \$59 million in delinquent accounts, residents ask why we don't have our own water system," Hunt said.

He said residents have suggested tapping into the Farms, which also provides water to the City.

"It's my understanding that we've never been con-

tacted by those communities," said Shane Reeside, Farms assistant city manager. "It sounds exploratory."

"The in-depth study will dot the i's and cross the t's," Hunt said.

"In the meantime this will help us negotiate with the Detroit water department," said Karl Kratz, trustee.

"We've gotten their attention," Hunt said.

Scott Homminga, Farms superintendent of water, said the plant at Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard can filter 12 million gallons of drinking water per day. Average daily flow during peak summer days is "around six to eight mgd — tops," Homminga said.

Tapping into the Farms would take a lot of work.

"Infrastructure changes would have to be made," Homminga said. "You can't just look on mains and take care of another city. You have to look at the dynamics of water pressure, including larger pipes, capacity and maybe booster stations."

He added, "It's not going to be a small undertaking. It's not going to be done overnight, either."

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Specifications and bid forms will be available at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Department of Support Services, beginning Tuesday, January 6, 2004. A \$50 deposit is required. A **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. 48236.

Sealed bids will be due **Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. eastern daylight time** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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## PET POINTER OF INTEREST

Ali



Ali Arsenault

Breed: Boxer, female.

Age: 6 years old.

Owner: Patrick and Diane Arsenault of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Favorite activities: Eating, sleeping, running, being petted and playing.

Least favorite activities: Not eating, riding in the car, getting wet and thunder storms.

Mr. McGruff



Mr. McGruff Conrad

Breed: St. Bernard.

Home: Grosse Pointe Park.

Age: 3.

Family: Stirling and Amy Conrad, pet cat Kitty.

Favorite activities: Playing in the snow, swimming, sleeping and lying on people as if he's a little lap dog.

Least favorite activities: Having his ears cleaned, toenails clipped and being told "No."

If you would like to submit your "Pet Pointer of Interest," deliver or mail a typed outline and photograph to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or e-mail to postmaster@grossepointenews.com (photos must be high resolution).

## Image is everything

I shot out to a mall this post-Christmas weekend, fueled by the cash and gift certificates burning holes in my sons' pockets.

As most people know, teenagers would rather have cash or its equivalent in hand rather than something mom or grandma would pick out for them. I'm very well-aware of the differences in taste between my 12- and 15-year-old sons and me.

Both of my boys are into what is called "vintage" or "Classic American" — hooded sweatshirts that look like holdovers from somebody's college days in the 1970s; dress shirts that look as if they've been sitting in the

bottom of a laundry basket for about three weeks; and cargo pants so worn and torn, they look as if they're ready for the garbage can.

I can't tell you how much it pained me to take them into an Abercrombie & Fitch store with \$100 gift certificates given to them by a loving and well-meaning relative.

My 15-year-old bought the above-described sweatshirt; a so-called bargain that was on sale for about \$30. My youngest picked out a dress shirt and a pair of cargos and got back a few dollars in change.

I not only had a problem with the value and quality of the items they purchased, but also the images they projected that went far beyond the overpriced clothing.



For several years, A&F has pushed the limits of pubescent promiscuity with its quarterly catalog/magazine, which reads more like a promotion piece for a youth nudist camp than it does a clothing store.

I saw a giant, black-and-white poster in the store of several well-scrubbed, privileged and nude young adults huddled closely together.

While I waited for my kids while they were in the

fitting room, I sat on a couch facing a television that showed a tape loop of an A&F commercial. It showed a young man and woman frolicking in an Adirondack-type setting. The only discernible items of clothing I could see during the minute-long commercial were a parka and scarf — worn by the bare-chested young man.

Shouldn't the point of promoting a clothing store

be to show the kids in clothes they could be buying and not out of them?

A&F also has its legal problems as well as it faces two class-action lawsuits that allege the company's appearance policy is racist; white kids are positioned in the high-visibility managerial and sales positions while blacks, Latinos and Asians are relegated to stock room jobs.

I suppose the company does project a "Classic American" appearance policy — one that existed before the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s.

All of this goes against so many things I've taught my boys. I've always been after them for ironing their shirts and tucking them in. I'm a living example of shopping for value and quality. I've

taught them they have no business engaging in sex, especially in an environment as casual as going out to the movies or for a burger with their friends. I've also taught them never to judge books by their cover — or color.

I'm sure the courts will rectify the company's hiring practices, and in early December, the company said it would retire its controversial magazine/catalog.

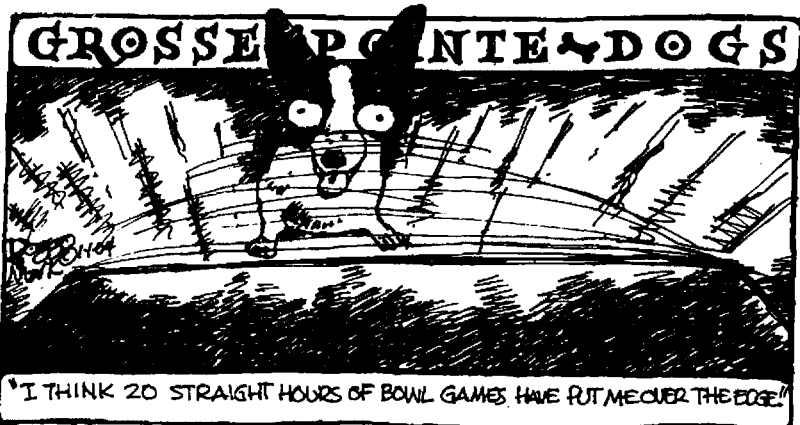
In a statement, a company spokesman said: "The company believes it is time for new thinking and looks forward to unveiling an innovative and exciting campaign in the spring."

I can only hope that the company's spring campaign is more racially inclusive and more clothed.

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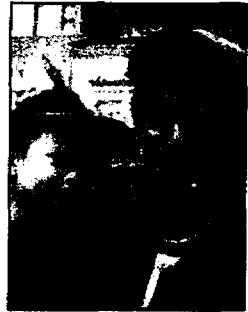


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## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

What is your New Year's resolution?



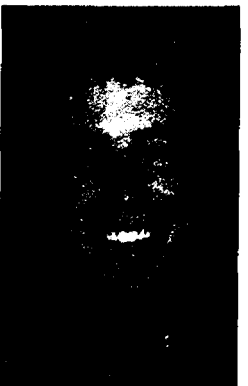
"To enjoy my son next year as much as possible and take a family trip to Disneyland."  
Erwin Yee (with son, Ethan Lamyee)  
Grosse Pointe Farms



Erwin Yee and son, Ethan Lamyee

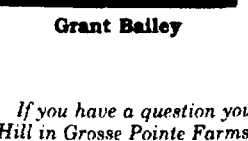
"To be a more complete person and to be a better yoga instructor and musician."

Tim Clark  
Detroit



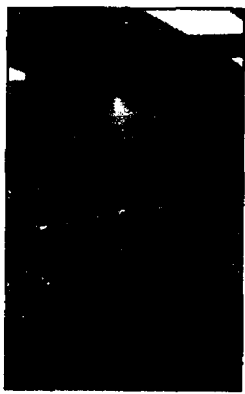
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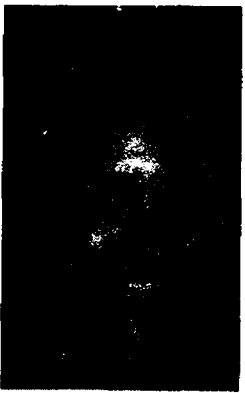


"To take life a little slower and stop and smell the roses."

Heather Whiteley  
City of Grosse Pointe

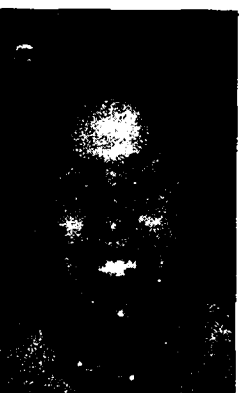


Tim Clark



"To lose weight."

Kathy Biederwolf  
Detroit



"To go back to school and to be a good, loving mother when I have my child."

Crystal Thiele  
Rooseville

Crystal Thiele

## fyi

by Ben Burns

### Road angel

Chuck Huber of the Farms spent the first couple decades of his professional career selling railroad locomotives before switching to something easier — cars.

And since 1995, he has been the leader of the "angels in the car" at General Motors. Huber is President of OnStar, the outfit that responds when you press that button in your GM vehicle. Their primary mission is "safety, security and peace of mind," according to Huber, who spoke recently to the Ecumenical Men's Club.

Huber can kid about some of the OnStar calls, but he takes that mission

seriously for the 2.5 million subscribers. We have all heard those compelling ads on radio from real life experiences.

OnStar is installing the system on new vehicles at the rate of 1.5 million a year and expects that to ramp up to 4 million within six years.

Since OnStar developed its first prototype in January 1996, its technology has gone through 54 updates. The system is sophisticated enough now that it can "wake up" your vehicle and unlock the doors if you leave your keys in the car or if your dog or even your monkey locks them on you.

The OnStar representa-

tives handle 700 air bag deployment alerts a month and 700 stolen vehicle requests a month. Last year an OnStar equipped vehicle was used in a Nebraska bank robbery in which five people were killed, and OnStar located the vehicle within three hours and notified police.

One Wisconsin caller's first question to OnStar was if they could locate the nearest taxidermist because he had hit a bear and wanted to make it into a rug. Another caller from hinterlands of Louisiana apparently testing his system asked the representative if she knew where he was.

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## Points about the Pointes

A New Year's Resolution: Get involved...  
"All of us are smarter than one of us".

Where did 2003 go? It seems only yesterday I was making my resolutions for 2003. One of them was to get a better understanding of how our local governments operate and how their decisions on where to spend our tax dollars affect the future of my family, my business and my home value. What a year of learning it has been! The focus of my quest has centered on the actions of our Board of Education, the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Council and (since a recent League of Women Voter meeting) the Public Library system. The actions of each of these bodies affect all of our lives in many ways. Each body spends millions of our taxpayer dollars annually. More important, their actions affect the very fate of our wonderful community.

The actions of our Board of Education not only affect the education that our children receive, they also affect all of our property values. Think about it. When the test scores and our system's national ranking drops, so does the perceived value of our homes to an inbound transferee. In addition, the "unwritten" bonus points that a Grosse Pointe education carries when our kids apply for college loses its intrinsic value. Our Board has some very real challenges ahead in trying to maintain our national rankings while dealing with rising costs and less State funding.

While our school system struggles to keep the recent State funding cuts from pushing our average class size to 30 plus students, there is growing concern as to the Public Library's use of our tax dollars. I became aware of this concern when invited to attend an open meeting recently sponsored by The League of Women Voters. What a great group of hard working residents!

Past and present Library Board members fielded what I considered on-the-money questions from knowledgeable residents about the wisdom of the Board's spending. By the lack of

any sound rebuttal by the Board representatives, it appeared as though our Library Board is spending as if funds are endless for capital improvements and public relations while paying librarians with masters degrees less than locally competitive wages. Hopefully, the Library Board will choose to hold an uncensored, cable televised Town Meeting to clear the air on these important issues.

As a resident and a business owner in Grosse Pointe Woods, the actions of our City Council are doubly important to me. The traffic congestion caused by the lack of off street parking on Mack Avenue has to be acknowledged and resolved at any cost. A deadly accident is waiting to happen because of drivers having to dodge other drivers trying to parallel park in one of our few parking spaces. I know first hand... my son was knocked off his bicycle by a driver while crossing at the light at Lochmoor and Mack a few summers ago. Luckily, only his bicycle was mangled. Whether you are a senior or a young family, the reality of real estate values in the Woods is that "as goes Mack Avenue so goes our home values". If Mack Avenue turns into a Warren Avenue as our vacancies soar, (we'll miss you, Madi Lu), all of the "Colonial" ordinances in the world will not prevent our home values from taking a nosedive. I am hopeful our new Council will actively address these issues. It is refreshing to hear of them actually calling on residents for help with our challenges!

My point is simple. Our elected officials don't have all the answers. No one does. Each of us has unique ideas and talents. Please share them! Make a 2004 resolution to adopt the mindset that "all of us are smarter than one of us". Your unique ideas can make a difference!  
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# Blackout led news in 2003

Without a doubt, the Blackout of 2003 led the news of the year just ended.

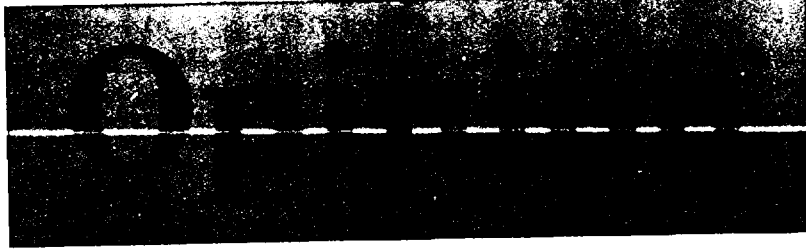
At about 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, the lights went out in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Residents, shop owners and employees stumbled out into the streets to learn what was the matter.

With battery-powered radios, we learned that the outage extended from New York City to southern Ontario to Lansing.

Of course, most people's immediate concern was that a terrorist attack had taken power down. However, we were relieved to learn that terrorism was not the cause, but rather poorly managed power grids in southwest Ohio were the blame.

Unfortunately, some say the root causes of the blackout still exist, and it could happen again.

The good news of the blackout is how so many people pitched in and helped their neighbors. Police here quickly had blockades up at major



intersections. Approaching Mack, motorists were forced to make right turns and loop around, thus avoiding four-way-stop nightmares.

Elected leaders assisted police and city workers in getting the word out and procuring backup generators for emergency services.

Impromptu block parties sprung up as residents threw thawing meat on the barbie, and neighbors made the best of it. Perhaps we should have a national "blackout" holiday once a year. We could then get to know our neighbors!

9/11 of 2003 saw the usual heightened alert two years after the tragic terrorist attack of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the downing of a passenger flight in a Pennsylvania field.

Fortunately, no plots of terrorism

came to fruition, but we will always be anxious on future anniversaries of 9/11.

Grosse Pointe Shores in 2003 was joined by other disgruntled cities in southeastern Michigan who are feeling gouged by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

St. Clair Shores, Warren, Harper Woods, Roseville and other communities are studying the feasibility of creating their own water department.

Detroit Water wisely kept its water rate increases minimal last year, but sewer treatment fees continued to climb. Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores saw the biggest increases in sewerage fees.

The Pointes' residents-only parks are required to pay a luxury tax as the City of Grosse Pointe's efforts to

fight the tax failed to get past Go with the courts and the Michigan Tax Tribunal.


Under state law, cities with residents-only parks must pay school, county and other non-city property taxes. The only argument now is what is the taxable value of a park? Since park land cannot be sold or used for any other purpose, what is it worth monetarily? Apparently the courts will decide.

2003 was not a good year for many economically. The automotive industry continues to struggle in a sluggish economy. Layoffs continued, and seniors dependent on interest income must do with less, while those buying homes or refinancing enjoyed record-low interest rates.

Local merchants were hopeful of a profitable holiday shopping season, but initial reports are that pent-up spending failed to bust loose. Some merchants were lucky to do as well as last year.

But as 2003 came to a close, the economic indicators looked up. We can all look optimistically toward 2004 and pray that hiring and consumer confidence will pick up. This could be a very good year.

Happy New Year!

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## Cold winter predicted

Winter will be cold, with temperatures three degrees below normal, on average," reports the 2004 Old Farmer's Almanac. "Temperatures will be very cold much of the time from late November through January, with the coldest periods in early December, from about Christmas to New Year, and again in late January.

"The first half of November and the months of February and March will be milder, with temperatures a bit above normal. Precipitation will be slightly above normal, due to a wet February, and snowfall will be near normal. The heaviest snowfalls will occur in late November, early and late December and mid-January."

Well, even though the Old Farmer's Almanac, published since 1792, is 80 percent accurate in its predictions, it missed its prognostication for November and December. The only significant snowfall we received was around Thanksgiving. Not much since, at least not in the Grosse Pointes and

Harper Woods.

We who do not participate in winter sports hope the almanac is equally wrong in its prediction for a big snow in mid-January.

But we do hope The Old Farmer's Almanac is accurate in its prediction for a mild March and a warmer than usual April and May. Golf anyone?

"The summer will be hotter than normal, primarily due to an exceptionally hot August," according to the almanac. "Rainfall will be very close to normal, with the heaviest rains in July.

"September will be wet and mild, with heavy rain to close the month. October will also be wet but with below-normal temperatures."

It looks as if late fall golf will be out of the picture, but some good summer rounds look in order. Let's hope for an above par year in 2004!

The Old Farmer's Almanac is available at bookstores and at its Web site, [www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com)

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



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as the cones were being set up. The UPS van couldn't even turn around between the cones.

While I have no knowledge as to how much the redesign of this driveway held up the plan approval process and was incorrectly "blamed" on the Woods building inspector, my query to the library board reps was whether the architect's bill was accurately adjusted to deduct for the architect hours billed, the library staff time wasted and the related reproduction costs for all the new sets of plans which had to be prepared.

Understandably, the library board reps didn't know, and no one has ever gotten back to me as to if what could be many thousands of dollars was ever charged back to the architect. I have not had the time to FOIA these records, but I can guarantee you that this kind of item will never be picked up in any kind of audit by any accounting firm.

With regard to Mr. Hughes' comment that I have not attended a library board meeting, he is correct. Until I received calls and e-mails from a number of concerned residents requesting that I attend the League of Women Voters meeting with the library board representatives, I had no knowledge of any concerns other residents had with the expenditures of the library.

If concerned residents had not sought me out and asked for my involvement, I, as many in our community, would have never known about the spending concerns many residents now have.

With all due respect to Mr. Hughes' comment that I have not contacted anyone from the library board to clarify the facts, I suggest that he contact someone who attended the league's meeting. The sole purpose of the meeting was for the library board to clarify facts,

and those board representatives in attendance did their best to do so.

However, many questions were left unanswered. I know of no attempt by library board reps at the meeting to get a hold of any of us at the meeting to follow up on any of the unanswered questions posed at the meeting.

It was not my responsibility to call other library board members to find out if the answers that were provided the attendees of the league meeting were correct. If after the meeting, or after any of my writings, any of the library board representatives or any member of the library board had issue with anything I have published, it is not as if I am hard to find.

My picture, phone number and e-mail address are published weekly in the Grosse Pointe News. I live at 799 Lochmoor and eat breakfast at the Pancake House most mornings at 6:30 a.m., sitting at a two-person table at the back of the restaurant. I welcome any board members' comments and their company at breakfast. Feel free to stop and share your concerns with me at any time convenient. When I don't hear from someone, I have to assume that the facts I have been provided and on which I have based my comments are correct.

People in this community who know me, the foundation board member who attended the meeting and the publishers of the Grosse Pointe News know that if I am in error in a statement I make, I will go out of my way to correct and mend the error.

To date, no one in any way related to the library board has provided any information of any kind to me to refute anything I have written reporting the information shared at the league meeting by the residents and the library board repre-

sentatives. Lastly, Mr. Hughes hasn't done much homework on me when he makes a statement in the last paragraph to the effect that I should use my energy to "promote positive momentum in the community."

As our school system, the Services for Older Citizens, Special Kids, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and many other nonprofit organizations in our community as well as residents who need a helping hand know, I am out there working and using the resources I have to benefit our community every day.

My love of this community is why I spend so many hours away from my family and business attending community meetings and sharing my findings with other concerned residents by phone, e-mail and fax.

I hope that the above clarifies my position on Mr. Hughes' letter for all of your readers and shows that I am correct in assuming that I am not the only Pointe resident who wants to make sure that our taxpayer dollars are being used in the best possible way to make Grosse Pointe a better place to raise our families.

Ahmed V. Ismail  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Letters

### Mr. Ismail responds

To the Editor:

This letter is in follow up to the letter ("Mr. Ismail Misinformed") published in the Grosse Pointe News on Dec. 25 from Mr. John Hughes of Grosse Pointe Park in which he took exception to my published comments on the use of taxpayer funds by our public library board.

First, Mr. Hughes states that my comments regarding library fundraising were "both negative and misleading," yet he doesn't state what was negative or misleading.

The facts and figures I published were based on information presented during the recent League of Women Voters open meeting during which time library board member Kay McDonald, library foundation member Vicki Granger and former library board member Fran Schonenberg fielded questions from knowledgeable and concerned residents.

The facts presented by the residents in attendance regarding the amount raised by the library's in-house fundraiser, the salary of this fundraiser and the additional \$18,000 per month the library is paying an outside public relations firm were not refuted or denied by any of the library board representatives.

I don't know whether Mr.

Hughes attended this very important meeting. As a resident with a keen concern for where my tax dollars are invested, I found it a real eye-opener and wish that I had the foresight to videotape the meeting for others to observe.

Mr. Hughes then goes on to say that "...we are fortunate to live in a community with many positive attributes. His comments reflect extreme negativity on his part."

I agree that we have a community with many positive attributes. The difference we seem to have is that my mind set that nothing is perfect and everything can be improved is, in the mind of Mr. Hughes, "extreme negativity."

Mr. Hughes then goes on to state that he supports the library system and then goes on to state that the board includes a Harvard law graduate, a former school superintendent and a certified public accountant.

I have never questioned the career choices of the library board members or the success they have enjoyed in their careers. I have questioned the logic of some of their decisions, many of which have cost taxpayers many tens of thousands of dollars and have destroyed the morale of our valued librarians.

During the league meeting, when some of the financial decisions of the board were brought to light, one of the board representatives

made it clear to the attendees that all of the library's books are audited.

As the certified public accountant on the board can attest to, financial audits go to certify the financial integrity of the financial statements prepared. They do not "audit" the business decisions made by the board or how business decisions are made.

An example of the kind of concerns I posed was the type of controls that were in place to control the millions being spent on construction and related professional fees.

My example posed to the panel was the fees paid to the architect of the new Woods library. The original circular driveway presented to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods for plan approval did not meet the national building code. Rather than following this code in his original design, the library's architect chose to reduce the diameter of the circular portion of the driveway.

As expected, the city denied the design as unsafe and not in compliance with the building code. The city actually went to the expense of setting up traffic cones to demonstrate to the architect that his drive as designed would not allow an EMS van to get through the driveway even though there is no ambiguity into the building code on this issue.

As fate would have it, a UPS van happened to pull into the Woods parking lot

## 2004

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### Cleanup cleaned out

The We are Here Foundation was "there," but few others came forward to assist in this year's Nautical Coast Cleanup.

Grosse Pointe Farms was the only city in the Pointes that participated in the yearly event with a cleanup effort at Pier Park on May 18 in the yearly event that previously attracted hundreds of volunteers.

Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods said they planned in-house cleanup efforts. The City of Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores said they did not have any shoreline cleanup efforts planned.

### Turning ash into cash

Members of the Grosse Pointe-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority (GPCR-DA) found a way to turn some of its trash into cash.

After some renegotiation this past June, the authority finally approved the sale of a 100-acre site it owned in Lenox Township, which it intended to use as an ash landfill before the demolition of its incinerator. Developer Gaetano Rizzo purchased the property at Gratiot and 28 Mile for \$2.34 million in June.

The authority is currently reevaluating offers it received in November for its former incinerator site in Clinton Township.

The authority considered two proposals for the 60-acre site with a 17-acre lake on Lipke north of 14 Mile. One offer was withdrawn, and the other was only \$800,000. The land is valued at \$5 million.

### Alternative water source?

Grosse Pointe Shores, which has been battling the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department over wholesale water rates for over 10 years, was one of the first suburban communities to explore tying into a possible new water system run by St. Clair Shores and Warren.

As preliminary talks were underway in June, Grosse Pointe Shores Trustee Dr. Brian Hunt said, "This is an exciting possibility for our community. The discussions are in their infancy, and preliminary feasibility studies indicated it may make sense from a financial standpoint."

Grosse Pointe Shores and Harper Woods agreed to help finance a feasibility study with several other communities in November.

### Pay for privacy

A Michigan Tax Tribunal judge ruled in July that the City of Grosse Pointe's Neff Park is subject to state and county tax in order to keep admittance limited to residents and guests.

The City's case was the lead case among three other cases filed by the Michigan Tax Commission against Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park. The commission contended Neff Park, the Farms' Pier Park and the Park's Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks were subject to the taxes since they were not open to all residents of the state of Michigan.

How much tax the City will have to pay will be decided at a trial in the near future.

The City's Board of Review has set the valuation of Neff Park at \$480. The tax commission felt the park's value, originally set at \$178,000 by the city assessor, more accurately reflects the park's value.

Cases against the Farms and the Park will be heard after the City's trial.

### Lights out

Time stood still as clocks,

lights, computers, radios, televisions and traffic signals shut off as Grosse Pointers were part of the millions who lost power in the country's largest blackout shortly after 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Municipalities quickly shifted gears in order to keep traffic moving, water flowing, sewers from backing up, and to keep gas tanks in essential vehicles filled. Some stores kept their doors open by running backup generators and hand-writing receipts. Bottled water and ice were two of the hottest ticket items.

Some things, however, had to wait, such as the mail and elective surgeries at local hospitals.

The blackout didn't cast a dark cloud over everyone. Residents in the 1300 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park held an impromptu block party.

"One person showed up," resident Howard Kay said. "I started telling him what I was hearing. Then we got beverages out. The next thing you know, we got the grill and the blankets out."

"Everyone pulled out what was going to rot in the fridge and threw it on the grill," said Kay's wife, Maurya.

### Selling out cell towers

The City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores began working with ClearLinX in August to provide a new kind of infrastructure that will accommodate wireless phone and Internet communication.

Through a Digital Antenna System (DAS), up to eight wireless providers can connect into a local station known as a base station hotel, that takes a radio frequency (RF) signal and converts it into light pulses through a fiber grid in a 10-mile radius. The light pulses are then transformed back to an RF signal and is broadcast from small antennae installed on top of utility poles every 3/10 mile.

DAS will provide more bandwidth, which will increase the capability to send more pictures and data. It should also decrease the number of dropped cell phone calls, a common occurrence in the Grosse Pointes where many holes exist for several cellular telephone carriers and because cellular antennae become overloaded, forcing them to drop calls.

"What we do is go into communities and turn that community into a hot zone," said Dave Schneider, vice president of real estate development for ClearLinX. "Anybody can go wherever they want in their houses, backyards or in the street, and pop open their laptops to hook up to their Internet provider."

ClearLinX received an OK from the Shores to install its antennae on top of its utility poles in November. The company is still seeking a location for a base station hotel in the Farms.

### SOC socks it to fund cuts

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) nearly faced cuts of two of its programs when the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) was faced with funding cuts of its own.

In a proposed three-year plan, the DAAA cut \$10,000 in funding in the 2003-04 fiscal year for SOC's centralized care coordination and information assistance programs. SOC normally received about \$70,000 a year from the DAAA.

"We're losing \$2.1 million because of the loss of population in our area," DAAA Deputy Director Gloria Hicks told the Grosse Pointe News in June. "We had to make some hard decisions."

SOC was able to retain those funds by folding those programs as outreach services in September.

### A SMARTer way of getting around

This fall, SMART came up with a smarter way of getting people around the routes that go through the Grosse Pointes.

The regional transportation authority cut its Route 625 which ran through Charlevoix and its Route 630, which ran along East Jefferson; made substantial cuts on its Route 620 which ran through Charlevoix; and expanded service on its 610 and 615 routes that run along Kercheval and Mack to include hourly service to Eastland Center and the Detroit Medical Center.

"These changes are the culmination of a six-month study of our east side routes where we have eliminated underutilized trips while providing new service to areas where there is a much greater need," said Ron Ristau, SMART director of service development.

The new schedules went into effect on Nov. 17.

### No breaks on water mains

Grosse Pointe municipalities dependent on water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department saw a record-breaking number of water main breaks even before the ground had a chance to freeze.

The breaks were blamed on increased water pressure and output from the Water Works Park facility, which added a new ozone filtration treatment plant in September.

Grosse Pointe Woods reported over 60 breaks in mid-December, more than double the number of years past. Grosse Pointe Park reported 15 breaks compared to the customary five to 10 in an entire winter season. Grosse Pointe Shores, which usually doesn't see its first winter water main break until the end of December, racked up four by the middle of December.

DWSD spokesperson George Ellenwood said the plant has been able to alleviate its pressure problems and that "their problems should be ending."

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## State Supreme Court asked to hear Woods ZBA dispute

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Supreme Court is being asked to decide the fate of a hole in the ground in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Woods residents Ronald and Carrie DiCicco filed a motion in the court over their 6 1/2-year-long building project on Marter in the Woods that has bounced through the system like an errant ping-pong ball.

The DiCiccos were granted a building permit in 1997 to build a 3,000-square-foot Cape Cod house on a 42 foot wide lot. After the foundation was dug and poured, and the water and sewer taps were connected, Hawthorne neighbors Roland and Carol Bernardi sought and were granted an injunction in the Third Circuit Court against the DiCiccos in October 1997 that prohibited them from building the house.

The Bernardis filed suit because the excavation of the DiCicco's basement, which lies 5 1/2 feet from the Bernardis lot line, caused damage to their back yard and back fence. They argued the lot was not buildable because it did not meet the 60-foot minimum width required by a zoning ordinance passed in 1975.

The DiCiccos argued the property was covered by a grandfather clause which exempted lots of record prior to 1975 from the 60-foot rule.

The circuit court, however, found the DiCicco's lot was not a lot of record prior to 1975, which forced the DiCiccos to apply for a variance on the lot size. The zoning board of appeals (ZBA) in the Woods rejected the variance on March 16, 1998, and two days later, the city revoked the DiCicco's building permit.

A little over a year later in April 1999, the circuit court denied the DiCiccos an appeal on the variance. The DiCiccos then filed suit in the Michigan Court of Appeals, which in November 2002, ordered the ZBA to present at least three findings of fact for denying the variance, and remanded a judgment back in the circuit court.

The ZBA presented seven findings of fact to Circuit Judge Daphne Means Curtis, who in June of this year, did not find those find-

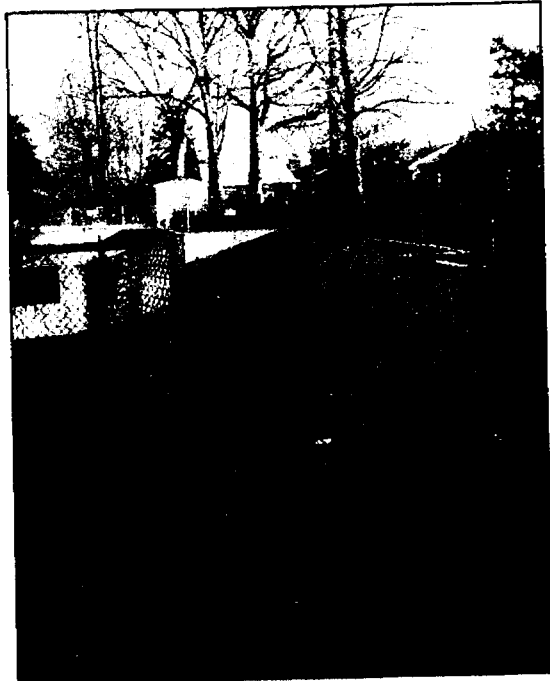


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**Grosse Pointe Woods residents Ronald and Carrie DiCicco never got past the basement when they began building a house on Marter in 1997. Neighbors were granted an injunction against the project in 1997, and the ensuing legal trail has bounced between the Woods' zoning board of appeals, the Third Circuit Court and the state Court of Appeals since then. The DiCiccos have asked the state Supreme Court to have the final say.**

ings of fact sufficient, and ordered the ZBA to grant the DiCiccos a variance.

The Woods volleyed the decision back to the court of appeals, which on Nov. 1, reversed the circuit court judge's decision, with the three-judge panel saying it felt the ZBA did provide sufficient findings of fact in denying the variance.

The DiCiccos asked for the court of appeals for a reconsideration of its ruling, which was denied on Monday, Dec. 15. They now wait to see if the state Supreme Court justices will consider their case.

"They followed every rule in the book," said Tim Stoecker, the DiCicco's lawyer. "They submitted the proper construction plans, the city issued the building permit, and they had a right to build that house. It's absolutely inequitable for the city to say, 'Yes, you can build here,' and then change its mind and say, 'You should have known better.' With the mayor and city council acting as a ZBA, they saw the DiCiccos as two votes rather than thousands of votes."

Stoecker said it was also unusual for the courts to reverse and ignore its previous decisions.

Ronald DiCicco said he has spent his life's savings on this project but said, "At this point, I haven't added it up yet."

"We have had some lumps to be sure, but we are confident we will ultimately prevail. I am prepared to go to the U.S. Supreme Court and even start the whole process over again."

DiCicco has also filed a damage claim against the Woods.

Woods city attorney Chip Berschback was confident the court of appeals would have the last word.

"These motions are rarely granted," Berschback said of the DiCiccos' petition to the supreme court.

Berschback did not comment on the case except to say, "The city's not happy with it. These things tend to get drawn out."

For now, the basement of the DiCicco's house still lies open to the weather and the weeds.

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# G.P. Park woman dedicates her life to saving lives

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Karen Marshall has dedicated her life to saving lives.

As president and CEO of the LifeHouse Foundation, the Grosse Pointe Park resident's job is to raise funds for suicide prevention organizations across the country.

Marshall's first brush with suicide occurred as a high school senior in Lansing in 1973 when her father, Edwin, took his life.

"My father was handsome and well-liked," Marshall said. "Nobody saw it coming. My father was suffering. He never opened up. He never got treatment, but then again, there weren't a lot of treatments in 1973.

"Nobody talked to us about it. People just closed down. It felt as if somebody pulled the center of gravity from under us."

For 17 years, Marshall kept her grief, doubts and worries to herself until her uncle — her father's brother, Gary — committed suicide.

Marshall sought help from a support group at the Link Counseling Center in Atlanta, where she lived at that time.

"The first time I sat in on

a support group, I felt I was with people who knew exactly how I was feeling," Marshall said. "They could finish my sentences for me if I let them."

Soon, Marshall started speaking up on her own behalf and for others.

"I started doing public speaking, and I found I had a gift for it," Marshall said.

Marshall worked as a volunteer at the counseling center. In addition to public speaking, she assisted with the development and design of training programs, trained thousands of lay people in suicide prevention and intervention, and wrote for suicide prevention publications around the country.

A journalist by schooling and profession, Marshall called herself "a well-trained survivor" in her suicide prevention work.

When Marshall moved to Virginia in 1996, she started a suicide prevention support group and chaired the Loudoun County Suicide Prevention Coalition and helped to found the Virginia Suicide Prevention Council.

In 1999, Marshall left writing to pursue suicide prevention work full time as

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president and CEO of the Kristin Brooks Hope Center. It was there she helped establish the National Hopeline Network, 800-SUICIDE (784-2433), which connects callers to their nearest certified crisis center.

"Before that, there was no real true national suicide hotline," Marshall said.

Marshall was also instrumental in securing a three-year, \$9 million federal grant for the Hopeline and the American Association of Suicidology — the first federal grant awarded for suicide prevention.

Despite Marshall's contributions for suicide prevention, the thing she saw that these organizations needed more than her knowledge and commitment was money. That's what led her to Grosse Pointe to establish the LifeHouse Foundation, after her cousin John Quinlan offered to share office space with her in his second-floor suite in the Village.

"As Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, a professor at

Johns Hopkins University and the author of 'Night Falls Fast,' said, 'The line between what we know and what we do is lethal,'" Marshall said. "It takes money. The suicide prevention organizations that are out there right now are being run on shoe strings."

Founded in July 2002, the foundation is working on raising money for its operating budget and its first \$3 million to \$5 million in grants — almost half of what is raised to run suicide prevention programs today. The foundation is seeking that money through corporate contributions, other foundations, individuals, awareness events and government grants.

The corporate component is especially important to the foundation's fundraising efforts.

"Of the 30,000 suicides each year, 2/3 are committed by work force age people, primarily men," Marshall said. "Suicide crosses all socioeconomic boundaries, but many times, it hits the

most creative people."

A LifeHouse Foundation executive summary quoted an Institute of Medicine report that said the annual cost of work force related suicide is calculated at \$11.9 million in 1998 dollars. Furthermore, non-fatal suicide attempts can incur both short- and long-term medical costs of dramatic proportions.

In addition to looking for major corporate donors, Marshall hopes at least one of those corporate donors will take part in an in-house suicide risk reduction program.

The LifeHouse Foundation also provides a speakers bureau that includes Marshall and former Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple, who lost his 15-year-old son to suicide; and suicide prevention training seminars, one which will be held in the Grosse Pointes in the next two to three months.

"It's a huge education we have ahead of us," Marshall said.

The taboo of talking about suicide has been lifting according to Marshall.

"It really opened up when

the Suicide Prevention Action Network delivered over 10,000 petitions to the U.S. senators, congress people and state governors," Marshall said. "A lot of elected officials didn't realize what a massive problem suicide was. Also, about 90 percent of what we've learned about brain illnesses we've learned in the past 10 years. Depression and other brain illnesses respond well to treatment, and the medications are so much better than they were 10 to 15 years ago."

"The whole issue of suicide was like a glacier; it just didn't move. Since 1996, it's more like an avalanche; things are really moving now."

Realistically, Marshall knows that her work will never eradicate all suicides, but, she said, "We certainly can't settle for the number of deaths we see in this country."

"It's a privilege to be able to do this kind of work. It's very hopeful work."

To contact the LifeHouse Foundation, call (313) 884-8351 or visit [www.thelifehousefoundation.org](http://www.thelifehousefoundation.org).

## Obituaries



J. Ross Bush

### J. Ross Bush

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Julius Ross Bush, 94, died on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, in Traverse City.

Born in Terre Haute, Ind.,

in 1909, Mr. Bush was the son of Lewis D. and Louise (Miles) Bush.

The Bush family moved to Detroit in 1927. Mr. Bush earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Wayne State University and did his graduate study at the University Laval in Quebec. He taught English and French at Wilbur Wright High School (renamed Murray Wright) until his retirement.

Mr. Bush served his country honorably with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

On July 24, 1948, he married the former Dorothea Schmidt, and together, they resided in Grosse Pointe Park until moving to Williamsburg in 1999 to be near their son.

Mr. Bush was a member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for more than 50 years and was active in many church activities, including being an assistant to Dorothea during her five-year stint as a Sunday school teacher.

He joined the Circumnavigators Club after he and Dorothea rounded the world. They visited a total of 39 countries.

Mr. Bush was a life member of the Detroit Boat Club

and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He was also a member of the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Fine Arts Society, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Society, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, The English Speaking Union, and the University of Michigan and the Wayne State University Alumni Clubs.

Both he and Dorothea were ardent theater-goers, and enjoyed square, round and ballroom dancing, boating and playing bridge.

Mr. Bush is survived by his son, Wesley R. (Teresa) Bush; his step-granddaughters, Naomi Milks, Angela (Michael) McDougal; his grandsons, Wesley R. Jr. and Julius R. II; his sister, Kay (William) Baird; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothea; and his brother, Milton W. Bush.

A funeral service was held at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Entombment will be in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bush Children Education and Medical Fund in care of Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

### Terrence Patrick Hogan

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Terrence Patrick Hogan, 43, died suddenly on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, in Detroit.

Born in Detroit in 1960, Mr. Hogan graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. He worked in mechanical contracting, and enjoyed reading and cooking. He loved playing hockey and was a lifelong fan.

He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer, Kelli and Nicole Hogan; his mother, Joyce Hogan; his sisters, Maureen (Bill) Starrs, Kathleen Mocer and Joyce (Dave) Budai; and his brothers, George (Michele) Hogan and John (Cindy) Hogan. He was predeceased by his father, Maurice B. Hogan.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Charles J. Roarty

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Charles J. Roarty, 72, died on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003.

Born in Detroit in 1931, Mr. Roarty graduated from the University of Detroit in 1954, with a degree in civil



Charles J. Roarty

engineering.

He served as the vice president for C.A. Hull Co., in Walled Lake and was a registered professional engineer.

Mr. Roarty was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Michigan Roadbuilders, and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

He enjoyed running, handball and golf.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; his daughters, Mary (Shawn) Magerr, Kathleen (John) Mulligan and Bridget (Dave) Heberling; his sons, John (Sheila), Charles Jr. (Debbie), Michael (Betsy), Denis (Georgina), and Dan (Liz); his 18 grandchildren; and his brother, Michael (Lee).

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Henry Ford Hospice.



Christine Rossi

### Christine Rossi

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Christine Marie Rossi, 96, died on Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at her home.

Born in Spangler, Pa., Mrs. Rossi came to Detroit and met her late husband, Ernest Francis Rossi, at the University of Detroit Law

School. After graduation in 1935, they married and became law partners as Rossi & Rossi for 23 years. She specialized in tax and probate.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Rossi was appointed by the then mayor Jerome P. Cavanaugh as assistant corporation counsel for the City of Detroit, where she practiced law for the next 10 years. After retiring from the city's legal department, Mrs. Rossi remained of counsel to her three attorney daughters, Ernestine McGlynn, Thea Barron and Patricia Galvin.

"She was one of the first woman lawyers in full-time practice in the state of Michigan," said friend and federal Judge John Corbett O'Meara.

Mrs. Rossi served on the board of directors of the Catholic Lawyers Society and in 1997, was awarded the Monsignor Molloy Award in recognition of outstanding service to the community and to the legal profession. She replaced her husband on the board of directors for the Detroit Grand Opera Association for 25 years.

She was a member of the Michigan Bar Association, Detroit Bar Association, National Association of Women Lawyers, Kappa Beta Pi Legal Sorority and the League of Catholic Women. In 1986, the Italian-American Women of Michigan honored her as their "Woman of the Year."

For the last 10 years, she participated in the Race for the Cure as a 38-year breast cancer survivor.

In addition to her three daughters, she is survived by another daughter, Rosalind Rossi; her son, E.F. Rossi; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery or Karmanos Cancer Center.

### William C. Van Tassel

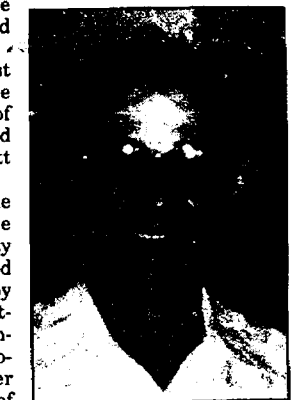
Grosse Pointe Woods resident William C. Van Tassel, 64, died on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at his home.

Born in Tarrytown, N.Y., in 1939, Mr. Van Tassel graduated from the University of Vermont. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army, and was employed at the Aetna Life Insurance Co. He enjoyed playing golf.

He is survived by his wife,

Alice; his daughters, Lisa, Lori and Jennifer; his son, Jeffrey; his son-in-law, Brian Johnson; and his sister, Barbara (Donald) Vetrano.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076. Please note with your donation "In memory of William C. Van Tassel," with acknowledgement to Alice F. Van Tassel, 1606 Bournemouth, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



Robert Zeh

### Robert Zeh

Detroit resident Robert "Bob" Zeh, 69, died on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003.

Born in Atlanta, N.Y., in 1934, Mr. Zeh graduated from Wayland Central High School in New York. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Okinawa.

Mr. Zeh served the east side of Detroit for more than 30 years as a well-known bartender. His career included entertaining diners at Sindbad's, the L-Bow Room, The Cove and Brandon's. He enjoyed sports and loved to bowl.

Mr. Zeh is survived by his sister, Pinky; and his brothers, Cork and Ike.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, Dec. 28, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, 15324 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

### Ethel Zolad

Ethel Zolad, 94, died on Monday, Dec. 22, 2003. She is survived by her children, Linda (Chris) Simonelli, Greg, and Laura (Thomas) Clapp; her grandchildren, Anthony (Susan), David (Laurie), Michael (Tabatha) and Alan (Amy) Simonelli, Sarah (Garth Moore) Zolad and Andrew, Jonathan and Elizabeth Clapp; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Church of St. Ives in Southfield.



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# G.P. Woods still at standoff on public use of gun range

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

After 11 months of study, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council still isn't sure whether or not the city's gun range should be permanently closed to residents.

Michael Makowski, the Woods' director of public safety, reported to the council on the matter for the second time since January, recommending the range be closed to residents.

Makowski said he met with the city's risk management specialist about the use of the range and asked her to make a recommendation on continued use.

"Her opinion was to discontinue the public use of the city's pistol range," Makowski said.

In a letter dated Oct. 6 by the city's risk management specialist, Susan Rocchio of the Municipal Insurance Alliance, read: "I understand that the proposed plan would include supervision by a range officer and the use of waivers. However, waivers are not always effective, and firing ranges are inherently dangerous. In addition, it is not a safe practice to allow the public

to have access to the city's department of public safety, especially with firearms in their possession. Consequently, it is the opinion of the risk control department that this practice be discontinued because it substantially increases the city's liability."

City attorney Don Berschback had concerns about the city's liability as well.

"In vicarious liability, no matter what kind of waiver is drawn up, it may not hold up in court," Berschback said. "They aren't going to be willing, except maybe at a prohibitive price, to even think about insuring this type of thing. They'll probably give us a reservation of rights, which would mean the city would be on its own."

Neither Berschback nor Makowski knew what the cost of insurance would be whether or not residents were allowed to use the range.

There have been no civilian injuries at the range since it has been open to residents in 1969. However, Makowski said he was aware of three incidents

when public safety officers were injured by ricocheting bullets.

Makowski had reservations of his own as well.

"I know that guns are part of our heritage and that they're here to stay," Makowski said. "I'm concerned about civilians coming into the department with guns and ammunition and coming into the building and not having adequate control over it. I've seen in my career what guns can do. I'm a taxpayer, too, and I'm concerned about liability.

There are numerous other ranges that are operated by private entities that are probably more modern and better suited for public use."

Makowski initially recommended the range be closed to residents in January, citing security concerns in the aftermath of 9/11. Mayor Robert Novitke deferred the matter to the recreation commission since the department of parks and recreation oversaw the range. In June, the recreation commission also recommended the range be closed to residents and agreed to relinquish control of the range to the public

safety department.

The range, located in the basement of the public safety department, has been open to residents for target practice on Saturday afternoons since 1969. A parks and recreation survey of users between February and October 2002 indicated that about 3.7 residents used the range each week. It has been temporarily closed to

residents since January but continues to be used by the city's public safety officers.

About eight residents also expressed concerns over the range during a council discussion on Monday, Nov. 24. Many of them felt a range open to residents would be used as a recreation opportunity or would allow them to become safer and more experienced handling a

firearm. Others questioned the liability issue and stated that other city amenities, such as the pool, also carry great risks.

Some members of the council were split on the issue of keeping the range open to residents.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger was concerned

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# Woods cops won't pack lead

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

As part of Grosse Pointe Woods' efforts to refurbish and repair its gun range, the dangers of lead are being addressed.

Part of the \$15,000 project will focus on lead abatement, repainting and replacing acoustic panels in the room.

"We've had concerns from my staff of lead contamination in that room," said Michael Makowski, director of public safety. "Lead permeates the ceilings, walls and floors."

Lead residue comes from the vaporization of the bul-

lets, gun powder and primer when guns are discharged. Risks of exposure in adults can lead to hypertension, kidney and reproductive damage, and reduced blood cells.

In maintaining a lead-free environment, the public safety department will switch to lead-free ammunition in the gun range.

"We did a survey and evaluation of unleaded ammunition and primers and made the decision to go forth with that to provide a safer environment for our officers and employees," Makowski said.

The new bullets are made of a copper-based material.

"For our small range, they perform like a lead-based round," Makowski said.

Makowski said the lead-free bullets are more expensive, but he said he didn't have to worry about the cost of routine lead abatement or the long-term possible health risks.

The yearly costs for traditional ammunition and twice-yearly abatement is \$5,756. The new lead-free bullets will cost \$4,034 a year.

"It's a win-win situation for the budget and the employees," Makowski said. "We can't put a price on the positive aspects."

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## City of Grosse Pointe's year in review looks toward future

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The year 2003 was all about the future in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The old marina at Neff Park was dismantled. Construction began on a modern facility complete with floating finger docks that will rise and fall with Lake St. Clair's changing water levels.

Work also moved forward on an updated master plan. The City rejoined SEMCOG, in part to help research better transportation options.

City leaders focused on laying the groundwork for continued viability of the Village commercial district.

Other topics included preserving the community's large estates yet, with the passage of a "bigfoot" ordinance, preventing developers from jamming oversized homes on regular-sized lots.

Then there was the former Jacobson's building, an empty but well-maintained former department store dominating an entire block in the center of the Village.

Much to the frustration of elected officials and their constituents, future use of the structure remained unsettled through year's end.

Municipal representatives say there's not much they can do to move the process forward.

Although residents retain an almost paternal connection with the building and remember it as the home of a gracious former leader of the business community and symbol of days past, the building is private property. Its owners can't be strong-armed into action.

As long as the proprietors obey city codes, ordinances, and standards, they enjoy the same rights of self-determination as other owners of private property.

City officials, however, were encouraged when the new owners tested the waters regarding transforming the political liability into a combination of commercial and residential development.

### January

City officials decide to rejoin SEMCOG for a one-year trial run after an absence of several years.

Mayor Dale Scrace says renewing the City's relationship with the 132-member

Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments could help the City deal with local water and transportation issues.

Workers begin installing parking meters in city-owned lots north and south of Kercheval between St. Clair and Neff. The city had been losing money by managing the lots through a private company that employed attendants.

A search begins to hire a full time parks and recreation director.

Concerns about the Ford Crown Victoria's reputation for gasoline tank explosions stalls the public safety department's purchase of two replacement cruisers.

"I'm nervous about buying cars that are under serious (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) investigation," said Councilman Larry Dowers.

The purchase comes only after the vehicles are rated acceptable by federal transportation regulators.

Also, Ford will outfit the vehicles with a fuel tank upgrade at no cost.

Truckers, beware. City police start enforcing commercial vehicle traffic.

The additional authority comes from the city council adopting the state Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, which allows a motor carrier enforcement officer to issue violations.

### March

The first of what will surely be several meetings takes place regarding efforts to update the municipal master plan.

While much of the plan will focus on the Village commercial district, other issues to be addressed include transportation, land use, community facilities and residential areas.

### April

Some tennis buffs will be sidelined for much of the summer as the City and public school officials announce plans to rebuild six of 10 tennis courts at Elworthy Field.

Visions for a mixed-use development of the former Jacobson's building in the Village may become a reality.

The property's new owner, Velmeir Corp., reveals conceptual plans for a four-

story building with underground parking and first-floor retail space. Upper levels would be used for hotel accommodations and condominiums ranging in size from 1,200 to 2,800 square feet.

A law suit filed against the City will be a test case for setting tax rates on residents-only parks.

In its suit, the Michigan Tax Commission contends the City's board of review erred in 2001 when setting tax rates on the park.

Until the Neff Park matter is decided, the Michigan Tax Tribunal will hold in abeyance similar suits filed against Grosse Pointe Farms and Park.

Bon Secours Hospital announces plans to demolish 14 condominiums on Cadieux near Jefferson to make way for a 112-space parking lot.

In response to residents' concerns about speeding traffic, speed cushions are installed on Rivard between Charlevoix and Goethe.

Unlike speed bumps, cushions "give" a little when run over by passing vehicles.

### May

With the uncertain future of the municipally-owned garage behind the former Jacobson's building, this may be the last year for one of the area's greatest bargain-hunting venues: Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale.

"There's no other place that could provide the kind of space we need," says Mike Overton, city manager.

For the third year in a row, City police promote bicycle safety by issuing coupons for free frozen yogurt to children seen wearing helmets while cycling.

This year marks the first full season for the new swimming pool and bath house at Neff Park.

Among other improvements at the park, a grass volleyball court is erected near the picnic pavilion. Kayak racks are being installed. Six new tennis courts will be in place by early August.

The City logo could be revised.

"Times have changed," says Councilman Patrick Petz. "We should have a new logo that shows what our city is all about."

### June

Residents owning corner lots are asked to clear shrubs, trees and walls that block the views of drivers at intersections.

Ideas floated for a new marina at Neff Park become more grounded as City engineering consultants prepare specifications for contractors.

Construction will begin in October with demolition of existing docks and dredging.

The new marina will feature adjustable finger docks to accommodate changing lake levels.

### July

City police arrest a 17-year-old Detroit male for robbing a Mack Avenue service station at gunpoint.

During the holdup, the gunman waits on a customer who mistakes him for an attendant.

A Michigan Tax Tribunal judge rules that Neff Park is subject to state and county taxes.

Judge Michael Stimpson rules that the park doesn't qualify as public because it isn't open to all residents of the state according to the Michigan General Property Tax Act.

In a sign of the times, the City's logo is updated. The new design pays homage to Lake St. Clair and the clock trellis spanning Kercheval in the Village.

### August

Arts and crafts classes are offered to children at Neff Park.

"My kids love it," said Dana Rabaut of the City.

### September

Six candidates file for four seats on the city council.

Incumbents Larry Dowers and Stephen Sholty are joined in the race by challengers Dick Clarke, Anne Ryan, John Stempfle and G. John Stevens. Veteran councilman Peter LaFond is not seeking reelection.

In most cases, a vacant former department store would be considered an eyesore. But the new owners of the former Jacobson's building in the Village have maintained the property so well it wins the City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Commission's sole commercial building ward.

The building's owners are applauded for allowing local merchants to feature wares in the structure's large display windows.

### October

Construction begins on the new marina at Neff Park.

The design will result in 160 wells, with the average slip size increasing from 25 to 30 feet. Other improvements include a dry pipe fire suppression system, new lighting, enhanced power stations and a floating kayak launch site.

The master planning process enters the approval stage.

Highlights include allowing three story development along St. Clair between Kercheval and Maumee, eliminating a dedicated two-family district and creating a low-density large lot district to preserve large estates.

Patrick Petz resigns after serving 10 years on the

city council. His replacement will be appointed after the November election.

Petz is moving to St. Clair Shores.

### November

Three newcomers achieve seats on the city council.

G. John Stevens, John Stempfle and Richard Clarke beat a fellow first-time candidate Anne Ryan and two incumbents, Larry Dowers and Stephen Sholty.

Russell Ethridge wins reelection to municipal judge by a 3:2 margin.

Dale Scrace runs unopposed for another term as mayor.

Steven Sholty receives unanimous appointment to his old seat on the city council. Council members unanimously choose Sholty to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Patrick Petz.

### December

A Detroit man arrested for home invasion is sent downtown for what could be the final trial of his life.

If found guilty, the 42-year-old career criminal could be sentenced to life in prison.

Rev. Robert Wright of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in the Farms becomes the City public safety department's first chaplain.

The city council announces increased boat well fees for the upcoming season at the new Neff Park marina.

Year-to-year rate comparisons are difficult because the new marina has different sized wells than last year. But new rates range from \$550 to \$1,400 depending on boat size.

## Beautification up, tax rate down in Shores during 2003

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

During 2003, Grosse Pointe Shores received statewide recognition for improvements to Osius Park.

On a regional note, trustees joined with a handful of eastside communities to investigate alternatives to buying water from Detroit.

But the hottest news at the local level was lowering the property tax rate.

As the year neared its end, public safety officers were outfitted with Taser stun guns. The weapons are used to control violent offenders without resorting to lethal force.

Village representatives also initiated a successful public awareness campaign to dramatize the potential impact of the emerald ash borer.

### January

Grosse Pointe Shores trustees allocate up to \$16,000 for its harbor committee to conduct a survey of the municipal marina.

"We're going to ask residents if they have a boat, where they keep it docked; what they would like to see different at the marina; or what it will take to have

them dock their boats there," says Karl Kratz, trustee and chairman of the harbor committee.

### February

Boat well fees increase 3 percent, from \$2.18 per square foot to \$2.25 per square foot.

"We raised fees to put money away for future projects," says Mike Kenyon, Village superintendent. "We have some Fiberglass walls that are in desperate need of repair."

The Shores saves \$200,000 by refinancing its sewer bond.

Shores Municipal Court asks scofflaws to ante up overdue traffic fines.

Julie Moore, a court administrator, said \$8,000 of more than \$64,000 in overdue fines have been recovered in response to a letter writing campaign.

Young and aggressive Shores public safety officers are credited with making more drunken driving arrests in 2002 than 2001.

The assessment accompanies the annual public safety wrapup.

### March

"I can leave the Shores, but the Shores will never

leave me."

With that, John Huetteman III resigns from the Shores Township board of trustees. Huetteman will move to St. Clair Shores.

Huetteman also was president of Grosse Pointe Shores from 1993 until 2002. He decided not to run for reelection because of an increasing workload as director of client services of Acosta Sales and Marketing. Huetteman served on the Village council from 1985 to 1993 and the planning commission from 1983 to 1985.

### April

Five Shores homeowners along Lakeshore file a joint permit application with the state Department of Environmental Quality to have about 125,000 cubic yards of accretion removed from the shoreline north of Osius Park.

Public works employees will attempt to take a bite out of mosquitoes this spring by lacing catch basins with larvicide briquettes.

Catch basins are believed to be prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which transmit West Nile virus from birds to humans

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## Right to vote a big issue in Grosse Pointe Farms in 2003

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The Joseph Amendment dominated political doings in Grosse Pointe Farms during 2003.

The measure by Councilwoman Therese Joseph brought about the direct election of mayor. Previously, the city's top job had been decided by a vote among members of the city council.

Also new to city was the reappearance of Peter Waldmeir. The veteran councilman was returned to office after a short hiatus.

Gone forever from city hall, however, was Rich Solak. After 31 years of civil service, Solak retired as city manager. Assistant city manager Shane Reeside was promoted to fill the vacancy.

## January

■ Ronald Kneiser, a nine-year veteran of the Farms city council, is named by fellow council members to serve the remaining term of former Farms Mayor Edward Gaffney.

Gaffney was elected recently as the Pointes' Republican representative to the state House.

■ Four public safety officers express interest in forming a dive team and shore patrol to extend safety patrols into Lake St. Clair.

■ A minus-5 degree wind chill doesn't prevent 350 people from attending Winterfest at Pier Park.

■ Former Councilman Peter Waldmeir adds his name to be among 10 residents interested in filling the city council seat vacated by former Mayor Edward Gaffney.

## February

■ After a 33-year hiatus, Robert Herdegen rejoins the Farms city council.

Herdegen is appointed to fill the vacancy left by Edward Gaffney, who now represents the Pointes and

Harper Woods in the state House.

Herdegen, 83, has lived in the Farms since 1929. He served on the council from 1968 to 1970.

"I'm delighted to serve on the council once again," he says. "This will be my swan song."

■ Farms officials embark on plans for a better, if not bigger, recreation building at Pier Park.

A firm is hired to design two building options — one story and two-story — evoking the atmosphere of a lodge or clubhouse.

■ A faulty fireplace is believed the cause of a four-alarm fire that destroys a home on Tonnancour Place. The fire takes place on a sub-freezing night during which mist from fire hoses forms layers of ice on firefighters' helmets and nearby shrubs and trees.

## March

■ Council members pass an anti "big foot" ordinance to prevent oversized houses from being squeezed onto lots.

The ordinance expands side yard setbacks for taller homes — for every foot or partial foot a house is built taller than 25 feet, side yard setbacks are increased one foot.

■ Major crime in the Farms fell to the lowest rate in the last two decades in 2002, according to the annual public safety summary released this month.

The drop in major crime is reflected in a 14 percent decline in property crime, which comprises more than 99.9 percent of major crime in the Farms.

## April

■ A nearly \$35,000 contract is issued for an architectural feasibility study of an activity center at Pier Park.

Among other things, the study will determine if it is best to renovate the park's existing recreation at a cost

of \$350,000 or build a new, two-story facility for at least \$2 million.

## May

■ Kate, a 2-year-old border collie, begins her career as a goose chaser at Pier Park.

Kate is bought by the Farms from a special breeder in Virginia who trains dogs to clear geese from unwanted areas.

■ The city council approves a balanced budget that includes a 1.4 mill, or 2 percent, tax cut from the year before.

"In an era of state revenue sharing cuts, increased federal and state mandates, low interest rates and a sluggish economy, I am grateful that, working together, the city administration and council have been able to continue to upgrade city services while reducing the tax rate," says Mayor Ron Kneiser.

■ A splash pad opens at Pier Park.

■ In a document that will become forever known as the Joseph Amendment, Councilwoman Therese Joseph puts her faith in Farms voters to elect their own mayor.

Her proposal would end the practice of Farms council members selecting the mayor among colleagues.

## June

■ The Joseph Amendment, a proposed ballot referendum for a Farms charter amendment to allow the direct election of mayor, clears its first hurdle on the way to the November ballot.

Council member Therese Joseph requires only one week to collect 575 signatures to support the proposed ballot referendum.

## July

■ Parking meter fines are increased in an effort to curb repeat offenders. First-time violators face a \$10 fine. Drivers will pay \$50 for each offense if ticket-

ed seven or more times per year.

■ Repeat offenders are especially problematic around Grosse Pointe South High School and the Hill," says traffic control officer Lt. Brian Bilinski.

■ Contractors install a five-foot-wide stamped asphalt walkway in the alley on the west side of Kercheval on the Hill. When finished, the pavement will look like bricks.

Stamped asphalt is strong enough to be driven on but is far less expensive than installing brick pavers.

## August

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial receives a \$150,000 challenge grant to build an elevator for the Alger House and Fries Auditorium.

"One of our biggest concerns is with our patrons who have a hard time getting from the auditorium to the ballroom and to the second floor and basement of the Alger House," says Mark Weber, president of the War Memorial.

The project's total cost is projected to be \$650,000.

■ For the first time in a dozen years, the beach at Pier Park offers a summer not dominated by harmful bacteria.

Part of the reason may be a new aeration system designed to recirculate the water twice per day.

■ Farms public safety officers begin training on their department's new fire truck. The truck is outfitted with a ladder that extends 100 feet.

"We needed a 100-foot truck — not for the height of our buildings — but because of the reach from the street," says Lt. Jack Patterson.

## September

■ For the first time, Farms voters will be able to voice their preferences for mayor.

An ordinance, passed in July allows council incumbents and candidates to be

nominated for a two-year term for mayor in a general election. The top vote-getter will then be appointed mayor by the council at its first meeting following the election.

■ Running for mayor are council incumbents James Farquhar Jr., Terry Davis and Therese Joseph along with council challenger Joseph Leonard.

■ More than 600 participants raise \$15,000 during the Sunrise Rotary's Grosse Pointe Run.

The event raises \$4,000 more than last year. Money will be distributed to numerous organizations.

■ For the first time in its 28 years, the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade will include the Farms as well as its traditional host, the City.

Marchers will step off on Kercheval at Lewiston and continue down Kercheval to the Village.

■ Rich Solak, Farms city manager, announces plans to retire at the end of the year. Solak has worked for the Farms 31 years.

■ State and university forestry officials tour the Farms to learn of the city's preventive efforts to ward off the invading emerald ash borer.

Ash borers have killed millions of tree in southeast Michigan. But no city-owned ash in the Farms has died that was injected with a powerful pesticide.

## October

■ Mayor Ron Kneiser attends his last regularly scheduled meeting of the Farms city council.

Kneiser's decision to retire marks the end of his decade of elected service to the community. Kneiser served as a councilman prior to being named mayor in January upon then-mayor Edward Gaffney's shift to Lansing as state representative.

■ The head of the Wayne County Sheriff's

Department marine division rates last summer's collaboration with Farms public safety officers as "absolutely fantastic."

It was the first season the two agencies teamed up to patrol Lake St. Clair between Nine Mile and the Grosse Pointe Park/Detroit border.

## November

■ James Farquhar Jr. wins his first term as mayor by a whopping majority.

Voted to the city council are incumbent Therese Joseph, former councilman Peter Waldmeir and first-timers Joseph Leonard and Douglas Roby.

Fran Schonenberg, an incumbent, is not returned to office.

■ Farms voters support the Joseph Amendment to elect the mayor by a popular vote.

■ The city council passes an ordinance to regulate the intensity of outdoor lighting. The measure is intended to prevent one person's lights from shining on another person's property.

## December

■ Grosse Pointe Farms is chosen to host the Junior League of Detroit's show house for the second year in a row.

This show house will be located in the 100 block of Lothrop. Farms officials design a parking plan they say will reduce traffic tie-ups.

■ Farms officials arrange to sell a house on McKinley the city was forced to acquire through a court order.

The city wound up owning the property after the city council failed two years ago to expand a parking lot behind the Punch and Judy building on the Hill.

■ Retiring City Manager Richard Solak and former council member Fran Schonenberg are honored with city council resolutions.

## Grosse Pointe Park closes some doors, opens others in 2003

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park saw some doors (rather streets) close and many new doors open in 2003, including the following:

## Council loses longtime member

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council and its residents felt the loss of Mayor Pro Tem Vernon Ausherman, who died of complications of cancer on Jan. 24.

During his 20 years on the council, Ausherman was instrumental in transforming lower Jefferson from a warren of tired auto dealerships and service stations into a cosmopolitan suburban gateway of condominiums, professional buildings and landscaped pocket parks.

Ausherman was also credited with helping combine the police and fire services into a public safety department.

"I am and always will be a fan of his," said Mayor Palmer Heenan. "He's one of the most unsung heroes I've ever met."

The council voted Robert Denner to fill Ausherman's vacancy on the council in February. Denner served as a trustee of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation for 10 years. He was elected back to the council in November along with uncontested incumbents Greg Theokas and Daniel Clark.

Theokas was elected by the council to serve as mayor pro tem for the remainder of Ausherman's term.

A clock tower built in 2000 in a pocket park on Jefferson was dedicated in Ausherman's memory in November.

## Cops close 4 Detroit drug houses

Twice this year, Grosse Pointe Park public safety detectives worked with the Detroit Police Violent Crimes Task Force in busting drug houses in Detroit.

In March, detectives helped crack down on a house on Lakeview north of Warren. Seven local residents, raving in age from 15 to 19, were cited for buying marijuana at the location.

In early December, two houses on Kilbourne near Hayes and another at an undisclosed location were raided by the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team after a three-week investigation. The search turned up a pound of marijuana, some pills and cocaine, and four guns. Detectives made several undercover drug purchases and cited youths from five area municipalities.

The Park conducted the investigations after learning local youths were purchasing drugs at those locations.

Public Safety Director David Hiller came under some criticism for focusing department efforts outside of the Park. However, he said: "The potential for danger out there is unbelievable. These people don't play by the rules, and our kids have no concept of what they're getting into."

## Center of attention

Grosse Pointe Park took the center of attention as the Paul and Dolores Lavins Activity Building opened at Windmill Pointe Park on Memorial Day weekend.

The ambitious project, built around the former bathhouse, includes a fitness center, theater, atrium and lounge, all designed to

create a venue for year-round activities.

A number of Park residents helped pay for 1/3 of the \$3.2 million building through donations to the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. In addition to the Lavins, substantial gifts were made by John and Elizabeth Stevens, Ken and Deborah Meade, Dr. Clark Okulski, Pat and Patricia McKeever, Robert and Nancy Denner, Joe Acheson, Ron Milner and Patricia Hefler.

"It's a beautiful facility," Paul Lavins said. "We wanted to leave something to the community so everybody could enjoy it."

Other park improvements included a human sundial at Patterson Park. Construction is now underway for a splash pad at Patterson Park, which is expected to be open to children of all ages Memorial Day weekend in 2004.

## New library under construction

Ground was broken at the end of July for a new 15,000-square-foot library at Lakepointe and Jefferson.

The library, scheduled to open in October 2004, will include a tower marking the library entrance to a sky-lighted lobby that will form a "welcoming point," a reading room replete with a trussed ceiling and exposed wooden beams, a fireplace with nearby nooks and crannies for quiet contemplation, and eyebrow windows inspired by the upper windows of Grand Central Station.

Architect Eric Ward, of David Milling & Associates, said the facility "will be a place for everyone — quiet and invigorating. A place with uplift, spaciousness and grandeur."

## St. Paul closed at Alter

Grosse Pointe Park officials officially closed St. Paul at the Detroit city limits in July after receiving complaints of high traffic by numerous residents.

Much of the traffic reportedly came from people avoiding the main thoroughfares to bypass traffic lights. There were other complaints of cars not being driven fast enough and abandoned cars at the Detroit border blocking sight lines.

## Park buys speed trailer

The long arm of the law

was lengthened in Grosse Pointe Park when the city council approved the purchase of a speed trailer in July.

The trailer is being used to monitor speed and record traffic counts.

The goal is to "encourage people to slow down," said City Manager Dale Krajniak.

"It would be really helpful in school areas," said Public Safety Director David Hiller.

## No contest

Grosse Pointe Park council members Daniel Clark, Robert Denner and Greg Theokas and Mayor Palmer Heenan didn't experience

much of an election season as they ran unopposed for their seats in the November general election.

## The Ark sets sail

After four years of construction, St. Ambrose Catholic Church's new gathering center, the Ark, officially opened at the beginning of November.

The 7,000-square-foot underground center features a meeting/dining space and a catering kitchen. It was designed to complement but not compete with the 70-plus-year-old neo Gothic church in the lower end of Grosse Pointe Park.

## Shores

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and horses.

## May

■ Rain interferes with getting Osius Park ready for summer.

"We're trying to get the pool painted between rain drops," said Jim Cooke, director of parks and recreation.

## June

■ The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department admits overcharging the Shores \$110,000 since 1986. Refunds will trickle back to the community during the next three months.

■ Surveys are mailed to residents asking how they use, or don't use, the village harbor.

■ A rise in housing values combined with unanticipated revenues allow the village council to reduce taxes by .05 mill.

The cut won't match the rise in taxable home values. A homeowner whose property has a taxable value of

\$250,000 will pay approximately \$39 more in property tax this year.

■ Some lakeside Shores residents may get relief from overgrown vegetation thriving on their property along the accreted shoreline.

Legislation signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm allows property owners to apply for a beach maintenance permit from the Department of Environmental Quality.

The legislation doesn't change the course of action by five Lakeshore residents who are seeking a dredging permit to remove accretion.

## July

■ Six drunken males, four from Grosse Pointe Woods, destroy a 15-year-old tree and damage two others during an early morning bout of beer-bolstered vandalism on the landscaped shoreline of Lakeshore.

■ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's new 25-meter, eight-lane swimming pool is judged a success during opening ceremonies.

## August

■ Reports from Osius Park include high attendance at swimming events and the many programs offered through the parks and recreation department.

## September

■ A communications company wants to outfit the Shores with an infrastructure to handle high-speed wireless technology.

## October

■ Osius Park wins Keep Michigan Beautiful's highest award, the President's Plaque, for the new walkway and Huetteman garden.

Construction of the walkway was funded mostly by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

## November

■ Trustees agree to help fund a study of the costs and benefits of breaking away from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

See SHORES, page 11A

## LTS: Wall Street, you've done very well in 2003!

Last week, the markets were marking time, awaiting this week's Times Square party introducing 2004! Volume through last Friday was dismal, but prices rose a wee bit.

The Dow rose 46 points, ending at 10,325. The Nasdaq Composite crept up 22 points, closing at 1,096.

Wall Street's consensus has never been so unanimous. The media and TV commentators are all parrotting the same song. Even the chorus seems to be singing in unison.

Where are all the dissidents? Are all the bears hospitalized with laryngitis, or worse?

One TV host already gave President Bush a second term — if the election were held today. "A little more in 2004" was the Noel refrain.

Market wise, are we seeing the beginning of another "Tulip Bubble"? Or will we sober up after the holidays?

Mathematicians say that the "momentum" of an object will continue in the same direction until it meets an equal or greater opposite force.

With the Federal Reserve printing money and credit, most economists look for the 1 percent Fed Funds rate to continue through mid-2004.

The U.S. dollar is expected to continue to drift lower. Some money gurus expect China and the Pacific Rim to continue reinvesting

their export dollars in U.S. Treasury and Agency securities. After getting burned in the 1980s, they're still scared of the U.S. stock market and U.S. real estate market.

Some merger and acquisition experts are expecting their activity to pick up in 2004, as Europeans come shopping for U.S. corporations with their inflated Euros.

Also look for an influx of European and Pacific Rim visitors this year, as U.S. vacations are now available to them at bargain prices.

### 'LTS' Top 5'

What's needed to achieve "LTS' Top 5"? Years of consistent growth of 1) year-end market prices and 2) annual cash dividend increases.

Long-term investors don't watch daily closing stock prices, but they demand annual dividend increases in excess of inflation. They also expect superior price performance.

"If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, odds are it is a duck!" So, too, is the consistency of "LTS' Top 5."

For stocks at the Top 5 level, don't expect frequent management changes and don't expect divestitures, spin-offs or restructurings. No surprises!

Where are all the old-growth stock favorites: Microsoft; Intel and General Electric? They all

## Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



flunked LTS' required consistency of year-end stock price increases!

Wouldn't you like a small portfolio of stocks that went up in price each and every year-end, even during the crash of 2000, 2001 and 2002?

A brief description of "LTS' Top 5" stocks follows.

No. 1: Stryker Corp. (SYK, about 82.38 last Friday, yield 0.3 percent, and P/E 39x) is discussed here last week. Its eight-year market price increased over 500 percent, nothing short of phenomenal (about 75 percent per year compounded, with never a year-end down tick).

No. 2: Anheuser-Busch (BUD, about 52.44, yield 1.7 percent, and P/E 21x) is the steady turtle climbing the mountain, year in and year out.

No. 3: Applebee's International is a surprise (APPB on Nasdaq, about 38.57, yield 0.2 percent, and P/E 24x). APPB is a national franchised restaurant operator, often located in the suburbs. In a very crowded field, it has been doing everything right for its shareholders.

No. 4: Sysco Corp. (SY, about 36.73, yield 1.4 percent, and P/E 30x) is a major national food service provider to wholesalers, grocery chains and institutions, including hospitals, nursing homes, college dormitories, the military services and prisons. You've seen their 18-wheelers everywhere on I-94, I-75, etc.

No. 5 is another surprise, old faithful Avon Products (AVP, about 66.93, yield 1.3 percent, and P/E 27x), the ladies' cosmetic, jewelry, gifts and health products company.

AVP fields 3.9 million independent Avon representatives, with global sales (by percent): North America, 39; Latin America, 28; Europe, 20 and Pacific, 13. These ladies keep on scoring new records each year!

LTS was amazed how these Top 5 qualified, based on a technical analysis of their consecutive annual dividend increases and their higher year-end market prices each and every year, including 2003!

Most analysts will agree that none of the Top 5 is "cheap" at today's prices and an arithmetical average

yield of 1 percent and a current P/E of 28x.

But how often have you looked back and said, "I wish I had purchased that stock when it was 50, but it looked too expensive?"

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. "Let's Talk Stocks" is sponsored by the following Grosse Pointe investment-related firms: John M. Rickel CPA, P.C. and Rickel & Baun P.C.

Stock Market at a Glance	
Friday Close, 12/26/03	
Dow Jones Ind.	10,325
Nasdaq Comp.	1,096
S&P 500 Index	1,096
\$ in EUROS	1.2429
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	32.86
Gold (Oz.)	412.30
3-Mo. T-Bills	0.85%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.97%

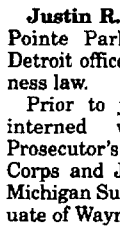
## Business People



Goudie

Katherine Donohue Goudie, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, has joined the Detroit office of Butzel Long practicing in the area of business and commercial litigation.

Goudie is a 2003 graduate of University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law where she was a member of the Justice Frank Murphy Honor Society, served on the Moot Court Board of Directors, and was the symposium editor for the University of Detroit-Mercy Law Review. She also received the State Bar of Michigan Negligence Law Section Award for trial advocacy.



Peruski

Justin R. Peruski, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, has joined Butzel Long's Detroit office practicing in the area of business law.

Prior to joining Butzel Long, Peruski interned with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, the U.S. Army JAG Corps and Justice Robert P. Young of the Michigan Supreme Court. He is a 2003 graduate of Wayne State University Law School.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has named Curtis A. Hertel Sr., former Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, to the Michigan State Waterways Commission.

The commission is responsible for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of recreational harbors, channels, docking and launching facilities and administration of commercial docks in the Straits of Mackinac.

Hertel currently serves as the executive director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. Hertel resides in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Morrison

Lisa Morrison has joined The Bank of Grosse Pointe as a branch manager.

Morrison will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the personal banking office.

Morrison has 20 years experience in the private banking industry. She most recently held the position of relationship banker at Bank One in the City of Grosse Pointe. Morrison lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

Bill Dementer has been named add-on replacement manager by Flame Furnace Co.

As add-on replacement manager, Dementer will be responsible for all aspects of serving clients who need to modify existing HVAC and electrical systems.

Dementer has worked for Flame for 30 years. He is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Clark Hill member Peter D. Holmes was elected secretary/treasurer of the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Holmes leads the Southeastern Michigan environmental law practice at Clark Hill, where he handles a broad range of state and federal environmental counseling, permitting, enforcement and litigation matters. He is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

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## Is an extended car warranty right for you?

By Mary Davis

My first new automobile out of college was a spiffy 4-cylinder Nissan truck with air conditioning and a radio/tape deck — two essentials for a young desert dweller.

"What it lacks in size it makes up for in personality," the pint-sized salesman said when he handed me the keys.

He failed to inform me of my truck's personality disorder.

Four months into my ownership it began making a knocking noise when I accelerated. When a higher grade of gasoline didn't solve the problem, I took it in to the dealership for service.

The technician told me the truck had defective pistons and they would have to rebuild the engine. The truck was in the shop for more than a week.

And while the repairs cost me nothing, because the truck was under factory warranty, I still had to shell out a couple of hundred dollars for a rental car.

Had the truck needed this extensive — and expensive — work after the 36,000-mile factory warranty expired, an extended warranty would have significantly reduced my out of pocket costs.

An extended warranty is a service contract that covers the cost of unforeseen repairs after the factory warranty expires. They generally can be bought at the time of purchase, or a week, month or years into your ownership. But they're not for everyone.

If, for example, you anticipate keeping your new car only two or three years, and plan to drive it fewer than 15,000 miles each year, there's little need to buy an extended warranty. Any

repairs will likely be covered by the factory warranty.

Likewise, you may not need an extended warranty if you plan to purchase a certified, pre-owned vehicle.

Some manufacturers will extend the terms of the original factory warranty on certified vehicles or offer their own bumper-to-bumper and powertrain warranties.

Ask the dealership what kinds of warranties your certified auto comes with, which repairs are covered and how long the warranties last.

Extended warranties begin the day you buy them, not when your factory warranty runs out.

So you'll be paying for double warranty protection for at least three years, maybe longer depending on how long your factory warranty is.

### When to consider an extended warranty

If you plan to keep your car for more than three years, or are buying a used car with an expired factory warranty, you may want to look into an extended warranty.

There are two kinds of plans: a manufacturer-backed plan and an aftermarket plan, which is underwritten by an independent warranty company. If you buy the manufacturer's plan, you can take your automobile to any authorized dealership across the country.

Though aftermarket plans are generally less expensive than manufacturers' plans, they sometimes stipulate that you must bring your automobile to the dealership that sold you the plan. If you ultimately decide on an aftermarket warranty, check

the company's performance rating with Standard and Poor's.

The markup on some warranties can be as much as 100 percent. If the dealership is pushing a particular brand, they could have a financial interest in the transaction.

Ask for information about all plans they offer and base your decision on the kind of coverage that best meets your needs.

One more thing, you don't have to purchase an extended warranty through your dealer. Shop around for plans.

Here are some additional issues to consider when selecting a plan.

- Which repairs are covered?

Knowing what's covered and what's not is essential when you're considering an extended warranty. Inquire if the warranty will cover only parts that break or if it covers both breakage and wear and tear.

Under a "break down" policy, only parts that break are considered covered repairs. Conversely, a "wear and tear" plan extends coverage to parts that stop functioning because of excess wear.

- Is cash required for repairs?

Some aftermarket warranties require you to pay for the repairs up front and submit a receipt, and the warranty company reimburses you later. In addition, they'll sometimes send a representative out to inspect your vehicle before they approve a repair. With a manufacturer's plan, except for the deductible, you won't have to pay up front for a covered repair.

- What is your deductible?

The deductible is the amount of money you con-

tribute toward the repair, and it's generally \$0, \$50 or \$100. When you're deciding on a deductible, consider not only the amount, but if it's a per repair deductible or per visit deductible.

For example, if your plan is set up where you pay a \$100 deductible per repair, and you have to have your alternator, fuel pump and radiator replaced, you'll pay \$300-\$200 more than you would had you opted for a per visit deductible.

- Are there maintenance requirements?

Find out what routine maintenance you must perform on the vehicle, where the maintenance must be done, and whether you have to cover the cost. Be sure to keep all of your service receipts.

If there is ever any dispute over whether you made the routine maintenance, you'll have the paperwork to back it up.

- How long does the coverage last and what's the mileage limit?

Before you sign an extended warranty contract, find out how long your coverage lasts. Some warranties will expire when your odometer turns over 100,000 miles.

Once you decide on the warranty, you'll likely be offered different levels of coverage based on the amount of time you plan to keep your car, or the number of miles you think you'll put on the car.

For example, if you plan to keep your car for five years but drive it extensively in that period, you'll want a different level of coverage than if you keep your car for 10 years but just drive it around town.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League.

## Tax training offered to help low-income families

Become a tax volunteer for VAST of Michigan (VAST-MI) and help low-income families.

Last year the average tax return prepared by a VAST-MI volunteer averaged \$960 per family — more than 10 percent of its total household income.

Interested volunteers are asked to sign up now for free training that begins in January at Oakland University, Rochester; Wayne State University,

Detroit; Ford World Headquarters, Dearborn; Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills; University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn; Masco Corporation, Taylor; and the VAST of Michigan office, Detroit.

All tax classes and computer workshops are designed to provide volunteers with the proper level of training based on previous knowledge of individual tax issues and tax preparation

software experience. With quality, free tax preparation assistance, eligible people can claim every tax benefit they are entitled, and keep all of their refund rather than pay fees to commercial preparers.

Once trained, VAST-MI volunteers can work at one of more than 20 locations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties including libraries, community centers and social service agencies. Volunteers are asked to

commit to working at least three Saturdays or weekday evenings during late January through mid-April tax season.

Volunteers can sign up as a group for tax training, then work together at the same location during the tax season.

For more information or to register, call Mary Gallagher Beels at (313) 647-9620, extension 202 or visit the agency's Web site at vastmi.org.



# Hope and community lighted the way for HW in 2003

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The year 2003 for Harper Woods was full of family and community, learning and progress and hope and anticipation about the future. The city is contemplating many plans to make Harper Woods achieve what Mayor Ken Poynter often terms a renaissance. Discussion about a new city web site, a transformed Kelly Road, a refurbished Salter Park and a new community center filled the community leaders' minds.

The library is set for expansion and renovation with the passage of a \$3.1 million bond last November.

While plans for the construction of new schools was deemed too costly by Harper Woods voters in a bond election last September, the district is hopeful some renovation to the schools might take place sometime in the future. Classes, activities and service projects at the schools broadened the hearts and minds of both teachers and students.

With love and fervor for their community, Harper Woods residents have made the community in 2003 a place many affectionately call home.

## January

The city of Harper Woods plans to revamp the parking on Kelly Road, but some businesses on the street like Dollar House and Harper Woods Physicians are not pleased. Though the parking bays will be widened by 10 feet by extending the median, approximately 80 parking spaces will be lost.

The Harper Woods City Council drafted a resolution opposing Comcast rate increases, which will jump from \$10.70 to \$13.24. Sergeant Dennis Root, dispatcher Donna Root and Sergeant Jim Burke were awarded citations for their efforts in apprehending armed robber Ryan Earle. Dennis Root was accidentally shot in the leg and Earle died.

Folk singers sing at the library's "Family Adventure Show." Simultaneously, the library partnered with Gleaners Community Food Bank of Detroit in a canned food drive. Harper Woods High School students studied jazz history, compiling reports on such greats as Billie Holiday and Charlie Parker. Seventh grade teacher June Teisan was named a National Board Certified Teacher, an emblem of professional teaching excellence.

The city planned to meet with the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss a time table for the refurbishment of Salter Park. In exchange for storage of their construction machinery, Midwest Construction agreed to upgrade worn parts of the park.

The city is considering whether to give money for the maintenance of Eastpointe's outside pool in exchange for the pool's use by Harper Woods residents. Four new names were placed on the Veterans Memorial plaque at the base of the flag pole in front of city hall. They are: Joseph C. Wiar, Jr., Malcolm A. MacAskill, Donald C. Cayan and Charles Beisswanger.

## February

Crime in Harper Woods decreased over the last four years. Some 2,158 crimes were reported in 2002 down from 3,053 in 1999.

Harper Woods residents were upset by a no-right-turn sign at the intersection of Allard and Harper, saying it pushes traffic onto their streets.

The city ponders selling the current community center, used mainly as a banquet hall, and wants to invest in a new one to be used for community activities like dance, theater and sports.

The city council allocated \$39,715 for Services for Older Citizens Minor Home Repair Program which offers home improvements like fixing a door bell, cutting grass and shoveling snow.

The Harper Woods school district offered tours of the schools as well as tax-calculating software in order to inform residents about the need for the \$41.98 million bond issue. The issue would raise Beacon and the Secondary School and build two new schools in their place.

The Tyrone Technology Group instructed students in how to use digital cameras and videotapes for the

creation of PowerPoint presentations.

## March

Detroit Piston Guard Chucky Atkins visited Eastland Center's Grand Court. Free Piston tickets and a Pistons jersey were given away.

Jennifer DeCoster hoped to garner the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year Award by raising money to fight cancer. Her boyfriend Keith Klempay died of leukemia in October 2001, and she fundraised in his memory.

The \$41.98 million Harper Woods bond issue calling for the building of two new schools failed by 25 votes. Proponents vowed to fight to get the issue back on the ballot in the fall.

Beacon Elementary third grader Elizabeth Drake won third place in a poetry contest sponsored by Cricket Magazine for her poem, "The Gift of Cheer."

## April

The city is looking into creating a Harper Woods web site that will include facts about the city, services offered, officials' e-mail addresses and tax records.

City Manager Jim Leidlein met with Kelly businesses to discuss the revamping of parking bays on the street. Leidlein thinks the city's plan will make the parking situation safer.

The Harper Woods Public Library sponsored an art lecture on the Michelangelo exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts by DIA docent Marlene Hamel.

Three Harper Woods High School students — sophomore James Slago, junior Josh Agattas and senior Chris Carolan — won awards in a drafting contest sponsored by the American Society of Body Engineers.

Harper Woods Middle School students participated in a career day in which eleven careers were showcased.

Harper Woods High School senior Stephanie Sturton shines as an artist. She received a scholarship to attend the Center for Creative Studies and was selected as a finalist for Wayne RESA's Student Purchase Award for her depiction of Edgar Degas' dancers.

The Foreign Language Club of Regina High School sponsored an International Day, celebrating peace makers like Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa and Jimmy Carter.

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Throngs gathered at the Veterans Memorial in Johnston Park, where new flag poles were erected, to celebrate Memorial day. Mayor Ken Poynter and Rep. Ed Gaffney spoke.

Police Chief Lawrence Semple gave exemplary service awards to Lt. Randolph Skotarczyk, Officer Jason Sakowski, Officer Caleb Ward, Sgt. Jim Burke and Sgt. Dennis Root. Detroit officers George and Jennifer Pajor were also honored.

The Rev. Samuel Jackson works on promoting understanding among members of

Harper Woods' diverse population in his role as a cultural and community liaison for Harper Woods schools and the Eastside Community Church's pastor.

Charlie Waldorf, head custodian for Tyrone Elementary, enlisted a group of people — dubbed Charlie's Angels — in the Grosse Pointe multiple sclerosis walk.

Harper Woods high schools named their valedictorians and salutatorians. A total of 17 young men and women were honored.

The Harper Woods school district tentatively scheduled a bond election for Sept. 29.

Three Beacon third graders — Leah Wilkins, Natasha Eklund and Elizabeth Drake — had their poems published in an anthology, "A Celebration of Young Poets."

## June

The Harper Woods Gardeners sponsored its third annual "Nature by Nurture" fundraising garden tour. Seven gardens were displayed with Ginny and Bill Parson's garden winning first place. Proceeds from the event benefited Services for Older Citizens.

The Harper Woods Dad's Club hosted its car show. Some 300 people attended, and a host of classic cars and hot rods were displayed.

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic church celebrated its 50th anniversary with a service ministered by Adam Cardinal Maida and a reception.

The city bought a new, more advanced ambulance. A 2003 Ford E-450, the ambulance contains more infrastructure for paramedics to deliver advanced life support.

The Harper Woods school district sponsored a picnic featuring hot dogs, costumes and face painting.

School board president James Dennis was reelected to the school board. He defeated Charles Garman III by a vote of 221 to 140.

Tom Cherry, instructor of drafting, design and computer-aided design at Harper Woods High School, was named the 2003 Harold J. Van Westrienen Master Teacher.

Beacon Elementary third graders corresponded with civil rights hero Ruby Bridges after reading a book about her.

The Harper Woods Board of Education passed an \$11 million budget, all while maintaining its current staff.

## July

The Michigan Koi and Pond Club hosted a pond tour in Harper Woods. Around 730 people attended, and nine ponds were displayed.

Rauhorn Electric dumped construction waste in Salter Park upsetting city officials. City Manager Jim Leidlein worked with the state transportation department to get the material removed.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land visited the Harper Woods Secretary of State office on Kelly with Representative Ed Gaffney to discuss how to enhance technological innovations.

The Harper Woods City Council agreed to place a \$3.1 million bond issue on the Nov. ballot to renovate the library.

The library celebrated the end of the summer reading club, "Laugh it Up at Your Library," with a picnic and show by entertainer Josh Casey.

Regina student Anna Kaczmarek was awarded the Prudential Spirit of Community Student Volunteer Award due to her work with the Catholic Youth Organization.

Teachers Linda Kelly and Natalie Parsons with assistant Lisa Boyd created a fun

and productive learning environment for their First Class summer school.

Physical education instructor and coach Carolyn Arthmire retires after 30 years of service.

## August

The library held a blood drive sponsored by the Red Cross. Mayor Ken Poynter, Rep. Ed Gaffney and library board chair Mary Kingstone were among the 47 people who gave blood.

Father Robert Keller, a minister of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic church, was named a colonel and assistant to the chaplain for air mobility command in the Air National Guard.

Black belt karate teacher Michael Schaefer teaches the ancient art of self-defense in the Beacon Elementary gymnasium.

The Harper Woods school board approved a resolution designating Sept. 29 as the date for a bond election. The issue will cost residents \$42.4 million and will raise Beacon, Tyrone and the Secondary School and build two new schools in their place. Danosky, new board president Dan Lusch and some parents support it saying it will enhance education, while other residents oppose the cost, which they say is inflated, and wonder why the schools can't be repaired.

## September

Library book clubs for children and adults span every emotion and conflict of the human landscape. Some books read include "Daughter of Fortune" by Isabel Allende and "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver.

Three Harper Woods City Council incumbents — Cheryl Costantino, Mike Monaghan and Hugh Marshall — will run against newcomers Paula Lancaster and Patrick Boland in the Nov. 4 election.

Chelsea Hook of Harper Woods Middle School, Amber Hudson of Trinity Catholic and Amanda Lanzon of Poupard Elementary received Safety Patrol Awards for their efforts in directing traffic.

Harper Woods Band Boosters hosted its Ninth Annual Band-O-Rama. Approximately 2,500 spectators watched 1,900 musicians perform.

The \$42.4 million bond issue was defeated by nearly 700 votes. The change in the issue from the previous one in March stipulating that Tyrone would be torn down and the property developed did not make a difference in voters' minds.

Bond foe Rob Sopchak, who distributed 1,120 absentee ballots, was pleased with the outcome, while supporters like Sue Hedemark and Margaret Wagner stoically accepted the defeat, albeit with disappointment.

## October

Mayor Ken Poynter will run uncontested for a fourth term as mayor. Born and raised in Harper Woods, Poynter is pleased with the institution of advanced life support, the creation of a city open house, the planning of Kelly Road, the repaving of Beaconsfield and the arrival of Lowes and Sears at Eastland Center.

The League of Women Voters sponsored a discussion among the five city council candidates: incumbents Cheryl Costantino, Hugh Marshall and Mike Monaghan and newcomers Patrick Boland and Paula Lancaster. Questions about Kelly Road, Eastland Center, the library and city services were debated.

The city paid out over \$500,000 in interest and principal payments for the operation of the Milk River Drain. The cost of the pump station, which chlorinates Harper Woods water as well as water from Grosse Pointe

Woods, will be paid off by 2012.

Sears opened a 143,000 square foot store employing 175 people. The store will offer a range of household and apparel goods.

Money coming from the state has dwindled since 2001. State revenue sharing was \$2.1 million in 2001 and is projected to be \$1.7 million. The city has a surplus of \$1.5 million, however, to cover the shortfall.

The city bought five new Crown Victoria Interceptor police cars for \$98,953.

Harper Woods High School celebrated Homecoming on a crisp, warm autumn day. Colorful floats traveled down Beaconsfield, and the football team competed against, and lost to, Lutheran North. The band and color guard performed during half time.

The Harper Woods Board of Education agreed to draft a survey to determine how much construction or renovation the community will support since the bond issue was defeated in September.

The Rev. Samuel Jackson has enlisted the help of the National Conference for Community and Justice to bolster its discussion and promotion of diversity.

## November

Mayor Ken Poynter was reelected in an uncontested race. Incumbents Cheryl Costantino, Mike Monaghan and Hugh Marshall were reelected to the city council defeating challengers Patrick Boland and Paula Lancaster. Costantino garnered the most votes — 1,447 — and was thus named the new mayor pro tem.

The \$3.1 million library renovation bond passed, with 1,089 voting for it and 925 opposing it. The bond will fund the library's expansion, enlarged meeting areas and modernized technology.

Lowes opens at Eastland Center, bringing in 400,000 in-stock products and 400,000 special order items for the home. Members of the city's police and fire departments discussed safety at the store in the first weeks of its opening.

Designer Stephen Saint-Onge from the show "While You Were Out" visited Home Depot, enthusing area shoppers.

Around 500 people gathered for the Harper Woods Tree Lighting Ceremony. Kayla and Joey Kettler turned on the switch that made the city glow. The Harper Woods High School jazz band played music.

The city sent a notice to the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores and Eastpointe inquiring whether dangerous adults have been approaching children. The notice was prompted by two young adults approaching a 12-year-old on Littlestone.

Traffic accidents on Woodcrest and Peerless and Roscommon opened the issue of whether to place more stop signs on busy intersections.

Beacon hosted the second annual Winterfest. Christmas gifts were on sale at the Jingle Bell shop, and ginger bread house kits were offered. Face painting and Santa Claus were also available.

Jelane Meehan's high school art students made a connection with senior residents of Park Place. Swapping stories about their lives and making the conversations into art, the project displayed the selflessness and compassion of the students and portends wonders for our country.

## Police Briefs

### Stolen car

On Friday, Dec. 26, a man said he parked his car in the 19200 block of West Vernier at 2:30 p.m. When he returned at 7 p.m., the vehicle was gone. The car was later found at a store in the 22000 block of Harper.

### Vehicle damage

A man said he parked his car in the 20900 block of Harper on Friday, Dec. 26. He later noticed damage to the car. The car was unlocked, and nothing of value was taken from it.

### Car damage, CDs taken

A woman's car was parked in her driveway in the 19800 block of Beaconsfield on Thursday, Dec. 25. She later noticed a damaged column and ignition, and 24 CDs were taken from the car.

### Stolen car recovered

On Saturday, Dec. 27, police observed a car illegally parked in the 19000 block of Woodcrest. Police checked the computer and found it was stolen out of Grosse Pointe Park. The vehicle had column damage, and the ignition was punched. The vehicle was impounded by Woods towing.

Projekt Gift, a home-grown Harper Woods rock band, plans to cut a CD. They play a wide swath of music including rock, jazz, hip hop and funk.

Jim Babcock will retire as principal of Harper Woods Secondary School at the end of the term. Mike Fenchel will replace him for the remainder of the 2003-2004 year.

Close to 50 non-profit and faith-based organizations participated in a service fair at Regina High School. Students from Harper Woods perused service possibilities they might want to become involved in.

## December

The city is considering whether to participate in a feasibility study for a new water treatment plant. The study would cost approximately \$150,000, and the plant would cost around \$243 million. Projections suggest the new plant will not save Harper Woods residents money.

Families participated in a family fun night organized by the city's Parks and Recreation department. Sleigh rides were offered, and reindeer were present.

Harper Woods residents and leaders were pleased Saddam Hussein was caught. They cited freedom for the Iraqi people as well as peace in the region as benefits of his capture.

The city is sponsoring a blanket drive administered by the Red Cross while the library is promoting a canned food drive in association with Gleaners Community Food Bank of Detroit.

The district received results from a construction/renovation study. A majority of residents opposed construction, while around 30 percent were in favor of some renovation with program improvements.

Eleventh grade students participated in a mock Salem witch trial. The event was held to show the evolution of our nation's court system as well as to highlight witch hunting crusades in American history.

Fourth and fifth graders scored above state averages on the MEAP test.

Harper Woods High School classes competed against each other in the Toys for Tots holiday toy drive. Games, stuffed animals and sports equipment were collected.

Beacon hosted the second annual Winterfest. Christmas gifts were on sale at the Jingle Bell shop, and ginger bread house kits were offered. Face painting and Santa Claus were also available.

Jelane Meehan's high school art students made a connection with senior residents of Park Place. Swapping stories about their lives and making the conversations into art, the project displayed the selflessness and compassion of the students and portends wonders for our country.

## Time went by quickly & slowly in the Woods in 2003

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Time either went by quickly or slowly in Grosse Pointe Woods in 2003 — depending on the issue.

### Health sidelines city administrator

City Administrator Ted Bidigare was sidelined for about six weeks to recuperate from heart-related problems in January and February.

City Comptroller Cliff Maison assumed Bidigare's responsibilities during his absence.

### Party pooper

Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski sat out on a \$10,700 party Mayor Robert Novitke threw for about 120 guests at a private club on Feb. 8.

The party, called the Community Appreciation Reception, is held annually to thank city commissioners and board members for their volunteer service.

"I have tried to estimate what it would cost us for services rendered with all of those commissions," Novitke said. "You're talking a lot of hours of dedication. This city should count itself lucky to have that number of people willing to give that kind of time. This is a thank you to them."

Chylinski was not unappreciative of the commissioners and board members; she suggested hosting the party at a municipal facility. In casting her lone dissenting vote for council approval on the expenditure, she said, "We have a beautiful community center here."

Thomas Farhner, who was not reelected to his council

seat in November, came back to the council after his defeat and urged the council members not to approve the expenditure for such a party in 2004.

### No 'right' turn

After two months, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council decided it made a wrong turn by approving a "no right turn" sign on Harper and Allard.

The council voted to take down the sign in early March after receiving complaints from Allard residents of the inconveniences of getting to their houses and neighbors on nearby streets who said they didn't appreciate the extra traffic that was being diverted off Allard.

Harper Woods police retaliated by writing 80 tickets for people disobeying "no right turn" signs posted on Harper at Manchester, Wildwood and Parkcrest — the three streets north of Allard.

The "no right turn" sign at Allard was posted after complaints of vehicular volume and speed by some Allard residents.

### New PWC docks

Grosse Pointe Woods converted two unusable boat wells into 16 personal watercraft docks at its Lake Front Park this past summer.

The docks were previously unusable because they did not have electrical and water service and were awkwardly placed near the pedestrian bridge over the Milk River.

The floatable docks rented for \$450 per season, which netted an additional \$7,200

in boat well fees in 2003.

### Water main project breaks ground

Grosse Pointe Woods completed the first two phases of its Mack water main project in November.

Work began in April on Phases I and II of the project, which extended from the north city limits to Oxford.

About 1 1/4 miles of 50 to 75-year-old cast and ductile iron pipe was replaced with high-density polyethylene pipe, most of which was bored under Mack's grassy medians.

Although engineers and construction crews encountered some problems on the project, such as breaks in the old main from directional drilling and running into uncharted gas and phone lines, nearby businesses said they were rarely inconvenienced by the project.

"Except for the one or two days when they were working in front of a business, I never saw any big tie-ups," said Antoinette DiClemente, incoming president of the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association, which represents businesses along Mack. "And if you needed water for a day, they brought it in with a truck. With previous projects, they would've said, 'Sorry, honey, that's the way it is.'"

The Woods also contracted Bon Secours Cottage Health System Public Relations Manager Jan Duster to keep businesses and nearby residents informed of construction updates through a newsletter, town meetings and the city's Web site.

Mack water main construction will resume from

Oxford to the south city limits in the spring.

### Signs of the times

After nearly two years of deliberation, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved a new 25-page sign ordinance in May.

The new ordinance covers such areas as neon signs, sandwich boards, approved colors and fonts and mansard roof signs — issues which still clog the planning commission and zoning board of appeals agendas.

### Hit the road

Owners of mobile homes, boats, trailers and automobiles stored under tarps outside were told to hit the road in Grosse Pointe Woods in July.

The city council passed an ordinance that prohibited the storage of such vehicles on residential property — even for the two dozen holders of permits that allowed them to store such vehicles on their properties.

The council passed the measure, saying the practice created an eyesore.

Residents were given 20 days to remove such vehicles from their properties. Permits granting such storage were set to be terminated after one year.

### Mayor pro tempest in a teapot

Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Pro Tem Eric Steiner announced in August he was not seeking reelection on the Woods city council.

Steiner ended his 10 years of service by following promises to place senior housing in the Woods, improving Lake Front Park and keeping the budget balanced.

However, Steiner expressed frustration over council inaction of issues such as approval of a new library at Mack and Vernier and whether or not to allow gun hobbyists to return to the Woods gun range, which was temporarily closed to the public in January.

Steiner's absence and voter dissatisfaction with council members Joseph Dansbury and Thomas Farhner propped the door open for three new council newcomers in the November general election: Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher.

Newcomer Reynolds was instrumental in casting a nomination for Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski to serve as mayor pro tem, which was unanimously passed by the council in mid-November.

Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce kept her seat on the bench by overwhelmingly

defeating challenger Donn Fresard.

### Ordinances, council members on line

Instead of renting a 6-inch book of ordinances, Grosse Pointe Woods residents can now find the information they need with a few clicks of a button.

The Woods added its ordinances to its Web site in August through a link to the Municipal Code Coordination. Specific codes can be found by entering a keyword.

The service, which costs the city \$350 per year, is expected to pay for itself. Staff will no longer have to deal with the paperwork of updating volumes of bound information.

The Woods added some council member e-mail and Web site links onto its Web site in December.

The Woods' Web site is [www.ci.grosse-pointe-woods.mi.us](http://www.ci.grosse-pointe-woods.mi.us).

### New library checked out

After 2 1/2 years of planning with library officials and architects, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council acting as a zoning board of appeals, finally checked out plans for a new \$9.5 million, 28,500-square-foot Woods branch at Mack and Vernier in October.

The new library, slated for groundbreaking in May 2004, will have preschool, youth and popular collections and audio visual materials on the first floor. The second floor will house reading and study areas, reference and young adult and adult book collections.

The ZBA approval over several variances was prolonged over setback, height and parking issues.

### Bank on it

Flagstar Bank is going through with plans to build a new branch at Mack and Allard, but not before residents waved flags at some issues.

Residents raised concerns in October over the bank's lighting, 24-hour outdoor ATM, rear wall, drive-up window and parking lot exit onto Allard.

The bank rectified those concerns within one week before resubmitting plans to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council.

### Ordinance in the court

In November, a Third Circuit Court judge asked the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, to give findings of fact of why it

granted a variance to Sunrise Assisted Living in late 2002.

Thomas and Mary Sullivan and Eric and Lynn Weiss filed the lawsuit, claiming that the facility, being built on Mack at Brys, violates an ordinance prohibiting multiple family dwellings in a commercial district.

"I am compelled to agree with (plaintiffs) that the ZBA made no findings of fact prior to voting on Sunrise's request for a variance," wrote Third Circuit Judge Daphne Means Curtis in an Oct. 6 decision.

The Woods ZBA gave five reasons to justify its decision. It said a denial of Sunrise's request would result in unnecessary hardship to all residents because of the overwhelming need for senior living, that there is a clear and demonstrated need for assisted living in the Woods, that there is no current location for an assisted living facility in the Woods, that Sunrise did not create a hardship because the city's zoning code has no provisions for senior assisted living, and that Sunrise's proposal was appropriate for its location in terms of scale and as a transition from a commercial district to a residential district.

Curtis has not yet ruled on the matter.

### Ready, aim, no fire

After 11 months of study, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council still wasn't sure in November whether or not the city's gun range should be permanently closed to residents.

Despite liability concerns by Public Safety Director Michael Makowski, city attorney Don Berschback and the city's risk management consultant, Mayor Robert Novitke asked to see what insurance costs would be to keep the range open to residents.

### Solons toast to more tavern licenses

It could be easier to order a glass of beer or wine if voters let two city councilwomen have their way.

Council members Patricia Chylinski and Dona DeSantis Reynolds asked council members in December to consider placing a ballot referendum to either free up four tavern licenses or repeal a 1975 charter amendment that requires a popular vote to release a Class C or tavern license in the city.

According to a formula based on population set by the state, the Woods is allowed a total of five tavern licenses. Only one tavern license has been granted.

## Farms' Pier Park staff gets radios

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Hand-held radios will put Grosse Pointe Farms lifeguards within a finger tip's reach of emergency response from public safety.

A nearly \$19,700 Motorola radio system to be purchased soon will significantly reduce the time it takes park employees to request police or medical service.

New radios will be especially helpful to guards responding to incidents at the outskirts of 17-acre Pier Park and marina.

On a less dramatic note, radios will make it more efficient for park administrators to coordinate employees' changing work assignments.

"A few of the radios will have access to the public address system," said Dick Huhn, park director. "We

could remotely access the public address system with our hand-held radios to make public announcements."

The park's current UHF radio system has limited range beyond park boundaries. Employees rely on telephone service to contact police headquarters a few blocks away.

"Some of our radios are in need of replacement," Huhn said. "If we're going to do it, we ought to get something that will perform the functions we need."

The city council this month approved better equipment. Upgrades will be compatible with the public safety department's communications system installed a few years ago.

"Our radios will be similar to those used in public safety, except they're stripped-

down version," Huhn said. "We don't have all the bells and whistles."

The \$19,673.75 total price tag came within budget, Huhn said. The package includes base equipment, set-up service and a two-year extended service plan.

Huhn presented a scenario in which direct radio contact with the public safety department could save the life of a park patron who may require medical treatment upon falling off a dock into the harbor.

"The first thing we would do is announce the need for a lifeguard," he said. "They would respond. Immediately after that, a decision has to be made if the person is injured. If it appeared the person was hurt or bleeding, we'd contact public safety, and they would dispatch an ambulance."

## FYI

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She said, I can't tell for sure, but you are about three miles south of a Road No. 2. The representative then heard this from another occupant of the car. "Now she knows the location of our secret fishing hole."

### Historic credit

The Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission is a little known governmental body that protects the character of notable homes from demolition, inappropriate alteration or other actions that might damage the character of the neighborhood.

But it also reviews applications for work done on structures in the districts, and if it approves them, the homeowner can apply for state tax credits to help defray the cost of expensive repairs on vintage homes.

For example, all the homes on Beverly Road are included in a historic district and thus qualify for review on any repairs or modification and the tax credits. (Beverly Road is a

one block, private, dead-end street that extends toward Jefferson from Grosse Pointe Boulevard across from South High School. It has some beautiful, large, old homes along it.)

The seven-member commission meets once a month at Farms City Hall and is looking for additional volunteers to serve, according to Chairperson Andrea K. Sullivan.

Other members include Michael Farley, Ed Russell, William J. Hartman, John S. Snyder, Patricia Colett and Gioconda McMillan.

Interested Farms residents can contact Sullivan at (313) 884-6906.

### Print expert

The science of comparing latent fingerprints to identify victims and culprits is constantly evolving and one of the nation's experts at it is a former Grosse Pointe, John Onstwedder III, of Chicago.

Onstwedder, a member of the Illinois State Police since 1985, serves as chairperson of the Latent Print Certification Board for the

International Association for Identification (IAI). He works at comparing, developing and preserving latent prints and testifying as an expert witness in court out of the Forensic Science Center in Chicago and was interviewed in the fall issue of Evidence Technology Magazine.

To be certified by the IAI, applicants have to pass a six and a half hour test, interpreting patterns and correctly identifying sets of latent prints, Onstwedder said. About 700 people nationwide are certified, and about 60 take the tests each year, and 35 to 40 pass, he said.

Onstwedder was a member of Boy Scout Troop 96 in Grosse Pointe when he was a youth here. One of the other Scouts was former state Rep. Andrew Richner, who is now a University of Michigan regent.

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## Shores

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If a separate water treatment plant can be built to economically serve a group of eastside suburbs, the Shores would retain Detroit only for waste water treatment.

### December

The public safety department acquires Tasers. The electric shock weapons augment the department's policy of using less-than-lethal force whenever possible.

A public awareness campaign dramatizes the risk ash trees face from infestation by the emerald ash borer.

Members of the Shores Improvement Foundation enlist high school volunteers to wrap green ribbons around every city-owned ash tree on Lakeshore and Hawthorne.

"We don't know that all the ash trees are going to die," says Lynn Kurtz, Foundation president. "But we know that we need to pay attention to them."

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# North pool, science labs first off bond list

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

The first of the bond projects began this year by knocking a hole into Grosse Pointe North High School.

The school's pool renovation was high on the bond project priority list because of the district's lack of a pool which met Michigan standards and codes.

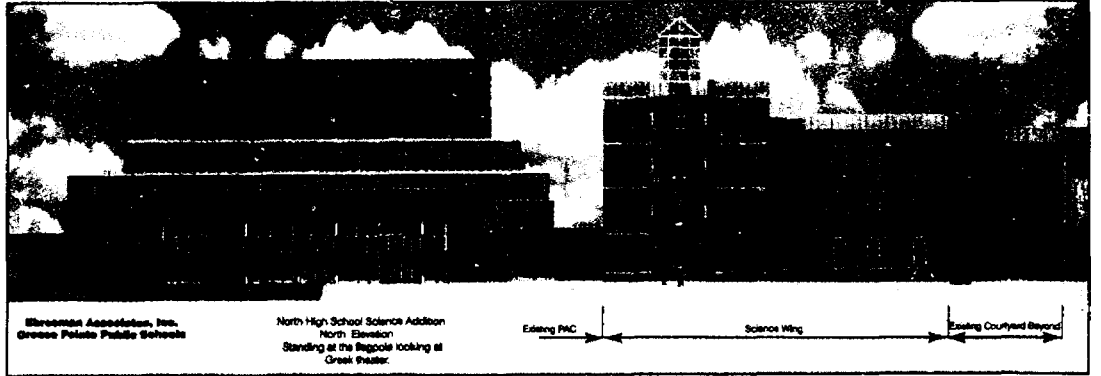
Much of the summer was spent gutting the pool and reconfiguring the space to allow for an additional two lanes and deepening it by three feet. New bleachers were installed as well as a diving board, permanent diving platforms, a hand-capped lift, speaker system, filter equipment and a dehumidification control and recovery system.

In conjunction with this project, an addition was made to the west side of the school behind the pool to accommodate a new girls

Varsity locker room, a 3,000 square foot fitness room, and a new grounds room for equipment and personnel (which freed up space in the concession building to be renovated for two all-purpose team rooms).

Also ongoing this summer was the turf replacement at both high schools. The fields were resurfaced to allow for multiple teams of multiple sports to use the fields for practice and competition without risk of significant wear and tear. Each was equipped with a new underground drainage system and designed with large, colorful school logos.

The summer also allowed for numerous smaller projects to take place district-wide, including new lockers, air conditioning, paint, carpeting, ceilings and parking lot asphalt at Maire Elementary School, which



The latest plans for a new science wing addition at Grosse Pointe North High School show the new building situated in between the Performing Arts Center and the B Building. In addition to state-of-the-art labs and teacher prep rooms, the designs also feature an observatory, a greenhouse and a pond, and is topped with a lighthouse containing a 10-foot globe inside. The design was made by Ehresman Associates, Inc.

saw the most amount of work in a short period of time.

"There was an amazing amount of work done in a 10-week window," said prin-

cipal Kathleen Satut. "The job of getting it all done before school started was excellent."

Pierce Middle School saw a much-needed expansion and reconfiguration of its parking lot, as well as the replacement of ceiling tiles in the school hallways.

Defer Elementary School was home to an extensive tuckpointing project, and the fencing around the school was replaced with a new vinyl-coated fence.

Trombly Elementary School's parking lot and playground were resurfaced,

and the school was outfitted with a new roof.

Parcells Middle School welcomed the installation of a new elevator car and an ADA-compliant chair lift.

Other projects included flooring work and ceiling repair at Richard Elementary School, air conditioning improvements at Barnes School, Ferry Elementary School, and certain areas of both high schools.

A portion of the bond money also funded the renovation of South's counseling center, which had previously been too small and cramped to comfortably suit the staff members, students and parents who come in and out of the area. Funds were also provided for the start of the renovation of the school's historic auditorium, which is being spearheaded by the Mother's Club Preservation Committee.

Science administrators were also quite busy in 2003. Designs are complete for a new science wing addition at North, and designs are still underway for a similar but smaller science wing addition at South. North's proposal is a three-story structure to be

constructed between the Performing Arts Center and the school's B building. Four classroom/lab combinations will be housed on each floor, with additional space made available for a two-story fine arts multipurpose room.

Each science room will be approximately 2,000 square feet and will have state-of-the-art equipment.

"It will improve the quality, type and number of labs we'll be able to do," said Anne Muto, science department co-chair. "It will also fit really nicely with our brand new curriculum that the board approved in the spring."

The design also provides space for a greenhouse, an observatory and a pond with native Michigan fish and plant life.

It is hoped that the addition at North and a two-floor addition at South will break ground sometime in the spring of 2004, with work completed in the fall of 2005.

Other major projects awaiting the green light include a new pool at South, new fine arts multi-purpose rooms, renovations to middle school science labs and other building improvements.

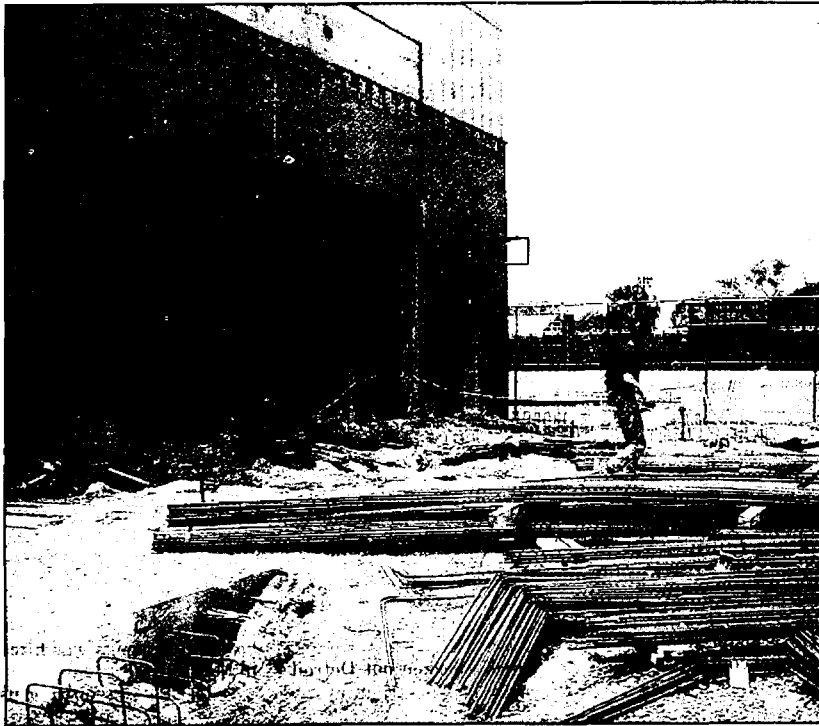


Photo by Jennie Miller

During the summer, a hole was carved out of Grosse Pointe North High School to make room for renovations to the school's pool, which was deepened, widened and modernized. This was the first major project to be unloaded off the extensive list comprised of capital projects totaling \$62 million. Voters overwhelmingly approved the school bond in September 2002. Plans are still underway for a new pool at South.

## Trombly students examine insects in live Web session

By Michael Shelton  
Staff Writer

Trombly Elementary students were able to examine insects with scientists from Illinois during a special session on the Web site BugScope.

"We're only the second Michigan school to participate in this project," said Patty Palermino, a student-teacher at Trombly who arranged the session.

"I had no idea this was available to kids," she said.

Students from Sonja Franchetti's third and fourth grade science class participated in this session on Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the Trombly computer lab.

BugScope is an education-

al outreach program that allows students, kindergarten through 12th grade, to remotely operate a scanning electron microscope.

The students are also able to interact with research scientists on an instant messenger.

"Insects are part of our curriculum, and I found out about this program through the FOSS (Full Option Science System) Web site," Palermino said.

"I thought it looked like fun, and it was wonderful. The images were magnified thousands of times," she said.

BugScope was developed by the BugScope Project Team and the Imaging

Technology Group at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Palermino first had to send a proposal to the group, and she stressed that the majority of her class were girls.

"We have 15 girls and seven boys in our class," she said. "I wanted to stress making technology and science important to girls, and the proposal was accepted."

Palermino then had the students gather dead insects ranging from crickets and grasshoppers to cicadas and earwigs.

The specimens were then mailed to Illinois to be loaded into the microscope.

During the live two-hour session, the students remotely operated the microscope to look at the insects further.

The students were able to change the magnification, adjust focus and brightness, and zoom in on a certain area by clicking on it.

The images were projected from the computer onto a screen for the whole class to see. An example used was a mite crawling on the eye of an earwig.

Students were also able to ask questions to scientists about what they were seeing.

"The entomologists were kid-friendly, and they made it really fun," Palermino said. "It was interesting how they used language that kids could understand."

She also said that some first-graders even dropped in on the session.

At the end of the session, all of the students completed evaluations and drawings. For more information on how to participate, go to the BugScope website at bugscope.beckman.uiuc.edu.



## Alumni share art careers at ULS

Alumni Day is a University Liggett School tradition which allows upper school students an opportunity to network with alumni and hear presentations about career paths. This year's theme "Alumni in the Arts" featured topics as diverse as fine arts, music therapy, architecture and photography. Pictured is ULS alumnus Justin Young, a graduate of the Class of 1998 and now a musician.

## Area students receive nods from Stabenow

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, announced on Dec. 15 that she had nominated 60 Michigan students for placement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I am proud that so many exceptional students from Michigan are willing to devote themselves to the military leadership of our country," said Stabenow. "They have already demonstrated a commitment to excellence. I am confident that they will represent our state well."

Students nominated by Stabenow's office went through a rigorous application process that included interviews by community panels.

Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for admission by the academy to which they have applied.

The following students have been nominated by Sen. Stabenow to a service academy: **United States Air Force Academy:** Margaret Schichtle of Harper Woods; **West Point Military Academy:** Elizabeth Ridgeway of Grosse Pointe Park; and **U.S. Naval Academy:** Lawrence Sledz of Harper Woods.

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## Attempted car thefts

A resident in the 1900 block of Stanhope found two punched door locks and a punched ignition on his 2002 Dodge at 11 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20.

An under-seat glove box was also opened, but nothing was taken.

A resident in the 1200 block of Fairholme in Grosse Pointe Woods was alerted to someone trying to steal his neighbor's Dodge Ram pickup when the truck's alarm went off at 1:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 22.

Public safety officers found both door locks damaged when they responded to the call.

## Van stolen, recovered

A LoJack system helped locate a red Chrysler Town and Country minivan three hours after it was reported stolen from in front of a house in the 1400 block of

## Range

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about the cost of insurance and the cost of keeping the range open to residents. Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle was also concerned about the cost of keeping the range open for a small number of people.

Councilwoman Patty Chylinski, who called allowing citizens into city hall with firearms and ammunition a security risk in June, said the council should be able to find a way not to take away a service that's been in existence. Councilman Darryl Spicher and Councilwoman Dona DeSantis Reynolds were also in favor of keeping the range open to residents.

Only Councilman Allen Dickinson voiced a clear objection to keeping the range open to the residents mostly in part of the risk manager's recommendation.

Mayor Robert Novitke asked to continue talks on the range until February when the council could review quoted insurance costs for keeping the range open to residents and to see if waivers would or not be effective in protecting the city in any potential litigation.

South Renaud in Grosse Pointe Woods on Sunday, Dec. 21.

The minivan was found in the area of Barham and Warren in Detroit at 4:20 a.m. The vehicle was unoccupied with its driver's side door handle and ignition damaged.

## Damaged decorations

An inflatable soldier and reindeer in front of a house in the 1100 block of North Renaud in Grosse Pointe Woods were punctured sometime between 9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22, and 3:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Someone also damaged a lighted wire-frame reindeer in the 800 block of North Brys in the Woods during that same time period.

## Suspicious males

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers were unable to locate two males they believe broke into Grosse Pointe North High School around 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26.

During a routine patrol, officers saw the males huddled on the west side of the school. The males fled when they saw the officers and were last seen on Fairway.

Officers later found a door ajar where they originally saw the males. Nothing was found to be out of place in or out of that location.

Both males were described as slender, having shoulder-length brown hair, and wearing dark-colored ski jackets.

## Car vandalized

Someone covered a black 2003 Jeep parked in the street in the 600 block of North Oxford and Grosse Pointe Woods with eggs, toilet paper and an unknown white substance sometime between 5:50 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26.

— Bonnie Caprara

## City car thefts

Thieves stole a green Dodge Caravan Christmas night while it was parked in the 400 block of Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The next day at 12:45 p.m., Farms police found the vehicle abandoned in the 200 block of Muir in the Farms. As with other stolen cars found recently, the

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engine was running.

The Caravan's ignition lock had been damaged, but the vehicle was drivable. Police turned it over to its owner.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, at about 9:30 a.m., a black 2003 Jeep Liberty belonging to a City of Grosse Pointe resident was found by Detroit police abandoned in the 9400 block of Manistique.

The vehicle had been taken by unknown thieves the night before from a driveway in the 900 block of Lincoln.

## Car smashed

On Wednesday, Dec. 24, shortly before 8:30 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe police investigated a heavily damaged 1990 Pontiac Bonneville parked on east-bound Mack near Washington.

The vehicle's owner, a 46-year-old Detroit woman, exited the passenger door because front-end damage had jammed the driver's door. Police learned the woman had hit a vehicle in Detroit.

Field sobriety tests indicated the woman hadn't been drinking, but she admitted consuming five pain pills due to a sore back. Officers took her to a local hospital for a narcotics test.

## Drugs found

On Monday, Dec. 22, at 4:20 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe police found a bag of marijuana in the glove box of a vehicle driven by a 37-year-old female resident.

Officers had pulled over her white 1993 Ford Explorer near Kercheval Place and Cadieux upon seeing her exit a parking lot into traffic without stopping.

The vehicle's license was expired. The woman's driver's license was suspended.

The woman let police search her home for drugs. They found nothing.

## Farms vandals

During the night of Saturday, Dec. 27, vandals sprayed red paint on the driver side window of a Lincoln Town Car parked on Mapleton in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sometime between Monday, Dec. 22, at 9 p.m., and 11:30 a.m. the next day, vandals smashed the rear window of a vehicle parked on Williams west of Kerby.

## Farms car theft

A silver 2003 Jeep Liberty was taken from a driveway in the 100 block of Ridge in Grosse Pointe Farms on Friday, Dec. 26, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

## B&E suspect

Grosse Pointe Farms police are looking for an unknown man suspected of breaking into a home in the 100 block of Merriweather on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at about 12:30 p.m.

Neighbors said the man's car, possibly a Chevrolet Camaro or Pontiac Firebird, had been parked in the house's driveway during the time in question.

Four public safety officers responded when the home's burglar alarm sounded 45 minutes after the resident had left the property. A rear door had been forced open. An upstairs bedroom was ransacked.

Witnesses described the suspect as 5-foot-11, in his mid-to-late 20s with a medium build. He had thick dark hair or was wearing a hat. The red car was last seen on northbound Merriweather.

## Biker curbed

A drunken 48-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested near his overturned motorcycle in the Lakeshore median near Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 4:28 p.m.

The uninjured man said he hit a curb while turning. He registered a .116 blood alcohol content.

## Lights out

Grosse Pointe Farms detectives will investigate a complaint involving the city's new outdoor lighting ordinance in the 200 block of Chalfonte.

A resident called police on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 9:36 p.m., to report his bedroom was illuminated by two security lights attached to a neighbor's garage.

## Helping hand

Grosse Pointe Shores lent mutual aid to Harper Woods last weekend by responding to a kitchen fire in an apartment in the 19600 block of Eastland Drive.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, at 2:18 a.m., four Shores officers manning one fire truck and a cruiser joined a Harper Woods policeman at the scene.

"Upon entry the fire was out, extinguished by the tenant using baking soda" said a Shores patrolman.

Shores public safety officers used their thermal imaging camera to confirm that unseem flames had not spread inside the kitchen walls.

Shores units cleared the scene when Harper Woods firefighters arrived from another run.

## Drunk and not driving

On Friday, Dec. 26, at 8:10 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police took a drunken 44-year-old Clinton Township woman to a local hospital for detoxification.

The woman had been a passenger in a car stopped on northbound Lakeshore near Willow Tree for speeding 58 mph. The driver, a 46-year-old Detroit man, was cited for reckless driving. Police impounded his 1996 Chevrolet Corsica.

— Brad Lindberg

## Water plant set for camera protection

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Intruders of Grosse Pointe Farms' most vital public asset could end up as witnesses for both the defense and prosecution.

A new security system approved for the municipal water filtration plant will provide police with video evidence to put trespassers on ice. Installation could begin in January.

Persons caught where they shouldn't be at the plant on Moross between Lakeshore and Grosse Pointe Boulevard face the prospect of testifying in court against their own video image.

"There will be outdoor cameras and cameras inside the building," said Scott Homminga, water superintendent. "We have a need for heightened security for the building."

The plant provides drinking water and water for fighting fires to the Farms and City.

During the multi-state power failure last summer, which knocked out Detroit's regional filtration system feeding the Park, Woods and Shores, the Farms' electric pumps switched to backup generators without serious interruption. The plant can filter up to 12 million gallons of water per day.

The nearly \$24,000 video security system includes nine digital cameras. Cameras will be rigged with motion detectors rigged to a central monitoring station coordinated by a computer.

Images will be recorded and erased on a continuous digital loop until motion breaks the cycle.

Cameras will do more than record upon detecting motion. The computer will recover whatever was in the field of view beginning 10 seconds prior to sensors being activated. Pre-motion video will give investigators a more complete picture of whatever security breach may have occurred.

"You can actually see somebody entering a room," Homminga said.

Midstate Security Company won the contract. The company's price was a "few thousand dollars" more than the low bidder, Homminga said.

References included a \$4 million project for the state corrections department.

"The equipment seemed superior and easier to use," Homminga said. "Their recommendations were outstanding."

A new security system has been in the works since before Homminga was hired in May.

"The EPA is requiring us to have a vulnerability assessment," he said. "The assessment categorizes areas in the facility where risk can be reduced. One of the things looked at was a new security system."

The city is allowed by law to keep details of the vulnerability study confidential.

The new security system will eventually be tied into police headquarters, Homminga said.

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# Embrace inclusion to benefit all students

Let's get this straight: Inclusion is not a four-letter word.

"Inclusion" means access to general education classes with support services and curriculum modifications at the school your children with special needs would normally attend.

It's becoming more popular in Grosse Pointe because of the relentless advocacy of parents of children with special needs and caring school administrators like Sue Banner, program supervisor at Barnes Early Childhood Center in the Woods.

"We're all impassioned for what's in it for our children," Banner said.

Doug Fisher, Ph.D., a nationally renowned author on inclusion and a professor at San Diego State University, advocates something that goes beyond inclusion for "children with individual education plans." He refers to the cutting-

edge philosophy as "universal design."

"Under universal design, we plan curriculums to include all the learners in the classroom," Fisher said. "Then it doesn't require as much reactionary modification."

The issue goes beyond basic human rights, which Fisher says has to be a factor in any special education discussion. Studies, Fisher said, prove that students with special needs blossom when exposed to their peers.

"The only way children with disabilities are going to learn the kinds of behaviors we expect in society is to be in those environments," he said. "Children with disabilities are pretty good at modeling what their peers do, and if their peers are the other five children in a one-to-six classroom, those are the behaviors they're going to model. "Segregated learning



experiences lead to segregated life experiences. Inclusive learning experiences provide the skills to be out there and work and play and have fun and make friends and have families. If you want a child at 18 or 22 to have a rich life, connected to the community, with lots of social relationships, that child has to be around other children. Our ability to make friends is formed when we're young."

Even the Feds understand this.

Federal law states that, to the maximum extent possible with appropriate support and services, every child is entitled to attend

classes with his or her peers. And the intent of the law is to increase access as we all learn more, which is bad news for parents of "normal children" who do not understand the need for inclusion, Fisher said.

"Why wouldn't you want your children to understand the full diversity of the world they will be living in?" he said. "Through inclusion, students without disabilities learn about social justice, to celebrate differences and respect what makes us human."

There isn't much hard data on how inclusion changes a regular classroom for the other students in it. But Fisher says the studies that have been done show that, thanks to the support of paraprofessionals, teach-

ers don't spend an inordinate amount of time focused on students with special needs.

"Some days that child needs more help, more attention, but other days, other children need more help," he said. "It evens out."

Experts also cannot quantify the effect that a special student may have on his peers, but Fisher believes it's a good one.

"Children get stretched a little about what it means to be human," he says. "That can have a powerful impact on what will happen later in life, when he's the boss of some company looking at hiring practices or when he's the parent of a child with a disability."

#### Books of interest:

"Inclusion 101: How to Teach All Learners" by Anne M. Bauer, Ed.D., and Thomas M. Shea, Ed.D.

"Cooperative Learning and Strategies for Inclusion Celebrating Diversity in the Classroom," Second Edition,

edited by JoAnne W. Putnam, Ph.D.

"Teachers' Guides to Inclusive Practices" by Martha E. Snell, Ph.D., and Rachel Janney, Ph.D., with invited contributors

"Quick-Guides to Inclusion, Ideas for Educating Students with Disabilities" edited by Michael F. Giangreco, Ph.D.

"Inclusive High Schools-Learning from Contemporary Classrooms" by Douglas Fisher, Ph.D., Caren Sax, Ed.D., and Ian Pumpian, Ph.D., with invited contributors

"Inclusive Middle Schools" by Craig H. Kennedy, Ph.D., and Douglas Fisher, Ph.D.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome [fragile-x.org]. Send your questions or comments to [tcoutilish@mac.wayne.edu](mailto:tcoutilish@mac.wayne.edu) or [mblangan@hotmail.com](mailto:mblangan@hotmail.com).

## Earth

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what else, the Burbank.

A name recognized by gardeners today is W. Atlee Burpee whose company in 1883 sent free seed packets of lettuce to test in local growing conditions.

The Old Farmers Almanac began in 1792 and, just as it does, today, predicts weather and times to plant. This followed Poor Richards' Almanack, first published in 1733 and written by Benjamin Franklin, publishing under the name of Richard Saunders. The earliest almanacs, according to scholars, consisted of predictions made by ancient Persian astrologers.

#### Gardening folklore

While this historical slant explains some interesting pieces, using newer technology and skimming the Internet led me to some other interesting bits of gardening folklore.

Lavender, often used to help calm humans, is often planted around lion and tiger cages and said to make

them docile.

Garlic is the Herb of the Year for 2004. While we are learning more about its healing powers, it was universally regarded as an aphrodisiac. Well maybe if both parties were using it!

An old tradition of including myrtle in a bridal bouquet symbolized marital bliss.

Peas were used in Buckinghamshire for wart removal. Touch the wart with the pea; wrap the pea in some paper, and bury it. As the pea decays, the wart disappears.

Sage was said to grow best for a wise person and even better in a household where the woman ruled. It also was used on graves as a sign of remembrance as the plant withers very slowly.

A bit of "dew weather lore" is if a warm sunny day is followed by a heavy dew, fine weather is also likely the next day.

My favorite weather lore continues to be: Red sky at night, sailors (or shepherds) delight; red sky at morning,

sailors take warning. Living so close to Lake St. Clair, I've used it often.

Here's hoping that your winter solstice was peaceful and that it carries into your new year.

#### What's going on

Support the Detroit Garden Center by attending its fundraiser with local garden writer Janet Macunovich on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Emagine Theater in Novi. Showing is a preview of "Calendar Girls," a warm, witty story of 11 middle-aged garden club ladies from the small village in Yorkshire, England, who posed nude for the annual calendar of the local branch of the Women's Institute to raise money for medical research. Cost is \$10. Call (313) 259.6363 to reserve a spot.

Kathleen Peabody is a Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Email her at [kmaslankapeabody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmaslankapeabody@sbcglobal.net)

## Resolve to live — stop smoking

Despite alarming statistics, nearly one-fourth of Michigan adults are still smoking. The American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association are joining forces this holiday season to urge smokers to make a New Year's resolution to quit.

There is good news for those who quit. The risk of heart attack drops by one-half after a year of staying smoke-free. After five to 10 years of not smoking, the risk of lung cancer drops dramatically. People who quit feel better immediately and pride themselves on regaining control of their health.

Smoking cessation experts agree that year end is a good time for smokers to stop.

Detroit resident Tracey Jackson quit three years ago. "It was days before Christmas, and I figured it would be the best present I could give myself," Jackson

said. She now works with ALA's Freedom From Smoking program, one of many cessation programs available.

"Each day we see the ravages of smoking and the toll it takes not only on the individual but oftentimes on the loved ones left behind," said Dr. Shukri David, chief of cardiology at Providence Hospital in Detroit and president of the Metro Detroit board of the American Heart Association. "Not only is it important to get smokers to quit for their own health, but it's also beneficial to the health of non-smokers exposed to second-hand smoke. Constant exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of heart disease, cancer and lung disease."

"We know that 70 percent of smokers say they want to quit," said Kay Doerr, president of the board of the American Lung Association of Michigan. "Smoking is an addiction and is extremely

difficult to overcome. We always tell people who want to stop to never quit quitting. It may take three or more attempts at quitting before a smoker overcomes the addiction," she said.

The American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association remain committed in their efforts to see Michigan move ahead with comprehensive tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

"We look forward to working with state lawmakers in 2004 to make Michigan a leader in the war on tobacco," said Judy Stewart of the American Cancer Society.

A number of free quit smoking programs are available. For a complete listing of smoking cessation help visit, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org) or [www.alam.org](http://www.alam.org). Facts sheets on tobacco and the benefits of quitting are available by contacting any of the organization representatives.



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## Czech traditions thrive

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Staff Writer

My mother bakes the most delicious chocolate cake," said Czech native Libka Zemlicka-Bosler.

It's a special Yule log torte — with butter, creamy chocolate filling and frosting, decorated with marzipan candies. And we always have lots of cookies.

Zemlicka-Bosler immigrated to America with her family from Prague when she was seven and she now teaches English to ninth- through 12th-grade alternative education students with the East Detroit School District. She and her husband celebrate the holidays with family, incorporating many of the ancient feasting customs, especially the Christmas Eve dining and baked delicacies.

Preferred dining for most Czechs and still a custom today is the entree of pan-fried fish (usually breaded carp) served with potato salad. For those who don't care for fish, breaded and fried lean beef chops make up the main course.

Some Americanized Czechs might prefer roast goose or duck with red cabbage, potato dumplings and applesauce. For dessert, the traditional Czech pastries of strudel or vanocka, a special Christmas bread, are high on the list of favorites, together with nuts and a variety of dried fruits.

Before the feasting, the oldest male member of the family would gather stalks of grain, dip them in holy water, and sprinkle them around each room —

never forgetting the fire in the hearth so it would not burn down the house during the new year.

The cutting of the loaf was followed by soup, usually mushroom, and then kuba, a traditional Czech Christmas Eve course, made from grouts (grits), wild mushrooms and garlic.

Today, one of the highlights of treats of all is the baking of the traditional Czech Christmas cookies from recipes handed down from family to family.

Although not large, the cookies are ornate works of art that are usually made in a variety of shapes — often six to 12 different kinds. Some are designated as ornaments.

According to Zemlicka-Bosler, Czech villagers are more apt to dress in vintage costume to celebrate the holidays than those residents in cities.

For their festive dressing the women wear colorfully embroidered dirndls, which they cover with crisp white aprons. On their heads, they wear snowy white bonnets, decorated and tied with bright ribbons. The men are attired in heavily embroidered jackets worn with dark pants and floral-embossed suspenders. Colorful feathers add a flair to their hats.

For many Czechs, Christmas Eve feasting is followed by midnight Mass. On Dec. 25, a day they called, "God's Feast," Czech villagers spent a quiet meditative time, but on St. Stephen's Day, the day after Christmas, they could be found in the pubs or visiting relatives, dancing and caroling.

## Greeks mix old with new

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Staff Writer

"Christmas is a very religious time for the Greeks," said Mary Patikas of the Holy Trinity Church. She was born in Greece, and is the principal of Assumption Greek School.

"It's a family holiday," she said. "We always spend with relatives. The entire family celebrates together."

Family members that most Greeks remember living in the U.S. have adapted to American customs, as have the Greeks in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"My mom and dad both grew up in Greece and my husband was born here," she said. "But we still follow the traditions of Greece."

Patikas said that many Greek-Americans still try to celebrate Christmas with their Greek and American traditions.

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attend the church service on Christmas Eve," she said.

She also has adapted traditional Greek recipes to share with her family. These recipes are mostly pastries that are commonly eaten during the holiday season in Greece, such as melomakarona, kourambides and baklava.

"These are very traditional Greek recipes," Patikas said.

But for Greeks, the celebration does not end on December 25. Costa Dedes of Grosse Pointe Woods enjoys the Greek traditions that are celebrated on New Year's Day.

"New Year's Day is the Saint's day," he said. "We spend this day with family."

Traditionally, Greeks received gifts not from Santa Claus but from Agios Vasilis, who is the Saint of letters and learning in Greece. Past generations would bring letters for New Year's Day to encourage their children to study.

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## Welsh celebrate with a bang

Christmas in Wales resembles a birthday party, said Brian Annable, with party favors and hats.

The party favors are called crackers and make a "big bang" sound when opened. Inside a cylindrical, gaily wrapped gift at each place setting, both children and adults find small trinkets. They wear crowns, resembling the crowns of the three kings who gave gifts to the Christ Child.

Even though his two children are grown, the superintendent of Lake Shore School District said the family still incorporates the traditions he brought from his homeland.

Plum pudding is a traditional dessert

his wife, Leigh, makes for the family.

Originally, it was made in the fall, toward the end of the harvest season using the last of the flour and dried fruit. It is preserved, Annable explained, and warmed on Christmas Day.

Welsh children wanted to make sure Santa Claus didn't forget them so put out two receptacles for gifts. Annable said. Children put a pillowcase at the foot of their beds for Santa Claus to fill, as well as a stocking by the fireplace on Christmas Eve after attending church.

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## Russians enjoy New Year

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Staff Writer

After the Christmas is a big family dinner to four days of celebration with family and friends.

Lidiya Lukina, having arrived in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, said she is looking forward to the New Year's celebration, just as she would if she were in her homeland.

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Photo by Ann L. Fouty  
 Lidiya Lukina is looking forward to her first new year in the United States, but misses the snow and cold of her native Russia.

## Chinese look for luck

The Chinese New Year is the biggest holiday in Chinese culture, according to Anna and Ken Bi of St. Clair Shores.

Following the Chinese proverb, "Qu Ji Yi n Xin," which means "Out with the old, in with the new," the Bis spend their holiday looking for some good luck.

Following ancient traditions, Chinese families spend three days thoroughly cleaning their house in an effort to "sweep away the bad luck of the past year, and to ready the house for new luck of the upcoming year," the Bis said. After the holiday celebrations, for three days, no cleaning is done to keep the new luck in the home.

In Chinese communities around the world, the New Year is celebrated with lively parades, lighting of firecrackers to frighten away the evil spirits, and gathering with family and friends for feasting and fun. There is much symbolism

embedded in the holiday, such as the eating of a whole fish, whose Chinese name, "Yu," is close in sound to the Chinese word for surplus. They also eat the "jiaozi," or Chinese dumplings, whose shape is similar to the ancient Chinese shape for money. Noodles are also eaten as a symbol of longevity, because of their length. According to the Bis, whoever has the longest noodle has the best luck for the upcoming year. The Chinese calendar is also a widely known tradition around the world. The year, which is based on the lunar cycle, is marked with a specific animal, and cycles on twelve. As in western astrology, a person born under a particular animal has certain characteristics associated with them. As in western culture, the Chinese New Year is a time for new beginnings and fresh starts, and the Bis are ready to celebrate.



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## McAndrew-Chen

Susannah Elizabeth Humé McAndrew, daughter of Michael and Ann McAndrew of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Gao-Ya Chen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rong-Sheng Chen of Tokyo, on Nov. 23, 2003, in Taipei, Taiwan.

The wedding banquet was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Taipei.

As is the custom, the bride wore three ensembles: a wedding dress of beaded champagne chiffon, a peach-colored gown with a white fur stole and a traditional red silk qipua.

The couple lives in San Diego, Calif.

## Abrahamson-Hart

Caroline Aileen Abrahamson of New York City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Abrahamson of The Woodlands, Texas, married Matthew James Hart of New York City, son of Mr. and Mrs. James P.

Hart of the City of Grosse Pointe and Harsens Island, on Aug. 16, 2003, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York City.

The Rev. David A. Stout officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Yale Club.

The bride wore a white strapless A-line gown of silk-faced satin, a two-tiered elbow- and waist-length veil and carried a bouquet of white Dutch calla lilies wrapped in grass.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Stacy A. Sommer of San Francisco.

Bridesmaids were Cassady Evers of Monterey, Calif., Sabrina M. Fodor of New York City, Heather C. Goodman of San Francisco, Nicole P. Hough of New York City and Kristine A. Potter of Battle Ground, Wash.

The junior bridesmaid was Lindsay C. Smale of Grosse Pointe. The flower girl was Dorryel M. Tagney of Rocky Hill, Conn.

Attendants wore midnight blue floor-length, halter-top A-line dresses and carried bouquets of white roses and blue delphinium wrapped in grass.

The best man was Brian



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew James Hart

I. Czarnik of Royal Oak. Ushers were David C. Agrati of Midland Park, N.J., James W. Mello of Chicago, Brad J. Reynolds of Dallas, Texas, and Marc J.C. Scanio of Lindenhurst, Ill.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length pink silk dress and a matching brocade jacket. Her wrist corsage was made of white Dutch calla lilies and grass.

The groom's mother wore a periwinkle silk chiffon dress with matching shawl and a wrist corsage of white Dutch calla lilies and grass.

Music was provided by the Cleremont Strings. The organist was William K. Trafka.

Scripture readers were Christian A.P. Sommer of San Francisco and Jacqueline K. Joseph of Chicago. Prayer reader was Karole S. Steen of Grosse Pointe Park.

The wedding was held during the August blackout that darkened much of the eastern United States. Some preliminary events such as a bridal shower and rehearsal dinner were disrupted; electricity was restored in time for the ceremony and reception. Usher Justin M. Davis of Birmingham was unable to attend due to the power outage.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Colorado and a master's degree in business administration in finance and marketing from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. She is an equity research analyst with Credit Suisse First Boston.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in business administration in finance and accounting from the University of Chicago

Graduate School of Business. He is an investment banker with Merrill Lynch.

The couple traveled to St. Thomas and St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. They live in New York City.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anthony Brown

## Hart-Brown

Mary Angela Hart, daughter of Robert and Mary Lee Hart of Paducah, Ky., married Peter Anthony Brown of Grosse Pointe Farms, son of Peter and Mariela Brown of Stuart, Fla., on Sept. 20, 2003, in Paducah, Ky.

The Rev. Larry McBride officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Country Club of Paducah.

The bride wore an ivory silk gown and carried a bouquet of calla lilies.

The matron of honor was Ann Villele of Los Angeles.

Bridesmaids were Krissie Hart of Paducah, Kelly Withrow of Cincinnati, Tudor Goldsmith of Oceanside, Calif., and Martha Patrick of Charleston, S.C.

The flower girl was Eva Hart of Ashville, N.C.

Attendants wore cranber-

ry-colored dresses.

The best man was the groom's brother, Brian B. Brown of Grosse Pointe.

Groomsmen were Frank Ethridge of New Orleans, La., Sameer Patel of Royal Oak, Peter Wano of Louisville, Ky., and Dan Thompson of Mount Pleasant, S.C.

The ring bearer was Eli Langston of Memphis, Tenn.

The bride attended the College of Charleston.

The groom attended Washington & Lee University.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Los Cabos, Mexico. They live in Ferndale.



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Burns Friedel Jr.

## Carpenter-Friedel

Dorothy Frances Carpenter, daughter of Charles Carpenter and Merrie Ann Berger of St. Clair Shores, married Douglas Burns Friedel Jr., son of Douglas and Diane Friedel of Grosse Pointe Woods, on Sept. 27, 2003, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. George Miller officiated at the 3:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Century Club at the Gem Theatre.

The bride wore a champagne and coffee-colored strapless A-line gown that featured a beaded and embroidered bodice and a split train. She carried a bouquet of hand-tied white roses, burgundy mini calla lilies, white stephanotis and seeded eucalyptus.

The matron of honor was Lisa Bollenberg of St. Clair Shores.

Bridesmaids were Laura Carpenter of St. Clair Shores, Jennifer Carpenter of Eastpointe, Dora Romanelli of Grosse Pointe Woods, Dana Owen of Grosse Pointe Shores, Ericka Friedel of St. Clair Shores, Rose Schroeder of St. Clair Shores and Kristen Maceroni of Royal Oak.

The flower girls were Lauren Owen and Olivia Owen, both of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Attendants wore wine-colored two-piece strapless dresses and carried bouquets of daisies, roses, hydrangeas and winter berries in shades of pink, red and white. The flower girls wore champagne and gold silk and tulle dresses and carried flowers in heart-shaped baskets.

The best man was Mike Romanelli of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Groomsmen were Mark Owen of Grosse Pointe Shores, Jason Carpenter of St. Clair Shores, Jude Carpenter of Eastpointe, Bryan Welsh of Grosse Pointe Farms, Erick Grabruck of Grosse Pointe Farms, Aaron Troost of St. Clair Shores and Dan Burau of Royal Oak.

The ring bearer was Anthony Romanelli of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The mother of the bride wore a navy chiffon dress and jacket and carried a nosegay of roses, hydrangeas and daisies.

The groom's mother wore a cocoa-colored beaded dress and jacket and carried a nosegay of roses, hydrangeas and daisies.

The organist was Nancy Simmons. The soloist was Mary Addabbo. Scripture readers were Chris Norton and Ross MacNeil.

The bride is completing a bachelor's degree in management. She is an administrative assistant with Ford Motor Co.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. He is in charge of purchasing at Ferrante Mfg. in Detroit.

The newlyweds honeymooned in New Zealand. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Matthew Lacy

## Whitehead-Lacy

Elizabeth Courtney Whitehead, daughter of Carol and Jeff Whitehead of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Thomas Matthew Lacy, son of Natalie and Edward Surovell of Ann Arbor and Marilyn and Thomas Lacy of Long Beach, Calif., on May 24, 2003, in the apse of the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

The Rev. Sean Unger officiated at the 6:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception in a tent outside the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

The bride wore a white silk satin ball gown that featured a sheer organza inset embroidered with beaded flowers. She wore a simple cathedral-length veil and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The matron of honor was the bride's mother, Carol Whitehead of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The best man was the groom's brother, Nick Lacy of Ann Arbor.

Ushers were the bride's brothers, James Whitehead of Key West, Fla., and Adam Whitehead of Chicago; and Coe and Jordan Lacy, both of Petoskey.

The mother of the bride wore a bronze and turquoise strapless beaded sheath and matching stole. She carried a bouquet of hydrangeas, anemones, tulips and roses.

The groom's mother wore a platinum long skirt and a silver, blue voile jacket. Her wrist corsage was of Victorian roses.

Readers were Jennifer Fitzgerald of Winthrop, Mass.; Jenny Magro of Cincinnati; Marya McCarroll of Detroit; and Christopher Lemon of Maybee.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and communications from the University of Michigan. She is associate director of development for the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian language and psychology from Beloit College and a Master of Arts degree in social work from the University of Michigan. He is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Military Intelligence.

The newlyweds live in Ann Arbor.

# NEW ARRIVALS OF 2003

Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers are planning their 9th annual special edition featuring the babies of the past year. We hope you (and the little one) will participate by supplying us with a photograph of your child (only 2003 babies, please) for publication in this section.

This tabloid will be published January 29, 2004. Your child's picture, along with other 2003 babies, will be the main attraction! News and advertising about clothing, feeding, educating and caring for your child will also be included. It will be very informative as well as a commemorative edition for you!

Please send a cute, clear, color photo (home or studio produced, DIGITAL, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores Connection, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising. Complete the information slip with your child's full name, date of birth and hospital and return it with your photo. Please print the baby's name on the back of the photo so you can pick it up at our office after printing or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Your picture must be received in our office no later than Wednesday, December 31, 2003. Earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 7, 2004.)

We look forward to producing our annual "Baby Edition" and are sure you want your little one included. A limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase to give to family and friends.

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## The Babies of 2003

Thank you... and please return no later than December 17th, 2004 • December birth photos accepted until January 7, 2004

## Children's resolutions — or not!

By Debbie Farmer

Oh, sure, we all know that many adults view the New Year as a time to make a fresh start, and improve their lives through resolutions. But what about kids? I mean, you never really hear a child say, "Gee, this year I'm going to play fewer video games, earn some extra credit in math class and improve my dodge-ball game."

So, just for fun, here are resolutions we'd love to hear our kids make, but never will.

Resolutions you'll never hear from your preschooler:

- I won't whine.
- I'll sit quietly in the grocery cart.
- I'm giving up candy.
- I'll always go to bed cheerfully and on time.
- I will keep all of my Legos sorted by color in the appropriately labeled box.
- I won't put my feet on the good sofa.
- I will never, ever wear cowboy boots with a dance leotard and a feather boa.
- I will always make sure I'm buckled tightly into the car seat.
- I will not call anyone "Boogernose."
- I will always share my toys.
- I'm giving up macaroni and cheese.
- I will potty train myself.
- I will not shove peas up my nose.

I will never, ever announce my mom's weight in public.

Resolutions you'll never hear from your child in grade school:

- I'll brush my teeth after every meal.
- I'll never be late for school.
- I won't spit in the drinking fountain.
- I will do my math homework before even thinking about playing outside.
- I won't watch so many cartoons.
- I will practice the piano for two hours a day purely because of the joy I feel from learning music.
- I'll always eat all of my meatloaf because I feel guilty about all of the starving refugees in China.
- I won't put ladybugs in the crisper drawer.
- I'll help do the dishes every day.
- I'll save up all of my allowance to help support my parents when they're old.

Resolutions you'll never, ever hear from your teenager:

- I will try to be more like my parents.
- I'll always turn out the light when I leave the room.
- I will wear whatever clothes my mom buys for me.
- I will give up shopping so I can spend all of my free



By Debbie Farmer

time helping out around the house.

This summer I'll stay in my room and read Tolstoy.

I'll give up wearing low-cut bell-bottom jeans.

I will accept all of my parent's advice with grace and good humor.

I'll clean the car more often.

I'm reducing my allowance.

I will be out of bed by 6 a.m. every day.

I will only listen to classical music.

I will put other people's needs ahead of my own.

I will join the Math Club to brush up on my pre-algebra skills.

I'll put my money in the bank instead of wasting it on things like trashy clothes and Britney Spears CDs.

(And my personal favorite): I will accept that my parents are always right.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California. She's also an author. You can order her new book, "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat," at Amazon.com or your local bookstore. She can be reached by writing familydze@oasisnewsfeatures.com

## A good banana with this recipe!

Happy New Year! When are the children going back to school? It may seem like never. Why not bake up something special for the kids as they enjoy the last few days of this long winter recess? I found this recipe for chocolate-marble banana bread in a Cooking Light issue from days gone by. This healthy take on bread made from bananas is sure to cure your child's back-to-school blues.

### Chocolate-Marble Banana Bread

- 2 cups flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs or 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1 1/2 cups ripe banana, mashed

- 1/3 cup plain, low-fat yogurt
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a standard loaf pan with no-stick spray. In a medium bowl whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat together the butter and the sugar until well blended. Add the bananas, eggs and yogurt and beat until blended. Add the flour mix and beat on low speed just until moist.

Place the chocolate chips in a medium, microwave-safe bowl and microwave on HIGH for one minute, until most of the chips have melted, stirring until smooth.

Ladle 1 cup of the batter into the chocolate and stir until well combined. Spoon the chocolate bat-



By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

ter, alternating with the plain batter into the prepared loaf pan. Swirl the batters together using a knife.

Bake at 350 for 1 hour and 5 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes in the pan on a wire rack. Remove from pan and cool completely.

Add nuts to this bread or sprinkle chocolate chips over the top before baking. I like to slice and toast homemade loaf breads. (Don't forget the whipped butter!)

I probably have at least 25 different recipes for banana bread. Marbled-chocolate banana bread takes the cake. Your kids are going to love it.

## Gardening lore shares historical perspective

A fellow gardener recently wished me a "Peaceful Winter Solstice." What a wonderful greeting!

Winter Solstice to me has always been a beautiful and romantic time of year: Visions of snow falling, short days, long nights. But I know others who feel that it's a time for more sleep and hibernation and use it as a way to gauge that longer days are on the way.

As we move into January, it's a great time to sit by the fire, pull out garden books given at holiday time or from your library and plan your spring garden. The thoughts of winter solstice got me to thinking about years past and some historical perspectives of gardening, including seed catalogs, almanacs and gardening folklore.

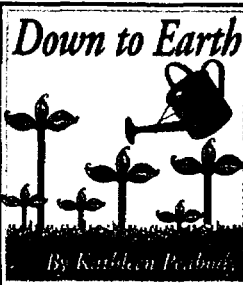
I pulled from my bookshelf a copy of "Sleeping with a Sunflower: A Treasury of Old-Time Gardening Lore" by Louise Riotte. What better time to read about these things than in winter as we move forward into a new year and prepare ourselves for its peaks and valleys? Here's a sample from Riotte.

### Native American full moons

Some Native Americans believe that January brought the *Wolf Moon* because of the hungry wolf packs roaming in the dead of winter. February's full moon was titled *Snow Moon*, to describe the blizzards that struck at this time of year. And March's full moon, oddly enough, was called the *Worm Moon*, explaining how the earthworms came to the ground's surface during the spring thaw.

### Seed catalogs and almanacs

We've heard much of Thomas Jefferson's love of gardening by reading his 60-year diary with its specific and well-written descriptions. Some of our



By Kathleen Peabody

other early gardeners had famous names as well. George Washington was a farmer first, military man second. According to Washington expert Wheeler McMillen, George loved plants and trees. Benjamin Franklin's fascination with plants led to an apple export business in England. It's also possible he first brought rhubarb to

the colonies. John Quincy Adams also tended his own garden very carefully and had his envoy bring home any promising plants.

By 1790, David Landreth, a young Englishman who settled in Philadelphia, had developed his own seed company. He had something new for his customers, including freestone peaches and strawberries in red or yellow. Among his buyers were Jefferson, Washington and Adams.

Another seed seller, Luther Burbank, moved to California and by 1875 developed his nursery along with a thriving seed catalog business. Offered were Burbank flax, Burbank peppers and, the earliest tomato "in the world" called,

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**8:30 am The S.O.C. Show**  
Guest: Laura Walter - Doll & Music Box Collection  
Host Fran Schonenberg and her guests discuss topics and events of particular interest to senior citizens  
Repeated: 11:30 pm

**9:00 am Vitality Plus**  
A half-hour aerobics exercise class.  
Repeated: Midnight

**9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture**  
Horticulturist Co-hosts Mil Anthony & Jim Farquhar share tips, give advice and interview local authorities on gardening.  
Repeated: 12:30 PM, 1:30 AM

**10:00 am Who's in the Kitchen?**  
Guests: G.P. North Students & Pankow VoTec  
Cook while laughing with host Chuck Kaess. Watch as delectable dishes are made from scratch by noted Chefs, local celebrities and guess who?  
Repeated: 6:30 PM, 1 AM

**10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial**  
Guests: Jerry Nehr - "The Power of Two" & Bonnie Delsener - Fine Wine Group  
LouAnne Wattrick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial.  
Repeated: 7:30 PM, 1:30 AM

**11:00 am Musical Story Time Jamboree**  
Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker and Miss ReadABook, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children.  
Repeated: 6:30 AM

**11:30 am Out of the Ordinary**  
Guest: Hoyt Robinette - Medium  
Robert Taylor presents a show to help enhance Body, Mind and Spirit!  
Repeated: 11 PM, 2:30 AM

**12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit**  
Guest: Bill Gates - Microsoft Corporation  
Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community.  
Repeated: 5 AM

**1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop**  
Topic: Winter Wonderland & Pine Trees  
Part I  
Renowned local artist, Carol Lathusa, demonstrates watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners.

yet challenging to the experienced artist.  
Repeated: 5:30 PM, 4 AM

**1:30 pm Inside Art**  
Guest: Paul D. Maghielse - Metal Sculpture  
Explore the artist's creative process and medium with host Robert Maniscalco.  
Repeated: 10:30 PM, 4:30 AM

**2:00 pm The Legal Insider**  
Guest: Eugene H. Boyle, Jr. - Media Laws  
Host attorneys, David Draper and Douglas Dempsey, take an inside look at current legal issues.  
Repeated: 6 PM, 5 AM

**2:30 pm The John Frost Show**  
Guest: Marita Grobbel - Alternatives for Girls  
Timely topics are discussed with Detroit and Grosse Pointe guests by long time host John Frost.  
Repeated: 10 PM, 5:30 AM

**3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial**  
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Repeated: 6:30 AM

**4:00 pm Vitality Plus**  
A half-hour of step or kick boxing exercise  
Repeated: 9 PM, 7 AM  
**7 PM TONE EXERCISE** Repeated: 2 AM, 6 AM

**4:30 pm Young View Points**  
Upbeat youth show featuring middle school students reporting on a variety of educational topics.  
Repeated: 8:30 PM, 7:30 AM

**5:00 pm Positively Positive**  
An uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas, hosted by Jamie McNeil and Liz Aiken  
Repeated: 8PM, 8 AM

\* Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call, 313.881.7811.

## Minimally invasive weight loss

Free program will discuss how severely obese patients can benefit

A minimally invasive procedure that can make weight loss and better health possible for severely obese patients will be discussed Monday, Jan. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Auditorium (22101 Moross at Mack, east of I-94).

Seriously overweight people, who have never been able to keep pounds off with diet pills, exercise or other weight-loss programs, can learn about the minimally invasive surgery option that significantly reduces food intake. Compared to more conventional weight-loss surgeries that involve stomach stapling and intestinal rerouting, this approach results in fewer complications and shortened hospitalization and recovery time.

In this minimally invasive procedure, a band is placed around the upper part of the stomach, creating an earlier feeling of fullness and limits food consumption. It offers advantages that come with minimally invasive procedures, where only tiny holes

are used for the instruments, while the surgery is done by a surgeon viewing the procedure on large video screen projections from a miniature camera inside the patient.

It has advantages over other procedures in its safety and the band itself is adjustable and the procedure is reversible.

More than 100,000 patients worldwide have undergone the procedure. Since the Food and Drug Administration's approval of this method in mid-2001, interest in and use of it have been rapidly growing in the United States.

Abd Hawasli, MD (who has an office in St. Clair Shores), director of Laparoscopic Surgery and the St. John Minimally Invasive Surgery Center, is one of the first surgeons in the area to perform the procedure. He will lead the program on Jan. 12.

"The beauty of this system is that it can be adjusted to patients' unique weight loss needs and it is reversible," said Hawasli. "That gives

patients the opportunity to have the band removed without damage to their organs if a truly effective drug therapy should become available at a later date."

Different from other surgical weight-loss procedures, the band can be released. For instance, this can help pregnant women having problems with vomiting, or those who may develop stomach or bile duct problems in the future needing examination with a scope.

Through small incisions, the surgeon uses thin, long-shafted instruments to place the band. It squeezes the stomach like a rubber band to create a small pouch. The narrow opening between the upper and lower parts of the stomach permits only a small amount of food to pass through at a time, giving the patient a feeling of being full sooner and longer.

Because the narrow opening that the band creates may need to be increased or decreased as the patient's needs change, the device can be modified without additional surgery. During the initial surgery, the band is attached by tubing to an access port that is placed

below the skin. Through the port and the tubing, the inner surface of the band can be inflated or deflated by a medical professional.

Obesity contributes to numerous health problems, such as high blood pressure, heart conditions, and type two diabetes and asthma. Studies have shown that many of these conditions improve as patients lose their excess weight.

According to the Surgeon General's recent "call to action," obesity has reached nationwide epidemic proportions. In 1999, an estimated 61 percent of U.S. adults were overweight, along with 13 percent of children and adolescents. Obesity among adults has doubled since 1980, while the number of overweight adolescents has tripled. The increase in chronic health conditions caused by obesity is comparable to that seen in 20 years of aging.

For more information, or to make a reservation for the free Jan. 12 program, call (888) 757-5463 or (586) 774-8811 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Irritable bowel syndrome often misdiagnosed

By Sudhanshu Patel, MD

The second-leading cause of workplace absenteeism (colds are first) is not discussed much around the coffee machine, is often undiagnosed or misdiagnosed and may be the cause of unnecessary abdominal surgery in some women.

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) affects between 3 and 20 percent of the general population. It's difficult to accurately estimate the number of IBS sufferers because so many are misdiagnosed. Most people with IBS are diagnosed before the age of 45. Women are two to three times more often affected than men.

IBS is characterized by symptoms that include abdominal pain, bloating, diarrhea and/or constipation. Everyone experiences occasional bowel disturbances. However, for individuals with IBS, the symptoms are more severe or occur more often and may even be continuous.

The symptoms of IBS are usually so physically uncomfortable or socially disruptive that most people seek medical advice. IBS, however, is a disorder that generally cannot be diagnosed in a traditional way through physical examination, X-ray or blood tests. The diagnosis of IBS is based on a pattern of symptoms in conjunction with physical examination and possibly tests to rule out other causes.

Currently, the best way to diagnose IBS is to use the Rome II Diagnostic Criteria, which is a system used to diagnose functional gastrointestinal disorders based on symptoms.

### The Rome II Diagnostic Criteria for IBS

At least 12 weeks or more, which need not be consecutive, in the preceding 12 months of abdominal discomfort or pain that is accompanied by at least two of the following:

- It is relieved with defecation, and/or
- Onset is associated with a change in frequency of stool, and/or
- Onset is associated with a change in form (appearance) of stool.

Other symptoms that are not essential but support the diagnosis of IBS:

- Abnormal stool frequency (greater than three bowel movements/day or less than three a week);
- Abnormal stool form (lumpy/hard or loose/watery stool);
- Abnormal stool passage (straining, urgency, or feeling of incomplete evacuation);
- Passage of mucus (white discharge during a bowel movement);
- Fullness, bloating or feeling of abdominal distension.

Since symptoms of IBS are most commonly seen in people in their 20s to 40s, individuals age 50 and older who are bothered by any of the above symptoms should see their physician soon to rule out the possibility of colon cancer or another medical disorder. Specific "alarm" symptoms that warrant investigation include unexplained weight loss, unremitting pain, sleep-disrupting diarrhea, fasting diarrhea, large-volume diarrhea, blood in the stool or a family history of colon cancer.

IBS is not an organic disease or something that will lead to cancer, and it's not "all in the heads" of its sufferers. It is, rather, a syndrome or compilation of symptoms that are produced by abnormal functioning of the nerves and muscles of the bowel. This disturbance causes the bowel to be overly sensitive. Because of the connection between the brain and the bowel, symptoms in some individuals may be triggered by stress. Also, diet and hormonal fluctuations may cause flare-ups.

### Treating IBS

Treatment of IBS begins with patient education and reassurance that it will not lead to other diseases or a shortened life span. It is important for IBS sufferers to understand that they may go through cycles of constipation, pain and bloating and diarrhea followed by a normal period.

Most individuals with IBS have mild symptoms and will find relief through dietary or lifestyle modifications. For those with constipation-prominent IBS, a fiber supplement like bran or fiber drinks may help move stool through the colon. The key with increased fiber intake, though, is to drink plenty of fluids. If fluids are not increased, the fiber will make the stool even harder. A physician-prescribed laxative may be needed if dietary fiber does not relieve symptoms.

For persons with diarrhea-prominent IBS, over-the-counter medications such as Imodium or Lomotil may be effective. There also are prescription medications that may help control symptoms but which require close physician supervision.

If symptoms are severe and don't improve with diet and lifestyle modifications, some patients may benefit from a trial of a low-dose antidepressant drug. Symptom relief with this therapy does not suggest that patients are depressed or that their symptoms are psychological, since the dosage is half of what is used to treat depression.

As with most medical disorders, what works for one person may not work for another. The most effective treatment for IBS begins with a good physician/patient relationship and a willingness to try different treatment methods until one is found that best suits the patient's individual circumstances.

Dr. Patel is a Bon Secours Cottage gastroenterologist. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

## Healing Arts Center classes at St. John

Classes centered around complementary therapies and open to the community are offered at the Valade Healing Arts Center in the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

January classes include:

Tuesday, Jan. 6 — Ongoing Chi Gong (every Tuesday, \$15 per visit) 7:30-8:30 p.m. is for students who have taken the three-week introductory Chi Gong class. Students may drop in. Registration is not required.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 — Chi Gong (three weeks, \$45) 10:30 a.m. to noon enhances the healing process, improves vitality and flexibility using 12 gentle, slow-motion movements, natural breathing and visualization.

Thursday, Jan. 8 — Chi Gong (three weeks, \$45) 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10 — Yoga demonstration (free) 12:30-1:30 p.m. is an opportunity for those who wonder if they can do yoga to find out what it's like. Experience yoga through a Hatha Yoga demonstration led by instructor Marlene Bahr.

Monday, Jan. 12 — Tai Chi, advanced (seven weeks, \$80) 7:45-8:45 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12 — Tai Chi, beginner/intermediate, (seven weeks, \$80) 4-5 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. introduces students to movements used

to improve health, develop balance, calm the mind and strengthen the body. Research suggests that Tai Chi may also improve heart and lung function, reduce stress and improve confidence.

Monday, Jan. 12 — Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 6:30-7:45 p.m. can aid health through meditation, breathing exercises and positive thinking. Postures promote the free flow of energy, help eliminate toxins and achieve a harmonious emotional life.

Individual attention and modifications are offered.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 — Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 6-7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 — Prenatal Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 7:30-8:30 p.m. offers safe and gentle stretches, breathing techniques, relaxation and meditation appropriate for pregnant women.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 — Iyengar Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. builds strength, flexibility, stamina and awareness. Practicing the postures makes the body firm and strong, the mind calm and the spirit nurtured. Props such as blankets, belts, mats and blocks help to correctly position the body. Alignment is emphasized through individual instruction and modification.

Thursday, Jan. 15 —

Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Reiki Intro to Energy Evening (Free) 7-8:30 p.m. is a mini session offered by the Valade Healing Arts Center for those wishing to experience for the first time the benefits of this ancient, gentle, hands on healing method for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. Rose Knight, Reiki Master/teacher, will lead the program.

Saturday, Jan. 24 — Basic Meditation (\$25) 12:30-2:30 p.m. is a powerful class beginning with basic information on stress and how it affects one physically, mentally and emotionally. Participants will learn relaxation techniques, breath work and basic meditation practice.

Saturday, Jan. 24 — Chi Gong Lecture/Demonstration (free) 12:30-1:30 p.m. presents the benefits of Chi Gong, a common-sense approach to maintaining health. Chi Gong self-help and therapist applications are intended to complement medical treatment. The lecture will be followed by a Chi Gong Therapy demonstration using only the power of thought to relieve symptoms from injury to illness. Michael Bolus, Chi Gong master

instructor, will lead the program.

Saturday, Jan. 24 — Reiki Level I (all-day class, \$125) (7.2 CEUs for nurses) 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. is an ancient Japanese "hands-on healing" method. Students will be attuned to this Universal Life Energy, learn the history of Reiki (ray-kee), basic hand positions and ways to use this energy in their own lives and in service to others.

Saturday, Jan. 24 — Bach Flower Essences (\$12 or \$10 per person for two or more) 10-11:30 a.m. helps with managing emotions and the demands of everyday life and helps to restore and maintain emotional balance.

Class sizes are limited. For more information or to register, call (313) 647-3320, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Valade Healing Arts Center is located on the third floor of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94.

It provides an environment where all people, not only those touched by cancer, may enhance their quality of life through programs that complement medical care and focus on the mind, body and spirit.

## Free hip, knee pain seminar on Jan. 14

Learn about the causes of arthritis hip and knee pain and morning stiffness at a free seminar sponsored by the Hip and Knee Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center on Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Medical Education Building located near the hospital's rear entrance.

To register and for more information, call the toll-

free St. John SeniorLink at (888) 751-5465. The hospital is located at 22101 Moross Road at Mack, east of I-94. Self-parking is free for seminar attendees.

"The seminars will provide information about the latest non-surgical treatments, new arthritis medicines and advance physical therapy. If necessary, we can make referrals to physicians specializing in orthopedics,"

said Heidi Kalinowski, RN, MSN, nurse practitioner and program director for the St. John Hip and Knee Center.

The Hip and Knee Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center is a member of the JointCare Centers of America — a nationwide network comprised of hospitals and orthopedic surgeons who are dedicated to excellence in the delivery of total

joint replacement and related care.

"The St. John Hip and Knee Center follows a model that emphasizes high patient satisfaction in terms of quality care and customer service. We are proud to be the only hospital in the metro-Detroit area to be members of this network," Kalinowski said.

For more information about the Hip and Knee Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, call Kalinowski at (313) 343-7785 or visit us on the internet at [www.stjohn.org](http://www.stjohn.org).

### How to cope with stress

A free community education night focusing on how to cope with stress will be presented on Thursday, Jan. 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

The Van Elslander Cancer Center is located behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94. To register or for more information, call (866) 246-4673.



## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Need some resolutions for your New Year's skin? Here are three - Protect, Detect and Restore.

Protect - Reduce exposure to factors which accelerate aging and increase the potential for skin damage and skin cancer. Use sunscreen, don't smoke and wear gloves when using harsh chemicals and cleaners.

Detect - Get to know your skin. Complete a monthly skin exam using a mirror to help. Keep a watchful eye for any changes whether for existing moles or new spots that may appear.

Restore. In addition to using sunscreens to reduce harmful sun damage, use moisturizers and cleansers that match your skin type. Also, there are numerous products available over-the-counter, or through your physician which can help to slow or reverse existing damage.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year from all of the associates at Eastside Dermatology.

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## Junior League of Detroit commemorates relationship

### Detroit Public Library's Monteith Branch gets leaded-glass panels

The Junior League of Detroit recently commemorated a three-year relationship with the Detroit Public Library Monteith Branch by installing leaded glass panels specially commissioned to represent the substantial past and future commitment from the Junior League of Detroit to the Monteith Branch.

These panels, designed and created by Junior League of Detroit member Ann Baxter, symbolize the close relationship shared by the Junior League of Detroit to the Monteith Library. Baxter, a glass artisan, has been creating glass artwork for 21 years. Her Monteith Library work consists of two panels, each composed of beveled panels and a beveled circular motif

in the center. This design mimics the painted medallions of the existing leaded glass windows of the library.

The theme of each panel reflects the partnership of the Junior League of Detroit and the Monteith Library. One panel includes the logo of the Junior League of Detroit and states, "Renewal in Partnership 2001-2004." The second panel consists of the Detroit Public Library logo and states, "John Monteith 1926."

These remarkable panels were installed at the entry to the newly refurbished Learning Center on the second floor of the Monteith Library.

The Junior League of Detroit has dedicated significant human and financial capital over a three-year period to the library. As a "signature" project of the league, \$165,000 and significant time commitment from league members have been donated to the library and local community since 2001.

Accomplishments have included the renovation and development of a Learning Center, equipped with computers, flexible seating, study carrels and flooring. This area is used by local school children for education and after-school tutorial sessions conducted by library staff and volunteers. The Learning Center also serves as a meeting facility for neighborhood residents.

The Junior League of Detroit has also pioneered the development and ongoing management of a monthly "Explorers" program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This program is designed to foster and support early interest in science and mathematics.

The league also serves as coordinator and trainer for many volunteer activities at the library; recruiting and organizing support from other community organizations near the library allows the library the necessary staffing for its various programs. Currently, the league is creating an Adopt-

a-Library Guide for use by other organizations.

The Junior League of Detroit, celebrating its 90th year, is a volunteer organization of diverse women committed to improving the Detroit community through effective action and leadership. Through collaborative projects, members seek to make a positive impact on the community by developing and enhancing responsive programs and services deemed essential to children's well-being.

Over the past 10 years, the Junior League of Detroit has invested over \$2.9 million and thousands of volunteer hours in the Detroit community. Financial support for Junior League of Detroit programs and projects is primarily provided by major activities of the league, such as the recently announced Designers' Show House 2004. If you are interested in more information about the Junior League of Detroit, call (313) 881-0040 or email the office at [jldoffice@ameritech.net](mailto:jldoffice@ameritech.net).



Artist Ann Baxter, left, and league president Kathleen Moro Nesl are proud of the stained glass panels the Junior League of Detroit commissioned for the entrance doors to the Learning Center at the Detroit Public Library Monteith Branch.

## AAUW to discuss learning Jewish culture

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, sponsors a lecture titled, "A Learning of Jewish Culture," on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Grosse

Pointe Woods City Council Chambers. Guest speaker Allan Gale is associate director of the Jewish Community Council of Metro Detroit. He has over two decades of experience in

program administration, with emphasis on developing relationships with community leaders and coalition building and has been a workshop presenter at national conferences. The program is free and the community is invited. However, an RSVP is requested for planning. Leave a message at (586) 778-2297.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council chambers are located at 20025 Mack Plaza. The president of AAUW Grosse Pointe is Diana Kryszak of Grosse Pointe Woods.

## G.P. Community Chorus to hold rehearsals for May 2 concert

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus will hold rehearsals for its May 2 concert on Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Grosse Pointe North High School choral room.

Auditions are not neces-

sary, just a desire to have fun. The chorus is comprised of 80 members from the tri-county area. North High School is located at 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-2482 for more information.

## Engagements



Geoffrey Everham and Amber Schoenherr

### Schoenherr-Everham

Robert and Jan Schoenherr of Grosse Pointe Park announced the engagement of their daughter, Amber Schoenherr, to Geoffrey Everham, son of George and Karen Everham of Grosse Pointe Park. A

July wedding is planned. Schoenherr earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Wayne State University and a MAT in educational leadership from Saginaw Valley State University. She is a seventh grade language arts teacher at Warren Woods Middle School.

Everham earned a BBA in marketing and business management from Northwood University. He is an account manager with Toyoda Gosei North America.

### Weigandt-Macy

Jan Weigandt of Trenton and John Weigandt, also of Trenton, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Millicent Marie Weigandt, to J. Ryan Macy, son of Hildreth A. Macy of the City of Grosse Pointe and Joseph A. Macy of Pauma Valley, Calif.

Weigandt earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish from



J. Ryan Macy and Millicent Marie Weigandt

Michigan State University. She is a teacher's assistant in special education and autism at Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park.

Macy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business management from Western Michigan University. He is human resource manager for The Island House on Mackinac Island.

## 'Look Good...Feel Better' workshop

The Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center is pleased to present "Look Good...Feel Better" a free program for any woman undergoing cancer treatment. The next session is Monday, Jan. 5, from noon to 2 p.m. at the center.

"Look Good...Feel Better" is a national program dedicated to helping women

manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer and its treatment and restore their self-confidence.

An experienced, licensed cosmetologist will offer special cosmetic techniques and tips for how to order, wear and care for wigs and head coverings. Participants will receive a gift of high-quality makeup products to use during the class and to keep.

The American Cancer Society, the National Cosmetology Association and the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association sponsor the program.

To register for the class, call (866) 246-HOPE (4673).

The Van Elslander Cancer Center is located adjacent to St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack at Moross, east of I-94.

## GPAA sponsors 3-D, photography exhibition

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will present a members' "3-Dimensional and Photography Exhibition" from Wednesday, Jan. 7, to Saturday, Feb. 28. The opening reception is Saturday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the gallery.

The exhibit will feature sculpture, mixed media, three-dimensional work and

photography. The gallery is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m.

## A Christmas story: 'Silent Night'

(NAPSI) — One of the most remarkable events of World War I occurred on Christmas Eve when enemy soldiers laid down their arms in the middle of the war to celebrate Christmas.

Wednesday through Saturday. For information, call (313) 821-1848.

Author Stanley Weintraub recounts this inspirational true story in "Silent Night" (Plume), a book described as "beautiful, brutal and deeply moving." Available at local bookstores.



## Delta Kappa Gamma

Delta Kappa Gamma, an international honor society for women educators, recently welcomed seven new members, including Parcels Middle School teachers Linda Angelilli and Mary Fodell; Richard Elementary School teachers Kathy Schmitz and Susan Schmitz; Kerby Elementary School teacher Anne Maurer; Trombly Elementary School teacher Betsy Elliman; and Detroit educator Judie Ballint.

The new members joined other chapter members at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club for the organization's annual Holiday Bazaar, a scholarship fundraiser for future teachers.

The society has approximately 150,000 members who come from all 50 states and 14 countries. Locally, the society is large enough for two Grosse Pointe-based chapters. Its goals include enhancing the professional and personal lives of its members and advancing the cause of education and women's roles in the profession.

New members, from left, are Mary Fodell, Anne Maurer, Linda Angelilli, Judith Ballint, Kathy Schmitz and Susan Schmitz. Not shown is Betsy Elliman.

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## The Pastor's Corner

### The season of goodwill — and gay marriage

By the Rev. John Corrado  
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

I was asked, during this season of peace and goodwill, why some good, religious people so vehemently and angrily oppose same-sex marriage. With palms turned upward and a shrug, I can only answer about what I have been hearing and reading for longer than I care to remember.

Some argue against it on the basis of "perversion." I wonder what kind of fantasies their minds are entertaining. What a wicked web we weave when we start to conceive fantasies about others born of our fears, dislikes, alienation.

Some argue against same-sex marriage on the basis of "scripture," by proof-texting, i.e., by selecting isolated verses from the Bible. Put them together and what have they got? They've got a soap-box to attack those who are different from themselves. I wonder if these same proof-texters also stone to death insolent teenagers, offer virgin daughters to rapacious strangers, or beat their plowshares into spears? Yup, that's in the Bible, too (Joel 3:10).

Some good people oppose same-sex marriage on the basis of church doctrine, that ever-evolving conversation within a faith of denomination, which often concerns itself with the times rather than the eternities.

Dogmatics, it seems to me, is a separate universe of words, parallel to, but often not related to, the world in which human beings live and encounter one another.

But what about love? "Faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love." Where is the love?

"But," some of my more religiously orthodox sisters and brothers say, "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

The theology of that attempt at wit is so bad that I'm almost embarrassed for those who speak it. If you're going to talk about a God who created Adam and Eve, (not to mention seas, birds, trees and that awful snake) and then suggest that creation stopped with Adam's rib, you are denying the very deity you claim to affirm! The life of Life that flowed through whoever or whatever is represented by our mythical forebearers, continues to flow — through Adam and Steve and Rashaad and Indira and Muffy and the whole of creation.

When we let our fears, wrapped in justification by religiosity, harm or thwart men and women and children who are different than we are, we are people who, by diminishing our brothers and sisters, diminish ourselves and the better world we should be trying to build.

May we see that, despite all our differentness, in the eyes of the Eternal we are one — all a little queer, perhaps, but, nevertheless, one.

## Beat winter's chill at Assumption Center

Choose from a variety of classes beginning in January at Assumption Cultural Center guaranteed to boost your spirits and keep you energized!

Reinvigorate for the New Year with exercise for all ages. Kalosomatics exercise, state of well-being through body movement, offers women and co-ed classes with cardiovascular emphasis incorporating aerobics, yoga and Pilates-like mat work. Beginner and intermediate classes are offered. Moderation calisthenics and Stretch and Stroll chair classes are ideal for less strenuous forms of exercise.

Day and evening classes are available. Baby-sitting available in mornings for moms.

Moms and Tots/Play Group offers playtime exercise, music, creative activities and fun while developing cognitive, motor, social and emotional skills.

Other fitness classes presented are day and evening Yoga and Tai Chi both excellent ways to strengthen and tone muscles with important stress reduction techniques added to round out a great fitness regime.

Karate classes for adults and the Pee Wee set are as popular as ever. Tae Kwon Do karate offers all ages the opportunity to develop strength while learning the art of discipline.

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Other opportunities for self-improvement are Macomb Community College credit and non-credit classes held at Assumption.

Boating safety skills and seamanship presented by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Bridge Club, Ace Driving, Kumon Math for youth as well as teen golf are offered opportunities.

personal goals for 2004! Get to know your own fitness profile with exercise, dance, personal trainers and speaker Mary Petersen, who will guide ladies in Regaining Your Health, both mentally, emotionally and socially.

Call Assumption Cultural Center (586) 779-6111 to register for all classes that begin in January. The center is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores/Grosse Pointe Woods and is part of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, which reopened Dec. 21 after the devastating fire one year ago.

All activities are now resumed and in full swing including the banquet facilities and catering by in-house caterer, Marchiori Catering.

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### 'Beautiful Sounds' at St. Paul

The Festival Choir of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms performed its annual Christmas concert, "The Beautiful Sounds of Christmas," on Sunday, Dec. 14. The choir performed works by John Rutter, Daniel Pinkham, Gustav Holst and George Frideric Handel. The Festival Choir is comprised of St. Paul's three choirs: St. Paul Choir, the Voices of Joy contemporary choir and the St. Paul Children's Choir. The choir is under the direction of organist and music director Lawrence R. Przybyz and is planning a performance tour of Italy in 2005, including a sung High Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

### Ecumenical Men's upcoming speakers

The Ecumenical Men's Breakfast group, meeting every Friday morning promptly at 7:30 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, has announced its January and February lineup of speakers. They are:

Jan. 16, the Rev. Demetrios Kavadas (retired) of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church,

Jan. 23, the Rev. Nicolai Ozolin, ecumenical minister from Russia,

Jan. 30, the Rev. Tim Cuny of St. Clare of Montefalco,

Feb. 6, the Rev. John Corrado of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church,

Feb. 13, the Rev. Dr. Manuel H. Pierson of Hartford Memorial Church,

Feb. 20, the Very Rev. Joseph Antypas of St. George Orthodox church, and

Feb. 27, Bishop John McNab of St. Clare of Montefalco.

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10:10 a.m. - Christian Education for All Ages  
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11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir of Men and Boys (Crib and toddler care 8:45 - 12:45)  
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January 1, 2004

## Missed free throws doom Harper Woods

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' boys basketball team wasted an opportunity to upset state-ranked Birmingham Detroit Country Day last week, losing 67-57.

The host Pioneers made only 14-of-30 free throws (46 percent), and shot less than 20 percent from behind the three-point line.

"This was our shot to beat Country Day, but we beat ourselves instead," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "The 10-point difference doesn't tell the story because it was closer than that."

The Pioneers trailed 56-51 with three minutes left, but senior point guard Bruce Mosely's

attempt went in and out. Country Day junior Kyle Holmes had two consecutive dunks to put the game out of reach.

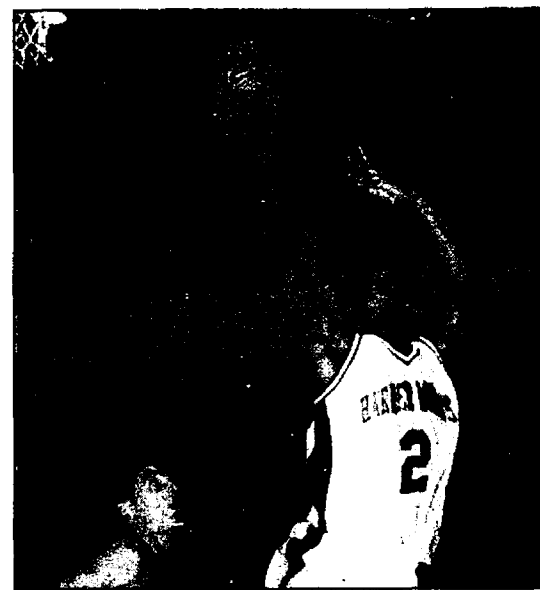
"Our kids played hard, and they weren't intimidated by Country Day," Ristovski said. "The missed free throws and our poor shooting led to our loss."

The Pioneers led 14-10 after the first quarter and 28-26 at the half.

The Yellowjackets outscored the home team 22-16 in the third period to grab a 48-44 lead, and the Pioneers were never able to retake the lead during the fourth quarter.

"Our kids know they can play some of the best in the

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Harper Woods senior Rodney Batta, right, scores two of his 12 points in the Pioneers' 67-57 loss to Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

## Knights showing knack for close wins

University Liggett School's basketball team is showing the ability to win the close games, despite going into most of the contests with a height disadvantage.

The Knights improved to 3-1 with a 60-55 victory over Redford St. Katherine Drexel.

Jonathan Wright scored 21 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, while Maurice Taylor led ULS in scoring with 22 points.

Wright, a junior, is averaging 19 points and 13 rebounds despite playing center at 5-feet-11. Taylor and Barré Mackie,

the two senior captains, have provided excellent leadership for the squad so far this season.

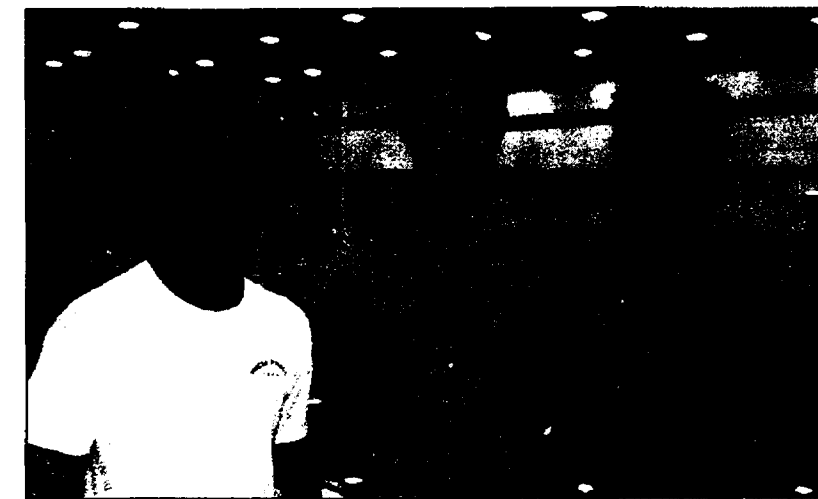
In a recent 57-56 victory over Trinity Catholic, Taylor scored 26 points, including a pair of free throws after time had expired.

Mackie added 13 points in that contest.

Juniors Adam Heaney and Gary Davis-Headd are also making key contributions with their work on defense.

"The guys have all really bought into what Coach (Dean Ristovski) is teaching them," said assistant coach Maurice Taylor.

"They're working hard and playing as a team."



It didn't take long for these three Grosse Pointe South swimmers to qualify for the state meet. Achieving state cuts in their first meet of the season were, from left, Casey Browning, Luke Richard and David Richardson-Rossbach.

## Fast start for South swimmers

Grosse Pointe South's boys swim team, coached by Bill Thompson and Elizabeth Bourke, is off to a fast start — literally.

Not only did the Blue Devils defeat Macomb Area Conference Red Division rival Eisenhower 139-47 in their season opener, but they achieved three state qualifying times in individual events in the process.

Casey Browning swam the 200-yard freestyle in 1:47.62. Luke Richard clocked a 53.96 in the 100 butterfly and David Richardson-Rossbach finished the 100 backstroke in 57.08.

Returning swimmers led

the way. Mike Dunaway won the 50 freestyle and Ben Jenzen was first in the 100 freestyle.

Jeff Tompkins swam a personal best in winning the 500 freestyle in 5:12.27. Teammate Mike Mullinger was second.

Pete Stevens led a sweep in the 100 breaststroke with Waseem Ksehati and Chris Vella taking the next two spots.

Wilson Holm and Dunaway followed Richardson-Rossbach in a South sweep of the backstroke.

Sophomore Jon Sax won the 200 individual medley in 2:05.31.

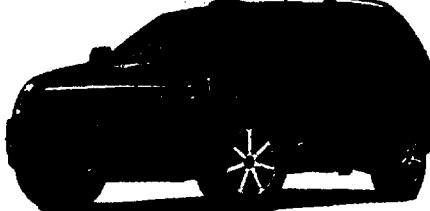



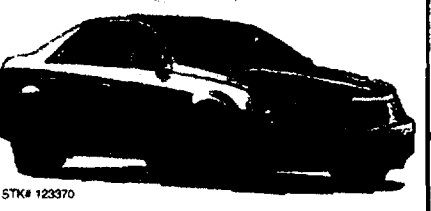
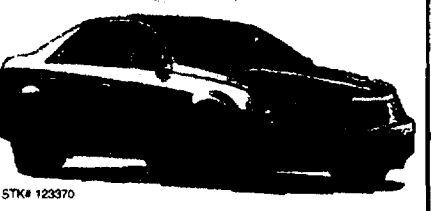
South won all three relays. The team of Ryan Gunderson, Vella, Andrew Graham and Holm won the 200 medley relays. The 200 freestyle relay team of Graham, Alex Garbarino, Carlos Padilla and Robby Browning finished first as did the 400 freestyle relay team of Tompkins, Garbarino, Adam Dziuba and Mullinger.

Diving coach Chad Hepner has an experienced group this season and the seasoning paid off with a sweep in that event.

Justin Linne was first with 199.45 points. Ty Lattimore and Dan Kastner took the next two spots.


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### Bulldogs are best

The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs 13-and-under travel baseball team won the eight-team Pollard Park tournament in Chesterfield Township, and didn't have to play a close game in the process. The Bulldogs beat Hamtramck 10-0 in the championship game. They won their division by beating L'Anse Creuse (11-2), Shelby Township (14-4) and Eastpointe (18-1). Hamtramck was also undefeated in its division. In front, from left, are Andy Wybo, Johnny Hackett, Chris Vens, Keith SklarSKI and John Michael Guest. In the middle row, from left, are Joey Lambers, Clarke Dirksen, Will Socla, Ben Miller, Chris Shirar, Mike Cunningham, Kelly O'Donnell-Daudlin and Max Pearson. In back, from left, are coaches John Vens, Mike SklarSKI and John Hackett. Not pictured are Tommy Carlon, Chris Harnadek and coaches Bill Carlon, Bill Hackett and Steve Wybo.

## ND hoops wins top team award

### Year in review

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's 2003 ended in a hectic rush with the hiring of a new athletic director (Chris McDonald) and the replacing of a football coach. Things could turn out to be much brighter when the 2004 school year kicks off, thanks to the hiring of former

Bishop Gallagher/Trinity Catholic Hall of Fame coach George Sahadi. He coached hundreds of football players during his more than 30 years on the job and helped send many of his players to play college football, including Braylon Edwards, who is a star wide receiver for the University of Michigan.

Below is a look at Notre Dame's top team, coach and player in 2003.

### Team of the Year

Without a doubt, the Fightin' Irish's top team is the basketball squad, which won a district title under second-year head coach Don Sicko.

The team finished 15-9 overall, beating Dearborn Divine Child, Detroit City High, L'Anse Creuse North, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Birmingham Brother Rice (twice), U-D Jesuit, Detroit Catholic Central, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Detroit East Catholic, Redford Bishop Burgess and Walled Lake Northern during the regular season.

In the district tournament, the host Irish edged Warren Woods-Tower 47-37 in the first round before crushing Lakeview 67-31 in the semifinals and South Lake 58-46 in the championship game.

Sicko and his team lost 62-49 to Birmingham Detroit Country Day in a regional semifinal.

Some of their other losses

## Pioneers

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state, but they have to make the plays when they count the most," Ristovski said.

Moseley and senior Rodney Batta each scored 12 points to lead the Pioneers, while junior Justin Popov had 11, and senior Dan Harris added 10.

The Harper Woods basketball team slipped to 2-2 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers is an away game on Tuesday, Jan. 6, against Fraser.

came to Romeo, which was 20-0 in the regular season, Detroit Martin Luther King and Detroit Redford, which were two of the top teams in the Detroit Public School League, and Detroit St. Martin dePorres.

The squad was led by seniors Marvin Listenbee, Dave Drwencke, Mike Melnyk, John Pelak, Brad Michaels, Andy Kwietniewski and Phil Simon.

Juniors Ryan Stewart, Keith Frank, and Seth Quanta; sophomores Dan Drwencke, Darryl Clements and Jamaal Thomas; and freshman Deron Gordon were also on that district title team.

### Coach of the Year

Notre Dame's 2003 coach of the year is Kevin Nielsen, who was the interim head football coach in the fall.

Nielsen was put smack dab in the middle of the pressure cooker when he replaced Ed Belcrest two

## Redford thumps Irish

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame basketball team was humbled by state-ranked Detroit Redford last week, losing 71-35.

"We were taught a lesson," head coach Don Sicko said. "It wasn't a game after the first four or five minutes. I hope our kids learned a lot from playing against one of the best teams in the state."

Redford, ranked No. 3 in Class A, led by 20 points at the half and extended the Fightin' Irish's deficit to 30 points near the end of the third quarter.

Junior Darryl Clements, the Irish's most explosive scorer, fouled out after playing just 16 seconds of the third quarter.

"We lost some scoring when Darryl fouled out," Sicko said. "This is a game to learn from because Redford is a veteran team that is very skilled."

Senior Seth Quaranta scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Irish.

The Notre Dame basketball team fell to 2-2 overall. Coming up for the Fightin' Irish is their Catholic League Central Division opener on Tuesday, Jan. 6, against Detroit Catholic Central.

weeks before the first game.

"It's been a little hectic, but overall things are going very well for us here at Notre Dame," Nielsen said during a preseason interview.

The team won four of its first five games before ending the year with a four game losing streak.

Despite the losses to state playoff bound foes Warren De La Salle, Dearborn Divine Child, Detroit St. Martin dePorres and Detroit Pershing, Nielsen had his players mentally and physically ready to play each game.

His young men played the game with a passion, and that is what is a tribute to Nielsen's character.

### Player of the Year

Notre Dame's recipient of the player of the year accolade is Dan Valente.

The 2003 graduate put together one of the best all-around baseball seasons under head coach Angelo Gust.

"Dan has been doing it all for us the past month," Gust said, following his Fightin' Irish's regional championship loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary. "He ended his high school career on a great note."

Valente was an all-Catholic pitcher, who hit above .350 for the season to help Notre Dame's baseball team finish 23-17 overall and win its 11th district title in the past 12 years.

### Baseball school has openings

Spots are filling quickly, but there are still some openings for the winter session of the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School.

The school will be held in the Grosse Pointe South gymnasium on Jan. 10 and 11 from 3 to 6 p.m. each day.

Each day there will be a hitting and pitching camp and participants can attend each by signing up for both days.

The cost is \$45 per day, but if a player decides to attend both days the cost is \$80.

The camp is open to players in grades three through eight.

Brochures are available at the South office and at the Neighborhood Club. They can also be obtained by calling one of the camp directors, Dan Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or Matt Reno at (313) 886-5537.

Registration must be in by Wednesday, Jan. 7. There is no registration at the door.

## Park resident completes her recovery from heart surgery

Four years ago, Doreen Hoffman of Grosse Pointe Park had open heart surgery.

Last fall, Hoffman completed her recovery by competing in an Ironman triathlon in Madison, Wisc. She spent her day — 16 hours and 18 minutes of it — swimming in Lake Mendota, biking through the hills of Wisconsin and running through downtown Madison and the campus of the University of Wisconsin.

Hoffman was one of 1,800 competitors from all 50 states and 30 countries to embark on what is arguably the hardest triathlon in the world.

Many seasoned competitors, much less the first timers, couldn't finish the second leg of the event — a 112-mile bike ride — because of cramping and shortness of breath from the 90-degree temperature and high pollen counts.

However, Hoffman was determined to put her eight months of dedicated and strenuous training to good use.

The day began with a 2.4-mile swim. Hoffman cut 12 minutes off her best time and finished in one hour, 28 minutes.

She quickly changed out of her wet suit and into her biking shorts for the 112-mile ride. Hoffman had hoped to finish that portion of the event in less than seven hours, but a mishap forced her to settle for a time of eight hours, 16 minutes.

"At mile 84 my aero bars came off the bike and fell

into my front wheel," Hoffman said. "I was certain that at the high rate of speed that I was traveling, I was going to flip the bike. Instead, the bars fell into the front wheel and removed a few spokes and bent the rim."

"I continued to mile 100 before technical support arrived and repaired my bike the best they could. Those last 28 miles were clearly the hardest."

Watching other competitors fall by the wayside didn't help Hoffman.

"I saw quite a few people lying on the side of the road with cramps, dehydration problems and shortness of breath," she said. "Every time I saw or heard another ambulance I said a prayer and hoped for the best."

The grueling event ended with a marathon-distance run.

"To cool myself off during the 26-mile run, I would put my head and arms into the ice water in the large garbage drums that held water bottles at the aid station because the heat had become unbearable," Hoffman said.

"And then at the halfway point of the run, my left knee began to bother me. I looked at the time and knew I could still finish before the midnight deadline even if I walked the final 13 miles. And that's just what I did."

After 16 hours, 18 minutes and 25 seconds of determination, the 43-year-old Hoffman came across the finish line with her traditional smile on her face as

she high-fived several of her supporters.

In 1999, Hoffman, an attorney, became ill on her way to court. She went to the hospital and after several hours of testing, doctors determined that she had a hole in her heart large enough for a golf ball to pass through.

After surgery and several weeks of recuperation, Hoffman wondered how strong her heart was. Under the guidance of her cardiologist she began training to compete in a triathlon for the first time.

Later that year, she competed in her first sprint triathlon in Madison, and two others, including one in San Diego, Calif., where she braved the high surf of the Pacific Ocean.

"For me, the Ironman event was purely a celebration of life," Hoffman said. "I am now confident that I can forget about the problem I had with my heart and get on with whatever I choose to do in life."

"My husband (Ron) likes to joke that he is going to have open-heart surgery so that he can run a marathon. Or that he is going to stop wasting money on my life insurance policy. But all kidding aside, he and my son Tyler are my biggest supporters. They sometimes complained about all the time I spent away from home training for my last event but I know that they are very happy to see that I am healthy and delighted to be alive."

## Softball, Naidow & Dinicu top Regina's 2003 honorees

### Year in review

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Athletic director Diane Laffey had another successful year carefully watching all of Regina's sports teams remain competitive throughout 2003.

The Saddlelites had their share of success, whether it was on the volleyball court, softball diamond, track, pool or basketball court.

Below is a list of Regina's team, coach and player of the year in 2003.

### Team of the Year

Regina's team of the year is the softball squad, which advanced to its second straight Division I state quarterfinal.

The Saddlelites, who finished 25-14 overall, lost 1-0 to their league rival Farmington Hills Mercy when the Marlins scored a run in the seventh inning on a squeeze bunt.

Head coach Diane Laffey watched as seniors Kim Petrucci, Nicole Maison, Jenna Fischione, Jaclyn Fowler, Katie Carnagie, Amy Whaley and Lisa Miko finished their careers with a ton of victories.

Each played an instrumental role in helping the Saddlelites win a district title (beating Eastpointe East Detroit 4-0 in the semifinals and Roseville 2-0 in

the finals) and regional crown (defeating Grosse Pointe North 3-2 in the semifinals and Warren Cousino 6-0 in the finals) before losing to Mercy.

Laffey's squad finished 1-4 against Mercy during the softball season, which included three one-run defeats.

The team will be led by sophomore pitching ace Nicole Nemitz, who is a left-handed pitcher with several pitches to get hitters out.

### Coach of the Year

Regina's coach of the year is Matt Naidow, who guided the soccer team to a division and district championship in 2003.

Naidow was in his first year at the helm, and it was his cool, calm demeanor that helped the Saddlelites reach new heights.

His squad finished 13-8-1, winning the Catholic League Double-A Division with a 6-0 mark.

In those six division games, the Saddlelites outscored the opposition 27-3.

Naidow expected his players to think like winners, and play the game like winners, which they did.

The squad played tough foes such as Auburn Hills Avondale, Livonia Ladywood, Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and Madison Heights Bishop Foley during the reg-

ular season.

In the district playoffs, Naidow guided his squad to wins over St. Clair (3-1), Lake Shore (4-0) and Lakeview (3-2 in the title match).

Their season ended with a 5-1 loss to Royal Oak Kimball in a Division II regional semifinal.

Watch out this spring because Naidow's Saddlelites should be even better.

### Player of the Year

For the first time since Bob St. John began handing out honors at Regina, a freshman has earned the player of the year, Jackie Dinicu.

The freshman phenom earned a spot in the Division II tennis state championships, winning her first match 6-1, 6-1 over East Lansing's Colette Buckberry before falling 6-3, 6-2 to No. 3 seed Emily Dudzik of Greenville.

Dinicu won all but two of her matches this fall, and she earned a gold medal at the prestigious Catholic League A-B Division Tournament.

She took over the Saddlelites' No. 1 singles slot from 2003 graduate Sarah Markiewicz, who played tennis at the Army Academy this fall.

Dinicu has the potential to be Regina's best-ever tennis player.

## Lancers use defense to win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Trinity Catholic's boys basketball team gave head coach Ed Banks an early Christmas present last week, beating host Riverview Gabriel Richard 57-49.

"It was a good game," Banks said. "Richard beat us by 30 points last year, so beating them in their own gym was very nice heading into the break."

Gabriel Richard is the

preseason pick to win the Catholic League A-West Division title.

It was tight throughout the four quarters as the Lancers held leads of 23-18 at the half and 37-33 after three quarters.

"We could have won by a more comfortable margin if our guys made more free throws," Banks said. "We missed too many free throws, but our defense was so strong that it made up for that."

Banks watched his Lancers make several key defensive stops during the latter stages of the fourth quarter that propelled the team to the win.

Ron Hildreth put an exclamation mark on the victory, nailing two points on a two-handed monster dunk.

"I loved the intensity our kids showed on defense, and Ron's dunk put the game in the win column for us," Banks said. "This was an

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## Trinity Catholic girls hoops honored

### Year in review

**By Bob St. John**  
Sports Writer  
Trinity Catholic has gone through several changes during the 2003 sports season.

The biggest was the departure of Hall of Fame head football coach George Sahadi, who has accepted the same job at Notre Dame. Despite the changes in the coaching ranks, the Lancers were still led by several coaches and players who performed well under pressure.

Below is a list of the team, coach and player of the year.

#### Team of the Year

Trinity Catholic's 2003 team of the year is the girls basketball squad.

Head coach Phil McCune, in his first year at the helm, guided the Lancers to their first-ever Catholic League championship and a district title.

The Lancers finished 19-4

overall. Their season ended with a regional semifinal loss to host Center Line St. Clement.

The team members were seniors Shaleneh Drayton, Onicko Biggs, Stephanie Sosa and Danielle Cooper; juniors Nicole Gailliard, Erin Stanley, Krystle Wilson and DePrice Taylor; sophomores Demetria Gordon, Jasmine Hamilton, Keshia Lewis and Angel Cooper; and freshmen Bianca Brown, Margarie Washington, Deishanique Beavers and Nicole Richardson.

The Lancers averaged 53.4 points per game, and defensively they gave up only 33.5 points per game.

#### Coach of the Year

Sahadi did a wonderful job of coaching the Trinity Catholic football team to another state playoff berth, but the coach of the year honor goes to McCune.

The first-year head basketball coach completely turned the Lancers' girls varsity hoops squad from a

horrible team to a championship squad. His patience with his players and his belief in their ability were evident right off the bat.

During a preseason interview, McCune said, "I'm looking to begin a tradition here at Trinity."

He was right because the Lancers won their first seven games of the season and kept on winning.

The Lancers didn't play as a team during the 2002 season, and they won only three games.

McCune stepped in, immediately commanding the respect of his players.

Throughout the season the players had fun, which comes with winning.

The girls worked hard throughout the season, and despite the loss in the regional semifinals, their 19-4 record was the best story at Trinity Catholic in 2003.

#### Player of the Year

Staying with basketball for Trinity Catholic's player

of the year accolade...

It is extended to junior DePrice Taylor, who earned all-state honors for her role in helping turn the Lancers' girls basketball team into a winner.

Taylor had a solid supporting cast, but she was able to average double figures in points, plus grab rebounds and dish off passes to teammates for baskets.

### Aerobics class starts Jan. 5

The Fitness Firm will begin an eight-week series of low impact aerobics classes on Monday, Jan. 5.

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## Lutheran East volleyball squad is school's team of year

### Year in review

**By Bob St. John**  
Sports Writer  
Lutheran East's athletic teams struggled for the most part during 2003.

Athletic director Don Justice had the luxury of watching his staff grow in character, which will pay dividends in 2004 and beyond.

Below is a list of the Eagles' top team, coach and player for 2003.

#### Team of the Year

Lutheran East's 2003

team of the year is the girls volleyball team.

Head coach Reay Zoellner guided the Eagles to a second consecutive spot in the Division IV state quarterfinals.

The Eagles, for a second straight year, lost to Adrian Lenawee Christian 15-9, 15-8 in the quarterfinal match.

"The better team won," Zoellner said after the match. "The girls were disappointed they didn't win, but overall I think the girls played much better than they did a year ago."

The spikers finished their season with the best scored

in school history at 34-10-5.

"This group of seniors (Kristin Altenburg, Kelli Zoellner, Sherrie Wier, Caitlin Gerds, Stacy Turgeon and Sarah Schurig) had great careers at Lutheran East," Zoellner said. "They have school records in several statistics, and the team made the quarterfinals in back-to-back seasons. That has never been done at Lutheran East."

Current seniors Brandy Dona and Jamie Pokropowicz were also on the squad last year, and the duo are the Eagles' leaders

this season.

#### Coach of the Year

Lutheran East's coach of the year is Keith Sprow, who continues to lead the Eagles' cross country and track programs to winning seasons.

Sprow's squads haven't been large in numbers due to the school's enrollment, but his athletes learn how to become better student-athletes under his tutelage.

He practices what he preaches, meaning he runs with the athletes and tells them to do their best

whether they win or lose.

It seems as if a handful of Sprow's track athletes earn a spot in the state finals, and he has had the knack of guiding one or two of his cross country runners to make the state finals.

#### Player of the Year

East's 2003 recipient of the player of the year honor is Chris Jurczak.

The senior earned a regional medal last year in wrestling and made the state championship meet, and then he went on to help

the track and cross country teams finish in the top four of the Metro Conference.

Jurczak wrestles at the 112-pound class and is already on his way to solidifying his name as one of the Eagles' best grapplers in the lower weights in the school's history.

"Chris is a hard worker who leads by example," head wrestling coach John Widmer said. "He is a wonderful young man."

Jurczak is in line to make another state finals appearance and will be a valuable member of the track team in the spring.

## Arthmire, DiGiovanni earn Harper Woods' top honors

### Year in review

**By Bob St. John**  
Sports Writer  
Harper Woods' sports teams had their share of success in 2003, but one thing was missing: championships.

The Pioneers got off to a nice start in the winter as the boys basketball squad won the Metro Conference regular season crown, while the wrestlers captured another team district title.

Harper Woods' girls softball team was the only other squad in 2003 to take home a title, winning a district crown.

Below is a look at Harper Woods' top team, coach and player for 2003.

#### Team of the Year

Harper Woods' 2003 team

of the year is Adam Schihl's wrestling squad, which won another district championship.

The Pioneers were consistent throughout the season, and in the end Schihl watched as seniors Mike Monaghan (152-pound class), and Steve Orjada (215 pounds), and juniors Jeremy Myers (275 pounds) and Adam DiGiovanni (189 pounds) advanced to the Division IV individual state finals.

Myers won a regional gold medal, while Orjada and Monaghan captured silver medals. DiGiovanni earned a fourth-place medal in the regional tournament.

Orjada won a fifth-place medal, and Myers earned an eighth-place medal in the state finals.

The team wrestled some of the best competition in the state, which Schihl said

would pay off at the end of the season.

The Pioneers are even better this season, and Schihl will push his grapplers even harder to achieve more than just a conference and district championship.

#### Coach of the Year

Harper Woods' coach of the year is Carol Arthmire, who guided a young Pioneers girls softball team to another district title, beating Madison Heights Madison 16-2 in the title game.

Arthmire has won more than 300 games as the Pioneers' girls varsity softball coach, and that total should increase more this spring because a majority of the girls will be returning.

The recently retired teacher has seen many of her squads win conference and district titles, but a regional championship has been just out of her reach.

Last season the Pioneers played well but lost 5-1 to Whitmore Lake in a regional semifinal.

Arthmire, who resides in

St. Clair Shores, will have one of the top teams in the Metro Conference in the 2004 season, thanks to returning players Crystal Norman, Meghan Huot, Angela Wierszewski, Natalie Barranca, Jade King, Maria Mahon, Sally Smolinski, Bridge Wagner, Kelly Knaupe and Ann Marie Solomon.

#### Player of the Year

Harper Woods' player of the year is Adam DiGiovanni.

The senior was a standout

on the Pioneers' 2002-03 district-winning wrestling team and was an all-conference running back this fall for the football team.

DiGiovanni earned a spot in the state wrestling finals and was one of the Metro Conference's most valuable grapplers, and he rambled for a dozen touchdowns for the gridiron squad.

He is once again ready to make another run at a spot in the wrestling finals in March.

DiGiovanni is off to a good start for the Pioneers, winning his first several matches.

## South plays better in loss to Port Huron

Grosse Pointe South's basketball team took a step forward last week after taking a backward step in its previous game.

"I could see us step forward," coach George Petrouleas said after the Blue Devils' 62-55 loss to Port Huron in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

"Now we have to continue that progress."

Progress would be getting that first victory of the season.

"We've played two very winnable games," Petrouleas said of the losses to Port Huron and Notre Dame. "But because of our inexperience we still don't know how to finish. We need to win one of these games so that we can build on that."

Port Huron led by as many as 17 points, but with a minute and a half remaining in the fourth quarter,

South had whittled the lead to three.

Kyle Bruen, who had a team-high 15 points, hit three three-point baskets to spark the comeback.

"We had some very good play from our perimeter people," Petrouleas said. "Bruen hit some big shots, Eric Berschback had a real fine game with 13 points and three assists, Christian Conroy scored 12 points and had four assists and Zac Hacias also played a solid game."

South shot better from three-point range than it did on two-point baskets. The Blue Devils hit 50 percent of their triple attempts, and only 25 percent of the two-point field goals.

"We have to get more production from our inside people," Petrouleas said.

South gets back into action on Jan. 6 at Grosse Pointe North.

## Irish basketball banks on youthful exuberance

### Winter preview

**By Bob St. John**  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's boys basketball team will be young and inexperienced this season.

Head coach Don Sicko, in his third year with the varsity program, had the luxury of coaching veteran players during his first two years at the helm.

"We're young and inexperienced at the varsity level, but we have good basketball players who want to learn," Sicko said.

Co-captains Darryl Clements, a junior guard, and Seth Quaranta, a senior forward, are the leaders Sicko is leaning on.

"Darryl and Seth know they have to take charge of this team, and I think they're comfortable with their roles," Sicko said. "Our younger players will learn a lot from them."

The Fightin' Irish finished 15-9 last season, winning a district title before losing 62-49 to Birmingham Detroit Country Day in a Class B regional semifinal.

"We have had a lot of success during my first two seasons here at Notre Dame, and we want that to continue this year," Sicko said.

Other varsity players are juniors Shane Gildyard,

Edgar Martin and Britt Paige; sophomores Anthony Bommarito, Deron Gordon, Don Gratch and Paul Nielsen; senior Keith Frank; and freshman Christian Hill.

"I like the chemistry the team has developed during our training camp," Sicko said. "We will find out shortly how this develops in game situations."

The Irish will be battling to make the Catholic League playoffs, with Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Catholic Central is the favorite, while U-D (Jesus) and De La Salle are established, athletic teams that can win the title," Sicko said. "I will not count out our team because I have players who want to win."

"Our schedule is challenging, especially our first five games. I want our kids to play good teams before we get to our league schedule in January."

Sicko pointed out that his Irish have to play hard-nosed defense and rebound if they are to win games.

"Defense and rebounding win games," Sicko said. "We will be in every game if our kids play good defense and rebound the basketball."

#### Wrestling

Head coach Gordie Fooks

and his Notre Dame wrestling team are starving for a district championship.

Fooks has turned the Fightin' Irish program into a winner during his tenure as head coach, and last year the squad lost in the districts.

"We lost several kids from last year's team," Fooks said. "Some didn't return, and others graduated. This is a young team that will take time to learn how to wrestle at the varsity level."

The team should be solid again this season with Brian Abood, Matt Brodich, Jarred Chauvin, Steve Chauvin, Nick Constantine, Joe Eovaldi, Anthony Eovaldi, Andrew Gray, Mike Green, Dyonisius Hall, James Shoafs, Dustin Threm, Sal Valgoi and Jacob Vasquez in the varsity lineup.

Notre Dame opened its season last week, losing to Catholic Central and finishing in the middle of the pack of its annual tournament.

"The guys who are on this team want to do well and learn," Fooks said. "We should be a better team during the second half of the season."

#### Swimming

The Notre Dame swim team is back in action after a year hiatus.

The Fightin' Irish, which will also be a combined team with swimmers from Harper Woods High School, will compete under head coach Katarzyna Griffith.

The Irish swimmers are Derek Johnson, who should compete for a spot in the state finals, Larry Siedz, Ricki Winowicki, Eric Babecki, Dan Adams, Ben Ambroggio, Kevin Adamiak, who had a solid gymnastics season, Brian Wiesky, Dave Woltulewicz, Adam Jones and Jonathan Fells.

The Harper Woods swimmers are Chris Malone, Jason Panais, Edward Griffin and Carly Brian.

## Trinity

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important road win that helps us build confidence."

Antonio Hinton had 12 points to lead the Lancers, followed by Anthony Howard and Hildreth with 11, Lonnie Pettway with 10 and Lance Caldwell with nine.

The Trinity Catholic basketball team improved to 4-1 overall.

Coming up for the Lancers is an away game on Tuesday, Jan. 6, against Allen Park Cabrini.

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