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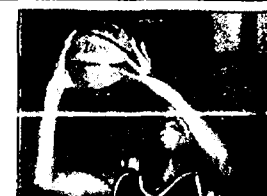
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 Harper Woods leaders hope 2004 will be productive. They want to refurbish Kelly Road and attain a new community center. Page 10A

WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Jan. 9

The Grosse Pointe South High School Choir Boosters host a night of rock 'n' roll featuring The Relics at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and are available at Cavanaugh's and Posterity in the Village or by calling (313) 881-8185. Tickets at the door are \$30. Guests must be 21 or older.

Proceeds benefit the South choir's trip to Italy.

Sunday, Jan. 11

Music at Memorial and Friends of Music will launch their new Chamber Music Series at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at 4 p.m.

The first concert of the series will feature an Ann Arbor-based quartet including Kiri Tollaksen on cornetto; Daniel Foster on violin; Debra Lonergan on cello and Martra Fells on the organ/virginal. They will play music composed in 17th century Italy.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors.

Monday, Jan. 12

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

Pointes for Peace sponsors a public forum led by U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, at the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center in Harper Woods at 7:30 p.m. "Iraq: Where Do We Go From Here?" will be the topic of Conyer's remarks.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call (313) 882-7732 or (313) 822-2702, or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe meets at the Children's Home of Detroit at 9:30 a.m.

JoAnn Kelley will present "Making a Difference with Advocacy." She has been involved in advocacy at local, state and national levels and has been a member of the League of Women Voters for more than 30 years. She is the group's immediate past president.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Free on-site babysitting will be available. Call Laurie Arora at (313) 885-3123 for babysitting. For more information about the meeting, call Sarah Waish at (313) 881-9650.

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Photos by John Minnie

A three-alarm blaze woke the residents in a building on Mack between Maryland and Alter in Grosse Pointe Park early morning on Tuesday, Jan. 6. Grosse Pointe Shores and Detroit firefighters assisted departments from the Park, the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms.



3-alarm blaze detroys Mack building in Park

By Bonnie Caprara
 Staff Writer

A three-alarm blaze awoke residents in a building fire on Mack between Maryland and Alter on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety received the alarm at 7:08 a.m. Although firefighters were quick to respond to the scene, Deputy Director John Schulte said, "When our officers arrived, the fire was already venting through the roof."

At press time, Schulte did not know what started the fire or where the fire originated in the approximately 7,500-square foot building built in the 1920s. The building housed a bar, a security office, a tax office and three to four residential apartments.

Schulte said the owner of the building believed all of the residents had been evacuated from the building.

Firefighters in the City of Grosse

Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms were called to help put out the blaze. Crews from Grosse Pointe Shores and Detroit also assisted.

Below-zero wind-chills and 20 mph winds presented the biggest challenges for firefighters.

"Our incident commanders have been rotating our personnel through rehab every 30 to 45 minutes, depending on what their assignments are," Schulte said. "The Salvation Army and local merchants arrived with coffee and food."

"As the building began to vent, the wind began to kick the fire around."

Demands from the pumps and hoses taxed the city's water system. However, the department was able to tap into a Detroit fire hydrant at Mack and Alter.

By 9 a.m., the roof had collapsed on the building.

See FIRE, page 3A

Schools seek 1-mill, 6-year tax for repairs

By Carrie Cunningham
 Staff Writer

Administrators and elected officials of the Grosse Pointe Public School System have that sinking feeling, and they want to add a tax to pay for it.

The Grosse Pointe school board has put on its agenda the establishment of a sinking fund that will impose a levy of 1 mill or \$2.8 million per year for six years for mid-range repair and improvements.

At the next meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, the board will vote on whether to call an election on the measure for Tuesday, March 16.

The election date for the sinking fund is set in March and not on the June 14 school board election date in order to prepare for budget

planning for next year. Layoffs of teachers will be minimized with the early election date, said assistant superintendent for curriculum Susan Allan.

While an existing \$64 million bond is paying for large capital projects such as a new pool, auditorium and locker room, the sinking fund would set-aside money specifically for medium sized projects, such as carpeting, resurfacing parking lots and flooring.

"We have old buildings. This helps us," said assistant superintendent for business affairs Chris Fenton. "It's a valuable alternate revenue source."

Because of Proposal A, we're limited in how we can raise

See SCHOOLS, page 6A

Library board nominees may get more scrutiny

By Carrie Cunningham
 Staff Writer

The new policy developed by the Grosse Pointe school board for library board appointments will be voted on at the board's next meeting on Monday, Jan. 12.

The policy calls for a more open appointment process of the library board's seven members, who serve four year terms.

"In the past, the library did the screening and nominating," said board president Joan Dindoffer, who is on the policy committee, which developed the policy with Joan Richardson and Jeff Broderick. "The process will be moved from the

library to the school board taking a more active role."

In the 1994 District Library Agreement with the city of Harper Woods, the library was separated from the school board, having its own taxing authority and board. While the board of education appointed members of the library, there was no direction under the library agreement as to the nominating and selection process.

The new policy proposes:

- The posting of vacancies on the library board in each library facility and in the newspaper.

See LIBRARY, page 6A

POINTER OF INTEREST

Joe Serwach

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Age: 38

Family: Son, Ed; daughter, Jenny

Occupation: President of the Grosse Pointe Barbershoppers

Quote: "We're family-oriented. I would say the divorce rate is incredibly low."

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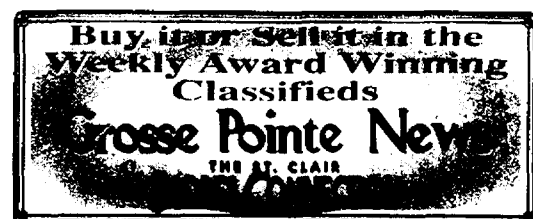
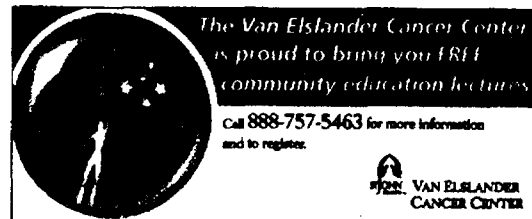
Joe Serwach



Glamour Girl

Lt. Bibiana Danko of Grosse Pointe Park caught the attention of Glamour magazine and is featured in its December issue. See Ben Burns' FYI column, page 7A.

Photo credit: Glamour magazine



yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council amends its charter to prevent itself from altering or repealing any ordinance adopted by the electorate.

The matter is in reaction to residents' protests of council's attempts to repeal a 1952 charter amendment in which voters stipulated no more liquor licenses were to be granted.

■ Thomas Trombly, chief of police in the City of Grosse Pointe, discloses an unpublicized goodwill campaign centered around issuing parking tickets on Christmas Eve.

All 80 tickets issued bore the message:

"You have violated our parking meter ordinance by allowing your allotted time to expire. Your police officer will not issue you a violation notice for this offense today, Dec. 24, 1953. May your have a Merry Christmas."

■ U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, Frederick Alger Jr., and Mrs. Alger leave the Pointes for a return to the nation's capitol.

From there, the couple will continue to Brussels. The upcoming crossing should be a lot more peaceful for Mrs. Alger, who, when relocating to Europe last summer, checked 36 pieces of luggage for the family.

25 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission considers an ordinance governing the number and types of certain businesses, commercial, professional and service establishments to be allowed in the city.

■ City of Grosse Pointe leaders are undaunted that

the \$225,000 park improvement bond issue OK'd by City of Grosse Pointe voters in September hasn't been authorized for sale by state officials.

Architects are moving ahead on plans to spruce up Neff Park in time for the 1979 swimming, sunning and boating season.

The largest portion of the project will be devoted to the pool, slated to get a new filtering system for the first time in 18 years. The harbor will be improved with resurfaced docks and a new breakwall.

■ Pointe merchants use words such as "excellent" and "very good" to describe what has been for many of them a record Christmas season for sales.

Frank Sladen, owner of the Book Shelf on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, says top selling titles include "War and Remembrance" by Herman Wouk, Barbara Tuchman's "A Distant Mirror," and Theodore White's autobiography, "In Search of History."

10 years ago this week

■ People hoping for a cable television broadcast of the Grosse Pointe school board may see their wishes granted this year.

The idea to broadcast the twice-monthly meetings is resurrected by Superintendent Ed Shine.

■ Grosse Pointe North High School is awarded two major grants from separate arts foundations.

The Michigan Council of the Arts and Cultural Affairs awards \$20,000 for jazz musician Bess Bonnier as artist in residence and \$4,000 for visiting artists.

"Meet the Composer," a New York-based foundation dedicated to the composition

of American music, awards \$3,200 for the services of Michael Schaeib as composer in residence.

■ The Lady Norsemen take Grosse Pointe North High School to the championship in the Chippewa Valley Invitational volleyball tournament.

5 years ago this week

■ This week's dumping of a foot of snow means either a day off from school or a lot of back-breaking shoveling.

It means both to the Bassett family of Grosse Pointe Farms. Mom and Chris, take a day off from work to shovel the front walk. Son Mick and daughter Emily occupy their holiday from school by throwing snowballs in the front yard and watching the family golden retriever, Cassie, make snow angels.

■ A three-alarm fire cuts through the snow-covered stillness of a Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood as a two-story house burns on North Oxford.

At least 25 officers from the Woods, Shores and Farms fight the fire.

■ Realizing that work has just begun, City of Grosse Pointe council members approve a \$1.4 million streetscape beautification project for the three-block Village shopping district.

"Now the work starts," says Tom Kressback, city manager.

The project includes widening sidewalks, reconfiguring on-street parking spaces and planting new ornamental trees. Other options, such as a 30-foot clock tower or water fountain to be funded by the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, are being considered.

— Brad Lindberg

10 years ago this week



Jayhawks win GPHA Snowball tournament

The Jayhawks took first place in the Mite Division of the Snowball Tournament sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association. In the front row, from left, are Ryan Ash, Michael LoVasco, Ben Schrode, Nick Andrew, Tommy Russell and Peter Torrey. In back, from left, are coach Tony Gatliff, Brian Gatliff, William Moran, Boom Urisko, Jordan Owen, Justin Rock, coach Keith Owen and coach Tom Andrew. (From the Jan. 6, 1994 Grosse Pointe News.)

Woods council seeks to party in moderation

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

It's not that some of the members of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council don't enjoy a good party, they just want to party in moderation.

Council members Patricia Chylinski, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher voted at the council's Monday, Jan. 5, meeting to discuss — at a work session at a future and undetermined time — an alternative to throwing a \$10,700 Commission Appreciation Reception at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, which is set for Feb. 6.

Howle estimated the city spent \$72.29 for each of the 148 people who attended the commissioner's party in February 2003. She proposed scaling back the guest list from 302 to 178 by eliminating 94 non-commissioners and 15 commissioners of the Beautification Commission, which throws its own party. She also proposed dropping the per person allowance to \$35.

"We need to bring this into focus and make this more manageable," Howle said. "We're still going to reward them with something. It's a

middle ground; we're not eliminating parties, but we're not saying, 'Yes, we love parties.'"

Chylinski, who voted against throwing the five-figure party last year, said, "These are great people who need our recognition, but I think spending \$70 a person does not make good sense." Councilwoman Vicki Granger said she asked the other Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and several other communities to find out how they rewarded and recognized their commission members. Her informal poll, which did not include costs or number of attendees, revealed the following:

• **City of Grosse Pointe:** Does not throw a party for members of its Beautification and Recreation commissions.

• **Grosse Pointe Farms:** Holds an afternoon reception of cookies and lemonade for its commission members every other year.

• **Grosse Pointe Park:** Holds a reception at its activities center replete with beer, wine and soft drinks, and gives gift certificates to its commissioners.

• **Grosse Pointe Shores:** Holds a Christmas appreciation luncheon, which includes beer and wine, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

• **Harper Woods:** Holds a dinner for commissioners and their spouses at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club complete with entertainment.

"I've volunteered with the schools, libraries and

other organizations," Granger said. "In every case, these organizations recognize and show appreciation for their people who volunteer their time. If council members want to see this revised, the appropriate time do to this is during the budget process."

Mayor Robert Novitke agreed, and told the council, "This item is a budgeted item."

Councilman Allen Dickinson remained quiet during the council discussion but told the Grosse Pointe News after the meeting: "The new members of the council are voting on something they know nothing about. They have no idea what our city commissioners do. They have no knowledge of the expertise and benefits we get from our city commissioners or the money our city commissioners return to our city. This little reception was to take 0.00029 percent of the city's \$34 million budget."

Howle said that she wasn't just questioning the expenditures for the commissioner's party. She questioned the expenditures of a Christmas party thrown for 250 employees and retirees held at a St. Clair Shores facility at a cost of \$14,300, or \$57.20 per person.

She also questioned the expenditures of a Beautification Commission party, held in honor of 80 beautification award recipients, at a cost of \$5,000 or \$40 per person. She suggested limiting the employee party to current employees only and cutting the number of beautification award recipients to 30 each year with a per person expenditure of \$35.

"This just isn't about spending \$10,700 on one party," Howle said. "This is about spending \$30,000 on three parties."

After the vote passed to discuss alternate party plans, Novitke ordered City Administrator Ted Bidigare to cancel the reservation for the party at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Woods

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on filling two vacancies that exist on the Beautification Commission. He also asked the council to consider holding off filling a vacancy on the Insurance Commission until it decides whether or not to continue that commission, which has been inactive for several years.

The council voted to accept the resignation of Thomas Lacey of the Board of Review.

U.S. Rep. Conyers to discuss Iraq with Pointes for Peace

U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, will address a public forum sponsored by Pointes for Peace on Monday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Albanian Islamic Center, 19775 Harper in Harper Woods.

"Iraq: Where Do We Go From Here?" will be the topic of Congressman Conyers' remarks.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

The center is located on Harper between the Vernier

and Moross exits on the westbound side of I-94.

Looking ahead, Pointes for Peace will host Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, at its next public forum on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of east-siders and others who are committed to educating for conflict resolution and other

strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership is free. All are welcome at Pointes for Peace weekly gatherings on Sundays at 7 p.m. at Starbucks, at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame in the Village.

For more information, or to be added to the Pointes for Peace mailing list, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or Mary Read at (313) 822-2702, or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.



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A great 2003: Dow up 25.3 %, Nasdaq up 50%

What a great year 2003 was! At a New Year's Eve party last week, LTS said he was almost sorry to see 2003 end. It was that great!

But, as the tide raises all boats, almost all stocks ended the year higher than they began the year.

Most investors will be thrilled to read their December brokerage statements and eventually receive their mutual fund and 401(k) annual reports.

Interest rate fears

Economists generally agree that the long-awaited recovery is now taking place, but without substantial job increases.

The stock market, currently trading at about 30 times trailing 2003 earnings and about 25 times forward 2004 earnings, desperately needs increased sales revenues and profits to maintain the momentum required to attain higher market prices.

Economically, higher interest rates follow business recovery like night follows day and like summer follows spring.

This puts the Federal

Reserve in a quandary with its ultra-low interest rate policy continuing for a "considerable period."

This being an election year, the Fed will certainly lag Wall Street's gradual increase in interest rates. As the short-term rates move to 1 1/2 percent this spring, the Fed can sit back and "follow" the market, rather than lead it.

Higher short-term rates quickly translate into higher mid-term and long-term rates. And higher long-term rates push mortgage rates higher, which means "good-bye" to many refinancings. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan spoke last Saturday to an annual conference of economists in San Diego. He claimed today's economic recovery vindicates his actions of 2000 and 2001.

Many economists still blame Greenspan for not restraining the stock market bubble in 1998-99 when he did not tighten margin loan requirements for investors.

In his California remarks, the chairman acknowledged that the Fed had not been

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



infallible in recent years. He said, "The committee made decisions, some to move, some not to move, that we now regret."

Mad at mad cow?

The New York Times (Jan. 4) featured a 1/2-page article, "Jumble of Tests May Slow Mad Cow Solution," by Santra Blakeslee.

The article reported that the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on Dec. 31 it would no longer allow "downed cattle" — the ones unable to walk into the slaughterhouse under their own power — into the human food supply and will test some of the 500,000 "downers" slaughtered each year.

Under the new rules, U.S. testing will be quite limited. Last year, the Agriculture Department only tested

20,526 cattle out of 35 million killed, or about six out of every 10,000 slaughtered.

The U.S. testing method, called "immunohistochemistry," is conducted at one lab in Ames, Iowa. The test takes one week.

Leading global test manufacturers include Bio-Rad in France, Prionics AG in Switzerland, and U.S.-based Abbott Laboratories, which recently acquired rights to a test developed in Ireland.

In addition, the Times reports "at least 54 other companies are vying for position in the lucrative world testing market."

In its Business section, the Times also reported that Orchid BioSciences ("ORCH"), about 2.32 last Friday, which spurted 48.7 percent last week, which makes genetic tests used on sheep, is developing tests

that can trace the source of meat.

Dogs of the Dow

During the past eight years, LTS has written 14 articles about the "Dogs of the Dow," the 10 Dow stocks with the highest yields at the beginning of that year.

The theory of the "Dogs" is that their high yields will eventually regress to the mean, or average yield, of the 30 Dow stocks. When yields decrease, it usually means the dividend was cut (very bad), or the market price went up (very good).

Top Dog No. 1 for this year, with a 5 percent yield, is Altria Group (formerly Philip Morris).

No. 2 is SBC Corp. yielding 4.8 percent.

No. 3 is AT&T sporting a 4.6 percent return.

Dog No. 5 is General Motors at 3.7 percent yield.

No. 5 is J.P. Morgan-Chase yielding 3.7 percent.

No. 6 is DuPont fetching a 3.1 percent yield.

No. 7 is Merck with another 3.1 percent yield.

No. 8 is Citigroup paying a 2.9 percent dividend.

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 1/2/04	
Dow Jones Ind.	10,410
Nasdaq Comp.	2,007
S&P 500 Index	1,108
\$ in EUROS	1.2594
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	32.52
Gold (Oz.)	416.10
3-Mo. T-Bills	0.89%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	5.17%

No. 9 is General Electric yielding 2.6 percent.

Dog No. 10 has the lowest yield of 2.5 percent, Exxon-Mobil.

If you purchased \$1,000 of each of these 10 stocks (excluding commissions), the portfolio would have an average yield of 3.6 percent.

Remember, past performance is no guarantee of success.

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.

Maurer: Mishmash, hodgepodge and miscellany

Hot dang, just in time for the Super Bowl! Comcast Cable announced a multi-year agreement that provides for long-term carriage of Viacom Inc.'s cable TV networks. It's for new video On Demand products for Comcast subscribers. (That's me!)

Viacom also gave Comcast analog and digital retransmission consent for cablecast Viacom TV stations. Included is high-definition programming from CBS affiliate WWJ-TV, the Comcast HDTV lineup in Southeast Michigan. My sources say it's being added on digital cable channel 182.

On a totally different subject, Travel Michigan (www.travelmichigannews.org), the state's official agency for promotion of tourism, says a recent survey of both tourism businesses and travelers shows the 2004 tourism outlook is upbeat.

The consumers reported they expect to increase their level of travel in or to Michigan in 2004, from 5.1 trips to 5.7 trips. That doesn't sound like much, but it is a whopping 10.5 percent increase. Among tourism businesses, 60 percent expect 2004 will be better than 2003.

Of course, this was all before the terror level was raised two weeks ago. But the bottom line is, tourism contributes \$15 billion a year and 188,000 jobs to Michigan's economy. And that ain't chicken feed.

Moving along rapidly... Even though the growth of the Internet population is slowing, reliance on the Internet has increased, with online banking ranking as the No. 1 fastest-growing activity in the last couple of years.

That deserves a "Wow!" The number of Americans who handled their banking via the Internet grew by 127 percent to 34 million

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer

between 2000 and the end of 2002. This was according to a Pew Internet & American Life Project report released last week. It was the only activity to more than double in size for that period.

Here's a side note to Internet banking I just learned this week. Use only one credit card for shopping online and don't use it for anything else. Set the credit limit at the lowest possible amount. It makes it much easier to check for phony charges and limit damages.

Following online banking, the second-fastest area of growth was Internet activity related to religious or

spiritual content. Thirty-five million people go onto the Web to seek this information, up 94 percent. (Say Hallelujah! And send money.)

Going back to travel for a minute, booking reservations or completing travel-related purchases online rose 87 percent to 58 million people. Rounding out the top five activities, according to the Pew report, were checking sports scores and downloading music.

But enough news. Let's have some fun.

Are you looking for the best food in the United States?

You can get online recom-

mendations from Zagat (www.zagat.com), the nationally renowned restaurant guide. (If they are so renowned, why hadn't I heard of them before?)

When you get to the Web site, just click on a major U.S. city to find its most popular restaurants, highest-rated cuisine or best buys. Everyday folks rate food, décor and service, complete with comments and the approximate price of a dinner. There are even lists of the best restaurants for each age group, most romantic and best views. Don't look for McDonald's, especially under romantic, or you are asking for trouble from your significant other.

Are you looking for a New Year's resolution, and you are already skinny? How about learning a new language?

Your starting point is Languages on the Web (www.languages-on-the-web.com). And before you ask, yes, you must include

the hyphens.

The languages Web site will link you to thousands of languages-teaching sites, many of them free.

From A-to-Z, or should I say, from Apache-to-Zulu, if someone speaks it, chances are it's here. (Klingon?) You can even download foreign fonts and use them to send e-mails.

Sorry, but the number of people I know who speak Apache is very small. But you can also note that when I spoke of restaurants above (and here, the word "décor" has an accent mark above the letter "e.")

Je parle Francais un petite peu. Translation? Either I speak a little bit of French, or I talk to my small French poodle a lot. Your choice.

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is mtmaurer@comcast.net.

Safety

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Officers were given a name of a possible suspect.

A resident in the 1900 block of Severn in Grosse Pointe Woods noticed some vinyl siding knocked off the rear of her house New Year's Day morning. It appeared the siding was knocked off by spent rounds of a gun shot south of her house. She reported hearing gunfire in the area at about 11:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

A resident in the 1500 block of Huntington in Grosse Pointe Woods reported that his 25-foot flagpole was bent at the base and lying across his front lawn on New Year's Day morning. It is suspected that New Year's Eve revelers were to blame.

— Bonnie Caprara

Garage fire

A two-alarm fire on Friday, Jan. 2, at 9:49 a.m., destroyed two cars and damaged an attached garage in the first block of Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"Officers observed flames showing from the engine (and) passenger compartment of a 2004 Toyota located near the garage," said one of the first Shores firefighters on the scene. "Flames extended to the interior of the garage and a 1999 Jaguar within."

Grosse Pointe Woods officers answered a second alarm at 10 a.m. to ensure

fire didn't spread to the adjoining dwelling. The house was saved and the garage remained standing.

Officers fought the fire on two fronts. One team manned hoses while another vented heat from the garage by cutting a four-foot hole in the roof.

Bad start to new year

An allegedly drunken, drug-toting 16-year-old Peeping Tom from Grosse Pointe Woods accounted for the first five citations issued during 2004 in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The new year was only 38 minutes old on Thursday, Jan. 1, when Shores police received complaints of "someone peeping into houses" in the first block of Vernier. An officer discovered the teenage suspect walking on Morningside near Grosse Pointe North High School.

"As I stopped to talk to (him), he ran into the rear parking lot of the school," the officer said.

The teen jumped a fence onto Hidden Lane but was caught within minutes by patrolmen from the Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods.

Police cited the youth for having a .166 percent blood alcohol content, possession of marijuana, prowling, interfering with a public safety officer, resisting arrest and being a minor in possession of tobacco.

Toasting 2004

Drunken drivers dominated last week's police activity in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 2:30 a.m. A 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores woman with a .198 percent blood alcohol content was pulled over for speeding and weaving along eastbound Mack near Bornemouth.

On Thursday, Jan. 1, at

2:20 a.m., police saw a black 1986 Mercury Cougar traveling on eastbound Mack hit the right-side curb at Moran. Tests showed a .175 percent blood alcohol level.

While a Farms officer waited at the scene for a tow truck to arrive from the impound yard, an uninvolved motorist reported a car crash on Mack near Calvin.

The officer found a 28-year-old Farms man standing next to his damaged silver 1999 Mazda MX-5. The driver's blood alcohol level was .192 percent.

On Saturday, Jan. 3, at 2:39 a.m., police caught a 24-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man whose silver 2000 Pontiac Grand Am four-door had been clocked at 60 mph on eastbound Mack near Fisher.

Tests showed his blood contained .248 percent alcohol.

— Brad Lindberg

Corrections

Corrections will be printed on this page every week. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

In "Time went by quickly & slowly in the Woods in 2003" in the section titled "Party pooper" in the January 1 Grosse Pointe News, former Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman Thomas Farner was misquoted in the story. He did not urge the council to vote against approving a \$10,700 Commission Appreciation Reception. Instead, he reminded new council members Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher that they said at a League of Women Voters voters forum that they would not approve funding such a party.

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Plans for library renovation set for August 2004

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The Harper Woods Public Library is laying the groundwork for its construction and renovation made possible by the passage of a \$3.1 million bond last November.

The library expects to begin it wants to complete the summer programming for children before they embark on the remodeling, library director Dale Parus said.

Architect David Milling and Associates has been chosen to model the library. It has copious architectural experience, having worked on libraries in Grosse Pointe and Kalamazoo.

The firm of Bodman, Langley and Dahling has been chosen as bond counsel. It will adopt a plan to issue the bond. The fee is \$10,000, a small fraction of the \$100,000 set aside for bond administration costs.

A building committee comprised of library staff,

public citizens and members of the city planning commission has been established, and they are meeting about every two weeks to flesh out the contours of the transformation.

A myriad of changes will transpire. The west end of the building will be extended about 20 feet. A new entrance will be constructed on this side of the building.

A meeting area will be created on the lower level that will be able to hold over 100 people. On the same level, the Heritage Room will be enlarged, and an expanded Historical Society will be established. Parus said planners hope to create an online archive of Harper Woods history for the Heritage Room.

"It should be helpful," he said.

Computer technology will be improved, clearing out the chaotic wiring that now exists which is clumped together in a messy tangle

that looks like a bowl of spaghetti.

New lighting will be installed, and the roof, air conditioning, heating and walls will be updated.

The chief focus of the library — books — will also be enhanced via the bond. Currently, books are stacked on old industrial shelving made in the 1960s that is in places too tall for library patrons to reach. New shelving will make books more accessible.

More space for books will be available. Currently the library houses approximately 40,000 books. The library often has to throw old books away to make room for new ones. Under the new plan, it will increase the book amount by 20%, or about 8,000 books.

Parus said more adult fiction will be offered as well as books for young readers, such as board books.

The task to rebuild the

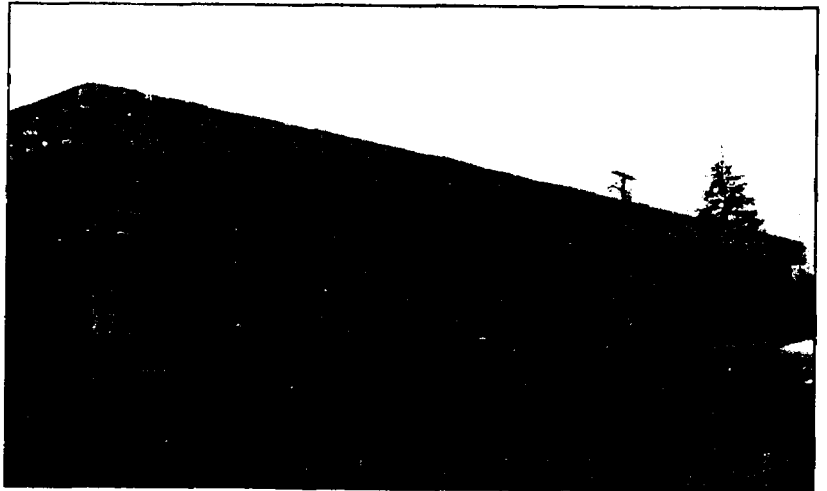


Photo by Carrie Cunningham
In the library renovation plan, the west end of the library, above, will be extended about 20 feet, and it will serve as the place for a new entrance.

Fenchel to lead secondary school as interim head

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Michael Fenchel will take the helm of Harper Woods Secondary School as an interim principal since principal Jim Babcock is retiring at the end of this semester. Fenchel brings with him an eager enthusiasm for education that is sure to portend good things for the Secondary School.

"My passion is with education," Fenchel said. "Spending time with staff and students re-energizes."

Fenchel has been in education for 32 years, having served as both a teacher and principal. He retired from Livonia Public Schools in 2000 where he had been a principal for 11 years.

Fenchel has previously worked as an interim principal at a school in Allen Park. Dan Danosky, who

previously worked at the same school, contacted Fenchel and hired him.

Harper Woods is a very appealing place to Fenchel. "It's like one big family," he said.

Fenchel has a couple of goals he would like to work on and accomplish during his tenure. He hopes to balance the number of students in classes so there won't be a lopsided number of kids in any class.

He also wants to continue to work with North Central Accreditation, an entity that makes sure schools meet minimum standards.

Lastly, Fenchel would like to repair relations with all Harper Woods residents after the very divisive and emotional bond defeat last September.

"We need to improve



Photo by Carrie Cunningham
Michael Fenchel, left, will take over as principal of Harper Woods Secondary School at the beginning of next semester. He has over 30 years of educational experience.

A part-time staff member at Barnes and Noble, he teaches education classes at Madonna University and has represented Michigan as a spokesman for the National Association of Secondary Schools. He additionally spent two years in private industry.

Fenchel seems a good match for the district, one staff members are looking forward to with anticipation.

"I'm very excited. I think he'll be wonderful," said Danosky. "He'll bring some new ideas."

Fenchel hopes to be a positive force during the period when the district is searching for a permanent principal.

"The immediate goal is to try to provide as smooth a transition as possible," he said.

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1994 Honda Civic	2 DR	1HME21147RS006077
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City looks to achieve 2004 priorities

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The city is looking forward to working on many projects in the upcoming 2004 year. Foremost in leaders' minds is the refurbishment of Kelly and the purchase of a new community center.

"I think the next four months will be deciding factors for the city," said Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl

Costantino.

Kelly is a top priority for the city, Costantino said. The city hopes to make parking safer on the street by extending the median in the parking bays. Parking spaces will be lost, but the leaders hope maneuvering cars will be easier.

The city is perusing different options for the community center.

"We decided renovating it wouldn't be worth it," said Costantino. "I think everyone is excited."

The establishment of a city Web site is another major goal for the city, Costantino and City Manager Jim Leidlein said. The city is looking at other cities' Web sites to determine what they might want to include on a Harper Woods site. Leidlein said placing property tax information on the site would be very helpful for many residents. Facts about the city and e-mail addresses of city officials would also be worthy components of the site.

While the city has many aspirations for the future,

Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Costantino, above, sees as top priorities the refurbishment of Kelly Road and the purchase of a new community center, since renovating the current one does not appear to be an option.

Leidlein said attention to finances must be heeded and that the city has to perform more services with less money coming in.

"We're going to be restrained by revenue," he said.

Nonetheless, the city, fueled by a cheerful holiday season, is looking forward to a productive 2004.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham
City Manager Jim Leidlein, above, is hopeful about getting things accomplished in 2004, albeit with a tight budget.

**AMENDED MEETING SCHEDULE
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January 13, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Village of Grosse Pointe Shores 795 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores, Mi. 48236 313.881.6565
March 9, 2004	7:00 p.m.	City of Harper Woods 19617 Harper Avenue Harper Woods, Mi. 48225 313.343.2500
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Police briefs

Attempted B & E

On Saturday, Dec. 20, a woman living in the 20500 block of Woodside said she turned the lights on in her kitchen and proceeded to the sink when she observed a subject standing on the deck in her back yard. The subject then fled toward Sanilac. The woman found that the screen was cut. Police were informed at 2:20 a.m.

Vehicle theft

A man living in the 19200 block of Woodcrest said he observed his car being driven out of his driveway on Tuesday, Dec. 30. He saw the car traveling west bound toward Kelly. No one had permission to use the car. Police were contacted at 3:38 a.m., and they entered the car into their computer system.

Car theft

On Friday, Jan. 2, a woman living in the 18500 block of Washtenaw had her car parked in her driveway when she heard a noise coming from outside. She looked out and observed her vehicle pulling out of her driveway. She said her car was locked, and she was the only one with the keys. Police were contacted at 11:40 p.m., and the vehicle was entered into the computer system.

Wallet stolen

Police were at a gas station in the 19200 block of Harper on Tuesday, Dec. 30, when they were approached by a woman who said her wallet was stolen in the parking lot when she was putting groceries away.

The wallet was eventually recovered from the person who stole it.

Woods council commissioned to bring change — and does

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

New Grosse Pointe Woods city council members Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher didn't just change the face of the Woods City Council when they were voted into office in November; now they want to change the face of the city's commissions.

The three newcomers along with Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski challenged five of the council's 15 recommended appointments to eight city commissions at the council's Monday, Jan. 5, regular meeting.

In a bold move, Howle moved to replace the council's recommended reappointment of Joseph Sucher with Ahmed Ismail for one of three open three-year term seats on the Planning Commission.

"I want to open the door to new people," Howle told the Grosse Pointe News. "Ahmed is an individual who's eager to get involved, he's well-versed in construction, and he owns several businesses."

Ismail is the owner of Speedi Photo and had developed and managed several residential and commercial properties.

Howle declined to say why she did not want to reappoint Sucher, who currently chairs the Planning Commission.

Chylinski, Reynolds and Spicher backed Howle's motion for Ismail's appointment. Councilman Allen Dickinson called Ismail's appointment "a snap decision to a very important commission."

The foursome, along with Dickinson, voted to table a decision on filling an unappointed vacant slot on the Planning Commission. Chylinski said she wanted residents to be aware there was a vacancy so interested parties could apply. Aside from Ismail, Dried Flower owner Angelo DiClemente, retired civil engineer Ghassan Elian, former coun-

cil member Thomas Farnher and senior client manager Ron Wheelock expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

However, the entire council voted to reappoint Douglas Hamborsky to the Planning Commission.

The council also unanimously decided to hold off on Susan Morkut's reappointment to the Board of Canvassers for a four-year term pending further discussion.

Chylinski expressed concerns of appointing Morkut, who is a city employee, to the two-member, two-party board that verifies the tallies of local elections. She was the council's sole Republican candidate.

Howle added: "If we had some notification to the public, I'm sure I could find 10 Republicans who were interested. I don't think these vacancies have been well-publicized."

Morkut was appointed to fill a vacancy in the middle of the current term that expired on Dec. 31.

The foursome was instrumental in influencing the council to discuss the Republican appointment to the Board of Canvassers at a future work session.

The council did, however, unanimously vote to reappoint Frederick Motney as the Democratic appointee to the Board of Canvassers for a four-year term.

The council also voted to hold off on reappointing John Vitale and retired city administrator Peter Thomas as two of the council's nominees to three two-year seats on the Construction Board of Appeals pending further discussion.

Howle protested Thomas' recommendation, citing his residence in Port Sanilac.

Novitke told the Grosse Pointe News: "We need him (Thomas) for his expertise regardless of his residency."

Chylinski raised concerns over reappointing Vitale, citing his membership on the Planning Commission.

"I would like to see more independence on the Board of Construction Appeals," Chylinski said.

"The reason why we put Commissioner Vitale on the Construction Board of Appeals is because he's on the Planning Commission," Novitke said.

Howle was the sole council member to vote against reappointing Mark Miller to the Citizen's Recreation Commission. She said she wanted to see new representation on the Citizen's Recreation Commission.

Jane Brown, Ruth Hoover, Barbara Janutol, Michael Luberto, Michael Moore and Wheelock expressed interest in serving on the Citizen's Recreation Commission. Moore was unanimously reappointed by the council

to a three-year term.

Other residents unanimously appointed included Richard Johnson to a three-year term on the Local Officers' Compensation Commission; Phil Blanchard, Helen Hart and Ted Mrozowski to four-year terms on the Board of Review; Walter Kiehler to a two-year term on the Construction Board of Appeals; and Frederick Kaleal to a three-year term on the Building Authority Committee.

Chylinski, Reynolds and Howle were also instrumental in blocking one of 26 mayoral appointments.

Chylinski asked Novitke if the council could discuss Fred Petz' reappointment to the

Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Board at a future work session. Novitke said the council could only vote to remove him as a nominee. Five of seven council votes were needed to retain Petz as a nominee.

Chylinski did not give a reason for removing Petz from consideration, but Councilman Allen Dickinson said, "I cannot imagine a conceivable reason not to reappoint Mr. Petz."

Other mayoral appointments included Lisa Gaglio, Gerald Hilton and Dennis Hyduk to three-year terms on the Beautification Commission; George Koueiter and Michael Fuller to three-year terms on the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Commission; Thomas Solomon, Dietrich Bergmann, Frieda Jossens and Candice Kerby to three-year terms on the

Community Tree Committee; Nancy Patek, Ronna Gillis and Juliette Zaranek to three-year terms on the Historical Commission; Joan Thornton, Russell Nahat, Shirley Brown, Rosemary Flanagan and Steven Vassallo to three-year terms on the Senior Citizens' Commission; Walter Lawlis, Betty Rusnack, Patricia Sullivan and Mary Zedan to one-year terms on the Senior Citizens' Commission; Thomas Bishoff to a two-year term on the Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Board; and city engineer Scott Lockwood to a two-year term on the

Downspout Board of Appeals.

Novitke elected to hold off

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Photo courtesy of Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety

A 17-year-old St. Clair Shores boy crashed his 1999 Pontiac Grand Am into a tree and then a car in the 1300 block of Roslyn in Grosse Pointe at 1:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30. The impacts split the car in two. The trunk and a tire were found 93 1/2 feet from where the car stopped. The teen driver, who recorded a blood alcohol level three times above the legal intoxication limit, suffered only minor injuries.



St. Clair Shores teenager smashes car in Woods; alcohol suspected

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A 1999 Pontiac Grand Am was totaled, but luckily a 17-year-old St. Clair Shores boy wasn't.

The teen driver suffered minor injuries when he struck a curb and crashed his car into a tree and then a car in the 1300 block of Roslyn in Grosse Pointe Woods at 1:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30. The trunk and a tire were found 93 1/2 feet from where the car stopped.

In the investigation of the

crash, Public Safety Director Michael Makowski said detectives determined the driver had been drinking earlier that evening at a restaurant in Detroit.

A witness' statement in the initial incident report stated the driver drove through a stop sign at Marter and was traveling so fast that the witness could not determine if he saw a motorcycle or a car.

The driver had a blood alcohol level of 0.24 percent — three times the legal

intoxication limit in the state of Michigan — at the time of the accident.

There were no passengers in the car.

The teen was to be arraigned after press time in the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court on Wednesday, Jan. 7, on a charge of operating while intoxicated.

"This guy was very lucky," Makowski said. "When you look at the damage of the car, it's amazing he walked away from it."

Fire

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"Whenever you get an extended burn time, the structure is compromised," Schulte said. "We evacuated our personnel. No one has been hurt. That's a real plus. Our incident commanders take appropriate steps for the safety of our personnel."

At noon, firefighters were dealing more with smoke than the dramatic flames of earlier in the morning. Schulte said he anticipated firefighters would be at the scene for most of the day.

"There'll be small pockets of fire that will have to be put out through salvage," Schulte said.

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Woods native is a master of writing and melody

By Michael Shelton
Staff Writer

As a Michigan State graduate who sings in a barbershop music group and works at the University of Michigan, Joe Serwach is certainly one of a kind.

"People respect someone who has a good plan and good ideas," the Grosse Pointe Woods resident said.

Serwach has taken office as president of the Grosse Pointe Barbershoppers, which formed in 1945 as a chapter of a national group, the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Serwach has been with the Barbershoppers since 1997.

The group meets at the Neighborhood Club on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The Barbershoppers put on performances throughout the year, from singing valentines and theater shows to Christmas caroling and parties.

Last month, the group put on its annual performance at the War Memorial. This year's theme was "My Big Fat Italian Wedding."

"We have a lot of Italians in my group," Serwach said.

He said that during the holidays, the group sings at virtually every restaurant and bar in the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

This year, they ended up raising \$4,500 for the Holly Ear Institute at St. John's Hospital.

The group also did its annual bus tour of nursing homes throughout metro Macomb and Wayne counties during the holidays.

"We go in and sing Christmas songs. It really brightens their day," Serwach said.

Born in Detroit, Serwach and his family lived in Hamtramck briefly before moving to Grosse Pointe Woods when he was in the first grade.

His father, Ed, was an officer with the Grosse Pointe Park police and a former president of the Grosse Pointe Jaycees (Junior

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Chamber of Commerce).

"He used to publish a magazine called Heritage for five years. It was about Grosse Pointe in the 80's," he said.

Serwach said he has been singing since he was a kid, but it was while in school that he took advantage of the vocal programs that Grosse Pointe Schools offered.

"I sang in the Grosse Pointe Choral. It has a lot of really talented people," Serwach said.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1983, he attended Michigan State and majored in journalism.

It was at State where he became the youngest editor in the history of the State News, the school's student-run newspaper.

"I was in the MSU collegiate choir for about a year, and that conflicted with the newspaper; so I kind of had to hang it (choir) up then," Serwach said.

Upon graduation from State, Serwach served as an intern at the Providence Journal-Bulletin and a stringer at the Chicago Tribune.

Serwach then got his first job writing for the Myrtle Beach Sun News. Next he served as a political writer for the Harrisburg Patriot-News for six years.

In 1996, Serwach moved back to Grosse Pointe Woods and worked at Craina's Detroit Business.

"I live about a mile from where I grew up. I just didn't want to move anymore," he said.

He then served as site editor for Andersen.com, which was associated with Enron. The site crashed after the Enron scandal.

During that time, Serwach got back into singing by joining the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus.

He then joined the Grosse Pointe Barbershoppers on a

whim after attending one of the group's meetings in 1997.

"My best friend's father, Russ Seely, is one of the founders of the Barbershoppers and a member for over 50 years," he said. "He asked me to come down on a Tuesday night in 1997, and I've been there ever since."

Serwach serves as president of the Barbershoppers' board of members.

"I make sure everyone does what he needs to do, and I work with the community and the other chapters," Serwach said. "I also chair and organize the meetings."

Serwach also is the editor of the Pioneer Troubadour, the newsletter for members of the Pioneer District, which the Grosse Pointe Barbershoppers are a part of.

He now oversees state media relations for the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

"I help set priorities for state media; whom we want to talk to, messages to get out and what to promote around the state," Serwach said.

He added that he roots for Michigan State when the Spartans and Wolverines play each other.

Barbershop music is regarded as one of the original American art forms. Its roots go back more than a century.

Barbershop quartets consists of a tenor, lead, bari-



Joe Serwach (third row, second from left) is the president of the Grosse Pointe Barbershoppers. They put on performances throughout the year and are one of the largest groups in the community.

tone and bass combining four-part harmonies. Members were primarily men.

"You can convert any kind of music to barbershop. It's primarily music from the 1900's, but it's adaptable to newer songs such as Billy Joel or the Beach Boys," Serwach said.

"The messages in these songs are about love, family, and old-fashioned American values," he said. "This was when the words were important, and the songs were like poetry."

Today, barbershop music has grown to include both men's and women's groups and groups of both sexes. Groups have grown to include 15 to 100 people.

The Barbershoppers have over 100 members, the largest of the 29 chapters in Michigan.

Serwach said the group

includes people of all ages, from 10 to 80.

"We're about fun and serving the community. It's like a singing fraternity," Serwach said. "We're also family-oriented. I would say the divorce rate is incredibly low."

For more information on the Barbershoppers, its number is (313) 886-SING. Its meetings on Tuesday nights are open to anyone.

"If a guy comes three meetings in a row, we'll give him an application to become a member," Serwach said.

One of the members of the group happens to be his 16 year old son, Ed. Serwach also has a daughter Jenny, 13. Serwach said they became interested in the music while listening to one of his tapes in the car.

"I learned a long time ago to expose them to different

types of music," he said. "My kids watch those Bugs Bunny cartoons with Michigan J. Frog."

The Barbershoppers have many events planned for 2004.

Along with its annual Christmas events, the group also does singing valentines for Valentine's Day.

"For between \$30 and \$50, a quartet will come to your girlfriend's office or house, give her a flower and sing a couple love songs and say this is from so and so," Serwach said.

"Sometimes we do a Cabaret show in the spring and get on boats and go to different yacht clubs," he said.

Personally, Serwach enjoys all kinds of music.

"If I like the message of the song, I like the song. The primary attraction is the words," he said.

Park car thefts, recoveries

A silver 2001 Dodge Caravan SE was taken from a parking lot in the 15100 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22. It was found the next day in the 3800 block of Audubon in Detroit.

An unknown person attempted to remove a 2005 Dodge Caravan from the 700 block of Balfour in Grosse Pointe Park at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24. The minivan was recovered two houses away, and packages inside the vehicle were taken.

A 2001 Jeep Cherokee parked in the street in the 700 block of Trombley in Grosse Pointe Park was taken between 1:30 and 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 25. It was recovered two days later at St. Paul and Hibbard in Detroit.

A 2002 Chrysler Concorde was taken from the street in the 1300 block of Devonshire in Grosse Pointe Park between 7:45 and 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 25. It was found two days later on Woodcrest in Harper Woods.

A green 1998 Jeep Cherokee parked in the street in the 1200 block of Grayton in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen during the night of Thursday, Dec. 25. It was found on Sunday, Dec. 28, at Whittier and Lakepointe in Detroit.

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers responded to the theft of a 2000 Jeep Cherokee in progress in the 15000 block of Mack on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 3:26 p.m.

After a short pursuit, the officers apprehended and arrested the suspect, a 24-year-old Detroit man, and recovered the vehicle at a house in the 3900 block of Lenox in Detroit.

Officers also recovered a stolen 2004 Dodge Stratus that was left behind at the scene of the Cherokee theft.

A 2000 Jeep parked in the street in the 1300 block of Bishop in Grosse Pointe

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Park was stolen between 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2.

Suspicious man
Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers caught a man suspected of stealing items from motor vehicles just before midnight on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

A witness saw the suspect, a 34-year-old Park man, checking out parked cars and entering a vehicle in the 1100 block of Lakepointe. Officers searched the area for the man and found him hiding in some bushes. He was also charged with prowling.

Park cops recover cocaine
An investigation of a larceny suspect turned up about \$460 worth of crack cocaine in Grosse Pointe Park.

Public safety officers spotted the suspect, a 28-year-old Detroit man, in the 1300 block of Maryland at 3:18 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24. The man became combative with the officers during the investigation in which they found the drugs.

CD player stolen from car
A compact disc player was taken from a car parked in a driveway in the 1800 block of Anita in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26.

Park car theft attempts
Grosse Pointe Park officers possibly averted but did not catch suspects involved in a car theft attempt shortly before 1 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27.

Officers were called to the 1100 block of Wayburn where the suspects were trying to start a 2002 Chrysler van. The suspects fled the scene in a 2001 Chrysler van reported stolen out of Harper Woods. Officers lost the van in the area of

Harper and Maryland in Detroit.

Detroit police recovered the van stolen out of Harper Woods at the scene of a home invasion in Detroit where eight arrests took place.

The steering columns of a 1997 Dodge Ram and a 1993 Dodge Shadow were damaged in suspected auto theft attempts in the 1200 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park the night of Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Paint balled
A security guard at Grosse Pointe North High School discovered his 2002 Chevrolet Silverado parked in the parking lot had been hit by 12 yellow paint balls at 10:25 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27.

Just over a half hour later, the driver of a white 2000 Ford four-door approached the guard and teased him about his vehicle being vandalized. The Ford took off in an unknown direction.

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers apprehended a 16-year-old Harper Woods boy and a 15-year-old St. Clair Shores boy who admitted to shooting paint balls at Barnes School on Saturday, Jan. 3, at about 12:30 p.m.

Officers stopped the boys on Morningside north of Vernier, where they found a paint ball gun and paint balls in the Harper Woods boy's blue 1992 Geo. The gun and paint balls were confiscated, the car was impounded, and the boys' parents were notified of the offense at the station.

The Harper Woods youth is also suspected in two other paint ball incidents on South Deeplands in Grosse Pointe Shores on Friday, Jan. 2, and Jan. 3.

Bishop B&Es
An unknown person is suspected of taking a 20-inch television, a digital camera and a laptop computer from a house in the 800 block of Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park between Sunday, Dec. 28, and Friday,

Jan. 2.
The suspect is described as a 5-foot, 10-inch male with an olive complexion and sideburns wearing a ball-type earring in his left ear. He was seen leaving the scene in small red car, possibly a Ford Probe or a Chevrolet Cavalier.
Also, on the same block during the same time period, someone entered a garage through a walk-through door. It is uncertain if anything was taken from the garage.

Car chases net stolen autos

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested and three juveniles were detained after they tried to flee and elude Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers during a traffic stop that began at Wayburn and Vernor on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 2:29 a.m.

The man and the juveniles were stopped in the area of Gunston and Maiden in Detroit in a 2002 Dodge Stratus stolen out of Detroit.

On Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 9:15 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers arrested a Detroit man in a 1994 Dodge Caravan stolen out of Eastpointe after a short pursuit which ended at Wayburn and Jefferson.

New Year's Eve rowdy revelry

It is suspected four male youths cracked open the new year with a rather pricey bottle of bubbly.

Two male youths were seen taking a 750 ml bottle of Cristal Brut champagne, valued at \$230, and a 750 ml bottle of Perrier Jouet Brut champagne, valued at \$200, from a store in the 20100 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods at 2:38 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

The two male youths got into a car occupied by two more male youths, which headed northbound on the Mack alley. One of the suspects left behind a bottle of the Perrier Jouet in the parking lot, which was returned to the store.

Woods public safety

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Schools scrounge for dollars as state aid falls short

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Budget planning loomed over the heads of school administrators in 2003 as they scrounged for extra dollars to make up for losses in state aid.

The news hit hard at the beginning of the year, and the Grosse Pointe Public School System survived after making a significant number of layoffs and by cutting programs and services available to students.

Recently, Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced additional losses estimated at \$350 million. For Grosse Pointe, this means a shortfall of \$2 million. Again, budget planners have been running rampant.

A budget committee has been slaving over figures to determine how best to handle the shortfall in terms of areas of possible reductions.

"Our reductions have been based on a \$196 per pupil shortfall," said Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Klein. "We are looking in a number of different areas."

One of these areas is the technology fund, which is covered by both the district's general fund as well as a technology bond that was passed several years ago.

"There are dollars we are spending out of our general fund for technology, a cost which could be shifted to our technology bond, with consequent reductions in purchases there," Klein suggested as one possibility.

"Another area to take a look at is utilities," she said, stressing the importance of turning off lights and computers at the end of the day and keeping the heat at a minimum setting in school

buildings.

"We're looking at dramatically reducing the amount of overtime and putting in place a hiring freeze," as well as a freeze on teacher conferences and traveling outside the district, Klein added.

"We're looking at some of the programs where we might have to push the pause button, knowing that down the line, we may be able to move that forward again," she said.

"We are moving as quickly as we can," she continued. "There are a number of places we can look to close the gap."

Always seen as the last resort in the school district is tapping into the fund equity. Klein added that this is a possible avenue being considered for additional monies.

"There have been times in the past where this board has chosen to apply fund equity to a budget shortfall to help solve that problem, most recently last year," she said. "We used a portion of the fund equity to fund an early retirement incentive for staff members, which allowed us to come forward with a plan that kept services and programs available for students."

"The Board of Education has traditionally used fund equity only when absolutely necessary," added Christian Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services.

But regardless of the solu-

tion, budget planning is never easy when it comes to schools. Sacrifices must be made, which can have a negative impact on different areas of education.

At the beginning of the 2003-04 school year, many complaints were made by parents regarding large class sizes which came as a result of staffing cuts.

But Jack Ryan, trustee of the Board of Education, said that such sacrifices must be made while in this "crisis mode." He stressed his concern for the freeze on teacher conferences and noted how this might affect the future of education in the district.

"Class size is important, but I think that we've become bogged down with it," he said. "The quality of the teacher who's in front of that class is the important thing. If we don't continue to enrich our educators, the quality of the teacher in front of the class, whether it's 17 students or 27 students, is going to suffer, and the quality of the education in Grosse Pointe is going to suffer."

Klein agreed, stressing that budget planners are doing everything they can to make sure things are balanced across the board.

"The reason we are here is to have top quality instruction for every student," she said. "We are finding a way to support teachers with adequate supplies and services, but a top quality teacher needs investment in

their future."

Discussions are still underway, as administrators the budget before its approval in June.

Deaf-blind North grad honored

Deborah Wright, 34, of Harper Woods, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and Wayne State University, was honored as DeafBlind Unit Consumer/Rehabilitant of the year by the Michigan Commission for the Blind.

Dee Robertson, MCB DeafBlind Specialist said the award was in recognition of Wright's "successful rehabilitation and employment at Wayne State University."

She added that Wright is likely the first deaf-blind person to work in a professional, academic position at a Michigan university.

Wright attended Grosse Pointe schools — Poupard Elementary School, Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School — after attending pre-kindergarten classes at the Detroit Day School for the Deaf.

She was born profoundly deaf and was diagnosed as a teenager as suffering from retinitis pigmentosa, a condition that often leads to blindness. After high school, she attended Madonna University for a year and became fluent in sign language. She also attended Helen Keller National Center in New York and studied for a year at Hofstra University.

After returning to Michigan, Wright attended Wayne State University which did not have a program for deaf-blind, but assisted in any way it could. She received her bachelor's degree and earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling. She was employed by Jewish Vocational Services as a counselor until early 2003 and returned to Wayne State University as a counselor for students with disabilities in the Educational Assistance Office.

"The students love her," said Susan Neste, former director of the EAS and the person who hired Ms. Wright. "Not only does she understand their disability, she went through the same system they're trying to navigate. She's a great role model."



Deborah Wright and her leader dog, Mojo, in her office at Wayne State University's Educational Assistance Office. She holds the plaque awarded to her by the Michigan Commission for the Blind at an honors ceremony in Lansing.

Robotics consultant wanted

The Grosse Pointe North/South Robotics Club seeks the help of a robotics engineer/technician to help students build robots for a future competition. Those interested should call Bob Bashara at (313) 824-5286.

Grant allows ULS teacher to build orphanage in Mexico

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Right next to a garbage dump in a small town in Mexico stands a very special little school and orphanage that was established with the help of Lauree Emery, a high school teacher at University Liggett School.

Emery has traveled to Mexico to work on her creation for the past 20 years, building it from scratch and expanding the facilities to include 63 children. Through her efforts, "Casa de Pan," as it is called, will continue its growth and improve the lives of many more impoverished Mexican orphans.

This year, Emery's mission was even more important as she brought back two children from the orphanage to be adopted by two families in Detroit.

"I wanted to give those kids a different life; a better life," Emery said of her recent success.

Emery has a master's degree in social work, which enabled her to bring the children to the U.S. She received her bachelor's degree in Spanish from the National University of Mexico and her master's degree in Spanish language

from Middlebury College in Vermont and Spain. She earned her Ph.D in Spanish cultural guitar from the National University of Mexico.

At ULS, Emery teaches Spanish and guitar and is also the advisor for Casa Maria, a student club at the school which promotes community service.

"ULS is so supportive of encouraging its students to reach out to the community," she said. "I not only teach our kids this lifelong experience, but I am an example of that. I can show them what my work is like and they are so supportive."

Emery has been able to lend her time and expertise to the school partially thanks to a faculty enrichment grant she has received from ULS every summer. She has also encouraged community support in the form of monetary donations or personal trips to the school. Many of her friends and students have joined her on her summer ventures to work with the kids.

"They help with things at the school," she explained. "We built a dormitory for the kids in the orphanage. We taught them how to swim. We'll play music in the mar-

ketplace. We do anything that is needed, and there is a lot."

Emery said she has always been drawn to Mexico and the Spanish world.

"I just love the culture," she said. "It's so family-oriented and warm and caring. That's what attracts me most. Everyone is welcome."

But as much as she loves the culture, every time Emery goes back to the small town of Hilototech, where the school is located, her appreciation for home grows stronger.

"I always think about how fortunate we are," she said. "It's just amazing all the things we take for granted. I'm always amazed that the kids there are so happy, even though they have nothing. They are just joyful little children."

With thoughts of retiring to the warm climate, Emery still thinks of others, knowing she might not have the resources she has now.

"I work at a good school that supports what I do, and I can continue bringing things back and forth, whether it's money, gifts or people," she said. "The goal is to keep helping the children."



ULS Spanish and guitar instructor Lauree Emery poses with friends in Mexico, where she has helped build a school and orphanage. This year, she helped arrange the adoption of two children by families in Detroit.

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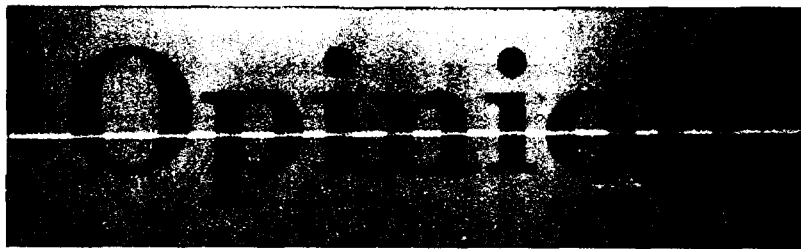
Auto show a big deal for Detroit

The North American International Auto Show — known to old-time Detroiters as the "Cobo Auto Show" — is a big deal not just for southeast Michigan but for the world.

The first auto show was held in Detroit in 1907! Of the 87 shows since then in Detroit, the last 15 have been deemed "international."

Of the 6,735 media credentials given out last year, 31 percent of those were to the international press. With the U.S. dollar more favorable to foreigners, we expect an even greater international presence this year.

Though the media got a preview of the auto show early this week, they didn't see it all. It takes 10 weeks and more than 1,500 tradesmen and teamsters working 12- to 14-hour



days to prepare Cobo Center's 700,000 square feet for the show. It takes four days for exhibitors to set up their displays. Equipment needed to set up the show includes over 1,000 semi-trucks and 14 million pounds of freight. Fourteen semi-trucks alone are needed to haul in the 75,000-plus yards of carpet.

But by Friday night's Charity Preview, all the work must be done, and Cobo will shine. Tickets for the Charity Preview are \$400, but don't worry. If you don't have them by now, you're not invited!

Some 17,500 people attended last year's Charity Preview. More than \$6.125 million was raised for 11 Detroit-area children's charities,

putting the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview among the world's largest single-night fundraising events for children's charities in the world. Since its 1976 inception, the black-tie event has raised over \$44 million.

The North American International Auto Show adds more than \$500 million annually to the economy of southeast Michigan. In 2006, the auto show and the Super Bowl combined will bring \$1 billion to the region.

More than 700 vehicles will be on display this year, many of them introductions.

Since becoming an international event in 1989, the North American International Auto Show has intro-

duced 716 world and North American vehicles. Last year, 61 vehicles were introduced, not to mention the 37 concept vehicles unveiled.

Since many, if not most, of these new and concept vehicles came from non-North American automakers, the auto show in Detroit is a significant international event.

Nowhere is the significance of the auto industry more keenly felt than in the Detroit area. And, best yet, we can all take a look at the future.

Public show hours are this Saturday, Jan. 10, through Sunday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (No admittance after 9 p.m.) The hours on the final day of the show, Monday, Jan. 19, are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (No admittance after 6 p.m.)

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for seniors 65 and older. Children 12 and under get in free with an adult. Ticket vouchers can be purchased online at www2.naias.com. They may also be purchased at any Ticketmaster outlet or online at Ticketmaster.com.

And, if you like, you can buy tickets, cash only, at the door. See you there!

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Economy looking up

We encourage anyone wanting to be cheered up to read Joe Mengden's "Let's Talk Stocks" column in this week's Grosse Pointe News.

"What a great year 2003 was!" says LTS. "At a New Year's Eve party last week, LTS said he was almost sorry to see 2003 end. It was that great!"

He says most investors will be thrilled to see their year-end 401(k) and IRA statements when they come out. That's good news for those of us who have watched our "paper profits" plummet over the past few years!

True, hiring has yet to pick up, and some attrition may still be occurring, but the outlook is bright.

Before adding to payroll, companies need to deplete inventory and to see significant new orders. As productivity increases, so do profits, and that means jobs.

As David L. Littman, senior vice president and chief economist with

Comerica Bank, told WJR's Paul W. Smith this week, "Without profit, jobs are not possible."

LTS columnist Mengden, a City of Grosse Pointe resident and former chairman of First of Michigan, says "higher interest rates follow business recovering as night follows day." But the Federal Reserve will sit on its hands and let Wall Street lead any interest rate increases.

But Mortgage Marketplace columnist Bill Vogel, of Flagstar Bank, writes in this week's YourHome real estate section that even at slightly higher rates, mortgage loans are still a bargain historically.

Higher mortgage rates may make refinancings less attractive to those who have already done so, but borrowing money to buy a new (to you) home will still be a good deal.

The long-awaited recovery is now taking place, says LTS. Hallelujah!



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepointenews.com or go to www.philtoons.com

Letters

Heartfelt thanks

To the Editor:
I am honored once again this holiday season to thank the many residents of our community who have given so generously to both our Holiday Giving Tree program and our annual appeal.

This has been a difficult year for all nonprofits, and the Children's Home of Detroit is no exception. State and county budget problems have forced us to look to our many friends for support of our programs on behalf of the special children and families we serve. Our community has come through as never before, and we are so very appreciative.

I extend our heartfelt thanks and send best wishes for a peaceful and happy New Year.

Michael R. Horwitz
Executive Director

Job well done

To the Editor:
I thought it would be of interest, and you might want to congratulate the Grosse Pointe Park police on the fine work they are doing trying to keep the citizens and people who work in the area safe.

I recently needed their assistance and was well rewarded in their recovery of my stolen car. Following is a letter I am sending to the police department to thank them.

I thought you might say a couple of words about the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department in a near issue of your newspaper to show all the citizens how much we appreciate their work.

January 2, 2004
To all of you at the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department:

I wanted to write to thank the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department on the fine work they do.

On Tuesday, Dec. 30, my car was stolen from behind my workplace. I called 911 and was assisted by the operator with patience and understanding even though I was hysterical. She called out the troops, and within a very short time, they were able to apprehend the person and recover my car.

A special thank you to Officer Taylor. He came to my office and took my report and also took me to where my car was and where the suspect was for identification. Officer Taylor was very polite and calmed me through a very scary time.

Thank you Officer Taylor and your fellow officers for the great work. I don't think any other city police department could have performed as well as you guys did that day.

Thank you and keep up the great work.
Best Regards and Respect!
Susan Hart
Communications
Creative
Grosse Pointe Park

Editor's note: Good job.

Values column

To the Editor:
I am writing to tell you how much I appreciate your decision to carry the column X-tra Special Advice in the Grosse Pointe News.

Knowing the basis of certain behaviors makes it so

much easier to not be intimidated by the many different little individuals who are all children first. They are equally entitled to enjoy their childhood, to be accepted by the entire community, and to be nurtured for who they are.

Chitra Raman
Grosse Pointe Woods

Don't ask, don't tell community?

To the Editor:
I can't agree with the letter writer ("Mr. Ismail Misinformed," Dec. 25 Grosse Pointe News) who suggested that Mr. (Ahmed) Ismail's comments in his paid advertisements are negative, nor am I persuaded that my interests in the library system are well represented by an appointee who happens to have a degree from Harvard University.

President Bush has degrees from Yale and Harvard, and many citizens of this country are certain their well-being is in serious jeopardy under his leadership.

I suspect the leaders at Enron, Tyco and many of the mutual fund companies currently under investigation could boast wonderful educational credentials, but they did not guarantee that they acted in the best interests of their shareholders. Sadly, those who attempted to speak out at Enron were stifled.

Mr. Ismail's comments in his weekly ads have opened my eyes to many issues in

this don't ask, don't tell community of which I would otherwise have been unaware.

Chris Kaczanowski
Grosse Pointe Shores

The effects of library issues

To the Editor:
I was quite interested in the recent letters to the editor, "Library issues," Nov. 20, Grosse Pointe News; as well as the subsequent letter, Dec. 4, Grosse Pointe News, "Clarify library issues."

Among other concerns, "Library issues" touched on the overlap of the Grosse Pointe Public Library into the north portion of Harper Woods that is served by the Grosse Pointe Schools.

In the letter, the writer mentioned how this unusual situation affects the governing board of the Grosse Pointe Library. However, the letter did not address the fact that Harper Woods residents, residing in the affected area, are required to pay a second library millage to the Grosse Pointe Library.

This double tax is over and above the regular, long-established millage assessment to Harper Woods residents for the Harper Woods Public Library.

A lesser-known effect of proposal A was that school districts could no longer run public libraries. An election was held in 1994 that established funding for the rechartered Grosse Pointe Library. It was at this time that a second millage for library services was tacked onto homes and businesses in the area of Harper Woods that is within the Grosse Pointe school district and it is my understanding that these funds were earmarked for the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

It seems unfair that this double taxation was allowed to occur. It also seems unfair that the Grosse Pointe mill-

age was initially levied at a rate that is approximately 70 percent higher than the Harper Woods assessment. Double taxation of an established district should not be allowed.

Fortunately, there is a remedy available in state law to voters who wish to rectify this situation and lower their taxes. Even at the higher millage rate, eliminating the overlap could provide a 1 mill tax break to all Harper Woods households and businesses in the affected area.

As the letter writer of "Library issues" encouraged citizens to inform themselves on issues within their community, I trust this letter provides useful information to those residents of Harper Woods who are affected by the decisions of another district.

Mary Kingston
Chairperson
Harper Woods Library
Board of Trustees

Library

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• candidates for the library board must submit their names to the library board on the second Monday in March of each even-numbered year, and those names will be forwarded to the board of education on the first Monday in April of each even-numbered year.

• the board of education will publicly announce the candidates and after considering their qualifications, interests and attitudes, will make a final decision on the appointment at its May meeting.

Dindoffer thinks the policy will be beneficial.

"The public will be notified about a vacancy, and anyone can apply as opposed to it being more closed," she said.

Cat hit

To the Editor:
This is a letter to the individual who hit my neighbor's cat, Chester. The incident occurred Sunday, Dec. 7, on Torrey Road.

It was bad enough that you hit Chester in front of my neighbor's children, although I don't think it was intentional, but you didn't have the decency to stop and offer assistance. You probably could not be bothered because you were in a hurry to go shopping, or something equally as important.

What you did was mean-spirited and cowardly, and unfortunately, you taught the children a painful lesson in how cruel people can be.

Jack Diesing
Grosse Pointe Woods

Schools

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funds." More funds are needed as budgets are becoming increasingly pinched. Because of a \$100 per pupil cut from the state in December, Grosse Pointe Schools have to cut \$900,000 from this year's budget. Next year, the district estimates it will cut as much as \$3 million to \$6.5 million.

"When budgets are tight, you end up cutting back on programming," Fenton said.

The sinking fund would relieve the general fund of \$1.5 million, allowing that saved money in the general fund to be used for instructional purposes.

"It won't eliminate the problem, but it will be a major significant help," Fenton said.

Repairs are needed, and the sinking fund seems like a good route to take, Fenton said.

"The money for repair purposes allows us to preserve and protect as much as we can," he said.

High flight

A new hanger has opened at the USAF Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

The 200,000 square-foot expansion increases the museum's display area by one-third.

The hanger features aircraft developed during the Cold War. Under its flat-black ceiling sit some of the museum's most impressive technology, including a Northrop Grumman B-2



B-2

Spirit stealth bomber.

"This will be the only place in the world where the public can see a B-2 up close," said Charles D. Metcalf, museum director, in a December news release.

The first time I saw a stealth bomber was at the Kalamazoo Air Show about seven years ago. From a distance, the tailless bird appeared like a pencil line drawn in the sky. Last May, I saw a Spirit fly by opening ceremonies of the Indianapolis 500. The crowd cheered, especially moments later when the pilot made a surprise return visit at relatively low altitude.

The B-2 on display in Dayton never flew. It was built as a static model to test the airframe's strength.

Museum representatives said the wings withstood stresses to 161 percent greater than design specifications before finally crack-



ing. Although the aircraft contains all the external features of an operational B-2, its innards are bare.

Air Force representatives said the museum's B-2 will continue being tested to help develop improvements for the active B-2 fleet.

The display joins other exotic aircraft that, amazingly, are featured an arm's reach from public view and some of the friendliest docents in museumdom.

There's a Lockheed SR-71, the fastest aircraft ever at

2,193.167 mph. First flown in 1964, the two-engined Blackbird still looks like something from the future.

The museum's F-117 stealth fighter has been on display for a number of years. In the past, barriers kept visitors at a distance. Now, the jet sits just like any other.

The black, flat-bottomed aircraft was the second Nighthawk off Lockheed's assembly line. It's called a fighter but is really a bomber. Four tubes project-

ing from the angular nose measure such things as air speed. They're not machine guns.

In an adjoining hanger, dangling from cables attached to the ceiling almost directly above the next-generation YF-22 fight-



SR-71

er, is a Boeing X-38 Bird of Prey.

Shaped similarly to the Klingon spacecraft from Star Trek fame, the tiny Bird of Prey is a sub-scale, single-seat prototype fighter used during the 1990s to test stealth and agility. It was capable of only 300 mph at an altitude no higher than 20,000 feet.



F-117

Some 300 aircraft and missiles are on display at the USAF Museum daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. It's only 225 miles away.

Learn more at www.wpafb.af.mil/museum.

Photos by Brad Lindberg



X-38

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The Op-Ed Page



fyi

by Ben Burns

Glamour Girl

Think what it would be like to slap rotor blades atop one of those monster, 18-wheel, over-the-road, tractor-truck rigs, add three 4,380 hp engines without mufflers, and you might conceive what it is like to fly the Sea Dragon helicopter.

Navy Lt. Bibiana Danko of the Park confesses she doesn't even think much about the size of the MH-53E mine-hunting helicopter. Behind the rig is she pilots the big rig in the Arabian Gulf.

"I'm just grateful to be alive," she told Glamour magazine for their December issue when they set out to talk to key examples of the 30,000 women in the U.S. military, who serve our country. "We had a very sobering experience ... when an aircraft went down and killed the entire crew," including a friend, she said.

Better known to her family and friends as Bibi, Danko is the daughter of Jack and Danusia Danko; she attended Cornell University on Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps and Chrysler Scholarships. The '95 South graduate is now back in the United States after her tour of duty in the Gulf, receiving additional training at her home base in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Sea Dragon which is almost 100 feet long looks like a giant grasshopper when it lands on carrier decks. It carries 55 passengers, a jeep and trailer or 24 litters with wounded servicemen. Its missions include mine sweeping, towing surface vessels, mine destruction and even more mundane tasks like ferrying a popular band to a concert aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz.

Bibi, who is fondly called "Lil Gai" by her fellow pilots because of her 5-foot-

4 height, got the assignment to take a nervous "Blink 182" band to the carrier to perform after the C-2 airplane that was supposed to do it broke down.

The crew provided the lead singer with a helmet, and he was as interested in how the helicopter flew as crew members were in talking to someone who was famous.

How noisy is the craft? "Very. We have to wear earplugs and a helmet for hearing protection." In fact, as part of our annual physicals, we have to pass a hearing test. Over the course of a helo pilot's flying career, it's pretty much a given that hearing will deteriorate, but you minimize it."

Bibi said, it's hard to make a comparison to flying the Sea Dragon.

"The only other large machines I've operated have been my family's large, extended vans," she said. "It's odd though, when you are flying you really don't feel as if you're in front of something that large. You are taught certain techniques and methods due to the size of the aircraft, but you don't really feel it. It has so much power and you get used to how to handle its dimensions so that it's almost second nature."

After graduating from Cornell in '99, she was commissioned and trained sailors at Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago until she was assigned to aviation training at Pensacola, Fla. After a year and a half there — during which she learned to fly prop planes and a helicopter similar to the ones radio traffic reporters use — she was sent to Norfolk, Va., for training on the Sea Dragons.

As part of the training for a pilot "at high risk of capture," she also attended a

school in New Brunswick, Maine, to learn what to do if downed behind enemy lines and how to withstand being a prisoner of war and deal with interrogations.

The most nerve-wracking part of her job? It's flying night ship-landing missions without night-vision goggles. "It can be quite difficult," she said.

When she got the call from a public affairs officer that Glamour wanted to chat with her, she said, "I didn't know what to say. I thought my fellow pilots were pranking me."

Bibi says there are about four other women who pilot the air giants — two reservists and two at a sister squadron in Norfolk.

Asked what she thought from a service point of view about anti-war, anti-Bush demonstrations, she was blunt and to the point:

"I think citizens speaking out for what they believe in and being critical of our government is an important part of what makes this country great. However, I think it is sad when that is done simply based on emotions, dislike of a particular person or party standing rather than facts and a careful, educated analysis of the situation.

"It's one thing to exercise freedom of speech, but speaking out as a responsible, educated and objective citizen should be the goal, and that's not always the case.

"Over the last couple years, there has definitely been more attention paid to the sacrifices military personnel make, but I still don't think the majority of the country fully appreciates the military. To be fair, unless one makes such sacrifices or has family members doing the same, I'm not sure that's possible. But that's no excuse for a lack of awareness of the importance of the military nor what such individuals go through.

"It (support) comes in waves, though. Unfortunately, at some point the current supportive atmosphere will probably die down. And that is a shame."

And what does the future hold for the diminutive Navy officer? She is keeping her options open. But her mother, Danusia, who teaches science at Pierce Middle School and is very proud of her 25-year-



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old daughter's accomplishments, says her daughter is always calm and focused. "I can't think of anyone who could do what she does better," she said.

Mrs. Danko also added that she doesn't think her daughter's career aspira-

tions have anything to do with the crib mobile they put over baby Bibi's bed 25 years ago with little pastel airplanes.

"It played Frank Sinatra's hit song: 'Fly me to the moon. Let me play among the stars...' as the little air-

planes turned and spun about.

Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is a professor in the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

Points about the Pointes

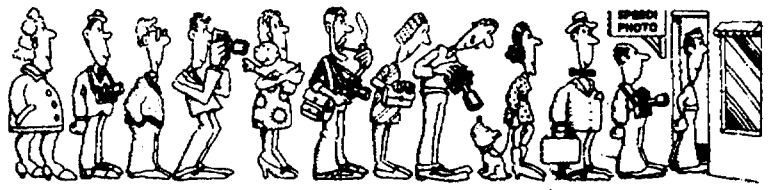
Our School Board's new Library Board Policy... it's a great start, but not the ultimate solution!

This past Monday, our School Board laid out their new policy on the Library Board Selection Process. Basically, the policy makes the existing Library Board selection process a little more visible to the public. The vote on the policy is this Monday at 8PM at South's Library.

The new policy, although an improvement, doesn't get us where we need to be. For those of us interested in seeing a truly elected (and not selected) Library Board, the answer may have to come from Lansing. Hopefully, State Rep Ed Gaffney will lend a hand in helping the voters and taxpayers in our community enjoy selecting the Library Board the same way he was selected...by a direct vote of the taxpayers.

If the whole concept of millions of your taxpayer dollars being spent by someone you never elected doesn't bother you, then do nothing. Supporters of the existing self-perpetuating system are counting on your apathy.

If you feel as I do that our existing taxation without representation system just isn't the "American" way (remember the Boston Tea Party?), then tell State Rep Ed Gaffney (517-373-6094 or at edwardgaffney@house.mi.gov) know and show up at South's Library this coming Monday at 8PM to let the School Board know your thoughts. After all, it's your money! ...Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)



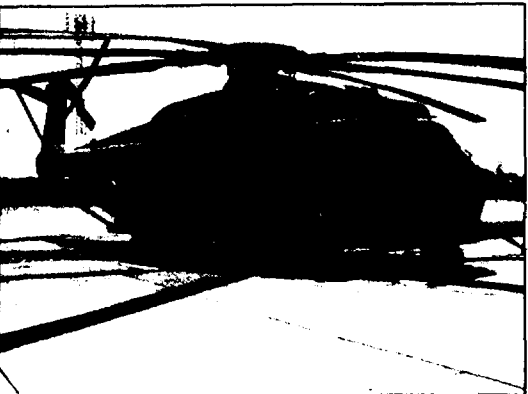
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1995 Grosse Pointe South graduate Lt. Bibi Danko flies the 100-foot, 4,380 hp Sea Dragon helicopter for the U.S. Navy. When she gets home to Grosse Pointe Park, she should have no trouble maneuvering a big SUV or a Hummer around town!

Vincent L. Ames

Former Grosse Pointe resident Vincent L. Ames, 75, of Lexington and North Port, Fla., died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, in North Port.

Born in Detroit in 1928, Mr. Ames was a longtime member and secretary of the Fraternal Order of Police Associates in Grosse Pointe. He was of the Catholic faith.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Ames; his daughters, Jennifer M. (Thomas) Murphy, Michelle M. (Laurence) Schaller of Grosse Pointe and Sharon (Charles) Nelson; his sister, Rita Walker; his brother, Thomas Ames; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

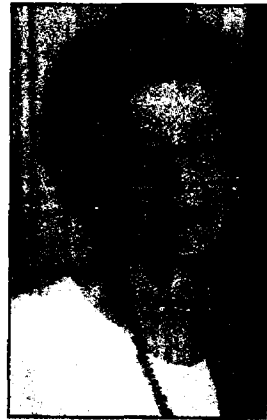
Marie R. "Dolly" Estabrook

Former Grosse Pointe Woods and Hobe Sound, Fla. resident Marie R. "Dolly" Estabrook, 90, of Clinton Township, died on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004.

Born in Detroit in 1913, Mrs. Estabrook was a past member of many groups within the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, including teaching Sunday School, bowling, blood drives and rummage sales. She enjoyed gardening and had a special love of roses. Mrs. Estabrook also loved stained glass and making fire glass creations, china, oil and textile paintings, decoupage and flower arrangements. She also loved boating.

She is survived by her husband, C.U. "Chuck" Estabrook; her daughter, Suzann Estabrook Brooke; her son, Robert Estabrook Jr.; her son-in-law, Stephen Estabrook and Lewis Brooke III; five great-grandchildren; and her brother, William L.F. Peters. She was predeceased by her

son-in-law, Lewis Brooke Jr. A private funeral service was held at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were made by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Michigan, 44720 Hayes, Suite 100, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

**Virginia R. Kotowski****Virginia R. Kotowski**

Grosse Pointe resident Virginia R. Kotowski, 76, died on Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, of respiratory failure.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Kotowski started her schooling at St. Thomas Catholic School before receiving an academic scholarship to Girls Catholic Central. She returned to St. Thomas, and it was there, while working as the society editor on the school paper, "The Thomasonian," that she met her future husband, Leonard, who was serving as the sports editor. She graduated Cum Laude, and went on to attend the University of Detroit until accepting a job with General Motors.

After marrying in 1948, the Kotowskis lived in Detroit and later moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1964, where Mrs. Kotowski lovingly maintained an expansive rose garden. She made fast friends with her neighbors

in Detroit, on Devonshire in Grosse Pointe Park, and later while living in homes in Grosse Pointe Woods and City. As a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, family was a great source of pride for Mrs. Kotowski. She was never far from a sporting event, concert, school function, religious event, graduation or wedding. The Detroit Tigers were her favorite team and she loved attending baseball games.

The Kotowski family also loved to travel, and she instilled in her children a love of culture and adventure. Whether it was a visit to the family cottage up north, a road trip across the country, or exploring Europe, the Kotowskis all enjoyed the excursions.

Mrs. Kotowski was extremely proud of being an American and all it represented. She also had a deep respect for her and her husband's Polish heritage; and the family celebrated many Polish traditions together.

Mrs. Kotowski donated to numerous charities here and abroad, and was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Clare of Montefalco parish for 40 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathryn Foucher, Kristine (Jim) Hart, Karole (Tom) Steen, Kim (Vito) Tocco, Kerry (Dan) Smale and Mary-Kay (Matt) Reno; and her 13 grandchildren and their spouses. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Leonard; her sister, Delphine Grablowski; her brother, Robert Koczara; and her granddaughter, Tiffany Hart.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Dec. 15, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or at www.stjude.org.

Helene Joan Lawler

Helene Joan Lawler, 83, died on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at the Bloomfield Nursing Center after a long illness. Born in Detroit in 1920, Mrs. Lawler earned her bachelor's degree from Marygrove College in 1943, with postgraduate work at Wayne State University and Marygrove. She lived in Grosse Pointe much of her life, teaching in the Detroit Public Schools, before retiring and moving with her husband to Keowee Key, Salem, S.C., in 1984.

Mrs. Lawler was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Seneca, S.C. She is survived by her daughter, Marie-Helene (H.

Michael) Grabman; and four grandchildren, Genevieve, Andrea, Michael and Charlotte. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles F. Lawler; her son, Charles N. Lawler; and her sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Brinkman.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 10, at noon, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery Food Kitchen, 1740 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, Odyssey Health Care Hospice, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 303, Southfield, MI 48076, or St. Paul the Apostle Church, 170 Bountynland, Seneca, SC 29672.

Mary V. Maher

Mary V. Maher, 96, died on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004.

She is survived by her children, Mary Catherine Stoye, Yvonne (David) Comeau, Margy Miller, Tom (Marilyn) Maher, Cecilia (William) Rococo and Susan (Antoine) Abiraji; her daughter-in-law, Margaret Maher; her son-in-law, Russ Kavanaugh; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, the Honorable Judge John J. Mayer; her first husband, Lester Brueckman; her children, Jack Maher, Jim Maher, Barbara Jean Kavanaugh; her daughter-in-law, Pat Tobin; her sons-in-law, Walter Stoye and Don Devine; and her sister, Cecilia Beggin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

James T. McCuish

Former Grosse Pointe resident James T. McCuish, 80, of St. Clair Shores, died on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at home.

Mr. McCuish's lifelong compassion for the care and well-being of the elderly started with his involvement as assistant director of the Catholic Charities in the 1950s and continued with his co-founding of the Kundig Center in Detroit. He owned and operated the Cadillac Nursing Home for more than 25 years, providing care for those in their advanced stage of life.

Mr. McCuish was also an avid golfer and member of

the Lochmoor Club for more than 30 years as well as the Detroit Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alice; eight children; and eight grandchildren.

**James T. McCuish****Thomas Stevenson Jr.**

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas Stevenson, Jr., 74, of Hilton Head, S.C., died on Monday, Jan. 5, 2004. Born in Battle Creek in 1929, Mr. Stevenson graduated from Battle Creek High School in 1947 and from Georgia Military Academy in 1949.

He received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, where he was captain of the freshman baseball team and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was in ROTC at MSU and spent two years as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Stevenson spent his career with the Square D company in Detroit, Troy and Toledo as field engineer and district manager.

He was a former member of St. James Lutheran Church where served a president of the congregation, taught Sunday School, and worked with the youth group.

He was also involved with Cub Scouts of America and Little League Baseball. Mr. Stevenson was a former president of Grosse Pointe Newcomers and former member of Lochmoor Country Club. He loved

Jesus Christ, his family, golf, bridge and piano.

He is survived by three children; Mark (Liz) Stevenson, Lori (Barry) Smith and Tom (Colleen) Stevenson III of Grosse Pointe Farms; six grandchildren, Lindsey, Haley, Scott, Katherine, Thomas IV and Sarah; his two sisters, Mary Ann Myers and Sarah Jane Hagan; and his brother, Harry "Buck" Stevenson.

A memorial service will be held at St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m.

**Ruth Ellen Toolin****Ruth Ellen Toolin**

Ruth Ellen Toolin, 75, died on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2003, in Naples, Fla.

Born in 1928, Mrs. Toolin graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1946.

She is survived by her son, Mark (Jeannette) Toolin; her daughters, Diane Kleitner and Lisa (Michael) Clayton; her grandchildren, Thomas, Jenna, Adam, Alexandra and Taylor; her brother, William (Patricia) Osborn; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald H. Toolin.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Jan. 16 at 11 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Alzheimer's Association for Research, 225 N. Michigan, Chicago, IL 60601-7663.

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Annoying habits: Digging in the yard.
Dislikes: Baths, door bells
Education: Obedience School Certificate of Completion

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. on the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson, for the purpose of: Comments, Review and Approval of use of Federal Community Block Grant Funds for the following or other approved projects.
Announcing the City's objectives and proposed uses for developing projects using Federal Community Block Grant funding. Subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith listed: (These are estimated amounts)
• Infrastructure Repair \$72,000
• Services for Older Citizens
• Minor Home Repair \$10,000
• Case Coordination \$ 2,000
• Information/Referral Service \$ 1,000
• Meals on Wheels \$ 8,000
Interested persons are invited to comment on the possible Projects listed above or suggest other projects. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate-income residents. Please write or call the City offices, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI. 48230 (313) 822-4281.
Chris Reimel,
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SOC Options

Home safety tips for senior citizens

By Sharon Maier

SOC Executive Director
A new year is the perfect time to reassess your home for safety. Home accidents are a major cause of injury and death for all Americans. For those over 60, the risk of death and injury may be greater than for others. Older people need to take special precautions to ensure a safe living environment. Most accidents in the home can be prevented by the elimination of hazards. The following are suggestions that can make your home a safer place to live.

General Safety Standards

First, consider whether your home meets the following general safety standards.

- Emergency numbers are posted near each telephone.
- Appliances, lamps and cords are clean and in good condition.
- A sufficient number of outlets are located in every room where they are needed. Outlet extensions that can accommodate several plugs are not used.
- Either circuit breakers or fuses provide overload protection.
- Electrical service is of sufficient capacity to serve the house (up to code).
- The thermostat of the water heater is set at 110°F or lower to prevent accidental scalding.
- Medications are stored in a safe place according to instructions on the label of the package or container.
- Carpeting and rugs are not worn or torn.
- Small, loose rugs have nonskid backing and are not placed in traffic areas.

Kitchen Safety

Look at the facilities in your kitchen and use the following suggestions to determine safety.

- The stove and sink areas are well lighted.
- If you have a gas stove, it is equipped with pilot lights and an automatic cut-off in the event

of flame failure.

- The stove is not located under a window in which curtains are hanging.
 - The exhaust hood of the oven is provided with filters that can be easily removed for cleaning.
 - The kitchen exhaust system discharges directly outside or through ducts to the outside and not into the attic or other unused space.
 - Hazardous household agents are stored out of reach of children.
 - When cooking, pan handles are turned away from other burners and away from the edge of the stove.
 - Small appliances are disconnected when not in use.
 - Knives are kept in a knife rack or drawer.
 - Counter tops and work areas are cleared of all unnecessary objects.
 - Grease and liquid spills are wiped up.
- #### Stairway and Hall Safety
- Now consider whether your stairways and halls are safe for use.
- Steps are in good condition and are free of objects.
 - Steps have nonskid strips or the carpeting on them is securely fastened and free of fraying or holes.
 - Smoke alarms are in place in hallways and near sleeping areas.
 - Handrails are sturdy and securely fastened.
 - Light switches are located at the top and bottom of stairways and at both ends of long hallways.
 - Doors do not swing out over stairs.

Living Room Safety

Check your living room for these features.

- Electric cords are placed along walls, not under rugs, and away from traffic areas.
- Chairs and couches are sturdy and secure.

Bathroom Safety

Make sure your bathroom meets the following standards.

- The bathtub or shower has a nonskid mat or strips on the standing area.
- Bathtub or shower doors are glazed with safety glass or plastic.
- Hand bars are installed on the walls by the bathtub and toilet.
- Electrical appliances are kept away from the bathtub/shower and sink areas.

Outdoor Safety

Does your outdoor area conform to these standards?

- Steps and walkways are in good condition
- Handrails are sturdy and securely fastened.
- Doorways are well lighted.
- Hedges, trees or shrubs do not obscure the view of the street from the driveway.
- Garage doors are of a type that is easy for you to operate, even when snow is piled against them.
- The garage is adequately ventilated.
- Large trees are healthy and well maintained and have no dead limbs.
- Garden and lawn equipment is stored safely.
- Toxic materials such as pesticides and fertilizer are kept in their own containers, not in unlabeled jars or bottles.

Follow these suggestions for making your home a safer place to live for you and your family. If you spot any deficiencies, correct them as soon as you can.

For additional information, come to the Fall Prevention seminar at Services for Older Citizens (SOC), 17150 Waterloo, at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The seminar is part of SOC's Food and Friendship program which offers lunch, exercise, trips and speakers Monday through Friday. For more information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

More power to us

If you think seniors don't have any power, read on. You may also be shocked to learn what other changes our friendly AARP has in mind for programs that have been a real boon for seniors.

Having screwed up Medicare, AARP is now ready to tackle the Social Security program.

Before the new Medicare program had even been voted on, AARP had agreed to organize and co-sponsor — along with the Bush administration and the National Association of Manufacturers — three town hall meetings. The subject was to be the overhaul of the Social Security system to allow recipients to divert some of their FICA contributions to private retirement accounts.

Both the Bush administration and the National Association of Manufacturers are strong advocates of privatization for Social Security.

Most seniors are not. To show how strong the push for privatization is becoming, the nonpartisan head of the Social Security administration has proposed a plan whereby people could divert up to 6 percent of the 12.4 percent taken from paychecks for FICA to set up their own retirement accounts.

His confidence that changes to Social Security would be acceptable to seniors no doubt stemmed from the fact that AARP, which has traditionally spoken for seniors, had agreed to co-sponsor the three meetings.

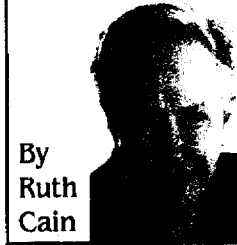
The first of the three group meetings was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15. But thanks to the strong opposition from seniors to the new Medicare Prescription Drug Bill — characterized as the largest revolt in the senior ranks in decades — AARP has dropped out of the forums on grounds

that the forums would be too politically charged in the aftermath of the Medicare flap.

David Certner, AARP's federal affairs director, said AARP decided the forums were too close to this year's election.

AARP's board of directors endorsed that decision.

Senior Scene



By Ruth Cain

"It was simply easier for AARP to be doing our own events and not be connected to groups with partisan agendas," Certner explained.

Too bad it didn't make that same decision before endorsing the new Medicare bill.

It is always possible that William Novelli, executive director of AARP, may truly believe that privatization is the way to go with Social Security. But it is interesting that AARP presently offers mutual funds, annuities, and other financial programs that could benefit tremendously from the additional monies freed from FICA via privatization.

This is not the end of AARP's efforts to alter these time-honored federal programs for seniors. AARP has indicated that one program it will be involved with is educating its members on the wonderful qualities of the new Medicare bill. AARP has already spent \$7 million in advertising to support the new Medicare bill, in spite of an angry outcry from many members.

When viewing or hear-

ing these ads, remember the old saying that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is too good to be true. And who really knows what else is in those 450-plus pages that comprise the bill.

Incidentally, I always get furious when I hear the bill referred to as the Medicare reform bill. The term "reform" assumes there was something wrong with the old bill. The new bill has significantly changed the old bill, but it certainly has not reformed it.

Terrorism is probably the most urgent matter on the minds of most United States citizens. That's why it was so interesting to read the comprehensive report on terrorism in the Dec. 15, 2003 issue of U.S. News and World Report.

It tracks how and where some \$70 billion was raised worldwide to develop training camps, buy weapons, set up cells and a sophisticated communication system throughout the world that made the terrorist movement into the terrifying force it is now.

Other issues covered are the ultimate aims and goals of the movement. Who are the principals? This is a great piece of research and reporting that gives us much more insight.

The article does raise one question, however: If the Saudis have been an integral part in the growth of terrorism, (and we know that the hijackers responsible for 9/11 were Saudis, with the master planner, Osama bin Laden, a member of the Saudi family) why did we invade Iraq and think that getting rid of Saddam Hussein would end terrorism?

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Grosse Pointe, Detroit churches work together

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

When Barry Randolph, minister of the Church of the Messiah in Detroit, thinks of the similarities between his parish and its partner parish, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, he imagines how members extend themselves to help others.

"I think we've done a wonderful job of looking outside ourselves and helping the community as much as we possibly can," Randolph said.

Gazing out of one's self to improve the lot of others reflects the essence of Christianity, Randolph said, and the link between the two churches is an apotheosis of this principle.

The partnership has allowed parish members to cross divides between city and suburb and black and white. Relationships have been developed that have created a strong sense of fellowship among the two churches' parishioners, and both groups have participated together in many service activities.

"It certainly has been a critical way for people from different backgrounds and life experiences to encounter one another," said the Rev. David Dieter, a Christ Church minister and the clergy liaison for the partnership.

The partnership began in 1991 when the Rev. Ted Cobden of Christ Church and the Rev. (now Canon) Ron Spann of Messiah agreed to forge a relationship based on each church's common Episcopal faith. Bible study meetings took place alternately at the two churches and discussion of inner city problems transpired.

Groups read "With Justice for All" by John Perkins and "The Content of Our Character" by Shelby Steele.

"For a while we just met to learn from each other," wrote partnership lay chair Helen Santiz in a history of the churches' relationship.

The two churches have since joined together in many activities that have nurtured camaraderie. Parishioners have come together to enjoy a



Photo by Carrie Cunningham
Christ Church minister and partnership clergy liaison David Dieter, right, and Helen Santiz, partnership lay chair, are committed to the connection between the two churches.

pancake supper, spaghetti dinner and an annual picnic.

Parishioners have celebrated with each other religiously. Christ Church members have gone to Messiah for their Epiphany service after Christmas. The Caritas Players of Messiah have gone to Christ Church to perform musicals like "Jesus' Women." The Christ Church Bell Choir has performed at Messiah approximately four times, and many pulpit exchanges have taken place.

People in Messiah's congregation contributed to a Christ Church book called "Lenten Meditations," which is a collection of parishioners' religious musings during the period before Easter.

Members of Messiah also participated in Christ Church's Alpha class, a Christian education program, and learned so much from the experience that Randolph established Messiah's own Alpha class.

Certain projects took place

that helped each church and the surrounding community. Messiah members helped unload material for the Christ Church's antique show. Santiz has worked with Messiah members on Habitat for Humanity houses, and parishioners have worked on paint-a-house and tree planting projects.

"This was very well organized and had high turnout on both sides," Santiz wrote of the paint-a-house and tree planting projects. "We had painters, flower planters, organizers of children's activities and lunch providers."

Christ Church members have collected grocery items for the Messiah Senior pantry, a significant provider of food in Messiah's neighborhood.

While the collaboration of the two parishes has been historically fruitful, members of each church acknowledge some barriers exist, almost all of which are rooted in misperceptions.

Randolph stressed that Messiah is a strong church in its own right with a vast array of activities and services offered under its auspices. The church is not waiting for Christ Church to help them.

As evidence of Messiah's vitality, he pointed to the church's Housing Corporation, which has provided apartments and housing for people in the Messiah neighborhood, as well as the food pantry and classes such as aerobics and Weight Watchers.

The church has also made ceramic tiles which helped raise funds to repair plaster damage.

"Messiah doesn't get the respect it deserves. We're not this poor inner city church," Randolph said. "We take care of our own ministries ourselves."

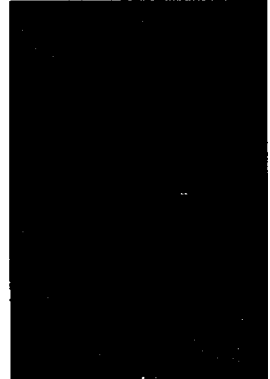
Santiz said there could be more awareness about the realities of Messiah's parish among Christ Church's parishioners.

"There's an awful lot of ignorance about black culture and about the socioeconomic differences," she said. "Ignorance tends to breed nervousness, if not fear."

While Santiz says not everyone in the Christ Church congregation is involved in the partnership, she thinks most everybody thinks it is a worthwhile project.

For Santiz, who has worked on the partnership since its inception, the partnership is real Christianity, one united with hard work and mutual affection.

"I remember one of the most remarkable lines from



The Rev. Barry Randolph, above, leads Messiah in a slew of activities and services that benefit his parish and Christ Church.

the thinker Soren Kierkegaard that I ever read: 'If it's easy, it's not Christianity,'" she said. "This is living Christianity."

As a tribute to the partnership, Messiah parishioner and artist Shannon MacVean-Brown, who led the tile fundraising project, created a large, colorful tile depicting the two churches side by side in the midst of clear blue water and verdant trees. The tile will be placed in the education wing of Christ Church.

"It's just gorgeous," Santiz said. "That will be a really good symbol."

An emblem of connection, the two churches look toward a hopeful future.

"It has created a bridge in the sense that you have two parishes that are coming together (and) trying to make the community better," said Randolph.



Photo courtesy Helen Santiz
Canon Ron Spann, Jackie Spann, Shannon MacVean-Brown and Phil MacVean stand in front of the tile depiction of the two churches that will be in the education wing of Christ Church.

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The Pastor's Corner Emeritus

By the Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr.
Pastor Emeritus,
St. James Lutheran Church

We have just moved into the Anno Domini 2004. I have moved into my new, (needing some renewing) study in the lower level of St. James Lutheran Church on The Hill, and people are making exhilarating attempts at exegeting that extraordinary word: Emeritus.

So am I, with the help of a baker's dozen dictionaries next to my home computer. It's exasperatingly dumb-founding.

My American College Dictionary of 1947 defines emeritus as "retired or honorably discharged from active duty because of age, infirmity or long service, but retained on the rolls," and then goes on to give its original Latin meaning as "having served out one's time."

Why did the Semper Fidelis Administrative Assistant laugh with such depth when I shared this research finding? One of my inscribed cups in my study reassured me: "Old ministers never die. They just go out to pastor."

Then I quickly asked for a copy of the official statement passed by the voting assembly of the congregation in November of the Anno Domini just past. "This action would recognize the distinguished service that Pastor Kopka provided through his 45 years of ordained ministry and most deservedly his dedicated ministry of word and sacrament, love and leadership these past five years at St. James . . . his counsel and skills would continue to be available . . . we would provide a 'study' . . . on the lower level in the undercroft with access to office support services."

So it is written. So it is being done.

Not totally satisfied with my college days dictionary, I kept digging. My college Latin-English of 1866 by John T. White traces the meaning of emeritus from the verb emerco and its special use by various Roman writers: "To gain the favor of anyone; to lay under obligation" as well as, in military contexts, "to serve out; complete one's term of service."

Eugene Ehrlich's "Veni, Vidi, Vici: Conquer Your Enemies, Impress Your Friends with Every Day Latin," however, does not include any phrases

with the word emeritus in it. I was not shocked.

Quickly I checked John R. Stone's "Latin for the Illiterati," and there it was: "Emeritus (fem. Emerita); A title of honor denoting long and distinguished service."

Yes, there are many women who come to mind for which emerita is appropriate. Among them, at this church on The Hill, there are Christy and Emily, Iris and Jane. And Nancy Jean. To her I would ascribe the nugget: "Dea Certe," in Eugene Ehrlich's translation, "assuredly a goddess, a fine compliment to pay any woman of outstanding achievement in her lifetime." (Ehrlich does not track emeritus, emerita.)

She surely deserves that title for all these many years of standing by and with me in personal and professional challenges.

The Berlitz/Mawson Dictionary of Foreign Terms has an almost perfect definition: "Retired or superannuated after long and honorable service; a title given especially to clergy and college professors."

I feel somewhat uneasy about superannuation. And for me it is not a retired state but less tiring service in the name of Jesus Christ, my Master Teacher and Pastor, as well as the Lord of the "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church." He will keep me going and teach me to walk humbly with that emeritus load of honor.

Postscriptum: Webster's Unafraid Dictionary. I usually find hilariously enlightening in this emeritus matter.

Often even your best friends disappoint you. But Latin never will.

Says the Newbury House Dictionary of American English: "Latin, n., the language of Romans. Latin was spoken throughout the Roman Empire; Adj., referring to the peoples of France, Italy, Spain, Mexico and Central and South America whose languages come from Latin."

Latin helps us to explore more meaningfully the riches of our own American English, including the church's language as in use on The Hill and elsewhere:

Oh, there is always room for some Greek and Hebrew, in case you have had "enough already" of Latin.



Pregnancy Aid

Pregnancy Aid, a crisis pregnancy center on the east side of Detroit, has helped more than 20,000 women with problem pregnancies during the last 30 years. The organization was founded in January 1974 by three Grosse Pointe women. All services are free, including pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, baby needs such as clothing, diapers, cribs, car seats and more. Pregnancy Aid also refers clients to sources for medical care and financial, educational, legal and adoption-related problems.

The work is done by volunteers and one part-time employee.

The offices recently moved to 17325 Mack, two blocks north of Cadieux. Members who worked hard to move Pregnancy Aid to its new offices are, from left: Catherine Kelly; Julie Hage, president; and Kelly's mother, Kirsten Frank Kelly, a member of the board.

The community is invited to an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the new office. Refreshments will be served and informal tours are planned. For more information, call (313) 882-1000.

How to avoid getting the flu

As flu vaccine continues to become more and more scarce in Michigan, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA) advises that there are some simple steps people can take to prevent catching and spreading the virus. While flu shots are still the best protection, many places including VNA of Southeast Michigan have exhausted their supply of vaccine.

"Flu is transmitted when someone who has the flu coughs, sneezes or speaks sending the virus into the air where it enters the throat, nose or lungs of another person," said Kay Renny, manager of Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan Community Programs. "It can also be transmitted by touching a surface contaminated by the virus, such as a door knob and then touching your nose or mouth."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following good habits to adopt for a healthy flu season:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home from school, work, or errands if sick.
- Cover your nose or mouth with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and disposing of the tissue immediately.
- Thoroughly wash hands often.
- Avoid touching nose, eyes or mouth.

For healthy individuals, ages 18 to 49, VNA of Southeast Michigan has a limited supply of the FluMist nasal vaccine available. The cost is \$60 and is available by appointment. Call (248) 967-8755.

More information on the flu is available at VNA's Web site at vna.org.

VNA of Southeast Michigan is a nonprofit provider of home health care and hospice services for residents of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties.

Chamber music series begins

Co-sponsors Music at Memorial and Friends of Music will launch their new Chamber Music Series at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The music will be presented in the church's Barbour Chapel, an acoustically warm, intimate venue. The first concert of the series will feature an Ann Arbor-based quartet including Kiri Tollaksen on cornet; Daniel Foster on violin; Debra Lonergan on cello and Martha Polts on the organ/virginal.

They will play music composed in 17th century Italy.

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Filet mignon gets an Italian lesson

This is the time of year when I usually talk about resolutions and provide a slimming recipe to get everyone off on the right foot.

This year, instead of talking about what we should be eating I'd rather talk about what I have been eating during this most culinary-rewarding holiday season.

Forget the unforgettable Christmas Eve (strictly Italian) meal that I shared in Petoskey with my parents, five sisters, three brothers, assorted spouses, nieces and nephews.

This feast was followed on Christmas Day by deep-fried turkeys, Southern pecan stuffing and potatoes that must have been mashed in heaven. Maybe it was because they were mixed

pepper and place in a Zip-loc bag. Add the canola oil and toss. Place in the refrigerator for an hour or so.

Place the bread crumbs in a medium bowl with a flat bottom. Add the Parmesan cheese, parsley, garlic, basil (or oregano), paprika, salt and pepper. Use a wooden spoon or your hands to mix and toss the crumb mixture until all of the ingredients are well incorporated.

Remove the filets from the refrigerator and place in the crumb mixture, one at a time. Turn the filets over and press the crumbs over all the angles of the meat so it becomes well coated.

Place the breaded filets on a clean plate, cover with plastic wrap and return to the refrigerator for at least three hours or up to as many as seven hours.

Prepare the grill to medium-high. Place the filets on the grill and cook until desired doneness.

Filet mignon, by rule, is a tender steak that you don't want to overcook. So don't wander too far from the grill.

Present the filets on a serving platter garnished with fresh parsley and the lemon wedges. Pass a cruet of extra-virgin olive oil. Tell your guests that after they cut the meat, they should squeeze some lemon juice on it and drizzle with the olive oil. Mama Mia!

You'll find panko at the Sprout House in Grosse Pointe Park. Otherwise, use a coarse, plain bread crumb mixture. The bread crumb amount doesn't have to be exact. Add more garlic if you wish or maybe a pinch of cayenne.

I got this recipe from my gal pals Rosie, Kathy, Teri and Rosanne.

According to the girls, the trick is the long stretch of refrigerator time after the filets have been breaded. Prepare the filets in the morning and forget about them. If you don't grill outdoors in the winter, cook the steaks on the stove top or in the oven.

Steak Italiano is a fresh way to look at serving filet mignon. Clip and save this recipe for that special dinner coming up. Valentine's Day is the next holiday on the horizon... scary.

Next week I promise I'll give you a slimming recipe for the new year.

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



with heavy cream.

Four days up North with my (almost) entire family made a Christmas memory that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

New Year's Eve brought my dear friends Ellen and Greg from Pittsburgh to ring in 2004 with more good food and much good cheer. Stuffed mushrooms, baked brie and shrimp cocktail were on the appetizer menu.

Breakfast on the first day of the new year included bagels and lox, scrambled eggs, turkey bacon and fresh-squeezed orange juice.

The first dinner of the year brought a candle-lit meal featuring filet mignon, broccoli, spinach, mashed potatoes and creamy coleslaw. This week's recipe is a special filet mignon that will change the way you look at this delicate cut of beef forever. Really.

Steak Italiano

- 4 8- to 10-oz. filet mignons
- 2 to 3 tablespoons canola (salad) oil
- 1 cup panko (Japanese bread crumbs)
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 2 to 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried basil or dried oregano (or a mix of both)
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 whole fresh lemon, cut into wedges
- Quality extra-virgin olive oil
- Season the filets on both sides with salt and



League of Women Voters

The Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters' Second Tuesdays Coffee and Conversation series recently welcomed Cindy Champnella, author of "The Waiting Child: How the Faith and Love of One Orphan Saved the Life of Another." Champnella discussed her book and Chinese adoption.

From left, are Sarah Walsh, Second Tuesdays co-chairman; Judy Morlan, president of the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters; Champnella; Laurie Arora, Second Tuesdays co-chairman; and Jen Hilsinger, Second Tuesdays committee member.

G.P. Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers will meet on Friday, Jan. 9, at the home of Lois Martin. JoAnn Krueger will present a program on the Michigan State Fair. A luncheon will follow. Co-hostesses are Dorothy Denomme and Elsie Mackethan.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club met recently for lunch at the home of Mrs. Roger Garrett. The co-hostess was Mrs. George Malley. The program, "Botany 101," was presented by Julie Grant.

G.P. Ski Club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The club is planning a trip to the Italian Alps in mid-March and a midweek ski trip to Schuss and Boyne Mountains. For more information, call Ron Malis, president, at (313) 823-2288, in the evening. Boarders, seniors, singles and couples are welcome at the meeting.

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the home of Marilee Rinke in Grosse Pointe Woods. Larry

DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Galleries will present a program "Everything You Need to Know About Auctions." fort children throughout the year. Members Donna Tiefenbach and Cindy Manardo of Grosse Pointe Woods delivered the toys.

Louisa St. Clair, Fox Creek DAR

The Louisa St. Clair chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its 111th birthday luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests include the state regents, and members of the Sons of the American Revolution and their wives. Entertainment will be presented by the Sweet Adelines.

Alpha Sigma Tau alumnae

Detroit and the Northeast Suburban Alumnae chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority collected 101 stuffed animals to be kept at Detroit's 5th Police Precinct to com-

GP Symphony concert to be Sunday, Jan. 18

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Parcels Auditorium in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert will feature Robert deMaine, principal cellist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, who will perform the Haydn Cello Concerto No. 1 in C Major. The program will also include Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 and several movements of Dvorak's "New World Symphony." For more information, call (313) 882-0077.

Employees donate shoes

Employees throughout St. John Health and members of the Historic Little Rock Baptist Church donated more than 3,800 pairs of shoes for the annual Shoes for Children campaign this holiday season.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.

JoAnn Kelley will present "Making a Difference with Advocacy." She has been involved in advocacy at local, state and national levels and has been a member of the League of Women Voters for more than 30 years. She is the group's immediate past president.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Free on-site babysitting will be available. Call Laurie Arora at (313) 885-3123 for babysitting. For more about the meeting, call Sarah Walsh at (313) 881-9650.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial's

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Daytime Programming for the Week of January 12th through January 18th

<p>8:30 am The S.O.C. Show Guests: Mary Weis & Art Bodeau - Tax Assistance Host Fran Schonenberg and her guests discuss topics and events of particular interest to senior citizens Repeated: 11:30 pm</p> <p>9:00 am Vitality Plus A half-hour aerobics exercise class. Repeated: Midnight</p> <p>9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture Horticulturist Co-hosts Mill Anthony & Jim Farquhar share tips, give advice and interview local authorities on gardening. Repeated: 9:30 PM, 12:30 AM</p> <p>10:00 am Who's in the Kitchen? Guest: Austin Moir - Three Bean Bake 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</p> <p>10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial Guests: Frank Bunker - Astronomy & Mill Anthony - Basic Gardening 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</p> <p>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</p> <p>11:30 am Out of the Ordinary Guests: Kathy Garbe - Physic Robert Taylor presents a show to help enhance Body, Mind and Spirit! Repeated: 11 PM, 2:30 AM</p> <p>12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit Guest: Robert S. Mueller, III, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. Repeated: 3 AM</p> <p>1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop Topic: Winter Wonderland & Pine Trees Part II Renowned local artist, Carol LaChiusa, demonstrates</p>	<p>watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners, yet challenging to the experienced artist. Repeated: 5:30 PM, 4 AM</p> <p>1:30 pm Inside Art Guest: Erna Kendrick - Portrait Painting Explore the artist's creative process and medium with host Robert Maniscalco. Repeated: 10:30 PM, 4:30 AM</p> <p>2:00 pm The Legal Insider Guest: Judge Russell Etheridge, G.P. City - DUI Host attorneys, David Draper and Douglas Dempsey, take an inside look at current legal issues. Repeated: 6 PM, 5 AM</p> <p>2:30 pm The John Prost Show Guest: Ron Harwood - Illuminating Concepts Timely topics are discussed with Detroit and Grosse Pointe guests by long time host John Prost. Repeated: 10 PM, 5:30 AM</p> <p>3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial Guest: Frank Bunker - Astronomy & Mill Anthony - Basic Gardening 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</p> <p>3:30 pm 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</p> <p>4:00 pm Vitality Plus A half-hour of step or kick boxing exercise. Repeated: 9 PM, 7 AM ZONE EXERCISE 7 PM Repeated: 2 AM, 6 AM</p> <p>4:30 pm Young View Pointes Upbeat youth show featuring middle school students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 8:30 PM, 7:30 AM</p> <p>5:00 pm Positively Positive An uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas, hosted by Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken Repeated: 8PM, 8 AM</p>
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Diagnostic Center gets accreditation

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Mary Gene Buhl Opperman Women's Diagnostic Center has received a three-year accreditation in mammography imaging as a result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of its practice.

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Dear Jeff and Debra,
My grandfather is 75 years old but still very active. After retirement, he began a second career teaching adult education business courses. He is close to all five of his grandchildren, and we all love him very much.



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However, he sometimes doesn't show up for important events, or sometimes he drinks too much at family gatherings. According to my mother, my grandfather is an alcoholic.

I'm away at college, so I do not see him on a regular basis, but I do not doubt my mother's assessment of his problem. Apparently other family members have witnessed his excessive drinking during holidays or family visits.

My grandmother goes to Al-Anon and gets great support there. My grandmother and my mom's brother and sister seem to think that until Grandpa is ready to admit his problem, we all need to just sit back and love him anyway.

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I can't just wait around for him to figure it out himself. I'm afraid that may never happen. I love him too much. I'm not willing to lose him.

— Worried Granddaughter

Dear Granddaughter:

Your family is adhering to the hitting bottom school of thought, but today we prefer to raise an alcoholic's bottom. Many serious consequences can happen before someone hits bottom, and some bottoms have no

bounce. For older adults, the bottom is often death. You are right to look for a safer solution.

Alcohol is the most damaging drug to the human body when used excessively. Alcohol impacts all organ systems, including the brain. Older alcoholics more quickly develop diseases associated with heavy drinking: hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, gastritis, pancreatitis, peptic ulcer, stroke and more.

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Two tablespoons of honey on a cracker or piece of toast, before or after drinking, may prevent a hangover. Tomato juice, another good source of fructose, also allows the body to burn alcohol faster.

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fruit juices may also reduce some symptoms of hangover; so consumption of these products can be beneficial.

Drink fluids containing minerals and salts. Liquids rich in minerals and salts offer relief from the dehydration caused by alcohol consumption. A cup of broth or bouillon, for example, will replace fluid and will not cause nausea. In general, replacement of fluids with beverages, such as sports drinks or water, is helpful.

Drink a cup of coffee. Caffeine may provide some relief in alleviating the headache symptoms and also acts as a vasoconstrictor and eases the dilated blood vessels. Consider drinking a cup of coffee as soon as you wake up the next morning.

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Champagne Fooler

1 1/3 cups apple juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
12 ounces club soda

Chill four glasses. Mix together apple juice and lemon juice. Add club soda and stir gently to blend.

St. John lab earns national designation

The Lipid Laboratory of St. John Hospital and Medical Center has received certification for accurate lipid testing from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The Lipid Laboratory is one of approximately 80 laboratories in the world, and one of only a few in the country designated with this certification.

The certification was made possible through the clinical and research expertise of James J. Maciejko, Ph.D., FACC, director of the preventive cardiology program at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and the technical expertise of Roger R. Calam, Ph.D., associate director of Clinical Chemistry and James Blaga, M.T. (ASCP), laboratory technical specialist.

"This is a very important certification which helps assure that the most accurate cholesterol and other important cardiac lipid measurements are being provided for those individuals at high risk of heart disease," Maciejko said. "The NHLBI/CDC-certified Lipid Laboratory will be used when a patient's doctor orders specific lipid and other risk factor tests for a patient at high risk of heart disease."

"Historically, routine lipid testing, which measures

cholesterol and triglyceride, is subject to variation in analysis, causing test results to vary by as much as 30 to 40 percent depending on the analyzer and testing reagents," Maciejko adds. "Routine cholesterol and lipid testing is still acceptable for patients who are using these tests as a first step screening," he said.

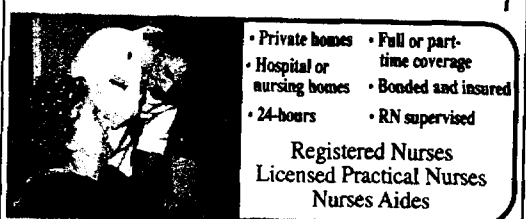
The designation of certified Lipid Laboratory at St. John Hospital and Medical Center means that strict quality control measures are performed to minimize variation and to provide accuracy in test results.

The Lipid Laboratory will also be one of the few laboratories locally to be able to accurately test for other heart disease and stroke risk factors. Currently, plans are under way to provide the certified Lipid Laboratory Services to member hospitals throughout St. John Health.

"Providing one of the few nationally certified lipid testing programs in the country is a unique benefit we can offer patients throughout our health system," said Roger Calam, Ph.D., clinical biochemist and associate director of clinical chemistry at St. John's Department of Pathology, where the Lipid Laboratory is located.

For more information, call (313) 343-3490.

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Trivia test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. Presidents: What is the location of Harry Truman's presidential library?
2. Arts: For what area of the arts was Jerome Robbins best known?
3. Geography: In what state are the Olympic Mountains located?
4. Food: What is the chief ingredient of soubise sauce?
5. Movies: Who won the Best Actor Oscar for "Save the Tiger"?
6. Painting: Peter Paul Rubens was a major figure in which art movement?
7. Myth: What power was the Philosopher's Stone believed to hold?
8. General knowledge: What is the full name of Disney's EPCOT theme park?
9. States and territories: What is Guam's official motto?
10. History: In what year did the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba take place?

Answers

1. Independence, Mo.
2. Choreography
3. Washington
4. Onion
5. Jack Lemmon
6. Baroque
7. The ability to turn base metals into silver and gold
8. Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow
9. "Where America's day begins"
10. 1961

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J. Ryan Macy and Millicent Marie Weigandt

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 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.



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 Toyota Gosei North America.



Michael Hindelang and Elise Pilorget

Pilorget-Hindelang

Nancy and Michel Pilorget of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daugh-

ter, Elise Pilorget, to Michael Hindelang, son of Robert and Paula Hindelang of the City of Grosse Pointe. An August wedding is planned.

Pilorget earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Wooster and a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership from Wayne State University. She is a primary school teacher at University Liggett School.

Hindelang earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Michigan and is completing MBA and JD degrees at Wayne State University. He will begin working for Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn, LLP, in September.

Gutscher-Hogan

Dr. Eric R. Gutscher of Flushing and Vicki Jones of Traverse City have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina Gutscher, to Daniel Hogan, son of Frank and Mary Lou Hogan of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Gutscher graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental policy and behavior. She is an IT system analyst with Campbell-Ewald Advertising.

Hogan graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts



Daniel Hogan and Christina Gutscher

degree in communications and a major in advertising. He is a co-op services team leader with Campbell-Ewald Advertising.

Babies

Zoe Francesca Pugliesi

Paula and Ben Pugliesi of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a daughter, Zoe Francesca Pugliesi, born Nov. 10, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Richards of St. Clair Shores. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Frank Pugliesi of Grosse Pointe Shores. Great-grandparents are Anita Pugliesi of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Ulysse Pare of La Salle, Ontario.

Luke William Babcock

Erica and Bill Babcock of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Luke William Babcock, born Nov. 10, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Jean Marie Wilson of Canton and Norman and Judy Wilson of St. Clair Shores.

Paternal grandparents are Mary and William Babcock of Grosse Pointe Woods.

mothers are Evelyn Mullins of Fair Haven and Caterina Palazzolo of Wyandotte.

Sophie Zita Bell

Stacey and Michael Bell of Oak Park are the parents of a daughter, Sophie Zita Bell, born Oct. 26, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Zita and Bob Wright of Grosse Pointe Shores. Paternal grandmother is Helen Bell of Albuquerque, N.M., and the late John Bell.

Declan Matthew Bahen

Jim and Tracey Bahen of Ypsilanti are the parents of a son, Declan Matthew Bahen, born Oct. 28, 2003. Maternal grandparents are T.J. and Sandra Diem of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Claire Bahen of Howell.

Great-grandparents are Donna Sieber of Benton Harbor and Herbert and Ruth Lange of St. Line.

Sarah Katherine Hume

David and Mary Hume are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Katherine Hume, born Oct. 28, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Lardner of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Bruce Lardner. Paternal grandparents are Peggy Hume of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Donald Hume.

William Clark Palazzolo Jr.

William and Krisinda Palazzolo of Grass Lake are the parents of a son, William Clark Palazzolo Jr., born Dec. 5, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Maryann Snyder of Grosse Pointe Woods and Roger and Kate Snyder of San Diego, Calif.

Paternal grandparents are Vito and Betty Palazzolo of Southgate. Great-grand-

Trivia test

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1. Geometry: How many sides does an octagon have?
2. Music: What instrument family does the flugelhorn fall into?
3. Ancient world: What field of study did Pytheas explore?
4. Geography: The Isle of Man is part of which nation?
5. Presidents: Thomas Jefferson was what number president of the United

States?
6. Animal kingdom: What kind of creature is a koala?
7. Military: In what branch of the U.S. military did William Halsey serve?
8. Literature: Who published "The Gold Bug" in 1843?
9. Language: Something that is nummular is shaped like what?
10. History: What city besides Pompeii was destroyed when Mount

Vesuvius erupted in the 1st century?

Answers
1. Eight
2. Trumpet
3. Earth science (geographer)
4. Britain
5. Third
6. Marsupial
7. Navy
8. Edgar Allan Poe
9. A coin
10. Herculaneum

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Within 8 hours:

- Carbon Monoxide level in blood drops to normal
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Within 24 hours:

- Chance of heart attack decreases

Within 48 hours:

- Nerve endings start regenerating

Ability to smell and taste things is enhanced

Within 72 hours:

- Bronchial tubes relax, making breathing easier
- Lung capacity increases

Within 2 weeks to 3 months:

- Circulation improves
- Walking becomes easier
- Lung function increases up to 30 percent

Within 1 to 9 months:

- Coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue, and shortness of breath decrease
- Cilia regenerate in lungs, increasing ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, and reduce infection
- Body's overall energy level increases

Within 1 year:

- Risk of heart attack decreases by 50 percent

Within 5 years:

- Lung cancer death rate for average smoker (1 pack a day) decreases from 137 deaths per 100,000 people to 72 deaths per 100,000

Within 10 years:

- Lung cancer death rate drops to 12 deaths per 100,000 people, almost the rate of a nonsmoker
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1 1/8 cups apple juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
12 ounces club soda
Chill four glasses. Mix together apple juice and lemon juice. Add club soda and stir gently to blend.

St. John lab earns national designation

The Lipid Laboratory of St. John Hospital and Medical Center has received certification for accurate lipid testing from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The Lipid Laboratory is one of approximately 80 laboratories in the world, and one of only a few in the country designated with this certification.

The certification was made possible through the clinical and research expertise of James J. Maciejko, Ph.D., FACC, director of the preventive cardiology program at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and the technical expertise of Roger R. Calam, Ph.D., associate director of Clinical Chemistry and James Blaga, M.T. (ASCP), laboratory technical specialist.

"This is a very important certification which helps assure that the most accurate cholesterol and other important cardiac lipid measurements are being provided for those individuals at high risk of heart disease," Maciejko said. "The NHLBI/CDC-certified Lipid Laboratory will be used when a patient's doctor orders specific lipid and other risk factor tests for a patient at high risk of heart disease.

"Historically, routine lipid testing, which measures

cholesterol and triglyceride, is subject to variation in analysis, causing test results to vary by as much as 30 to 40 percent depending on the analyzer and testing reagents," Maciejko adds. "Routine cholesterol and lipid testing is still acceptable for patients who are using these tests as a first step screening," he said.

The designation of certified Lipid Laboratory at St. John Hospital and Medical Center means that strict quality control measures are performed to minimize variation and to provide accuracy in test results.

The Lipid Laboratory will also be one of the few laboratories locally to be able to accurately test for other heart disease and stroke risk factors. Currently, plans are under way to provide the certified Lipid Laboratory Services to member hospitals throughout St. John Health.

"Providing one of the few nationally certified lipid testing programs in the country is a unique benefit we can offer patients throughout our health system," said Roger Calam, Ph.D., clinical biochemist and associate director of clinical chemistry at St. John's Department of Pathology, where the Lipid Laboratory is located.

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For more information on headache causes and treatments, visit www.headaches.org or call (888) NHF-5552 during weekday business hours.

Many heart murmurs are innocent

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. Before going to camp, my son had to have a physical exam. The only doctor who had examined him before this was his pediatrician, and that was 13 years ago.

The new doctor told us he has a heart murmur that needs further investigation. How serious is this?

— W.A.

A. Heart murmurs conjure up worries that often are not justified. A murmur is a whooshing sound heard between heartbeats. Often, by listening with the stethoscope, the doctor can determine if a murmur is an indication of trouble or not.

Many murmurs are innocent sounds. Children who are on the thin side often have innocent murmurs. There is little padding between the doctor's stethoscope and the heart.

Noises that would not be heard in someone with a larger chest can be heard in a lean child. Murmurs resulting from innocent causes are called functional murmurs.

Murmurs that result from structural changes in the heart often have such distinctive sounds that a definite diagnosis can be made on the spot.

Structural changes are heart valve changes or holes in the partition that divides the heart into right and left sides.

When rheumatic fever was rampant, one of its most feared consequences was heart valve damage. That damage always produced a murmur. Now, with fewer cases of rheumatic fever, the incidence of murmurs has fallen.

When the doctor cannot tell the nature of a murmur, then ultrasound pictures can. Ultrasound pictures are also known as echocardiograms. The ultrasound exam is painless, quick and uses no radiation.

The entire spectrum of the heart valve problems and murmurs is covered in the valvular heart disease pamphlet.

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Trivia test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. Presidents: What is the location of Harry Truman's presidential library?
2. Arts: For what area of the arts was Jerome Robbins best known?
3. Geography: In what state are the Olympic Mountains located?
4. Food: What is the chief ingredient of soubise sauce?
5. Movies: Who won the Best Actor Oscar for "Save the Tiger"?
6. Painting: Peter Paul Rubens was a major figure in which art movement?
7. Myth: What power was the Philosopher's Stone believed to hold?
8. General knowledge: What is the full name of Disney's EPCOT theme park?
9. States and territories: What is Guam's official motto?
10. History: In what year did the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba take place?

Answers

1. Independence, Mo.
2. Choreography
3. Washington
4. Onion
5. Jack Lemmon
6. Baroque
7. The ability to turn base metals into silver and gold
8. Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow
9. "Where America's day begins"
10. 1961

— King Features Syndicate

South tunes up for league volleyball

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team tuned up for the opening of the Macomb Area Conference White Division season by finishing third in the Gold Division at the University of Michigan Kickoff Classic in Ann Arbor.

"The league season should be fun," said South coach Kevin Nugent. "There are a lot of teams that are evenly-matched."

"And there's a good camaraderie among the coaches. We've all been around for quite a while."

South advanced to the quarterfinals of the Kickoff Classic where the Blue Devils lost to Royal Oak

North spikers lose in final

Grosse Pointe North advanced to the championship match of the Silver Division at the University of Michigan Kickoff volleyball tournament, but lost to Macomb Area Conference rival Sterling Heights 25-20, 25-17.

Several North players turned in fine efforts in the tournament.

Danielle Zohroh had 33 assists, Emily Schleicher collected 49 kills, 38 digs and eight ace serves.

Jessie Koltun had 33 kills and 23 blocks. Sara Chapman had 47 digs and five aces, while Jennifer Gaitkey had 38 digs, 30 kills and 10 aces.

North is 8-4-1 overall.

Shrine, which is expected to be a contender for the state Class C championship.

South opened with a 25-7, 25-21 victory over Detroit Cass Tech. The Blue Devils trailed 21-16 in the second game, but Megan Switalski served eight straight points to give South the win.

South beat Grand Blanc 25-13, 25-14.

"We just had too much in the middle for them," Nugent said. "Ashley Read and Liz Ridgway were terrific in that match."

The Blue Devils split a pair of games with league rival Sterling Heights. The Stallions won the first game 25-18, but South came back to win the second 25-15.

"We blocked well and controlled the net in the second game," Nugent said. "Leslie Dasano had four straight blocks in the second game, and that forced them to alter their attack plans."

South advanced to the quarterfinals with a 25-14, 25-12 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson.

"We pounded them from the outside and our offense was really clicking," Nugent said. "Juliana Burrows had a great second game, and Rachel Sullivan did a nice job of distributing the ball — like she did all day."

South improved to 9-3-5. The Blue Devils play in a tournament hosted by Grand Blanc on Saturday. Teams in the field are state powers Fraser and Portage Northern.



Harper Woods senior Rodney Batts, No. 2, drops in two of the Pioneers' 66 points, helping his team beat host Lake Shore.

Pioneers use huge second half to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' boys basketball team ended 2003 on a positive note last week, beating host Lake Shore 66-37.

"Our guys didn't play our tempo of basketball in the first half," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "I got after our kids at halftime, and they came out focused on playing at our tempo."

The Pioneers were tied at 11 at the end of the first quarter, and trailed 17-16 before they used a 7-0 run to help take a 23-20 lead into the half.

"We had the edge in quickness and size, but we didn't use it in the first half," Ristovski said. "We let Lake Shore dictate the tempo."

Ristovski's halftime chat sank in with his players as they outscored the Shorians 23-7 in the third quarter to take a 46-27 advantage.

Their quickness forced a dozen second-half turnovers, which they converted into easy transition baskets.

A 20-10 fourth quarter helped the Pioneers outscore

the Shorians 43-17 in the second half.

"Now that is how we're supposed to play basketball," Ristovski said. "We need to work on some things before our next game, but overall I think we're heading in the right direction."

Junior Justin Popov had 16 points and five rebounds, while junior Jerome Douglas had 11 points and seven rebounds to lead the Pioneers.

Junior Dan Harris scored eight points, followed by senior Bruce Mosely with six, senior Jesus Melendez with four and senior Gilbert Walker with four.

Defensively, Walker was a force, blocking four shots.

"Gilbert did a nice job on defense," Ristovski said. "His interior defense was a big part to our win."

The Harper Woods basketball team improved to 3-2 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers is their Metro Conference opener on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Lutheran Westland.

South swimmers are second in relay meet

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team planned to use the Covered Wagon Relays at Ann Arbor Pioneer to measure its skills against some of the top teams in the state, including the defending state champion Pioneers.

The results exceeded the expectations for South as

the Blue Devils won five of the 11 events and finished second, two points behind Pioneer, 188-186.

Birmingham Brother Rice was third with 154 points.

"We are very pleased with the team's performance in the first two meets of the season," said coach Bill Thompson.

"The guys have been training very well and it is always nice to see positive results come from hard work. The guys deserve the success they have been experiencing, and they know that for it to continue they will have to keep training at a high level."

Ryan Gunderson, Pete

Stevens, Andrew Graham and Wilson Holm gave the Blue Devils a strong start with a third-place finish in the 400-yard medley relay, behind Pioneer and Brother Rice.

In the next race, the 800 freestyle, the South team of Casey Browning, Jeff

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South has a string of bad-luck goals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team has some good fortune coming its way.

That's because the Blue Devils have had their share of bad luck in the last couple of weeks.

"The breaks even out," coach Bob Bopp said after the Blue Devils' 3-2 loss to unbeaten Davison in a non-league game, "but we've had some bad breaks lately.

"We've lost three games in a row, all by one goal, and we've had three goals go in off our players' skates."

Bopp said that the misfortune hasn't shaken the Blue Devils' confidence.

"The team is still very confident, and as long as we keep playing hard and have a few breaks go for us instead of against us, we're going to win a lot of games," he said.

Davison scored twice in the first five minutes of the opening period in the high tempo, physical game. The Cardinals got their first goal on a power play at 3:42 when the puck changed direction in front of the net when it hit a South player's skate.

It took only 65 seconds for Davison to go up 2-0.

"That could have been a big turning point in this game," Bopp said. "We hadn't practiced for most of the holidays. We were playing well but were already down by two goals. That just seemed to make the team work harder."

The Blue Devils kept battling back and made it 2-1 on a goal by Mark Diebel at 11:47. Diebel scored on a nice shot that went in just under the crossbar. Anthony Swancoat assisted.

"We really needed that goal," Bopp said. "Mark

made no mistake on that shot. It's a big lift to have him back after missing two games with an injury."

Davison regained its two-goal lead when it scored off a faceoff at 3:13 of the second period.

"That was a weak goal," Bopp said. "As great as Mark Grignon has played for us all season, he mis-played that shot. Once again it could have been a turning point, but the team just kept working hard."

Robbie Barrett cut the Cardinals' lead to 3-2 when he scored as a South power play ended. Joey Parke got the assist.

The third period featured some excellent up-and-down hockey, but no goals. Grignon, who finished with 18 saves, made some fine stops, as did the Davison goalie.

"We certainly were not happy with the loss, but we left the rink thinking that Davison is a very good and experienced team, and feeling that we were the better team and played well enough to win," Bopp said.

"Every player gave their best in this game. We had some solid performances on defense from Stefan Harris, Trey Shield and Sean O'Brien. We played three lines in this game and all of them played well."

Baseball school still has openings

There were still a few openings remaining at press time for the winter session of the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School, which will be held at Grosse Pointe South High School on Jan. 10 and 11.

Most of the openings were for the pitching clinic on Saturday and for the hitting clinic on Sunday. The sessions each day run from 3 to



Tennis champ

Sarah Van Wallegem of Grosse Pointe Farms took first place in the girls 12-and-under division at the Birmingham Christmas Open tennis tournament at the Birmingham Racquet Club. She was the only Eastsider in the 32-player draw which included players from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Novi, Ann Arbor and Ontario.

Soccer referee class starts Jan. 19 at St. Clair Shores Civic Center

A soccer referee training class will be held on Monday evenings, beginning Jan. 19, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

6 p.m., but campers are asked to report to the South gym 15 minutes early each day so that the clinics can start on time.

Anyone in grades three through eight wishing to reserve space should call one of the camp directors, Dan Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or Matt Reno at (313) 886-5537.

Norsemen split in Marquette

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It wasn't a very pleasant ride back from Marquette last weekend for the Grosse Pointe North hockey team.

"The four days we spent up there weren't a total waste because we went to Northern Michigan's hockey practice, but the two games we played were the worst hockey we've played in my six years at North," said coach Scott Lock.

"I thought we'd go up there, play a couple of good teams and have some fun. But from a hockey standpoint, it was a brutal weekend."

The Norsemen started well. They led Negaunee 4-0 after five minutes of the first game, but it was all downhill from then on.

North beat Negaunee 6-5 on Jon Tibaudo's goal during the first minute of the overtime period, but the following day the Norsemen lost 7-0 to Marquette.

"We thought we'd just coast the rest of the way after getting up 4-0 against Negaunee," Lock said. "We stopped skating. It was our worst game all year — until

the next day."

Colin Brown scored twice for North, while Robbie Ireland, Peter Watson and Peter Baratta added a goal apiece. Bobby Scarfone had two assists.

"We lost three guys with injuries, and we took a lot of dumb penalties, so we had people double shifting and they probably got tired," Lock said. "We also played some guys who haven't played a lot all season. But you can make all the excuses you want, we just didn't play good hockey."

North led 5-2 going into the third period, but Negaunee scored three times in the period to tie the

game.

Tibaudo's goal gave back-up goalie Tony Sabatini his first varsity win.

Things didn't get much better against Marquette, which came into the game ranked No. 1 in the state in Division I.

North had an 8-3 shooting edge in the first period but the period ended with Marquette leading 3-0.

"Marquette was playing to get their coach his 200th victory, but the effort just wasn't there for us," Lock said. "The one guy who really gave an effort for us was Scarfone. Other than that, nobody played well."

North wrestlers do well at Macomb meet

If the recent Macomb County Invitational is any indication, this could turn out to be one of Grosse Pointe North's most successful wrestling seasons.

Ten Norsemen made it through the first day of matches in the 33-school tournament, which is the most that North has had advance to the second day in coach Joe Pantaleo's six seasons at the helm.

North also had success on the final day as four Norsemen earned medals.

Mike Kurdziel finished third at 112 pounds, and Scott Gawel gave the Norsemen a third-place finish at 189 pounds.

Kurdziel and Gawel have been two of North's top performers all season.

Kurdziel, who placed in the state meet as a freshman two years ago, is 16-2, while Gawel is 18-1 and 12 of his victories have been by falls.

Ryan Stephens was fourth at 160 pounds and Spencer Channel finished fifth at 215.

Pantaleo said that Kyle Lechner, Zaid Beeai, Mike Czarnecki, Anthony Kanakri, David Trupiano, David Salazar, Mike Murphy and Dan Evola also had impressive victories in the tournament.

The Norsemen tied for ninth place in the team standings. Roseville finished first.

Earlier, Kurdziel took first place at 112 pounds in the Boys for Tots Tournament at Notre Dame High School.

Michigan baseball staff to instruct at clinic

The University of Michigan baseball coaching staff and former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman will sponsor a baseball clinic at the Hitting Zone on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Hitting Zone is located on Groesbeck between Cass and Harrington in Mount Clemens.

The clinic is open to players from eighth grade and up.

"We're going to run through as many phases of the game as we can in three

hours," said Bergman, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident who is the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds youth baseball organization.

"There will be instruction on hitting, pitching, fielding, baserunning. There will also be opportunities for one-on-one interaction between the U-M coaches and the players attending the clinic."

The cost of the clinic is \$100 with a non-refundable \$50 deposit required at the time of registration.

To register, call (586) 469-1700.

Swim

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Tompkins, freshman Danny Basile and Dave Richardson-Rossbach finished second.

South won the next three events to move into first place. Robby Browning, Jon Sax, Holm and Gunderson won the 200 backstroke relay in 1:45.29. Mike Dunaway, Graham, Tompkins and Casey Browning followed with a victory in the 850 crescendo relay, and the team of Ben Jenzen, Robby Browning, Sax and Luke Richard made it three in a row by winning the 200 butterfly relay.

The divers also contributed to the Blue Devils' success as they finished second, led by Justin Linne's fine performance in the final rounds.

The 200 medley relay team of Richardson-Rossbach, Stevens, Richard and Jenzen took first and posted a state qualifying time of 1:41.60.

South finished third in the individual medley relay with the team of Sax, Robby Browning, Richardson-Rossbach and Stevens.

The Blue Devils' final first place came in the 200 freestyle relay. The team of Richard, Dunaway, Casey Browning and Jenzen had a state-qualifying time of 1:30.80, and Richard achieved a state cut by swimming the opening leg in 22.79.

Brother Rice won the 200 breaststroke relay, while South's team of Chris Vella, Bob Alexander, Jamie Handley and Waseem Ksebati finished fourth.

The championship wasn't decided until the final race, the 400 freestyle relay. Pioneer was first, Brother Rice came in second and the South team of Dunaway, Tompkins, Graham and Gunderson was third.

The Blue Devils' next meet is tonight, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. against Grosse Pointe North.



Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team qualified two of its relay teams for the state Division I meet with the times they posted at the recent Covered Wagon Relays at Ann Arbor Pioneer. The 200-yard medley relay team, top photo, had a time of 1:41.60. In front are Pete Stevens, left, and Ben Jenzen. In back are David Richardson-Rossbach, left, and Luke Richard. The 200 freestyle relay team, below, qualified with a time of 1:30.80. In front are Casey Browning, left, and Jenzen. In back are Mike Dunaway, left, and Richard.



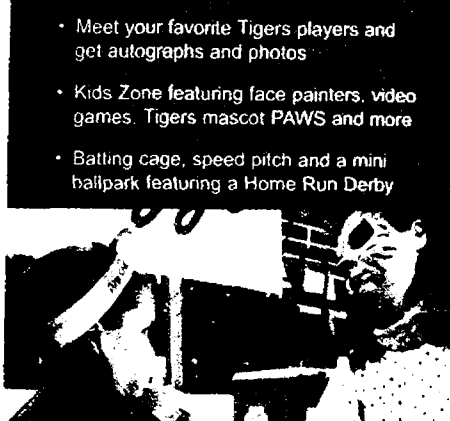
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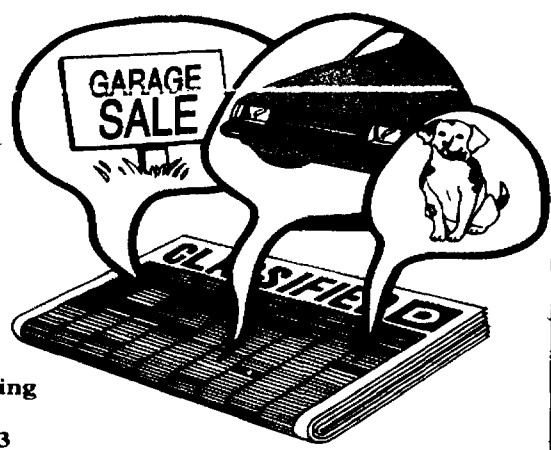
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TO PLACE AN AD CALL 313-882-6900 ext 3 <small>Grosse Pointe News & Shore Connection</small>			

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 (313)882-6900 ext. 3



313-882-6900 ext 3 CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING INDEX FAX: 313-343-5569

DEADLINES
HOMES FOR SALE
 Photos, Art, Logos - FRIDAYS 12 PM
 Word Ads - MONDAYS 4 PM
 Open Sunday and - MONDAYS 4 PM
 (Call for holiday close dates)
RENTALS & LAND FOR SALE
 TUESDAY 12 NOON
GENERAL CLASSIFIEDS
 TUESDAY 12 NOON
 (Call for holiday close dates)
PAYMENTS
 Prepayment is required:
 We accept Visa, MasterCard, Cash, Check. Please note - \$2 fee for declined credit cards.
AD STYLES:
 Word Ads: 12 words - \$18.85; additional words, 65¢ each. Abbreviations not accepted. Measured Ads: \$30.90 per column inch
 Border Ads: \$34.50 per column inch
SPECIAL RATES FOR HELP WANTED SECTIONS.
FREQUENCY DISCOUNTS:
 Given for multi-week scheduled advertising, with prepayment or credit approval.
 Call for rates or for more information. Phone lines can be busy on Monday & Tuesday Deadlines... please call early.
CLASSIFYING & CENSORSHIP:
 We reserve the right to classify each ad under its appropriate heading. The publisher reserves the right to edit or reject any copy submitted for publication.
CORRECTIONS & ADJUSTMENTS:
 Responsibility for classified advertising error is limited to either a cancellation of the charge or a re-run of the portion in error. Notification must be given in time for correction in the following issue. We assume no responsibility for the same after the first issue.

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Pointe O'Purchase
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 web: http://grossepointenews.com

NAME: _____ CLASSIFICATION #: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ #WORDS: _____ TOTAL COST PER WEEK: _____
 1 Wk 2 Wks 3 Wks 4 Wks 5 Wks
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \$
 SIGNATURE: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

\$18.65 for 12 words. Additional words, .65¢ each. PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED

12	\$18.65	13	\$19.30	14	\$19.95	15	\$20.60	16	\$21.25
17	\$21.90	18	\$22.55	19	\$23.20	20	\$23.85		

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998 NEWSPAPER NETWORK ADS
 Advertising in this section was sent to us by **Suburban Newspapers of America**, (a newspaper association). Please be advised, as with any other product or service: that we are carriers of printed information. You should verify and screen all details pertinent to the ads.

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BOOKKEEPER for all your small business needs. Experienced with Quickbooks & Quicken. (313)881-1222

PERSONAL & business accounting services. Experienced & reasonable. E.R.S. Computer Concepts. (313)882-6150

SPECIAL SERVICES

108 COMPUTER SERVICE
 Parents Internet awareness offered at Grosse Pointe Community Center. Learn about internet threats, virus protection, terminology. Registration 313-882-3880 www.grossepointe.com for more details. Limited seats, register early for Monday, January 12 session.

TEEN computer whiz available to assist you on your computer. \$25/ hour. Steve. (313)884-1914

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108 COMPUTER SERVICE
 U of M grad, local computer tech. All brands of computers. \$50 service call, first hour free. Dane, 586-307-0312, leave message

112 HEALTH & NUTRITION
LESS Weight, Feel Great. 6 week class, January 20th. Susanne Consiglio, R.D. (586)778-4877

114 MUSIC EDUCATION
PIANO and guitar instruction. All levels, your home. Mark Madison, (313)882-1295

120 TUTORING EDUCATION
SPANISH tutor, Michigan certified teacher. Levels 1, 2, 3. Exceptionally clear, understandable instruction. 313-822-5739

128 PHOTOGRAPHY
PROFESSIONAL Photography by Bernard. Specializing in weddings, portraits, parties, color, black & white and digital. (313)885-8928

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL
APPLICATIONS accepted for full/ part time cashiers/ stock deli. Reliable, cheerful. Must be 18. Yorkshire Food Market, 16711 Mack.

Customer Service Reps (Harper Woods office) needed. 5:30pm- 9:30pm Monday- Thursday/ 9am- 3pm Saturday. Good phone skills & sales background helpful. Will train. Work at home is option. 32 year old family business also needs manager/ supervisor. Excellent pay plan. Karen 313-886-1763.

TRAVEL Agent. Experienced, part-time. Call (313)882-8190 ask for Beth or fax resume, (313)882-1262

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL
DRIVERS wanted, part time for luxury sedan transportation company. Must be 24 years old or older. (313)885-1800

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE PART TIME
NECESSARY ARE: Typing, Spelling, Computer, Office Skills. Resume to Box 01019, c/o Grosse Pointe News & Connection, 96 Kercheval Avenue, G.P.F. 48236

OFFICE manager, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. Apply in person: 211 Morris. Full time, week-days, people person. MicoSoft Office & Internet skills required.

PORTER Meade Dodge is seeking 2 full time porters. Some evenings and Saturdays required. Good driving record required. Call, 586-803-6220

Sales Manager/ Supervisor 35 year old east side phone room. Monday- Friday, 5:00- 9:30.m Saturday, 9am- 3pm. Experience closer only! 313-886-1763 Mr. Stevens

SHIPPING & receiving including general shop maintenance. Days. Small shop. Chauffeurs license required. Blue Cross. 313-259-3334

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
 Sylvan Learning Center in Grosse Pointe Farms is seeking a dynamic person who has teaching experience and is state certified. We are looking for a high energy educator who is child focused and goal oriented. The individual must possess a high degree of professionalism and staff management skills. This full time position includes salary and a comprehensive benefits package. Send cover letter and resume to: Mandi Skeegan, 93 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 Fax: 313.640.7707 sylvanling@aol.com

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL
STABLE help- experience helpful. Call Lisa or Katie at 313-881-1010

STATION attendant for routine auto maintenance. Will train. 7a.m.- 2p.m., full time. See Phil, Village Marathon, Cadieux at Kercheval.

WAITRESS needed. Apply in person: Harvard Grill, 16624 Mack.

WANTED- responsible college student for house sitting. (313)331-8632

WRECKER driver, high volume tow company seeking experienced drivers, shifts available 7 days a week. Excellent pay, benefits. Apply at 18701 Mack Ave. Or call Doug 313-886-2405

201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER
BABYSITTER needed for older children, 4 days per week, 3:15- 5:30pm. Transportation required. High school or college student preferred. (313)886-0620

BABYSITTER, 3 days per week, 9:30a.m.- 6 p.m. in our Grosse Pointe home. Call Barb, 313-882-9120

GROSSE Pointe family seeks reliable nanny, full time, own transportation, references. (313)331-1488

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL
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203 HELP WANTED DENTAL/MEDICAL
FUN, high tech & forever improving smile enhancement studio. Looking for a fun high tech experienced assistant. Join our expanding team & experience our journey. Part-time position. Potential full-time with benefit package. Fax resume to: 313-882-2515 or e-mail resume to: Missy@smileenhancement.info

NURSING UNLIMITED Immediate openings for R.N.'S & NURSES AIDES 586-7777

204 HELP WANTED DOMESTIC
HOUSE cleaner wanted to clean half day every other Saturday. Ironing required. Small condo in Grosse Pointe. Leave 1 message with background. (313)881-4702. References preferred.

207 HELP WANTED SALES
Are You Serious About A Career In Real Estate? We are serious about your success! *Free Pre-licensing classes *Exclusive Success *Systems Training Programs *Variety Of Commission Plans Join The No. 1 Coldwell Banker affiliate in the Midwest! Call George Smale at 313-886-4200 Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate

Classifieds Work For You To place an ad call: (313)882-6900 x 3

207 HELP WANTED SALES
ATTENTION: by MICHIGAN LAW DAY CARE FACILITIES (in-home & centers) must show their current license to your advertising representative when placing your ads. THANK YOU
302 SITUATIONS WANTED CONVALESCENT CARE
Active Home Health Care Specialist 7 days/ 24 hours 24 hour answering Bonded & insured. Nurse supervised 1-866-866-4640
CAREGIVER for elderly/ infirmed. Will help with bathing, housekeeping/ cooking, administering medication, laundry, transportation, etc. Excellent references. (313)526-6828

207 HELP WANTED SALES
LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER? Call and see if you qualify to earn \$50,000. We have the systems and the schooling to make your dreams come true. (Call Richard Landry) at 313-885-2000 Coldwell Banker Schweitzer G.P. Farms

208 H.W. NURSES AIDES CONVALESCENT CARE
CAREGIVER needed for elder, Saturday, Sunday, 8a.m.- 7p.m. Social Security taken out. Fax resume/ references, 586-949-5450

SITUATION WANTED

300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS
 21 year old Grosse Pointe seeks Tuesday, Thursday, Friday nanny position. CPR certified, great references. 313-819-0404

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302 SITUATIONS WANTED CONVALESCENT CARE
COMPETENT HOME CARE Established 20 years Home health aides. Cooking, laundry, housekeeping, errands. Part time-24 hours. Excellent References Licensed/Bonded (586)772-0035

KELLY HOME CARE SERVICES "24 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN HOME HEALTH CARE" Nurses, Home Health Aides Live-in 24 hour coverage. 7 days per week 866-835-3385 toll free Bonded / Insured

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REGISTERED nurse offering new licensed day care. Harper Woods. Infant to Kid

304 SITUATIONS WANTED GENERAL
HOW About Nancy. Need errands run? Driving to and from? Tasks or shopping done? 313-204-9036, anytime.

305 SITUATIONS WANTED HOUSE CLEANING
AAA Cristal Clean Cleaning Service. Honest, dependable, reliable. For free estimates, (313)527-6157

AVAILABLE to clean your home every other Wednesday morning. I also clean move outs. Lisa, (586)445-1490

EXPECT THE BEST Professional Housekeeping, Laundry & Ironing. Seasonal Yard Work. Supervised Service. Satisfied Customers Since 1985. Bonded & Insured. (313)884-0721 Free Estimate \$20.00 Off Initial Cleaning

HOUSE cleaning, flexible, honest dependable. Grosse Pointe references. (586)463-1046

MRS. CLEAN Complete House Cleaning (313)590-1000 We Do It Your Way! You'll Love My Service. Fantastic References.

PROFESSIONAL house cleaning & laundry services. Polish ladies speak English. References. (313)881-0259, (313)319-7657

QUALITY Care house-keeping. We thoroughly clean. Dependable, trustworthy. Residential/ commercial Grosse Pointes (313)372-4092

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305 SITUATIONS WANTED HOUSE CLEANING YOU finally found her! A woman who actually likes to clean. Efficient, thorough, reliable, references. 8 years experience. Homes & offices. (313)824-8881	400 ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES Laminouchelle Estate Buyers International Auctioneers CASH PAID We Are Buying From: Jewels, Diamonds, Colored Stones, Gold, Silver, Platinum, Watches. We Are Also Buying: Antiques, Paintings, Silver, Howard, Holloware, Porcelain, China, Pottery, Oriental Rugs, Collectibles, Stoves, Furniture, Crystal. Commitments available. Call NOW for a Free Evaluation. Joseph D. Laminouchelle, G.D. Melinda Adducci, G.D. 8 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48228 313-300-9188 or 800-478-8898 Call Monday - Saturday, 9am - 6pm	406 ESTATE SALES BUYING DIAMONDS Estate, Antique Jewelry Coins - Watches Pongracz LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologist 91 Kercheval on The Hill, G.P.F. (313)881-6400 407 FIREWOOD FIREWOOD- Northern Michigan's finest. Guaranteed to be the absolute best seasoned firewood that you have ever burned or your money back & keep the lumber. (586)777-4876 FREE stacking, free delivery, free kindling, mixed, seasoned, \$80 per face cord, 800-535-3770	409 GARAGE/YARD/BASEMENT SALE MOVING- household sale, January 9, 10. Open 8:30am sharp! No pre-sales. 818 Lochmoor. 412 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES 48" projection TV, wood cabinet. \$550. (313)407-2697 50 year old classic 20 gauge shotgun. 9 mm Glock 17. Lead trap for shooting at home. (313)882-6503	414 OFFICE/BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CONFERENCE room table 10'x 4', cherry wood trimmed, glass-top, solid leg construction, very handsome, excellent condition, no scratches. \$500. Call Julie at 313-343-0700 415 WANTED TO BUY BUYING DIAMONDS Estate, Antique Jewelry Coins - Watches Pongracz LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologist 91 Kercheval on The Hill, G.P.F. (313)881-6400	500 ANIMAL ADOPT A PET YOUNG Lab/ Spaniel mix, male, all shots, neutered. Well behaved. 2 cats. (313)527-4429 Adoption fee. 503 HOUSEHOLD PETS FOR SALE WEIMARANER pups, AKC, healthy, wormed, 1st shots, \$650. (248)790-0338 505 LOST AND FOUND FOUND- black & brown male dog, Baldock Park, December 29th (313)884-1551 FOUND: female tiger cat 4-5 months, Mapleton area. (313)640-4922 GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: male brown/white Husky/ Collie; male Beagle, older neutered male black dog with brown face; female black Lab mix; female Pitbull brown/white; male neutered cat with blue eyes may be Siamese mix. (313)822-5707 509 PET BOARDING/SITTER H & L Critter sitters. Your source for in home pet care. Many services available. Call today for your free consultation (313)268-8479. (248)227-2740 509 PET BOARDING/SITTER PAYER CASH! For antiques, coins, diamonds, jewelry, watches, gold, silver, paper money. The Gold Shoppe 22121 Gratiot Eastpointe (586)774-0966 SHOTGUNS, rifles, old handguns; Parker, Browning, Winchester, Colt, Luger, others. Collector. (248)478-3437. 416 SPORTS EQUIPMENT 8' pool table (gorgeous). Brand new. Professional series, solid wood. 1" slate; leather pockets. can deliver & set-up, \$1,795. (586)465-6492 NORDIC Flex Gold, \$550. Nordic Trac Achiever, \$350. Both \$750. (313)574-9701 1998 Neon Sport, automatic, air, CD, 80K, looks/ runs great. \$3500. (313)881-0965 1998 Ford ZX2- 57K, auto, power everything! Cassette/ CD. Great student vehicle! \$3,899. (313)885-9593 1996 Lincoln Town car, 41,000 miles. At auction. Dumoucheles, 409 E. Jefferson. Saturday January 10th 11am. (313)963-6255 1999 Mercury Marquis, fully loaded, moonroof, rag top, complete service records, 102,000 miles, excellent condition. \$8,500. (313)881-4006	602 AUTOMOTIVE FORD 1997 Mercury Sabre, black, leather, sun. 88K. \$4,499/ best. Fred, 586-909-6461, 313-886-3108 1999 Taurus SE, loaded, moonroof, non smoker, excellent condition. \$4795. (586)954-0196 1998 Taurus SHO, white, very clean, new tires, 85,000 miles. \$6200. (313)478-1499 1997 Taurus wagon, 86,000 miles, Baldock Park, December 29th (313)884-1551 603 AUTOMOTIVE GENERAL MOTORS 1997 Cadillac Seville, 81,000 miles, silver/maroon leather. \$8300. (313)884-1302 1990 Cadillac Fleetwood, navy, new brakes, \$3,100. After 6pm, (313)886-1621 1999 Pontiac Sunfire, red, 2 door, automatic, air, clean, 93,000 miles. \$3,600. (586)344-8896 1997 Pontiac Grand AM SE, auto, air, 43K miles, excellent. \$4000. (586)779-1041 2001 Sunfire SE, 44,000 miles, 1 owner. \$6,000/ best. 586-242-7013, 586-776-3955 604 AUTOMOTIVE ANTIQUE/CLASSIC 1949 Ford Custom Deluxe, V8. All original!! 3 speed. Body/ very good shape; engine needs rebuild. \$4,200/ best. 248-202-2736 605 AUTOMOTIVE FOREIGN 1996 Audi A6 Quattro wagon, all wheel drive, white/ black leather, loaded, 116K miles, excellent condition. \$9,995. 313-282-4451 1995 BMW 525, moonroof, hunter green. Dealer maintained. 150K \$7600/ best (313)824-9688 1997 Honda Prelude, black, automatic, air, power windows/ locks, moonroof, 59,000 miles, like new. \$8,700. (586)344-8896 1988 Honda Accord- 4 door. Automatic, 115,000 miles. Excellent condition. \$2,000/ best. (586)294-2732 1988 Honda Accord DX, 4 door, automatic, 177K, runs well, \$950. (313)884-5358 1996 Volvo 850 wagon, 86K miles, moonroof/ tan leather, loaded, meticulously maintained, excellent condition. \$7,995. 313-282-4451 1990 Volvo 240 DL station wagon, 137,000 miles. Needs work. \$1,750. 313-824-2167 VOLVO- 1991 Carfax guaranteed. 740 wagon. Excellent. White. Grosse Pointe Shores, 313-682-9400 VOLVO 2001 V70 Cross Country AWD, 78,000 highway miles, excellent condition, loaded, navigation system. \$16,900. (313)310-1252	606 AUTOMOTIVE SPORT UTILITY 2001 Cherokee Sport, 34,000 miles, non smoker, excellent condition. \$11,500. 586-242-7013, 776-3955 2000 Chevy Tahoe LS, new body style, 5.3 V-8, sunroof, power seats, running boards, 51K, pewter. \$19,900. (313)570-3410 2000 Dodge Durango V8, 4x4. Towing package. 49K miles. Well maintained. \$11,500. Lisa, (313)884-8813 1992 Eddie Bauer Explorer, 4WD, gold, 95,000 miles. \$2,100. Very dependable. (586)294-0547 1998 GMC Sierra, 4x4, extended cab, automatic, air, like new, 73,000 miles. \$10,700. (586)344-8896 Sport Utility 4WD Clearance! 00 Bravada \$11,850 97 Tahoe LT 4 dr \$12,950 01 Durango SLT \$13,750 99 Tahoe Sport \$13,950 99 GR Cherokee LTD \$14,950 02 TrailBlazer \$17,750 02 Avalanche Z71 \$18,850 00 Yukon SLT 4 dr \$18,850 00 Lexus RX300 \$21,750 02 Suburban \$22,950 01 Yukon SLT 4dr \$23,750 02 Yukon SLT 4dr \$26,850 CALL NOW! (586)757-3700 RINKE CADILLAC 11 Mile and Van Dyke 611 AUTOMOTIVE TRUCKS 1994 GMC Sierra SLE 4x4 Z71, V8, automatic, 81,000 miles. \$7,200. 313-888-1729 617 AUTOMOTIVE VANS 1998 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE, loaded, quads, 100K, amethyst, original owner. \$5,999. (313)882-2399 1994 Plymouth Voyager, berry- Mint condition, new tires. CD. (313)881-9398 1998 Pontiac Montana, excellent condition, loaded, 79,000 miles. \$7,000. 313-886-1729
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Sunday January 11th at Noon

Exhibition Hours:
Friday January 2nd 9:30am-5:30pm
Saturday January 3rd 9:30am-5:30pm
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