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- The future looks bright for Harper Woods as the city council sets goals for improving such issues as safety, finance and recreation. Page 13A
- Harper Woods posted one of its most impressive basketball victories in the school's history last week when the Pioneers beat Warren De La Salle 69-56. Page 1C

## WEEK AHEAD

- Thursday, Jan. 29**  
 There will be a "Talkin' Baseball" program at the University Liggett School auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m.  
 Featured speakers are three of the area's high school baseball coaches — Frank Sumbers of Grosse Pointe North High School, Dan Griesbaum of Grosse Pointe South High School and Dan Cimini of ULS — and former Detroit Tigers first baseman Dave Bergman, who is the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization.  
 Tickets are available at the door for \$15.
- Sunday, Feb. 1**  
 Evensong, an afternoon liturgy of anthems, hymns, prayers and lessons, will be sung by the Choir of Girls and Men at 4:30 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.  
 All are welcome and admission is free. For further information, call Christ Church Grosse Pointe at (313) 885-4841.
- Monday, Feb. 2**  
 The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at the Woods city hall at 7:30 p.m.  
 The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library of Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 5**  
 The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council and the American Red Cross hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.  
 Babysitting is available upon request. For an appointment and information about eligibility for donating, call (313) 884-5542.

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**Terry Hayes, above, straddles a fire hose while descending a smoke-stained stairway during a house fire last Friday in the City of Grosse Pointe. Hayes, a public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Park, was one of many officers from the Park and Farms who responded to the two-alarm blaze that gutted an upstairs bedroom. Below, City Lt. Eddie Tujaka, left, checks for fire inside a ceiling being torn open by P90 Ed Shrader.**

## City firefighters pounce on Rivard Rd. house fire

**By Brad Lindberg**  
 Staff Writer

Tom Smolenski stood crying on a snowy sidewalk outside his parents' burning home. Four fire trucks clogged the street behind him as flakes floated down.

Unlike summertime house fires, few neighbors came outside to watch. It was 13 degrees and windswept under a cement-colored sky on Friday, Jan. 23, at 2:50 p.m.

Twenty-four minutes earlier, at 2:26 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe dispatcher answered a 911 call. It was Smolenski. The high school student saw flames coming from the front bedroom of the family home in the 700 block of Rivard.

Lt. Eddie Tujaka was on duty at public safety headquarters. His cramped office exits onto the fire-house floor. It's just a few steps to the thick black rubber boots, full-length yellow fire suits, portable air packs and red helmets that officers stage on the heavy-duty front bumpers of two fire trucks ready to role.

One of the trucks, yellow pumper No. 22, carries 750 gallons of water. Uncontrolled fires double in size every handful of seconds. Arriving at

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## Gaffney bill seeks elected library board

**By Carrie Cunningham**  
 Staff Writer

Representative Edward Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe) has sponsored legislation that will require members of the Grosse Pointe Library Board to be elected rather than appointed by the school board.

Gaffney believes the library, which has a \$3.1 million budget funded by taxpayers, should be represented by board members who have to answer directly to the public.

## Rewold to build Woods library

**By Carrie Cunningham**  
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Library Board approved the selection of Frank Rewold and Son, Inc. as construction manager for the Grosse Pointe Woods Library construction project.

"The library board is responsible for a huge amount of taxpayer money," Gaffney said. "By making the board elected, instead of appointed, we can help ensure board members are accountable to the public."

Gaffney's measure comes at a time when the school board passed a resolution making the nominating process more open. The new policy requires that vacancies be posted in the library as well as the newspaper, that candidates may be interviewed by school board members, and that after considering candidates' qualifications, school board members will select library board members.

"The action taken by the school board is a step in the right direction," Gaffney said. "But we must take the next step to make library board members directly responsible to the public. Electing public officials is a bedrock principle of our democracy."

Library board president John Bruce is amenable to changes in the selection of board members.

"This board has always supported improvement of the appointment process,"

Some winter construction might take place which might add costs, but Bruce thinks the target of spending under \$10 million will be achieved.

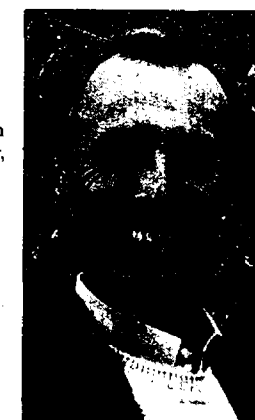
With a complex set of construction challenges, the board wants the project to go smoothly.

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Rich Solak

**Home:** Grosse Pointe Farms  
**Age:** 58  
**Family:** Wife, Nancy; son Matthew, 30; daughter, Chelsea, 25  
**Occupation:** retired city manager of Grosse Pointe Farms  
**Quote:** "I loathe bureaucracy."  
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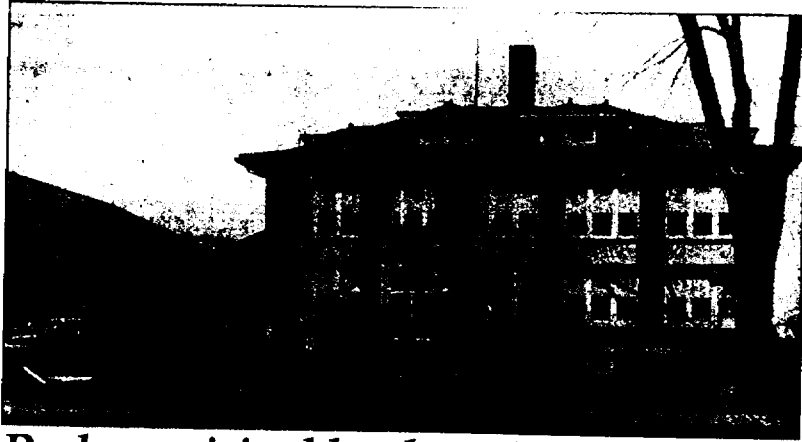
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## 50 years ago this week



## Park municipal landscaping progresses

A large sycamore tree is set to be planted on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe Park municipal headquarters. Another tree is scheduled to be planted this week. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Jan. 28, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ Six bids for construction of a new pier at City of Grosse Pointe lakefront park come in at around \$219,000, some \$20,000 higher than expected.

City officials try to find other sources of revenue to make up the shortfall.

It is the consensus of the city council that residents, having approved a bond issue for the project, would not want them to do any foolish skimping now which would greatly detract from the usefulness of the finished improvements.

■ Two deck bollards from the steamer Put-in-Bay, which City of Grosse Pointe clerk Norbert Neff witnessed burn last Oct. 3, on the Great Lakes, will become part of a memorial at the city's enlarged municipal park.

Davis Lowe, president of Detroit Marine Terminal, grants Neff's request to obtain the metal bollards, which held Put-in-Bay's mooring lines.

The bollards will be placed on the new pier when completed. An accompanying plaque will tell about the Bay and honor Mrs. Ollie S. Dustin of Neff Road, who is the widow of the founder of the Ashley-Dustin Lines, builder of the Put-in-Bay.

■ Midwinter commencement exercises at Grosse Pointe High School graduate 116 candidates.

## 25 years ago this week

■ Plans for the revitalization of lower Kercheval are revealed by Grosse Pointe Park officials.

Improvements include

decorative light fixtures, street furniture, parking lots, landscaping and bricked patios and crosswalks.

■ City of Grosse Pointe officials conduct a telephone survey of 500 residents to determine how best to spend some \$80,000 per year in Community Development Block Grants.

Results show residents think maintaining the Village commercial district should receive the highest priority.

■ Inflation hits school cafeterias.

The price of lunches increases 5 cents to 75 cents for elementary students and 80 cents for secondary students. Milk prices also go up one cent to 6 cents per carton.

## 10 years ago this week

■ Teachers and librarians have been working without a contract since it expired in September, with both sides deadlocked on issues of salary and benefits.

Next week, that could change. Members of the school board and Grosse Pointe Education Association are scheduled to meet with a factfinder. Both sides hope all issues will be concluded within one day.

■ Edmund Ahee, owner of Ahee Jewelers in Grosse Pointe Woods, is shaken awake at 4:40 a.m. in his Beverly Hills hotel room by a big earthquake in southern California. "I thought my wife was jumping on the bed," Ahee says. "It lasted about 60 seconds, but it seemed like forever."

Ahee is one of several

Pointers in the Golden State at the time of the tremor.

Arthur Mitchell of the City feels the quake from his Santa Monica lodgings. "It felt like someone picked up the hotel and dropped it," Mitchell says.

Another City resident, Marty Bufalini, is rattled in his room on the 16th floor of the Hotel Continental. "There was violent shaking and whiplash from being so high up," he says.

■ Standing-room only crowds eliminate the possibility of broadcasting twice-monthly meetings of the Grosse Pointe school board anywhere other than the Grosse Pointe South High School library.

## 5 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Park police trace two burglary suspects to a Detroit dwelling, where thousands of dollars in stolen property is found.

Items recovered include televisions, computers and clothing.

■ A group of citizens opposed to expansion of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club harbor sue six members of the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council.

Within the 16-count complaint from Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE), plaintiffs allege the defendants acted "in a dual capacity as members of the GPYC as well as trustees and administrative officials" of the Shores.

Shores President John Huetteman III calls the suit "frivolous."

■ Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers who investigate a 911 hang-up call at a house in the 600 block of Lakeshore encounter a second-floor fire hotter than they'd ever experienced.

"The house was cooking," says officer David Kwiatkowski.

— Brad Lindberg

## Gaffney

From page 1A

Bruce said. "If legislation is passed, I will guarantee this board will be 100 percent supportive of what's in the

best interest of taxpayers."

There are seven members on the library board, with each member serving four year terms. Terms of three library board members will

end June 30, 2004. They are David Bergeron of Grosse Pointe Woods, Robert Klacza of Grosse Pointe Park and Laura Bartell of Grosse Pointe Shores.

## Fire

From page 1A

a fire with an onboard supply of water lets firefighters get into action without spending time hooking hoses to hydrants.

It was from Engine 22, parked in the cold at the foot of Smolenski's driveway, that PSO Mike Almeranti connected two 1 3/4-inch hoses, a primary and back-up. Just in case.

Tujaka and PSO Ed Shrader, dressed in thick protective garb and breathing bottled air, manhandled the hoses in the home's front door.

They entered the living room and turned right. A narrow stairway lead to the second floor.

Two-thirds up, a little landing marked where the stairway turned back on itself 180 degrees and resumed the climb.

That's where Shrader, in front handling the nozzle with Tujaka behind, saw what he was getting into.

"Flames were coming out the bedroom at the top of the stairs to the left," he said, his voice muffled behind an air mask.

"A lot of fire was coming out of that room," Tujaka said. "Considering the amount of plastic and foam inside, it was probably 1,200 degrees."

Shrader snapped open the nozzle. He aimed the spray high, dousing flames and beating back hot gasses pressing against a plaster lath ceiling.

Flames unfolded in upside down waves above Tujaka's helmet. Fire ate a door molding and turned the ceiling black.

"The two of us attacked the doorway with water to knock down the flames," Shrader said. "Then we worked our way into the bedroom."

"There were flames to the left," Shrader said. "We put those out."

Then nothing.

"We lost water," Tujaka

said.

"A line blew," said Almeranti, operating Engine 22. "They got stuck in there with no water until I could get the line reconnected."

How long?

"About 35 to 40 seconds," Almeranti said. His neck veins bulged. "Once again, we've been having mechanical problems with this engine."

"The connection blew," Tujaka said, referring to where the primary attack hose clamped to the pumper's main water outlet.

"We had the same problem at the Grumpy's fire (two weeks ago in Grosse Pointe Park). We called a repairman and thought it was fixed."

Almeranti hooked the blown hose to another outlet. Shrader and Tujaka had pressure again — 100 gallons per minute.

Shrader said things were under control within "two or three minutes" of starting the attack.

"We hit it just in time where it didn't get into the attic and cause the roof to go," Tujaka said.

By now officers from the Farms and Park had answered a second alarm. Two Farms trucks, including one with a long extension ladder, responded.

Farms PSO Jim McMahon had been patrolling Moross near Chalfonte when he monitored a radio report about a fire in the City. Anticipating a second alarm, he drove to Farms headquarters to rendezvous with one of the department's fire trucks.

"I got here after the first couple tag teams," McMahon said. "Fortunately, the fire was found in its early stages. They were able to save the building."

City public works employees arrived with a front-end loader filled with road salt. Workers coated the street

outside the fire scene with salt to prevent water leaking from hose connections from freezing solid.

At 2:50 p.m., flames extinguished, officers began searching for what they call "extensions," or where fire may have sneaked behind walls and ceilings.

Farms Lt. Jack Patterson tore at plaster with a pike pole. Others used axes. Ceilings came down. Soggy insulation drooped from rafters.

"We found hot spots in the wall," Patterson said. "You could see burn marks on the lath (plaster) inside. It doesn't look like anything got into the attic other than smoke."

Pam Mackay, a nearby Rivard resident, wanted to help the officers. She brewed a pot of hot coffee and delivered it to the cab of a fire truck. Styrofoam cups, too.

"It's a cold day to fight a fire," she said.

Lt. Patterson held a cup in his gloved hand. He took a sip.

"Tastes great," he said.

It was a few minutes after 3 p.m. The entire bedroom and its contents had been consumed. The hallway was damaged. Smoke carried through the whole house.

Outside, dusty wisps of steam seeped from under the roof line. Falling snow collected on the roof.

Smolenski, the teenage resident who called 911, still stood on the sidewalk looking at his home. His winter coat unbuttoned, he watched officers toss fire debris out a side window.

"I don't want to talk about it," he said.

Lt. Paul Onderbeke, City fire investigator, traced the source of flames to either a waste basket or nearby bedding.

He said Smolenski mentioned burning incense in the room earlier that day.

"The cause is officially undetermined," Onderbeke said.



Nothing remains of the ceiling in a bedroom destroyed by fire on Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe. Soggy insulation hangs from rafters as Lt. Eddie Tujaka searches the attic for signs of fire.

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# Ready for the Super Bowl?

This Sunday marks the biggest game day of the year, Super Bowl Sunday. Millions of people around the world will tune in to watch American football's biggest game. What's great about the Super Bowl is that there is something for everyone, whether you're into sports, entertainment, or music. Die-hard football fans, like myself, are anxious to

see who will hoist the Vince Lombardi trophy, the upstart Carolina Panthers or the former champion New England Patriots. But let's face it, while the Super Bowl has produced many memorable moments, it usually doesn't live up to the hype. I can remember in some cases the score being a blowout by halftime, including Tampa Bay's rampage over Oakland last year. Yet most of the male population will plan their entire day around the festivities, including the 5-hour pre-game show, which has to be torture on churches and family events. The way I see it, the real Super Bowl battle is between the advertisers. Every year, millions of dollars are spent for as



# I Say

Michael Shelton

much as 30 seconds of air time during the game, and companies try to put out the most entertaining commercials possible. Some of my personal favorites included the Bud Light "Whassuppp!" guys, Ali Landry eating Doritos while doing the splits, and the first previews for the movie "Independence Day" with a spaceship blowing up

the White House. So while the actual game may not be exciting, the battle for the best commercial is always guaranteed to produce a lot of talk among Monday morning quarterbacks. And then of course, there's the halftime show. The first Super Bowl featured the University of Michigan and Arizona marching bands. Since

then, it's tended to be a cheesy, overblown production. The main exception was U2 at Super Bowl XXXVI and its salute to the victims of 9/11. The image of Bono running around the stage, draping Old Glory on his jacket still remains etched in my mind to this day. This year's show looks promising though. Having Janet Jackson on the same stage as Kid Rock certainly has my interest. It sounds better than the Lingerie Bowl on pay-per-view. But of course, the Super Bowl always gives people a reason to party. This Sunday will mark the biggest consumption of chili, cheese, chips, hot dogs and beer in the U.S. other

than the Fourth of July. I love the Super Bowl, but if I were in charge, I would do a couple things differently. I would make sure there was a one-week layoff before the game. A two-week wait is unnecessary in my book. And I would hold the Super Bowl on Saturday. That would give fans a day to recover from partying rather than stumbling into the office the next day. But for now all I can do is say this: Wherever you may be this Sunday, enjoy the game, commercials, music, condiments, and everything that makes Super Bowl Sunday America's greatest unofficial holiday. By the way: Patriots 23, Panthers 10.

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# The Op-Ed Page



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## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

What part of the Super Bowl are you looking forward to?



"Definitely the commercials and hanging out with friends. The half time show is one of my favorites."  
**Kim Manieci**  
Grosse Pointe Farms



"I'm never into the sports. I don't have time for that. The Red Wings I kind of like, but I never really watch them."  
**Kristin Phillips**  
Grosse Pointe Farms



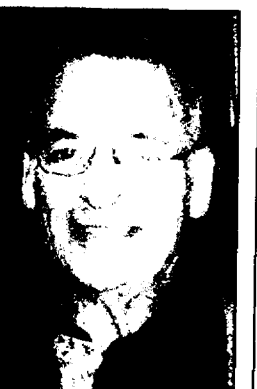
"The commercials. They're entertaining. It's just fun. The game is nice, but the commercials are better."  
**Chelsea Dufour**  
City of Grosse Pointe



"I like the football. I like the competition. I like everything about the super bowl. It's pretty intense."  
**James Colombo**  
City of Grosse Pointe



"I'm probably more excited about the commercials than the game. I think it's one time of the year that they're really imaginative."  
**Nicole Budrys**  
City of Grosse Pointe



"There are no Detroit teams playing. I'm not really interested. I'm a football fan, but the teams I don't have any connection to."  
**Carl Eckert**  
Grosse Pointe Park

## fyi

by Ben Burns

### Food for fitness

The high school students at South sometimes call Mrs. Pat Pompei, "Mom." They explain it is a natural mistake. She cooks. She cleans. She sews. She washes dishes. She looks out for their well-being. In olden days — back when I was in high school — they called the courses she teaches in Room 198, Home Economics. In most schools, boys weren't allowed to take the courses. Home Ec fell into disfavor as women in the '60s and '70s pushed for an equal right to become professional wage slaves.

Nowadays, educators have resurrected the courses under the heading of "Life Skills" with more precise names, such as "Foods for Fitness," designed to teach both young men and women how to prepare healthy, tasty, nutritious, attractive meals.

Recently, the students had their final exam. They had to prepare a luncheon and invite a guest who would evaluate their success.

Most of the students, like Harry Galac, 17, of the Park, invited a parent. Harry invited his mother, Patty Groezinger. "I was pleasantly surprised," she said. "I didn't know he had it in him. He learned a lot in this class."

I was there to taste the efforts of our Swedish Rotary exchange student, Clara Ellsinger, 17. Clara

cooked quesadillas with black beans, corn and Monterey Jack cheese, accompanied by yellow rice and garnished with cilantro. "Very tasty," I told her. "You could open the first Mexican restaurant in your home town of Gothenburg."

As the affair wrapped up, Groezinger noticed Harry over at the sink washing a pot. "My goodness, he is even cleaning up," she exclaimed.

"Better warn him to be careful," I said. "He could get dishpan hands." The sign over the entrance of 198 summed it up: "Welcome to Life Skills: Putting Your Education to Work."

It looked as if Harry, Clara and the others learned their lessons well. Mrs. Pompei deserves to be proud of her work. And if the students call her "Mom," that's OK, too.

### Da Vinci

Grosse Pointe Park resident the Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon, president of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, journeyed to Chicago a few weeks back to do a lecture on the underlying facts behind Dan Brown's runaway fiction bestseller, "The Da Vinci Code," at Fourth Presbyterian in the heart of downtown.

Rigdon had received a flood of calls from various folks with a question with a common theme: "Is it true?"

He and the senior minister at Fourth expected a couple hundred folks to brave the cold in the Windy City to listen to Rigdon's remarks. Instead they walked into an audience of upwards of 1,700 — the capacity of the sanctuary.

Rigdon gave the same lecture to a packed house Jan. 18 at the Lay Theological Academy meeting at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Farms.

While Rigdon found many of the underlying historical facts in the book inaccurate, just plain wrong or distorted, he did point out that the book serves a useful purpose in getting folks to learn more about the early church and in emphasizing that women in the church have been suppressed and should in all respects be on an equal footing with men.

"Theology is akin to art," Rigdon said. "It describes God by suggesting the human experience of God. ... We have an enormous hunger and deep anxiety. What we want is not faith, but certitude. But the church asks something much tougher. It asks you to live by faith."

Reportedly he has already been invited to reprise his performance by a couple of other groups out east.

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## Points about the Pointes

### Police bike patrols in Grosse Pointe Woods once Spring has sprung? It's a great idea!

Last year, the subject of having police bike patrols was brought up by residents at a Woods City Council meeting. The residents felt that having police bike patrols in the Woods would help restore the connection between the community and the police department that disappeared when policemen stopped walking beats.

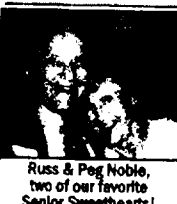
To my knowledge, no formal follow-up by the City was done on this great idea. If there was any follow-up, it wasn't made public.

Spring will be here before we know it. Across the nation, about 40% of the local police departments will be getting their bikes tuned up and their bike patrols back in full gear, giving

peace of mind to their businesses and residents that simply can't be provided from car patrols.

Communities in Michigan far less affluent than Grosse Pointe Woods (Warren, Utica, Roseville, Sterling Heights, Chesterfield, Dearborn Heights, Plymouth and Allen Park to name a few) have embraced reconnecting with their residents through their bike patrols. As a resident, a business owner, a parent with young kids and a son having senior parents in town, the concept is a home run for all. So, **GPW City Council...how about revisiting this great idea?**

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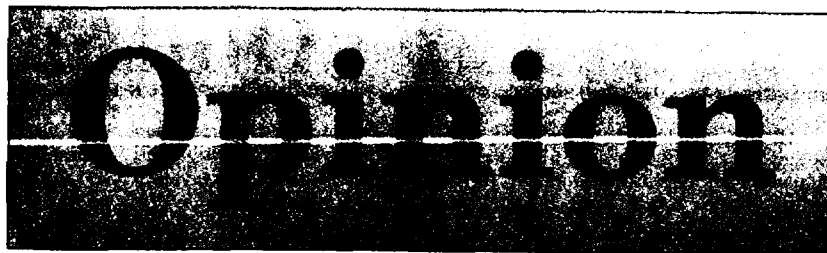
# Boomers grew up with 'The Captain'

By Doug Patton

On Oct. 3, 1955, a magical thing happened in our home and in the homes of baby boomers all across America. Via our family's black-and-white television set, a grandfatherly figure named Captain Kangaroo found his way into our living rooms and our hearts for the very first time. He would stay for 36 years.

At the time the show debuted, I figured "The Captain" had to be at least 50 or 60 years old (ancient in the eyes of a 7-year-old). Actually, he was 28, but it really didn't matter. To us, his was the most unique and entertaining program on television.

At a time when there were only two or three channels to watch on television, and when children's programming consisted mainly of mindless cartoons and not much else, the captain was a breath of fresh air in the innocent world of millions of boomers. We already had "Howdy Doody," of course. And "Gunsmoke" debuted the



same year as the Captain, but it was he who taught us things while he entertained us, and we loved it.

From his "Treasure House," Captain Kangaroo, played by actor/writer/producer Bob Keeshan, created a world within our world, and he populated it with characters we never grew tired of watching: Bunny Rabbit, who never talked; Mr. Moose, who seemed to talk incessantly; Dancing Bear; Miss Frog; Grandfather Clock; Fred the Magic Drawing Board; Flora and Albert; Dennis the Apprentice; Uncle Ralph and many others. In their own way, each of them taught us something.

I remember telling my great aunt that Captain Kangaroo had taught me some magic words: "abba cadabra, please and thank you!" She informed me in her usual prim, proper and grumpy tone that I didn't need the "abba cadabra." Somehow, it was a lot more fun learning civility

and manners from the Captain.

One of my favorite parts of the show was a simple, line-drawing cartoon called "The Adventures of Tom Terrific." As the title implied, Tom Terrific's life was special and exciting. It had to be. After all, he had adventures! Looking back, it is amazing the positive things I learned from that little cartoon.

Tom had a dog named "Manfred the Wonder Dog" and a very special, funnel-shaped hat that enabled him to turn into any object he wanted in order to help people. In one episode, Tom used his magic hat to turn himself into a mouse in order to make it through a narrowing tunnel. When he seemed stymied at a point through which even a mouse couldn't fit, I remember thinking, "Why doesn't he just change himself into something smaller — an ant, maybe?" I guess there are limits to what even a magic funnel-hat can do for you.

Long before "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," "Sesame Street" or "The Muppets," there was "Captain Kangaroo." I would be in my 40s with grown sons of my own before the Captain would sign off the air for good.

Bob Keeshan was a gentle soul whose talents enabled him to write, direct, produce and act, which he did for all of his adult life. Yet he will always be remembered for the lovable character he created nearly half a century ago. As a teenager, he had fought at Iwo Jima during World War II and returned to make a positive contribution to the lives of an entire generation.

Keeshan, who had been ill for several years, died last week at the age of 76. Say "hello" to Mr. Greenjeans for us, Captain.

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# Letters

## Be informed To the Editor:

I read with much appreciation the editorial in the Jan. 15 Grosse Pointe News, "School tax request begs questions," because those are the very same questions your Grosse Pointe School Board has struggled with in its deliberation "to ask," or not to ask."

As residents of Grosse Pointe also, we are very sensitive to the issue of tax increases. The simple fact is we don't have many options left in attempting to shield our excellent education program from reduction in quality. One would find it difficult to quarrel with the success of our students, whether it be measured by MEAP or ACT/SAT scores, college admissions, or life skills support for those who don't travel the college path. The question is, "Can we continue that same success?"

As the state budget crisis loomed ever darker, and reductions in state aid became a reality, the school administrators and board members have made reductions to the operating budgets of a collective \$5.3 million over the last two years. Further, reductions in fund equity (the rainy day fund, as it's often referred to) have also been affected.

The classroom, for the most part, has been shielded from these reductions due to the creative alternatives developed by the administrators from all the schools and central office.

The reductions that have been made have not been obvious to the community, as evidenced the other night when a speaker at the podium suggested that the reduction in the multiple "central office" positions added over recent years would easily solve the problem. Unfortunately, the speaker didn't understand that many of the positions which were budgeted in the central office for control purposes were, in fact, teachers working hands-on in the classroom or directly with the classroom teachers.

Contrary to the impression given by the speaker that these "administrative" positions were finger-twiddlers, virtually all of them were added to directly support the classroom curriculum. As an example, positions such as language arts specialists added to each of

the elementary, middle and high school levels reflected the commitment to try to ensure that each child could utilize the most basic skill in education, reading.

The other specialist positions did likewise in math, social studies, technology and science. Unfortunately, some of these positions were reduced in this year's budget. And sadly to say, the rest of them are under review as we look forward to next year's budget planning.

The question of "Why the election in March?" was raised. Budget decisions need to be made by the end of April due to various contractual obligations; thus a decision in March is needed to finalize those decisions.

Speaking of budget planning, the state continues to paint a bleak picture in their projections of school aid for the 04/05 school year. Because of this, the board and administrators at all levels in our schools are currently developing scenarios for spending reductions in the range of \$3 million to \$6 million.

Not only is the budget affected by revenue cuts, the budget is faced with continuing large increases in health care, as well as retirement pension funding assessed by the state pension fund. All nonclassroom costs are being seriously challenged, as they should be, and everyone will have to learn how to do with less. But, the vast majority of our cost lie in the classroom, and we are looking at all measures that will lessen the impact there.

One of those measures is the ghastly termed "sinking fund." Approval of the millage request of 1 mill each year for six years, will provide additional funds to the schools of approximately \$2.8 million per year, which will pay specifically for needed facility repairs and smaller improvements. By law, a sinking fund can only be used for facility repairs and improvements under specific guidelines. It cannot be used to pay salaries or other direct educational expenses. However, what the fund does allow the district to do is to redirect the school operating budget of \$1.5 million, which it now spends on those types of repairs, back into instructional programs. This will help defray the impact of other anticipated reductions to educational programs. The other \$1.3 million

raised by the sinking fund each year, if levied, would allow the schools to attend to repairs which have been deferred in recent times due to budget cutbacks. Historically, the school system had budgeted approximately \$3 million per year for the type of programs included in the sinking fund.

As the board and administrators discussed and discussed the limited number of alternatives available to us, we could not discount having to ask the community for its support again in helping minimize the impact on our educational program. The question was raised as to why this request didn't come at the same time as the capital bond request in September 2002.

At the time the board was discussing the bond proposal, which was close to three years ago, the state's economic status was not in dire straits, and the provision in the school budget at that time for sinking fund type needs was felt to be sufficient. Asking for more than the district perceived was needed at that time was not fiscally responsible. Furthermore, it would have been imprudent to ask voters to finance over the 25-year life of the bond, projects of an ongoing nature or having a useful life of 10 to 12 years.

These comments cannot begin to answer all the questions that are rightfully asked. All we can ask is that you do raise those questions, so that you can be as informed as possible when you make your decision on March 16.

More information will be forthcoming to all households through mailings and information articles in the various presses.

There will be several open public forums scheduled over the next two months with presentations and question and answer sessions.

The Education Channel 20 will show a Power Point presentation covering many of the questions. Presentations are now being made at all the schools through their local PTOs.

You can also contact school administrators or your board members with questions.

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## Grateful thanks

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the 41,500 children who received holiday gift packages from the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit this past Christmas. The entire Goodfellow organization is so grateful for the overwhelming support we received from the community.

Thanks to the hundreds of people who purchased a newspaper from a Goodfellow member or a

Detroit Police Officer on our sales day.

Thanks also to the hundreds more who made contributions through the mail. Your donations enabled us to achieve our goal of \$1.7 million for 2003 and helped to ensure our pledge, "No Kiddie without a Christmas."

The residents of the metropolitan Detroit area remain very supportive of the mission of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund and we are truly grateful.

Thanks on behalf of all of the children in Detroit,

Highland Park and Hamtramck who benefited from your generosity.

We look forward to our 90th year of giving to this community this 2004.

**Mike Kijewski**  
President  
Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund

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## Aching for a cruise

It's the wee, small hours of the morning, and you are vaguely aware of a swollen neck. You get up to go to the bathroom and feel a fresh slash across your throat. You stumble back to bed and hope sheer will can prevent the assault on your body.

By morning you know you are a marked target. Your mouth is parched, your lips cracked, and you have chills. You attempt to read the paper, and the words all run together. You try to blink them into focus with no success. Your nose has turned into a faucet, and your left eye is pouring liquid.

The phone rings. You answer, but your own voice is unrecognizable. You have a mid-winter Michigan humdinger! And yes, I did have a flu shot.

If there is any comfort, and I find none, you are not alone. Never before have I heard of so many sick people. And, just when you start to feel better, it sneaks back into your system, and you start all over again.

The doctors approach your illness from varying directions: pills, no

pills; one way it will last a week, another seven days. No one mentioned six weeks!!!

Sympathy is scant. Observers note, "You sound as though you have a cold. Did you know that so and so has pneumonia?" So much for your nasty little annoyance!

Friends avoid you, and who can blame them? Nobody wants your bugs. You are grateful for their offerings of soup and errands.

Someone said when the weather turned really cold, the germs would all die. What happened to that theory?

I've decided not to fight this any longer. I will snuggle under the blanket on the couch and take naps. My hair will remain stringy, makeup non-existent, meal preparations minimal.

I don't mean to sound like an alarmist, but there appears to be a new wheeze in my chest, and this cough is getting a little deeper. If I ever pull out of this stupid thing, I think I'll go on a cruise! I've earned the right.

— Offering from the loft

## Comcast rates go up 7% in Pointes, Harper Woods

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Comcast customers in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have started to add a few more numbers to pay their cable bills beginning this month.

The rate for preferred basic cable has risen 7 percent — from \$40.49 to \$43.49 — this past month.

That rate has more than doubled since 1994 when Comcast acquired the territory once operated by Grosse Pointe Cable. The cost for preferred basic cable was \$20.83 in 1994. When the Federal Telecommunications Act, designed to limit rate increases and encourage competition in the cable industry, was passed in 1996, preferred basic cable cost Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods customers

\$28.16.

Jerome Espy, Comcast's director of communications for the Michigan region, said cost increases have stemmed from increased consumer demand.

"Since 1996, we've invested \$1 billion in our infrastructure in southeast Michigan," Espy said. "We've recently doubled the speed of our high-speed Internet service. In the past year, we've added On Demand, HDTV (high-definition television) channels, and we added the Disney Channel and Soap Net to our basic channel lineup in December. We're trying to respond to the demands of our customers."

On Demand allows viewers to select, rewind and fast forward the program of their choice at any time, and a converter box, available for

\$5 a month, allows viewers to watch high-definition television on 11 different channels. Both services are available to Comcast digital television subscribers.

In addition, Espy said that Comcast also added TV Orient and Oxygen to its digital lineup and Starz! Kids to its Starz! subscription package in December.

However, some subscribers say Comcast offers more than they need.

Skip Gibson of Grosse Pointe Farms said he doesn't take advantage of many of Comcast's offerings.

"I have no idea of what On Demand is, and of the 50 or so channels they offer, I only watch about seven or eight," said Gibson, who is a Comcast preferred basic cable and high-speed Internet subscriber. "Also, we continue to oper-

ate in a very competitive market," Espy said. "We not only compete with satellite, but also with WOW! (Wide Open West)."

But lack of competition hasn't given many choices for viewers in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

In December, Farms City Manager Shane Reeside invited WOW! representatives with arms wide open to consider doing business in his city and possibly in the surrounding communities.

"They didn't seem that interested," Reeside said.

Mark Dineen, WOW! Michigan senior vice-president, did not return phone calls from the Grosse Pointe News.

City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Michael Overton said he, too, failed to court cable television competitors a few years ago.

"The problem is in the infrastructure," Overton said. "In order to be successful, they'd have to wire our entire community and get at least half the people to subscribe. The economics are not there."

Overton did however, have some hope for the future with the installation of a new wireless network system, called Distributed Antenna System (DAS), which the City, Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores are looking to put in place in their municipalities. DAS can accommodate up to eight wireless providers in a system that will transmit their signals through a network of small antennae atop utility poles hooked up to a fiber grid in a 10-mile radius.

"Maybe it can provide an alternative to Comcast down the road," Overton said.

Both Reeside and Overton said they have not seen a noticeable increase in satellite dishes popping up on the rooftops in their cities.

Mary Black, a Comcast customer in the Farms outaged over the \$3 increase in her bill, said she would not consider installing a satellite system at her house.

"I just got rid of an antenna because it was ready to fall down," Black said.

Representatives for Dish Network and DirecTV said they were not able to provide numbers of subscribers in the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods area.

For now, Overton said cable may be the best, if not the only, buy.

"With my family, going out to the movies and paying for popcorn costs the same as paying a cable bill," Overton said.

## 5/3 Bank plans Hill branch

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A two-story bank might replace the last gasoline station serving neighborhoods along the lower border of Grosse Pointe Farms and City.

Tom Onofrey, owner of Standard on the Hill on Kercheval at McMillan in the Farms, is tempted to sell his property to Fifth Third Bank.

"Working 10-hour days six days a week is getting to me," 54-year-old Onofrey said.

If all goes smoothly, the station could close next month. Fifth Third's brick and stone branch could open by Labor Day.

### Branching out

Fifth Third, headquartered in Cincinnati, has already produced preliminary renderings of its first free-standing branch in the Pointes. The company also operates a former Old Kent niche inside Farms Jack's supermarket in Grosse Pointe Woods, but no money has changed hands in the Farms deal.

Drawings of the Farms branch show a 2,300-square-foot footprint, about the size of Onofrey's business.

But unlike the service station and attached garage, which is set back from Kercheval, the bank would border the sidewalk. Two drive-through stations have been sketched behind the building.

"Drive-up lanes will be handled remotely from inside the building, and potentially a drive-up ATM," said Jeffrey Wagner, Fifth Third vice president spearheading the project.

Drivers would enter bank property from a Kercheval driveway. Traffic exits to the rear alley and back around to the traffic light at Kercheval and McMillan.

A walk-up ATM has been designed inside the main vestibule.

With traditional banking on the first floor, the second story will have offices for trust, investment and mortgage representatives.

"We plan extensive landscaping," Wagner said. "It is

a very visible part of town. We want to be sensitive to that."

Chris Mackey, director of architectural design for Barton Malow Design and resident of Grosse Pointe Park, has chosen a limestone-looking cultured stone facade for the building's bottom half.

Brick will comprise the second floor facade. Bronze-colored frames will support clear glass windows.

A traditional storefront will be accented with a rotunda-type entry at the corner nearest McMillan.

"It provides a focal point for coming up Kercheval (from the Village)," Mackey said. "We were concerned about fitting into the character of the street. We made an effort for a more traditional building expression and try to keep within the scale of the streetscape."

### Deal breakers

The deal will fly or flop on three variables.

"There's environmental work to be done," said Wagner. "That's a big hurdle to us closing the transaction."

"Parking is the big issue," added Shane Reeside, Farms city manager.

Thirdly, Farms officials will have to approve the site plan.

"Issues will be making sure the structure is in keeping with the community," Reeside said.

Fifth Third has already started evaluating the site's environmental status.

"We're into our investigation to quantify what we have to deal with in terms of tank removal and removal of contamination," Wagner said.

In February, bank representatives anticipate submitting a Baseline Environmental Assessment to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The assessment has crucial financial implications. It defines the property's environmental conditions in order to protect new owners from liability for preexisting contamination.

As for parking, the matter has been a sore spot on the

Hill for years, depending on whom you talk to.

Sandy Gillespie, owner of Something Special gift shop, said the parking crunch is self-created. Hill employees, she said, commandeer prime parking spots rather than yielding to shoppers and clients.

"There's all kinds of space for employees to park in the back (parking) lot," Gillespie said.

Wagner said preliminary plans provide eight on-site parking spaces for customers. No on-site spaces are proposed for the bank's anticipated 14 to 16 employees. One additional on-street metered parking space could be reserved for handicapped.

Fifth Third's proposed two-story branch would hold 5,600 square feet of floor space.

"We've also asked a traffic engineer to look at the building and (its) use to get a better sense of what we can expect for parking requirements," Reeside said. "Site plan approval (is) contingent upon the availability of off-street parking."

Based on the preliminary site plan and strict interpretation of the Farms zoning ordinance, the bank would need upwards of 30 parking spaces for the proposal.

"That's based upon one space for every 100 square feet of usable space," Reeside said.

Usable space is sometimes harder to quantify than it seems.

"Offices on the second floor, which aren't for customer banking, would lower the parking requirement," Reeside said. "We have to be clear about how many square feet of usable space they're going to have and exactly how that space is going to be used before we come up with a total number of parking spaces."

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Photo by Brad Lindberg  
Tom Onofrey, owner of Standard on the Hill on Kercheval, is working out a deal with Fifth Third Bank to open a branch at the long-time service station site. Onofrey feels the bank will be a good fit for the Hill business district.

"I received positive input from everyone," said Ed Russell, head of the Hill Association.

The presentation was repeated this week before a work session of the city council.

"I'd like to see retail," said James Farquhar, Farms mayor. "That disappointed me a little. But, looking at the cost of constructing a building, how could retail afford to go in there?"

Farquhar said issues to be resolved include parking, the facade, all-night ATM and the drive-up ATM behind the building out of easy view of patrolling police.

"They're going to work on a few things for us," he said.

### Construction schedule

"Assuming approvals go through, we would spend less than a week having this gas station demolished," said Bruce Babiarz, Barton Malow's director of business development and resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A portion of the property would be used to stage construction materials and equipment. As construction reached full speed, workers would park off-site and be ferried in.

"We would put a border around the site to block it off so construction does not disrupt the community," Babiarz said. "The bulk of construction would take place over summer."

### Seeking retirement

Onofrey's property has been the site of a full-service gasoline station for decades. He's owned the station for 34 years. He did a major overhaul of the facility less than five years ago.

The business operates with a nod to the old days. Customers don't have to pay before pumping gas. There are restrooms. Teenagers hang around the pay phone outside. Free air pumps provide an oasis for bicyclists needing to inflate their tires.

## It'll be chili at Woods Winterfest

By Michael Shelton  
Staff Writer

There will be fun for all ages Saturday, Jan. 31 at the third annual Winterfest at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park.

The park opens at noon, and admission is free, but registration is required in advance.

Before the park opens, there will be a chili-cookoff beginning at 11 a.m., with the judging taking place a half-hour later.

"We have eight participants, and the winner will receive a trophy and certificate," said Melissa Warnack, recreation supervisor. "The second and third place win-

ners will be awarded prizes."

The winner will be announced as soon as the festival begins at noon. The public will also be welcome to taste the chili of all the participants.

From noon to 2 p.m., hot dogs and refreshments will be served.

There will also be an ice sculpting demonstration at 12:30 p.m. outside the activities center.

"People will be able to watch the ice sculpting from inside the center as well if they get too cold," Warnack said.

At 1 p.m. behind the activities center, there will be a Score-O competition held on

the ice rink.

"Score-O" will give children the opportunity to shoot hockey pucks into a net through a small hole.

"It's similar to what they do at Detroit Red Wings games," Warnack said. "Every child will get a prize, and the top three will get trophies."

At 1:30 p.m., the children's activity will be held.

"We're going to be making pine cone bird feeders," Warnack said. "We will be feeding the birds peanut butter and bird seed."

For more information and to register, call (313) 343-2470, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# A job well done

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Rich Solak is tying up loose ends.

His career as Grosse Pointe Farms city manager ended in December. But three-quarters through a frigid January, he's back at city hall.

"I was working on a number of projects when I retired," Solak said. "I'm trying to bring them to a successful conclusion. It's hard to pull down the curtain Dec. 31 when you have projects under way."

Solak works out of whatever space is available.

Last Friday he consulted city Controller John Modzinski in an upstairs hallway. Then he made a telephone call from the former office of Shane Reeside, who worked for years as the Farms assistant city manager. Reeside has been promoted to city manager and is moving into Solak's old digs overlooking Kerby Road.

Solak, 58, made a lot of friends during his 31-year career. What began in 1973 as an adventure became a life-changing career move from his native Chicago.

His wife, Nancy, remained in Chicago while Solak hunted for a house in the Farms.

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Solak reception Feb. 7 at War Memorial

The public is invited to a gathering honoring Rich Solak, retired Grosse Pointe Farms city manager.

The event is scheduled at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. A presentation will be made at 3:30 p.m.

"I'd like to see some of the people I dealt with over the years," said Solak, who was city manager for 12 of the 31 years he worked for the Farms. "Maybe we will reminisce a little and look back at good times."

Light fare will be served. Organizers have asked that gifts not be given.

"She wanted two things: a downstairs bathroom and window over the kitchen sink," Solak said. "I fulfilled her two wishes. We stretched ourselves financially to live in the Farms, but it was one of the best decisions I ever made. It's the kind of community where you get your roots down very easily."

Nancy works at the Park Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The couple's two children, Matthew and Chelsea, graduated from the Grosse

Pointe school system and are living successfully on their own. Matthew, 30, teaches English in Beijing, China. Chelsea, 25, works for Bank One in Chicago.

Solak joined the city as administrative assistant to the city manager. He rose steadily up the ladder, topping out in 1992 with the city's ranking job.

"I loathe bureaucracy," Solak said. "I believe in direct government, responsive government. I try to bring a human touch to government."

"We should be achieving," Stevens said.

"It sounded fine until it got built," said Joseph Jennings, the council's representative to the Foundation.

But Jennings has kept an open mind. He realizes some things take time to be appreciated.

"I've found more and more people coming to me saying there's no problem," he told his council colleagues. "I think you're going to like it more and more as time goes on."

The Foundation's fundraising drive included a miniature mockup and renderings of the design.

Stevens seemed genuinely puzzled how the model turned into something so big.

"The majority (of people) is saying this is too large," he said.

To soften the wall, the Foundation has asked the city to pay up to \$20,000 for additional landscaping. An irrigation system would be installed. Ivy and trumpet vines would be planted.

The city council tabled an identical request in September.

They tabled it again this week.

Before council members address the landscaping request, they want to meet with Foundation representatives and city administrators.

"We owe our residents a discussion," Sholty said.

## Village wall under scrutiny

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Artists whose efforts are panned by critics often retort that those who can, do; those who can't, criticize.

These days it seems everyone's a critic in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Whether they can or can't, most residents apparently agree they could have done better than what they've had to look at for three years on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

The topic of this derision is the collection of stone monoliths unveiled three years ago with the dedication of Kressbach Place.

"The community has been very concerned," said C. John Stevens, who may owe his election to the City council last November to voter fallout from the wall.

Stevens said he "can't repeat" some of the comments residents offered about the walls while he campaigned door-to-door. "The feedback has been substantial and widespread."

John Stempfle, another

first-term councilman, also got an earful on the campaign trail.

"I rang a lot of doorbells," he said. "Every comment was negative about it. It was embarrassing at times."

"This was the number one topic — even beyond Jacobson's — people were concerned about," said Stephen Sholty, who lost reelection to the council in November but was reappointed a week later to fill a vacancy.

The walls are elements of a \$360,000 beautification project funded privately by the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation.

Planners hoped a series of stone walls of varying heights and dimensions, some topped with waterfall fountains, would provide pedestrians a haven from hubbub in the Village shopping district.

Residents also donated wooden benches, set in enclaves under shade trees.

"There is unrest in the minds of a lot of people that we have not achieved what



Photo by Brad Lindberg

An informal public gathering has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in honor of Rich Solak, recently retired city manager of Grosse Pointe Farms. "I sincerely meant what I said about the impact of the residents," Solak said. "I really have enjoyed developing those relationships. They've been great to work with. Employees as well."

He'll leave behind a legacy of civic improvements, including a modernized infrastructure such as separated sewers and renovations to Pier Park.

"The park, Joy Bells, Richard Place, the Hill and Mack Avenue have been sources of pride to beautify the community," he said. "One of the projects I'm most proud of is closing McMillan Road to create a safe environment for kids (at Richard Elementary School) while expanding parking for merchants behind the Hill. It's a nice win-win situation."

Solak was melancholy after deciding to retire.

"It was a tough decision," he said. "Once I neared Dec. 31, I was nostalgic about the job and things I'd be missing."

He'll miss interacting

with residents and city employees.

"We have a great citizenry. I'm really sincere about that," Solak said. "Dealing with citizens has been a positive part of my job. I'm also going to miss our employees. We have an excellent group. They've responded to the call for servicing our citizens the best they can. They've done a great job."

Solak is tall and thin; almost gangly, but not skinny.

"I have a high energy level," he said.

His soft voice is often accompanied by a smile. A few years ago, he took his mother on a trip to the Vatican. Last year he visited China.

Nancy shares his enthusiasm for travel.

"I have a good number of

varied interests," he said. "As much as I've enjoyed my work with the city, I needed to give myself another chance to explore those interests, both in the work world and volunteer world. I see it as a rebirth; a chance to move to another phase of my life."

He already volunteers for Services for Older Citizens, the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and Habitat for Humanity.

"I'm looking to do other volunteer activities with the Make a Wish Foundation," he said.

He doesn't rule out a part-time job.

"I have a number ideas that range from financial planning to Outward Bound training to real estate investment," he said. "I'll be keeping pretty busy."

## Farms Winterfest is Feb. 7

This year's freezing temperatures should provide a great setting for Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest 2004 on Saturday, Feb. 7, from noon to 3 p.m., at Pier Park.

Activities include ice skating races, a hockey puck shooting contest and ice fishing derby.

Door prizes include, but are not limited to, an autographed picture of Brendan Shanahan of the Detroit Red

Wings.

There also will be gift certificates from local restaurants.

Featured attractions are an Advanced Aquatics ice diving and rescue demonstration and an ice carving demonstration. There will be free cone dogs, coffee, hot chocolate and other refreshments.

There also will be a chili cook-off contest. All chili cook-off entries must prereg-

ister with the Parks and Recreation office at Pier Park by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5.

Chili entries must be warm and ready to judge at the Recreation Building by 11:45 a.m. the day of Winterfest.

Winterfest is open to Farms residents and their guests. For more information, call the parks and recreation department at (313) 343-2405.

## Historical society seeks nominations

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is taking nominations for its 2004 historical designation plaques, which will be awarded in May.

Any architecturally or historically significant Grosse Pointe site that is more than 50 years old may be considered.

The society began awarding historical markers in 1986 to Grosse Pointe landmarks in recognition of their

historical and architectural value, their continued preservation, or because they were examples of adaptive reuse.

The bronze plaques bear the image of the society's logo, a French windmill that stood on the shores of Lake St. Clair in the 1700s.

The 50 previous recipients include the:

- Joy Bells,
- Grosse Pointe Yacht Club,

- Defer Elementary School,

- Beverly Gates,
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House,

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To make a nomination, call Michael Farley at (313) 885-5990 by Monday, Feb. 16.

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**Village of Grosse Pointe Shores**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 40 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council will take place on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.** in the first floor Council Room of the GPS Municipal Building. Purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments regarding proposed amendments to the Village Zoning Ordinance dealing with the following:

Ordinance No. 232 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 40 dealing with garages in the residential district.

Ordinance No. 233 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 40 dealing with height restrictions of residences in the residential district.

Public comments are welcome.

**Victoria J. Boyce,**  
Village Clerk

G.P.N.: 01/29/2004

## Virginia Lane Ladd

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Virginia Lane Ladd, 88, died on Friday, Jan. 23, 2004 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Mrs. Ladd was born in Detroit on June 18, 1915 to Arthur Lane and Laura Miller. She graduated from Denby High School in 1931 and attended both Cleary College and Eastern Michigan University.

She worked as a secretary for Michigan Mutual Liability Insurance Co., now known as Amerisure.

Mrs. Ladd contributed much to the community having volunteered her time to many local organizations. She was a member of Cottage Hospital Auxiliary, the Junior Group, Goodwill Industries, the women's auxiliary to the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, the Village Garden Club, the auxiliary to Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, the DAC, the Detroit Golf Club, Grosse Pointe United Church and the Atlantis Golf Club.

She had many hobbies such as bridge, bowling, golfing, reading and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter Judy (Clyde) Sutton; grandchildren Clyde (Nancy) Sutton, Amy Adelson and Barry Sutton and great-grandchildren Kimberly, Stephanie, Dylan and Cole Sutton and Sarah, Scott and Hunter Adelson.

She was predeceased by her husband Ralph L. Ladd.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 30, from 5 to 9 p.m., at the Verheyden funeral home, 16300 Mack in Grosse Pointe Park. The family will receive relatives and friends at Grosse Pointe United Church, 240 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms, on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 1:30 p.m. until the funeral service at 2 p.m.

Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 Attn: Memorial Dept.



Robert Marowske

## Robert Marowske

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert Marowske, 75, died at his winter home in Florida on Monday, Jan.

12, 2004.

Mr. Marowske graduated from Denby High School in Detroit. In 1949, he founded Flame Furnace which became the largest heating and cooling contractor in southeast Michigan.

Mr. Marowske was the president of Historic Trinity, Inc. He was a member of Concordia University in Ann Arbor where he was on the President Board. He also served on the board of the Children's Home of Detroit, the Lutheran Church-Michigan District President's Advisory Council and the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

A past director of the Detroit Athletic Club and member since 1978, Mr. Marowske was also a member at one time of Detroit Golf Club, the Country Club of Detroit, the Grasslands Golf Club of Lakeland, Fla. and the Lone Palm Golf Club of Lakeland, Fla. He also belonged to the Hundred Club, the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Choir and was secretary of the Lutheran Luncheon Club.

Living by his quote, "It is better to give than receive," Mr. Marowske was a supporter of the Goodfellows, Friends of Vision, Lutheran High School Association, Lutheran School for the Deaf and Valparaiso University. For his hard work, effort and avid support, he achieved many awards: Lutheran Layman of the Year, National Heating and Cooling Contractor of the Year, Volunteer of the Week and an Honorary Degree from Concordia University.

He loved traveling with his wife, family and friends as well as Christmas and singing carols.

Mr. Marowske was an avid baseball fan holding season tickets for many years. He followed the 1968 Tigers to Lakeland, Fla. for spring training and made Lakeland a second home. The Olympia and Joe Louis arena saw Mr. Marowske in season-ticket seats for a number of years as well.

Mr. Marowske is survived by his wife, Corliss (Maienschein); son, Gary (Kathy Chuba); daughter Kyle (Joe) Clor; grandchildren, Kerrie and Troy Marowske and Trevor and Tyler Clor; sister, Betty (Arnold) Dahlke and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Roy. A memorial service was held at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Memorial contributions may be made to Historic Trinity, Inc. 1345 Gratiot,

Detroit, MI 48207, or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of Michigan.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.cremationmichigan.com](http://www.cremationmichigan.com).

## Sonia S. Pfeifle

Sonia S. Pfeifle, 68, died on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004 in Potoskey at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Born in Jackson on Nov. 7, 1935 to Ralph and Pauline Axtell, Mrs. Pfeifle attended Western Michigan University. She had many hobbies such as international travel and spending time with her grandchildren in Potoskey, Chicago and Wilmington, Del.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas; sons, Tom (Jean), John (Teresa) and Dan (Elizabeth); grandchildren Dan, Jennifer, Kate, Nicole, Tess, Virginia, Alexander and Maxwell; sisters Paula DeLoof and Marcia Phillips and brother George Axtell.

She was predeceased by her daughter Pennie and her parents.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Peters' funeral home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 30 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 21620 Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. 12 Mile, Bldg. A, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

## Lynne Murray Stockwell

Lynne Murray Stockwell, 46, died at her home in Franklin, Tenn. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004.

Born on March 13, 1957 in Grosse Pointe Woods to Gertrude and Edward Murray, Mrs. Stockwell graduated from Ohio State University in 1979.

She worked as an accountant at Aspect, Inc. in Franklin, Tenn.

A voracious Ohio State fan, Mrs. Stockwell became a spokeswoman for the Ohio State Alumni Association scholarship activities and was recently awarded the "Best Buckeye" award for her work with their scholarship and fund-raising efforts.

She had many hobbies such as playing the piano and watching football.

Mrs. Stockwell is survived by her husband Michael Stockwell; daughters Jennifer and Tara; her mother Gertrude Murray of Grosse Pointe Woods; sister Susan (Arthur) Brooks; brothers Patrick

(Carolyn) Murray; Michael (Catherine) Murray and Dennis (Julie) Murray. She was predeceased by her father Edward F. Murray.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Church of the Advent in Brentwood, Tenn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ohio State University Lynne Stockwell Memorial Fund #311-525, c/o OSU Development Office, 705 A Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43210.



Florence V. Teetaert

## Florence V. Teetaert

City of Grosse Pointe resident Florence V. Teetaert, 89, died on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004.

Born in Detroit on April 6, 1914, she graduated from Grosse Pointe High School as a member of the first graduating class.

Mrs. Teetaert was married to Andrew C. Teetaert, former Police Chief and Director of the Police and Fire Department, for 42 years. She found great happiness and fulfillment in her role as wife and mother. She took particular pride in her sons, Tom, assistant Principal of Grosse Pointe North High School and Jack, an attorney in Appleton, Wis. She was a role model to her daughters-in-law, Cheryl and Linda. She was known as "Mimi" to her six adored grandchildren. Generous to a fault, she never forgot a birthday. Her capacity to love was unparalleled. Her independent spirit was, and continues to be, an inspiration to her entire family. All who knew Mrs. Teetaert loved her.

Mrs. Teetaert was an inveterate traveler. Her extensive world travel satisfied her lifelong curiosity for people and places. She also had a strong commitment to community, having lived in the City of Grosse Pointe for 78 years. She served on the election board for 52 years and was officially recognized for her loyal service in 2002. She

worked at Best and Company for many years, making friends and developing her love of fashion. She enjoyed her work at Grosse Pointe High School where she worked as a school secretary.

Mrs. Teetaert was proud of her Belgium heritage and participated in the Belgium-American Club and the Belgium Retirees organization. She was famous for her Belgium Luerken cookies, distributing hundreds of them to family and friends every Christmas.

In addition to her sons and their wives, she is survived by her grandchildren Tracy, Todd, Torrey, Jessica, Lindsey and Christopher; brother Robert Marshall (Emilie) former Fire Chief of Grosse Pointe; her nieces and nephews, and friends Laura Lawler, Stella DeRonghe and travel companion, Helen Peleman.

She was predeceased by her husband, Andrew, her brother George and her grandson Benjamin John.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Saint Philomena Catholic Church. Interment is at Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Teetaert's name to the American Lung Association.

## Terry Kuhn Treiber

Terry Kuhn Treiber, 67, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2004 at her home in Naples, Fla.

Mrs. Treiber was born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Pointe. She attended Vassar College and graduated from the University of Michigan.

A hero to her children and all who knew her, Mrs. Treiber was especially noted for her social and philanthropic contributions. She was a member of the Junior League of Detroit, the League Club of Naples and the Greater Naples Leadership Organization; a board member of the Hearing and Speech Center of Detroit, the Junior Women's League of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Youth Haven of Naples. Additionally, she founded many charitable organizations in the 1970s and 1980s, two of which include the Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) and WJR's Call for Action in Detroit.

She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Berthold; and children B. Christian Treiber of Harbor Springs, Terry W. Treiber of Holly Springs, NC and Gretchen T. Girard of Denver.

Colo. and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Community Lutheran School, 777 Moorline Drive, Naples, FL 34109 or the American Cancer Society, 990 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Naples, FL 34102.

## Jean Laitner Williams

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jean Laitner Williams, 89, died on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004 at her home.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Williams was a graduate of the University of Michigan where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Williams; her children, Kathleen Stewart of New Canaan, Conn., Robert Williams of New York City and Jean Angier of Brookline, Mass.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were private.

## North CC earns honors

Stefan Cross, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School and member of the cross-country team, earned an honor at the Division 1 State Finals.

He earned Academic All-State Honors for his grade point average and his finish in the finals.

Cross was the only individual on the team to earn honors; however, the team also earned Academic All-State Honors for its combined grade points.

Joining Cross in receiving Academic All-State awards were David Watson, junior; Kevin Kwiatkowski, senior; and sophomores Barclay Smyly and Mike Pokladek.

Alan Davenport and Robbie Fisher were also State qualifiers, but freshmen cannot receive the award.

This is the second year in a row for the team All-State honor, and the first in three years that North had an individual qualifier.



## Park asks for block grants

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Once again, Grosse Pointe Park will likely be getting \$70,000 to investigate and repair its infrastructure in the lower end of the city.

The money will come from a Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) subject to full funding from Wayne County, which administers the grant money.

"We'll videotape the sewer lines for structural damage," said Chris Reimel, the Park's director of community development. "If small repairs are needed, we'll take care of them. If repairs aren't needed, we'll spend the money on catch basins, sidewalks and curbs."

This year's designated area is surrounded by Lakepointe and Wayburn on the east and west, and Kercheval and Jefferson on the north and south.

In the past two years, CDBG grants were used to investigative and relined sewers in the Lakepointe-Wayburn area between Charlevoix and Kercheval.

Reimel said infrastructure investigation and repair in that area is crucial since the ground isn't pipe-friendly in that area.

"There's a lot of corrosion and pipe separation," Reimel said.

The areas were designated for CDBG grants according to income and housing levels in those areas.

Matthew Tepper, the deputy director of Community Development Division of Wayne County, which oversees CDBG allocations for the county, was at the public hearing on the block grants at the Park city council's Monday, Jan. 12, meeting. He is also a Park resident and serves on the Park's Planning Commission.

"This is a great opportunity for the Park, and it's something unique," Tepper said. "It's a small area, and you're doing a great job from a county perspective."

The Park has done similar projects in other areas of the city, which have been paid out of the city's general fund.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 9, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. by the City Administration at the Municipal Office, 90 Kerby Road, for review of Community Development and Coordinations.

The following activities are proposed for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 (subject to full funding by H.U.D.).

PROJECT	AMOUNT	PROJECT AREA
Barrier Free Access	\$21,000	City Hall
Services for Older Citizens (SOC)	\$42,000	City Wide
Administration	\$ 7,000	
TOTAL	\$70,000	

The City invites its citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.

**Shane L. Reeside,**  
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## Budget cuts lessened but still a concern for district

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has seen a slight decrease in revenue cuts from the state, but the district still faces a squeeze which vexes its planning capability and jeopardizes valued programming.

In December, the district was going to face a cut of \$100 per pupil or \$896,000. This number was pared back in early January to \$84 per pupil or \$753,000.

Additionally, the district plans to have on reserve \$250,000 from fund equity, which could make the cuts as low as \$503,000.

Major cuts include \$88,000 for technology, \$100,000 for overtime, \$75,000 for supply accounts and \$305,000 for building/site projects.

These cuts are added to past cuts including \$2.4 million at the beginning of the 2003-04 school year and \$2.1 million from 2002-03.

School districts are financed by a hold-harmless millage, which is at 6.7 mills and is not adjusted for inflation, as well as homestead and non-homestead millage, which are at 6 mills and 18 mills, respectively.

Having tax constraints, the district has looked to alternative sources for revenue, such as the recently proposed sinking fund, which would raise \$2.8 million from a 1-mill levy each year for six years

for mid-range repairs. The \$64 million bond for major large capital projects is already in effect and is costing taxpayers 1.15 mills for 25 years.

Other sources of revenue include gifts and grants.

Parent Teacher Organizations and Booster Groups have given the schools some \$300,000, which is much appreciated by the district, superintendent Suzanne Klein said.

Klein said the state revenue cuts are hampering

the district's organizational abilities.

"It is difficult to plan in any kind of business without stable sources of funding," she said. "We don't know how much the state will give us."

A consequence of funding vulnerabilities is that programming is threatened. The district wants to promote a sphere of learning in which students can grow and thrive via activities.

"To be able to participate in a range of extracurricular

activities helps you learn to become a leader," Klein said. "As finances get more difficult, you know that it's directly impacting kids."

The district's main goal is to maintain the excellence of Grosse Pointe schools and to continue to make each school a place where students can learn and be productive.

"This is a district that prides itself as having a high quality education," Klein said.

## Summer programs allow North art instructor to create

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Students aren't the only ones who are producing imaginative pieces of art work at Grosse Pointe North High School. Art instructor Robert Thies immersed himself in art during two programs last summer creating a wide swath of portraits and designs.

"It's important to model to the kids that I am an artist," said Thies.

Thies attended a program called TICA or Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art in Chicago for a week in June. Sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago and the National Endowment for the Arts, the program hosted art teachers from around the country with a mission of helping them keep an open mind in their conception and teaching of art.



Thies engaged in welding, above, to create a modern style table with a triangle and half-oval shape.

Thies spent time painting in a studio and attending lectures and gallery tours from 8 a.m. in the morning to 8 p.m. at night.

A woman from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Rika Burnham, spent hours dissecting paintings for the program participants.

"That was one powerful experience," said Thies.

In July, Thies traveled to Minneapolis, MN, for a program called HATS or High School Art Teacher Summer Residency program. He was given a studio for a month and was guided by a Minneapolis College of Art and Design instructor, Holly Swift.

In his studio experiences, Thies painted many portraits of live models. In one of a woman, he painted her at three different angles to convey a sense of time and motion. Included in the portrait was a pear to connote themes of birth.

In another portrait of a man, he brushed canvas with black and blue colors and then selectively wiped color away to create the con-



Thies paints a picture of a woman from three different angles, above, to connote a sense of time and motion.



Thies' self portrait, above, used a variety of colors and light to achieve an expressive creation.



Thies stands with his instructor for the HATS program, Holly Swift.

tours of the man's face.

Thies painted his own portrait which used varying degrees of color and light achieving a realistic creation. An array of yellows and browns are used to paint his sandy brown hair. Thies' blue eyes are particularly expressive, giving off the sense of a pensive, introspective mood.

Thies also engaged in welding, in which he created a modern-looking table made up of a triangle and half-oval. The table is at his house.

The paintings Thies made are hanging in the Grosse Pointe Public School System's district office building on St. Clair.

Art is a way of creatively using the mind in Thies' opinion, and he likes to grapple with the challenges of expression with his many talented students.

"I like the fact that we solve problems, but it's not always the same problem; so it never gets old," he said. "It's a wonderful way to use the brain."


A teacher at North for five years, Thies looks forward to the spring art show in which he expects his students to perform in an imaginative fashion.

"I'm seeing a lot of growth in my students," he said.

To learn more about Robert Thies' summer travels, artwork and instruction, go to his web page at <http://staff.gpschools.org/thiesr>.

### North Band-O-Rama

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Specifications and bid forms will be available at a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 2:30 p.m., in the receiving room of Parcels Middle School, located at 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Sealed bids will be due **Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, at (313) 432-3082.

**Board of Education**  
Grosse Pointe Public School System  
Steven Matthews, Secretary

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Photo courtesy of Debbie Nelson

## Soaring spellers

Students in the fifth through eighth grades at St. Paul school shone in a Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Seventh and eighth graders won all four places, and fifth and sixth graders also performed wonderfully, garnering first, third and fourth place.

Back row from the left are Bridgid McCulloh, second place for seventh/eighth, Janice Kulik, first place for seventh/eighth, Kaitlyn Whitney, fourth place for seventh/eighth and Ben VanBerkum, fourth place for fifth/sixth.

In the front are Beth Ponkowski, third place for seventh/eighth, Tom McBrien, third place for fifth/sixth and Madeline McMahon, first place for fifth/sixth.

These winners will advance to the metro level of the Knights of Columbus spelling bee at the end of January.

"Some of the goals of the spelling bee are to raise school spirit (and see parents and the entire family involved in helping prepare for the competition," said Knights of Columbus Youth Director Paul Boehmer. "With their fathers being involved with the Knights organization and charity work, they should too."

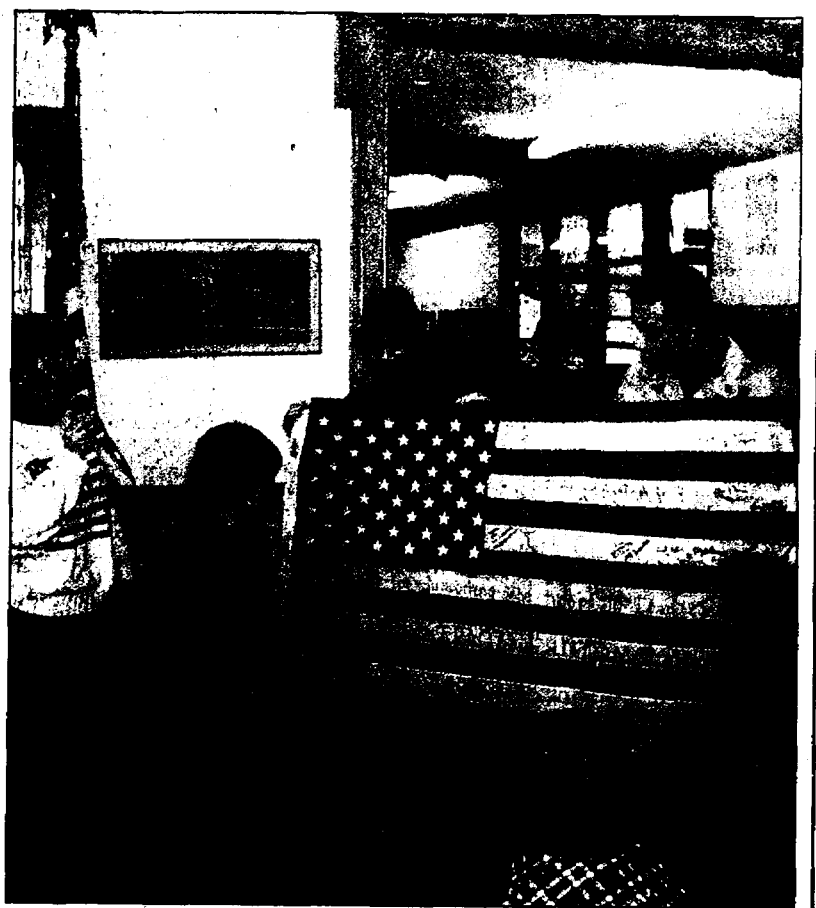


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

## An American Soldier's Thanks

Specialist Joseph Fields of the Fourth Infantry visited Monteith Elementary to thank the school for its support while his troop was fighting in Iraq.

The school engaged in a project called "No Soldier without a Christmas," in which they collected gifts and sent them to Field's troop in Iraq. As an emblem of his gratitude, Fields gave them an American flag signed by members of his troop.

The school broadcast the ceremony of Fields giving the flag to the school. From the left are Monteith principal Sandra Walby, Fields' cousin Trevor Joy, Wendy Joy, Fields and Rachel Joy.

"For the Fourth Infantry, we would like to thank the school for all the support you gave us," Fields said. "A lot of people had Christmas because of you."

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# University Liggett School

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## ULS middle school mini-courses broaden horizons

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Being "mini" does not always mean less. Just ask eighth-graders at University Liggett Middle School.

Students are participating in a series of mini-courses spanning areas from sports to etiquette to dance to helping the needy. Teachers devised the courses with the input of students as a way to fill up free study hall time in the school's block schedule. Last

year, faculty had students study current events during study hall time, but the teachers found this was redundant with social studies classes. So they got creative and developed with students novel paths of learning.

The courses run for five to six weeks, and there are six rotations. They run for either 38 or 76 minutes.

"It has taken off like wild fire," said Lynn Myavec, head of the middle school. "We've had seventh-graders

who say, 'We can't wait.' We have had eighth-graders who are sick and say they don't want to miss their mini-course."

There are currently seven mini-courses in total: volleyball, Boys on the Move, dance, etiquette and entertaining, rainbow children and lap blankets.

For volleyball, students practice drills and engage in scrimmages.

"It has been great," said Helen Slade, a physical education teacher and faculty adviser for volleyball. "They have approached it with the right attitude."

Boys on the Move involves stretching and physical activity. Mental activities like meditation and reflection are also practiced.

"It's a combination of physical and emotional health," said Myavec.

Dance is comprised of students practicing a variety of hip hop, lyrical and jazz routines. The students plan to perform what they have practiced in front of the school at an assembly.

"I feel very comfortable. People are cooperative," said Jeri Tocco, the student leader of the dance course.

"We get to exercise. It's fun moving to the music,"



Members of the mini-course on making lap blankets for seniors are pictured above with their creations. They are Marty Watson, Victoria Grams, Bridget Hillyer and Sydney McIlroy.

added Sabrina Roberts, a dance course member.

Party planning and manners are skills students learn in the etiquette and entertaining course.

Rainbow children and lap blanket making are both service-oriented courses, with students helping special needs children within the Grosse Pointe Public School System and knitting parcels of blankets for senior citizens respectively.

"It's relaxing. It's calm- ing," said Steven Cohal of ing leadership and we're seeing an increase in communication skills." "We're helping people who don't have things," said Katie Temrowski, another knitter. A unique facet of the mini-courses is they are largely student-run. Faculty merely oversee what goes on in the course. "They're taking good risks in terms of being responsible for planning and coordination," said Myavec of course leaders. "We're see-

Photos by Carrie Cunningham



Volleyball students are from the top left Monica Drettman, Luisa Myavec, Anna Zinkel, Cora Smith, Raleigh Dettlinger and Julia Brennan. Bottom from the left are Steven Saurbler, Stephanie Tancer, Anna Myavec, Leela Chandrasekar and Sam Mott.



Photo courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Academy

### Skilled bee winners

Sixth-grader Imani Mixon, left, was declared the winner of the Grosse Pointe Academy annual Middle School spelling bee on Friday, Jan. 9, after battling 10 rounds against 23 other bee finalists. The runner-up was seventh-grader Emma Brush, right. Moderator Bob Lapadot is pictured in the center.

Mixon will go on to compete in the area-wide spelling bee at Macomb Community College in Clinton Township in March. The winner of that bee will advance to the national bee finals in Washington, D.C., in May.

The Grosse Pointe Academy spelling bee is part of the Macomb Daily Spelling Bee. Students in fifth through eighth grade are eligible to participate. The top speller in each grade qualified for the school finals based on a written test.

## Middle School Science Teacher Competition

NEC Extreme Science invites all middle school science teachers to share their vision of the perfect classroom. Through NEC Perfect Classroom Competition, middle school science teachers can compete for monetary awards that will allow them to fulfill their vision of the perfect classroom or classroom experience. Three winners will be selected and announced during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2004 and awarded the following prizes to make their vision of the perfect classroom a reality.

The first place winner will receive \$5,000; the second-place winner will earn \$3,000, and the third-place winner will receive \$1,000.

Entries must be submitted in the form of a three-minute "video essay" on a VHS tape by Monday, Feb. 9. Additional contest guidelines and entry forms for middle

school science teachers are available online at [www.sciserv.org/necfoundation.asp](http://www.sciserv.org/necfoundation.asp).

NEC Extreme Science is comprised of two program components: NEC Give a Day, Make a Difference and NEC Perfect Classroom Competition. NEC Give a Day, Make a Difference brings together middle school students and teachers with America's award-winning scientists and engineers to commit a portion of their day to work one-on-one with a middle school class. NEC Perfect Classroom Competition invites middle school science teachers to compete for \$9,000 to make their vision of the perfect classroom a reality.

Winners will be selected and announced in conjunction with National Teacher Appreciation Week in May of 2004.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

#### HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for an HVAC improvement project at Pierce Middle School Auditorium.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., in the receiving room of Pierce Middle School, located at 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Sealed bids will be due **Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, at (313) 432-3082.

Board of Education  
Grosse Pointe Public School System  
Steven Matthews, Secretary

G.P.N.: 01/29/2004 & 02/05/2004

### Correction

In the Jan. 22 article, "St. Paul class exchanges with South Dakota School," the teacher of the third-grade class at St. Paul was misspelled. Her name is Betty Lalich. Also, while the Smithsonian Institution contributed material to the exchange, it is not the sponsor. The Box Project, a group dedicated to helping the rural poor, is the sponsor.

#### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

##### Notice of Availability of Library Board Trustee Positions

Three vacancies on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will exist as of June 30, 2004 at the end of the regular term of office of those trustees representing Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, and Grosse Pointe Park. Each position is for a four (4) year term (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2008). Applicants must reside in the represented municipality and be a registered voter.

Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office (313-343-2325), 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Library Board, no later than March 8, 2004, at 5:00 p.m.

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Library Board of Trustees  
10 Kercheval  
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## HW city council envisions a bright future

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

The City of Harper Woods is looking better and better every day.

At a special goal-setting session on Monday, Jan. 19, the Harper Woods City Council brainstormed ways to continue improving the city. Ideas ranged from enhancing the appearance of Kelly Road and making for a safer community to creating a Web site and adding more recreational opportunities.

The ideas flowed quickly from councilmembers as City Manager Jim Leidlein tried to keep up pace by scrawling a list on a large drawing board.

"We need to really be tough about keeping our community an attractive and safe place," said Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Constantino.

Safety seemed to be the biggest concern, across the board. Whether it was traffic safety, pedestrian safety or police presence, the council tried to find ways to improve the city's current situation. Mayor Ken Poynter also found it necessary to take

action to heighten the confidence of Harper Woods residents regarding crime.

One of these suggested efforts is to improve the aesthetics of Kelly. City administrators are in talks with businesses along Kelly for input on how best to do this. Plans are already underway to reconfigure parking, and further suggestions were made to increase lighting during night hours.

"If we're going to be doing some work on Kelly Road, we should think about putting in some lighting that is going to make it much brighter and a lot safer," said council member Vivian Sawicki. "That would be a good start to changing the perception about Kelly."

But Kelly wasn't the only area seen as needing safety improvements.

Council member Mike Monaghan suggested adding surveillance cameras to areas on Kelly as well as the local parks, while Sawicki added the necessity to purchase metal detectors for the courtroom.

Leidlein also added that it is necessary to upgrade the city's traffic signals, and steps are already underway to improve safety at pedestrian crossings.

trian crossings.

"It's our plan by spring to have every pedestrian crossing on Harper marked brighter, signed better, and to have all pedestrian bridges signed for pedestrians to stop and watch for traffic," Leidlein said. "(We want to create) a real sign presence for both pedestrians and vehicles to bring attention to those crossings."

Police presence is also a factor in increasing safety in the community. Constantino said she hoped the public safety department will tighten its reins.

"I know there's crime everywhere, but it seems that this year, everyone, especially (Harper Woods), has been hit pretty hard

**'We need to really be tough about keeping our community an attractive and safe place.'**

— Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Constantino

with break-ins, purse snatchings and car thefts," Constantino said. "I just think we need to step it up. I think we need to focus on what's going on. We have to be known as a tough place. If you do a crime in Harper Woods, you're going to jail."

Leidlein added that it is financially impossible to hire more police officers at this point. This gave way to a second area of concern in the city, which is finances.

"It's going to be awfully tough to meet our financial obligations for our existing budget and be able to maintain our services the way they are," Monaghan said.

Leidlein agreed and expressed his concern for the city's financial problem. He is in the process of preparing a report for the board to consider asking the community to override the Headlee Amendment.

"We need to seriously consider giving our residents the choice of overriding the Headlee Amendment and increasing the police presence in this city," he said.

In addition to safety and finance, council members saw it essential to offer better recreation opportunities in the community. Among

suggestions were redeveloping Salter Park.

"That park has been destroyed. We need to get it back in the shape it once was," said Monaghan.

Blacktopping the park was suggested for in-line and ice skating. But liability and cost were major issues.

Sawicki mentioned that although this is a common trend in cities all over the state, many were regretting the decision afterwards, citing injuries and supervision as the downfall.

Leidlein agreed. "Without supervision, kids are going to get hurt, and fights are going to break out," he said.

But council members agreed that something more is needed.

"I'm 100 percent in favor of the fact that our kids need to have something that they're going to be able to access," Sawicki said. "We need to make more things available."

Poynter and Constantino suggested adding a water playscape.

"They're popping up all over the place," Constantino said. "It's a lot of fun."

Renovating the city's underused Community Center was another idea.

"It's in really bad shape and only getting worse," Constantino said. "I think it is something we need to move on right away."

While only so much is available in Harper Woods, Sawicki suggested keeping the community aware of recreation opportunities elsewhere.

"If we could coordinate some sort of general information for residents about recreation activities in the area," she said. "We can't provide everything, but we can let them know what's available."

Sawicki also suggested adding a bus run out to Metro Beach once a week.

"That would be kind of a fun thing," she said.

While recreation was an important goal, Jim Leidlein is still dedicated to the idea of creating a Harper Woods Web site.

"Our goal is by June 1st, to have a Web site providing basic city services and contact information for each

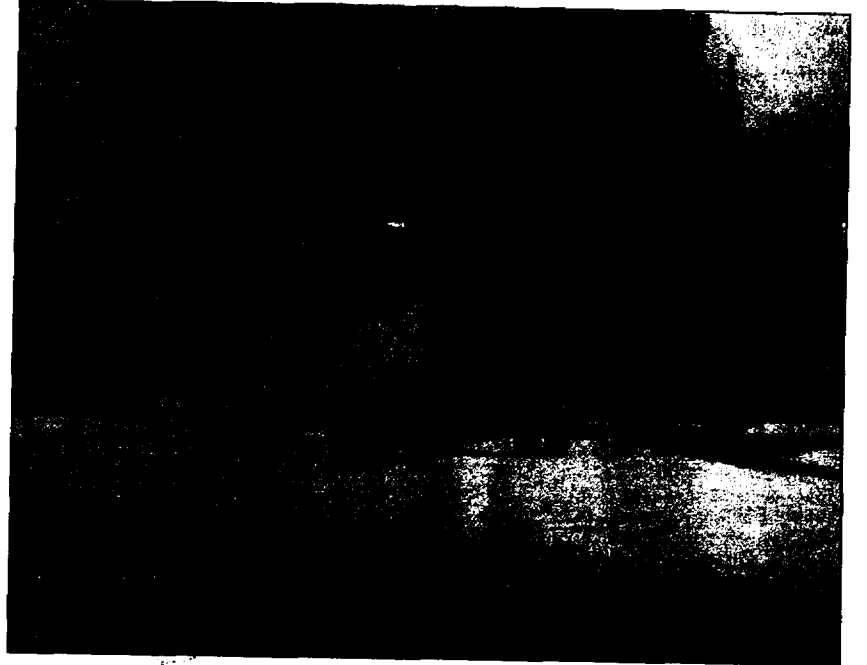


Photo by Jennie Miller

One of the Harper Woods City Council's goals for 2004 is to improve the aesthetics and safety of areas such as Kelly Road. Plans are underway to reconfigure the parking and it was suggested to utilize additional lighting to make the area more visible at night.

department," Leidlein said. "It has been a goal-setting item for the city council for the last two years. We're going to try to have it done this year."

Harper Woods property tax information is already available on-line at [www.ugotpal.com](http://www.ugotpal.com). The information can be accessed by typing in "Harper Woods" under the unit name, "paline" as the user name, and either a parcel number or street and address number. Eventually, this site will be linked to the city's Web site once it's up and running.

The wheels are spinning, and city administrators are concentrating on meeting each of their goals to better the community.

"We are working together for the good of Harper Woods," Poynter said.

### Magician returns to Regina

Misty Lee & Co.'s mesmerizing magic and illusions show will appear at Regina High School on Saturday, Jan. 31. This event will be a fundraiser for the Regina's drama department.

Detroit area theatre's "2002 Entertainer of the Year" and known as "America's Favorite Female Illusionist," Misty Lee has studied with the masters (Jeff McBride, Sigfried and Scorpio), and has received magical accolades across the country. Also performing in the show are Macomb County natives Shane Drury, Jamey Pittman and Tami Tabacchi.

The show, a magical mix of comedy, song and breathtaking illusions, was recently hailed by Wayne State University as "A spectacular production for all ages."

Misty Lee and Co. will be performing one show only at 7:30 p.m. General Admission tickets are \$8. Tickets are available through the Regina's drama department and by direct purchase through Regina High School drama students.

The auditorium is located at 20200 Kelly. For more information, please contact the Regina drama department or visit [www.mistylee.com](http://www.mistylee.com).



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### HW board/commission appointments

At its meeting on Monday, Jan. 19, the Harper Woods City Council announced 12 appointments to city boards and commissions.

Paula Lancaster was interviewed by the city council sub-committee and was appointed for a three-year position on the Harper Woods Planning Commission. Gregory Vargo and Mark Zink were both reappointed to the Planning Commission. Kathy Mattys and Rose Cardani were reappointed to the

Recreation Advisory Board. Ronald Jachim was reappointed to the Library Board.

Mary Paglia was interviewed and appointed to the Election Commission while Kathi Sherrill was reappointed. Mayor Ken Poynter and John Szymanski were reappointed to the Brownfield Authority. Richard Pesegna was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Carol Koeplin was reappointed to the Board of Review.

### Open house at St. Peter the Apostle

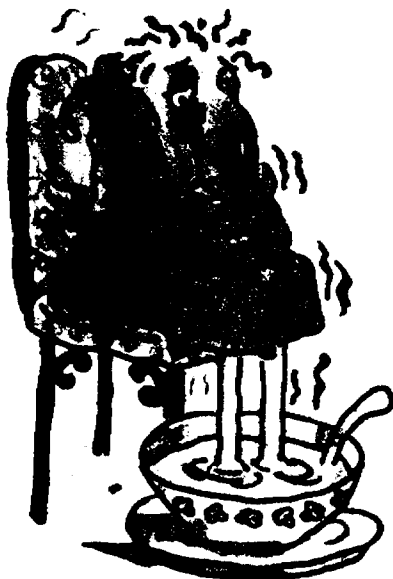
St. Peter the Apostle Montessori School in Harper Woods is holding an open house for preschool and kindergarten on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Peter features a nurturing atmosphere and a caring staff and provides a prepared learning environment which promotes independence and responsibility among its students.

The school is located at 19801 Vernier, across from Eastland Village Apartments. For more information, call (313) 885-8062.

### HW library seeks volunteers

The Harper Woods Public Library is seeking volunteers to work in the history room. For more information, call (313) 343-2575.



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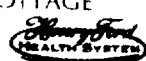
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# School board honored by staff and students

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

In honor of national school board recognition month, Harper Woods Board of Education was honored last week with special presentations from students and staff at Tyrone and Beacon elementary schools and Harper Woods secondary school.

Nancy Ozimek, Beacon's principal, thanked the board for its "commitment to education and the community and for doing what's best for the children of Harper Woods."

She went on to applaud the board for having the courage to do what is right in a time that is plagued with shrinking resources and an increase in demand.

Seven of Ozimek's third-graders were on hand to display their knowledge and thank the board members. Amel Hines, Alexis Ishmael, Lauren Hines, Blake Paluch, Corvontae Hayes, Alondra Ash and Jamie Baranek displayed their mathematics skills and awarded the board with a pen and pad of paper that read "I make a difference."

Carol Vanderlinden, Tyrone's principal, spoke of her appreciation for the great amount of support given by the board. She

stressed that the next couple of years would prove to be crucial times to work together with the staff, the community and the school board.

"There are some tough times ahead of us," she said. Tyrone students Kelsey Campo, Dylan Boslooper, Erica Atkinson and Courtney Peters joined the meeting to read a poem written in recognition of the school board:

*"We thank you for all your hard work and time,*

*For constantly putting the kids first and the rest behind.*

*We know coming week after week can get old,*

*And that being a board member is a heavy load.*

*So if the pressure begins to get too much,*

*And you no longer feel you have a crutch*

*To stand on when the times get tough,*

*And you firmly believe you've had enough,*

*Then pull out this book we give tonight.*

*Here's 252 reasons to continue the fight!*

*Thank you for all you say and do.*

*To the Harper Woods Board, from us to you!"*

The students presented each of the board members with a spiral-bound book. Each class had written reasons why the Harper Woods school board was special to them.

The board was also honored with special gifts from Jelane Meehan's art class at the secondary school. Students Stephanie Sablowski, Stacy Schulz, Jude Galbo, Maggie Hammond, Lisa Lopacki, Becky Dennis, Melissa Stumpo, Andrea Cawley, Doyle Beard and Donielle Vaughn created framed works of art for each of the members of the school board.

The pieces were unveiled at the meeting, with mediums such as acrylic, oil and tempera paint, ink, pencils, sand, watercolor, collage material, chalk and charcoal.

The pieces were done to show the students' gratitude for the school board's support of the art program, Meehan said.

"Our students are really lucky," she told the board.

The pieces will be displayed at the Art in the Woods art fest April 24-25.



Photo by Jennie Miller  
Beacon Elementary School's third-grade teacher Sue Harris stands with Amel Hines, Alexis Ishmael, Lauren Hines, Blake Paluch, Corvontae Hayes, Alondra Ash and Jamie Baranek. These students attended last Tuesday's school board meeting to thank the officers and trustees for their dedication to the district's education.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### Small bombs found at high school

Explosions were reported at a high school in the 20200 block of Beaconsfield on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 8:10 a.m., and on Monday, Jan. 26, at 8:15 a.m.

The first incident occurred in the boy's bathroom. Two witnesses heard a loud explosion and entered the bathroom to investigate. A clear, plastic bottle was found on the ground in the last stall, with a clear, bubbling substance emerging from the bottle. The room was sealed until the Harper Woods police and fire department arrived.

The fire department ascertained the risk of the chemical and determined that it was not poisonous. The oxygen level of the room was tested, and it was determined to be a safe environment. The bottle, and the bubbling substance, were taken by police as evidence.

A report of a similar explosion occurred on Monday in the doorway of the school's technology lab. Again, police were called to the scene.

The two incidents are under investigation by the Harper Woods detective bureau. No one was injured, and no damage resulted from either incident.

A Crime Stoppers Alliance hotline is available for anyone with information regarding either of these incidents. The caller may remain anonymous and is eligible for a cash reward. Call (800) SPEAK UP (773-2587).

### Juvenile car thief nabbed

Harper Woods officers apprehended one of five juvenile subjects who were observed fleeing a freshly stolen car on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 2:52 p.m.

The subjects fled on foot southbound on Kelly. One, a

juvenile black male of Detroit, was apprehended on the 16200 block of Lappin in Detroit. He was handcuffed and taken to the Harper Woods Police Department pending pickup by his mother.

The car, a dark gray 1993 Chrysler Concorde, was recovered in the parking lot on Kelly near Roscommon. The driver's side door lock and ignition were punched. A wooden handle sledge hammer was recovered from the back seat.

### Car theft prevented

A foot chase ended in the arrest of a 15-year-old black male of Eastpointe, who had attempted to steal a car from a parking lot in the 18000 block of Vernier.

Harper Woods police were dispatched to the lot after receiving a report of a subject attempting to steal a car. The report came from a security guard who observed via surveillance camera the subject checking several cars in the lot before entering a 1990 white Dodge.

Upon arrival of the police, the subject began running north from the scene, across Vernier and northbound across Eight Mile. He was apprehended in the 18000 block of Collingham.

During the chase, an officer had observed the subject throwing an object into the snow. Upon further investigation, the officers discovered a Craftsman 1/4 inch screwdriver. Damage to the Dodge's ignition lock was also discovered.

Photos were taken of the damage, and the screwdriver and surveillance videotape were tagged and stored as evidence.

### Purse snatching

A Detroit woman's checkered Gucci purse was snatched from her grasp as she walked into a drugstore on Kelly on Monday, Jan. 19, at 4 p.m.

Three black males in their early 20s were described by the victim's sister as the culprits. After the theft, one of the subjects jumped into the passenger side sliding door of a gray minivan, which then drove northbound on Kelly.

### Attempted car theft

A 1990 red Dodge Shadow was nearly stolen on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 5:48 p.m. A 75-year-old Detroit resident was shopping in the 18000 block of Vernier, and upon returning to her vehicle, discovered the vehicle's ignition system had been tampered with. Parts of the ignition were found on the driver's side floor and on the passenger side front seat.

### Car chase ends at local high school

Harper Woods police aided the capture of two subjects wanted on home invasion charges and possible additional charges of armed robbery on Monday, Jan. 26, at 8:51 a.m.

Police received a report of Eastpointe Police Department and Detroit Police Department pursuing a vehicle on St. Fair approaching Kelly. The driver lost control of the vehicle on Kelly and ended up on the property of a local high school. The driver was captured; the passenger ran but was captured on school property.

Harper Woods officers were not involved in the chase. The situation was handled by the Detroit Police Department.

### Damage reported

A 25-year-old Harper Woods man stopped by the police station last week to report damage to his 2001 black Jeep. On Monday, Jan. 19, the man, a resident of the 19600 block of Woodside, discovered the vehicle's driver's side door lock was damaged. Nothing was missing, and the victim did not hear or see anything unusual.

### Car theft and recovery

A 1993 green Dodge Dynasty was reported missing and later recovered in a parking lot of the 18000 block of Vernier.

A 45-year-old Detroit resident approached Harper Woods police officers who were on the scene investigating a separate report. She reported her vehicle was missing.

Two juvenile black males were named as suspects after viewing surveillance cameras. The car was later discovered with damage to the ignition and truck lock.

## Mom-to-mom sale at high school

The Beacon Elementary School parent organization is hosting a "Mom-to-mom Sale" on Saturday, March 27, at Harper Woods High School.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Also available for purchase will be food, baked goods, Beacon Family Cookbooks and FoodDoodler markers.

Tables are available to rent for \$15 if reserved by March 13; after that they are \$18. Rack space is \$3. Ten percent of the selling price on big ticket items goes to

the organization.

For an application, visit the Web site, [www.mom2momlist.com](http://www.mom2momlist.com) or call Denise (313) 882-3297 or Sandy (313) 884-5601. Applications are also available at Beacon Elementary School.

A mom to mom sale is the coming together of moms with items they wish to sell to other moms such as children's clothing, maternity clothing, toys, books and games. Also available are big ticket items such as high chairs, cribs, strollers and large toys.

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 19, 2004

The regular City Council meeting was called in order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except Council members Daniel S. Palmer and John M. Szymanski.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- To excuse Council members Daniel S. Palmer and John M. Szymanski from tonight's meeting because of prior commitments.
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 5, 2004.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 69454 through 69553 in the amount of \$653,936.72 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. 2) Accept the low bid submitted by Achs Metal Products, Inc. in the amount of \$7,885.00 for the outfitting of the new GMC Van. 3) Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2004. 4) Approve the appointments to the various boards and commissions as shown on the memorandum from the City Clerk.

Kenneth A. Poynter,  
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,  
City Clerk.



## Compete-

From page 15A

of marketing from Michelin Automotive Industry Division.

"The opportunity is still out there for someone to create the first Chinese automotive icon."

Chubb said many of the vehicles on the road today in China were products of manufacturer design studios in other countries. "There is now a major shift under way to bring forward designs specifically for China," he said.

"The work that we received from China and around the world reflects the state of that design shift."

Chubb said design for China is sophisticated, technically advanced and far more global than people expected. "Our judges were surprised and impressed by the quality and breadth of design presented."

John Grimaldi, president, Passenger and Light Truck Original Equipment Tires

Worldwide for Michelin Group, said: "China's automotive market is rapidly growing, with an increasing percentage of its population owning automobiles. China has a unique opportunity to leapfrog traditional technology and map out an automotive industry and roadway infrastructure that is environmentally sensitive, consumer-friendly and technically advanced. It is a perfect choice for Michelin Challenge Design event."

The world's premier clean vehicle event, Challenge Bibendum, will debut in 2004 in Shanghai, China. Organized by Michelin, the event promotes progress in the development of environmentally friendly vehicles and is an increasingly popular platform for car manufacturers to demonstrate state-of-the-art technologies in this field.

The sixth in a series that first began in 1998 in France and which has since alternated between Europe and the United States, Challenge Bibendum's Asian Debut will take place Tuesday, Oct. 12, through

Thursday, Oct. 14, in Shanghai, immediately after the inaugural Formula 1 race that will also take place there.

"Challenge Bibendum makes a significant contribution to the development of sustainable road mobility in China by showcasing the available range of clean vehicle technologies and their potential for the future," said Eric Jugier, chairman of Michelin China.

"Challenge Bibendum 2004 in Shanghai is truly a unique, one-of-a-kind opportunity for manufacturers, technology developers, energy providers and researchers to demonstrate the driving performance, comfort and safety of advanced technologies such as electric, fuel cell, hybrid, gasoline, biofuel, diesel, hydrogen, natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas," Jugier added.

The 2005 Michelin Challenge Design at NAIAS will display vehicles and designs influenced by German design.

## Luxury sedan gives more for the money

By Greg Zyla

The improved 2004 Hyundai XG350L is a four-door luxury sedan that gives more for the money. The last time we drove an XG model, in 2002, we hoped that Hyundai would improve the lackluster performance of its V-6 engine. Well, the Korean automaker has come through with a more powerful 3.5-liter V-6.



2004 Hyundai XG350

The XG350 is Hyundai's large car, built with luxury in mind for way less than the competition. Instead of \$40,000 sticker prices, the upscale "L" XG350 we drove cost \$26,000 fully loaded, and with a \$1,500 dealer incentive and perhaps other discounts, the XG350 can be driven home for \$23,000 or less. A well-equipped base XG350 goes for only \$24,589 retail (including \$590 for destination), so regardless of choice, you'll feel you haven't spent too much for your personal luxury vehicle.

Up front, we'll also touch on Hyundai's great 10-year, 100,000 mile powertrain warranty and five-year, 60,000 mile overall warranty, which is one of the best in the business.

Inside, an elegant dashboard features a luxurious wood-like finish. All the controls are sensibly positioned and easy to read and operate. At night, everything is backlit in a soft greenish hue, making for just the right aura. The front bucket seats are wider than most, yet still keep the body planted in sharp curves. The rear seat is also comfortable and offers excellent room, while a center armrest includes cup holders for the rear passengers — a nice touch. As for the stereo, our younger

passengers made sure to test it in every manner, and it got good grades.

The 3.5-liter DOHC V-6 is the only engine available. With 194 horsepower and 210 pound-feet of torque, it offers excellent acceleration and smooth performance in all rpm ranges. We especially liked the low-end torque. A well-built five-speed automatic transmission transfers the power, and gear selection is both fully automatic or, if desired, manual via a Shiftronic gate. Be it passing, merging or just cruising a country road, this engine is much better than previous models.

As for the handling and ride, you'll be surprised how well Hyundai has done its homework. The ride is both comfortable and able to offer up some serious road handling fun, leaving behind notions of luxury only. Our tester came with standard

16-inch Michelin tires, which ably planted the front-drive XG350. The suspension is a combination of double — wishbone coil in front and multi-links in the rear, with stabilizer bars to help cornering. We liked the feedback from the steering wheel, with no play or "too soft" feelings. The standard

four-wheel disc anti-lock brakes worked fine, as the XG350 stops quickly and in a straight line.

Highlights include all the powers, lots of leather, cruise control, air conditioning, alloy wheels, AM/FM CD/cassette with six speakers, front side-impact air bags, power driver and passenger seats, and heated exterior power mirrors. If you opt for the "L" model, you'll also receive rear-seat reading lamps, auto-dimming rearview mirror, memory function for the driver's seat and a power moonroof.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 108.3 inches, EPA numbers of 17 mpg city and 26 mpg highway, 14.5 cubic-feet of trunk space, 3,651 pound curb weight and an 18.5 gallon fuel tank.

Overall, we give the Hyundai XG350 an eight on a scale of 10, even though we agree many other makes, both foreign and domestic, far surpass Hyundai in luxury-car building. However, for those consumers who like to enjoy luxury in a more economical way, the XG350 is a smart buy.


— King Features Syndicate



Among 11 scale models on display at the Michelin Challenge Design was this Aspire, designed by Li Yi of China.

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## Chinese automotive market emerging to compete

The emergence of a Chinese automotive market is an interesting phenomenon and appears to be quite different and much more Western in its nature than the auto industry in the other major Communist nation in the past century, the Soviet Union.

China, which under earlier Communist governments disdained the Soviet Union's Russian-style approach as not pure enough, seems to be developing some surprisingly capitalist aspects.

General Motors and Ford have agreements to build cars in China and a surprisingly sophisticated Chinese automotive design sector is taking shape.

While Russian automotive design often seemed to be total copying of Western designs — for example, the ZIS limousine used by Josef Stalin was a much heavier copy of a pre-war Packard — Chinese design directions are more diverse and seem to represent a freer approach.



If the concept cars, models and renderings on display at the Michelin Challenge Design display at this year's North American International Auto Show are an indication, the emerging Chinese auto market will rival the French in its fanciful styling and variety of designs.

Designs for the emerging Chinese market was the theme of the 2004 Michelin Challenge Design. A record number of designers from around the world submitted entries, presenting a wide array of vehicle sizes, shapes and concepts.

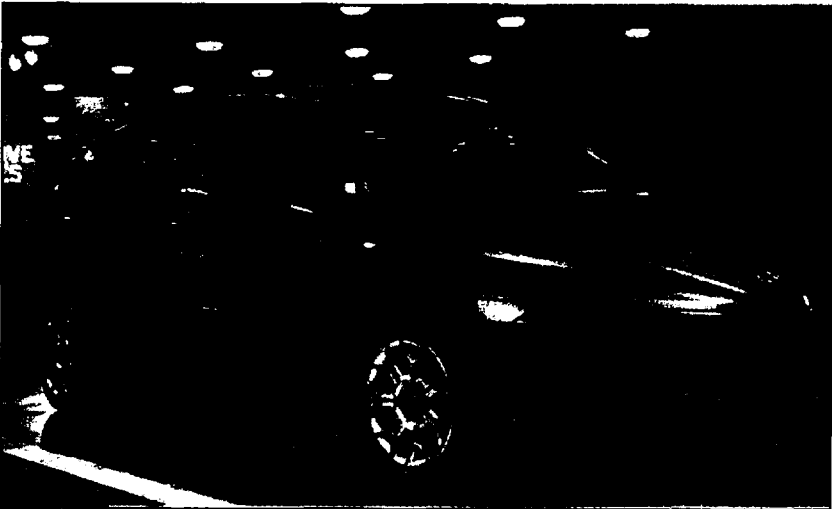
A jury of top international designers reviewed 103 entries from 27 countries and selected two full-size concept vehicles — the Viexun, designed by the Italian I.D.E.A. Institute and the Kumpeng, designed in China by PATAAC — 11 scale models and 28 renderings for display at the NAIAS.

"China is such a potentially large and diverse market that it presents a tremendous opportunity for design and designers," said Tom Chubb, vice president

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Among models at the Michelin Challenge Design display was this car called simply "00," designed by Li WeiNa of China.




One of two cars actually built for the Michelin Challenge Design was the Viexun, entered by the Idea Institute of Italy.



The other vehicle selected to be built as full-size models was the Kumpeng designed in China by PATAAC.

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# Celebrate the year of the 'stinking rose'

Brrr. It's cold outside and a great time to make that pot of soup or other recipe, especially one that will warm the cockles. As is the case for much of the world, garlic is one of my favorite seasoners. And in 2004, garlic, *Allium stivum*, is Herb of the Year as named by the Herb Society of America.

Used to enhance the flavor in recipes around the globe, garlic shows off its medicinal purposes in folk medicine and in mainstream medications as well. Its antibacterial, antifungal, blood pressure-regulating, cholesterol-lowering, and circulation-enhancing properties become well-known to everyone who reads about or uses it.

According to Mark Blumenthal of the American Botanical Council, evidence shows that garlic stimulates the immune system and may be useful in prevention of some stomach and intestinal cancers.

Part of the reason garlic is such a versatile ingredient is its incredibly complex chemistry which is still not well-understood by food scientists. Chopping vs. slicing, roasting vs. frying vs. boiling, all bring out wondrously different flavors.

Last week the Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America held its annual dinner meeting. Always delicious, as you can well imagine with a group of gardeners who grow and use herbs, the dinner's theme was built around garlic as Herb of the Year.

Each member of the society chooses a "signature" herb to learn about and share with the group. Patricia Cardello of Grosse Pointe Shores chose *Allium sativum* when she first joined the Society and re-shared its story at the dinner.

## Down to Earth

By Kathleen Peabody

### What's going on?

The Detroit Garden Center continues its Winter Gardening series from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 31, with "Walls for the Outdoor Room," and 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 7, with "Designing the Outdoor Room." Both are held at Historic Trinity Church in Detroit. Call (313) 259-6363 to

### About garlic

Cultivated garlic is a member of the lily family. It is divided into two subspecies: ophioscorodon (hardneck or topset garlic) and sativum (softneck or artichoke garlic). The former produces elongated flower stalks (technically called scapes) and bulbils at the top of the stalk. Softneck garlic does not produce bulbils, except in times of stress.

It invests its energy instead into the production of larger bulbs and more cloves per bulb. While both bulbils and underground cloves can be replanted, bulbils will take up to two seasons to produce mature bulbs and will require special care because the young plants are very small.

Fall planting is recommended in all parts of the United States. Most garlic in our country is grown in California where fans of the herb call themselves "lovers of the stinking rose."

You may have heard of the Garlic Festival in Gilroy, Calif. However, due to its increased use, some

new seed possibilities have made it easier to grow in our locale.

Garlic is day-length sensitive and will bulb in specific areas according to the sun, often near the summer solstice. In our location, plant in October before the ground freezes. This gives the plant time to make good root development but not enough time to make leaf growth. Where winters are milder, garlic can be planted from November through January.

### How to plant

Garlic is propagated vegetatively from the cloves in each bulb. The size of both the clove and the bulb is an important consideration when selecting your plant. Grade your garlic for size and quality. Discard anything that is diseased, small, soft, damaged, or discolored. This is time-consuming, but important.

Susan Belsinger, author of "The Garlic Cookbook," explains that she peels the papery skins outside in her garden, breaks the bulbs apart with the heels of her hands to separate the cloves, and plants each clove by hand. If improperly planted, the garlic will grow, but its growth is stunted and disfigured. Bulbs should be planted with the pointed side up about 1- to 2-inches deep in our location.

Garlic loves mulch. Mulch will help improve winter survival, suppress weeds, conserve soil moisture, and prevent soil erosion. It will also increase yields by keeping the soil cooler. Garlic quits growing when the soil temperature reaches above 90 degrees.

Mulch garlic with clean straw or other organic material immediately after planting. The garlic will have no trouble pushing through an inch or more of mulch.

Garlic is often planted in raised beds for ease of digging, good soil drainage and reduction of soil compaction.

Some varieties, of nearly

300, to try are German Extra-Hardy, Russian Red, Inchelium Red, or Early Italian.

### Harvesting your garlic

In spring, the grass-green sprouts show their beautiful colors. When these sprouts are 10- to 12-inches tall, they are called green garlic. Considered a delicacy to garlic-growers, green garlic is not available in stores, and some people eat it three times a day for the week they are available. Now, that's a garlic lover!

Use them raw in salads, pound with a mortar and pestle to make a green garlic mayonnaise, or saute in a little olive oil. My mouth is watering.

When the first garlic greens start to brown and fall over, Belsinger fertilizes her crop. She digs up her crop, in Zone 7, nine months after planting, around the first of July. She suggests harvesting when there will be some days without rain. Once dug, place in partial shade and brush the soil from bulbs and roots.

In our location, harvesting may take place a little

later in July or early August.

Curing generally takes two weeks of dry weather to store the bulbs safely. A shady location is best, and go under cover if the rains threaten.

Store bulbs in a cool dry place with air circulation. Do not store in the refrigerator as it creates dampness and mold.

There are a wide variety of books on garlic and typing the words "growing garlic" or "growing organic garlic" show some good sites on the Internet. Check out the University of Minnesota Extension Service online at [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu) for a comprehensive look at growing garlic in colder climates.

Well, I'm off to prepare something with garlic for dinner. Let's see... will it be roasted root vegetables, Balsamic chicken? So many choices, so little time.

Kathleen Peabody is a Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## Something super for a bowl bash

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1/2 teaspoon salt  
Pinch of white pepper  
Pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)  
1/4 cup chopped scallions plus more for garnish  
1 lb. quality crab meat

Preheat oven to 375

degrees. Place the cream cheese in a mixing bowl and beat until smooth. Blend in the horseradish, milk, salt and pepper(s). Stir in the scallions, followed by the crab meat. Turn the mixture into a shallow pie plate that has been coated with nonstick spray.

Sprinkle with additional chopped scallions and bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes.

Remove from oven and allow to cool for about 10 minutes before serving with crackers or sliced

## À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouieau-Scherff



baguette. Forget the chips, subs and cocktail weenies. Take something new to the super bowl party you attend this Sunday. This rich and creamy version of crab dip is a winner. Thanks Bunny.

# pointe counter points by kathleen stevenson

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## Local thespians play orphans in 'Annie'

By Mimi Drennan  
Special Writer

"Tomorrow" is just a dream away for several young actresses from the Grosse Pointe area who gingerly scampered through their roles as orphans in the Grosse Pointe Theatre (GPT) production of "Annie."

They have been chosen to appear again as orphans in the national touring company presentation of the show from Tuesday, Feb. 10 through Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Masonic Temple Theatre.

Acting in the Grosse Pointe Theatre performance in November 2003, each of the talented group: Danielle Muawad, Kerry Banish, and Emma Hintzen, appeared as the singing/dancing waifs; and Emma Kruse played the adorable "Annie."

They have all been cast as orphans in the road company production, as has St. Clair Shores resident, Heather Garey, who did not appear in the GPT staging.

"We're very proud of our young actresses," said Emmajean Evans, who was makeup co-chair for the GPT production. "They're all so very talented and they were just wonderful in the show."

Arlene Schoenherr, the director of the local production of "Annie," has been a GPT member for over 30 years and has appeared in several productions, two of which, "Apple Tree" and "Flower Drum Song" are well remembered.

When not busily involved on stage or behind the

scenes with the Grosse Pointe Theatre, Schoenherr directs theatrical performances at Bishop Foley High School, where she also teaches math. She is now preparing to go into production with the Broadway hit, "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying."

"'Annie' is one of my all-time favorite musicals," Schoenherr said. "And our production here was so much fun! We couldn't have had a better cast and crew. These gals, my orphans, did such a great

job; they have so much talent and take direction really well. I know they'll be the stars of the touring company's show."

And stars they are. Danielle Muawad, a student at Ferry School in Grosse Pointe, is a tap and toe dancer who, at the age of 10, thinks her future career plans center around being an actress. "I love to sing and dance," she said. "It would be fun to be on the stage or in movies."

Emma Hintzen, who is the smallest of the group and only 8 years old, goes to

Defer Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park. When asked if she wanted to be an actress, singer or dancer when she was older, she didn't hesitate to say, "No, I'd rather be a school-teacher."

Kerry Banish has been singing and dancing since fourth grade when she appeared in "Hansel and Gretel." At age 13, she loves the spotlight and would like to be a stage and screen actress "when I'm a bit older," she said, with a sparkle in her voice. She is a student at Jane Adams

Middle School in Royal Oak.

Emma Kruse, 11, attends St. Thomas Lutheran School in Eastpointe and was a charming, happy-go-lucky "Annie" in the Grosse Pointe Theatre production. She also has aspirations of becoming a popular actress and singer, but "I also want to be a sign language interpreter," she said. "I know a lot of the signs already."

Heather Garey is 11, but she's already a veteran performer in the world of show business. She's a figure skater who has won five gold medals.

Adding a little history to her talent, she said, "Oh, I've been singing since I was 3 years old." She is also a jazz, tap and ballet dancer, has sung the national anthem for community events, and in 2002 was awarded the title of Little Miss St. Clair Shores.

Now attending Jefferson Middle School, her dream is to one day be a member in the soap opera cast of "Days of Our Lives" and from there, continue her career as an actress.

Even though the girls know every note, every word, and every dance movement of the score, a week of rehearsals for the road company of "Annie" will take place the first

week of February at the Masonic Theater. After that the sky is the limit.

When "Annie" opens at the Masonic on Tuesday, Feb. 10, these young ladies, with their adorable smiles, their talented voices and dance routines, and their whimsical ways will take their place, just as so many famous performers have before them, as troupers in the parade of coveted stardom.

Taking its first bow in 1948 with the premiere performance of "Clarence," in a local high school, the Grosse Pointe Theatre began staging productions in 1962 in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Actually, the presentation of all GPT productions comes to life in the remarkable turn-of-the-century house at 315 Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe. The completely refurbished structure includes sizable rehearsal and meeting rooms, a fully equipped scenery workshop, costume area, prop storage and kitchen space.

It is here that GPT volunteers can be seen adding the important finishing touches to one of the many productions, workshops, social or charitable events that the group plans each season.

The GPT production of "The Miracle Worker," is scheduled for Feb. 29, March 3-7 and March 11-13. For additional information and reservations, contact the Grosse Pointe Theatre ticket office at (313) 881-4004.

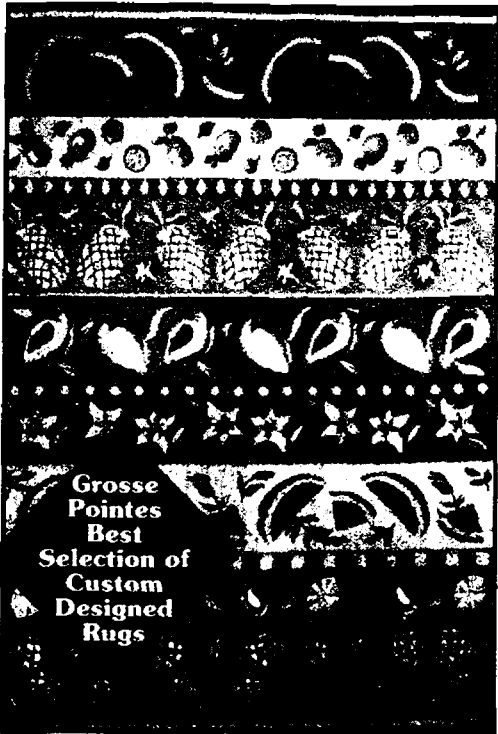


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Local girls who will appear in the Detroit production of "Annie" include, from left, Emma Hintzen, Emma Kruse, Danielle Muawad, Heather Garey and Kerry Banish. Arlene Schoenherr, second from right, joins the girls in a chorus of "It's a Hard Knock Life."

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### Wintry days

**By The Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr.**  
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The first two months of the new calendar year are usually very wintry times. Icy, snowing, freezing, frozen, frosty, cold, frigid, chilly, chilling, piercing, cutting, glacial, hyperborean, arctic, nippy are only some of the entries under "wintry" in my Oxford Dictionary.

This is the time for the church's Epiphany season with the stars and light of Jan. 6, Candlemas of Feb. 2, and the Confession of St. Peter (Jan. 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25) in between. It's all about the light and warmth of faith in, with and among us because of the original gift of Christmas.

"Hail, heavenly beam, brightest of angels thou  
Thou art the true refulgence of the sun,  
Radiant above the stars, and from thyself  
Illumines for ever all the tides of time," wrote the late eighth century Anglo-Saxon Cynewulf And Alice Meynell (1847-1922) acknowledges "New every year, new born and newly dear,  
He comes with tidings and a song,  
The ages long, the ages long  
Even as the cold  
Keen winter grows not old."

Sidney Godolphin lived only 33 years in the early 17th century. He compared the Magi to the shepherds and concludes that knowledge and expertise must take their proper place alongside wonder, love and other virtues.

"Blessed were the wise men in their skill,  
And shepherds in their harmless will...  
Though wise men better know the way,  
It seems no honest heart can stray...  
Wise men, all ways of knowledge passed,  
To the shepherds' wonder come at last.  
To know can only wonder breed,  
And not to know is wonder's seed...  
Then, though we do not know, we love."

These wintry days, hyperborean, bring — in ancient Greek myth — a land of sunshine, plenty warmth and piercing fire. So, while we anticipate the Day of Ash not far ahead, we embrace the Candlemas image of Mary, according to primitive American Mother and Child, bearing the bright flame of the Christ child surrounded by the darkness of a fallen creation which he comes to enlighten and brighten. Poeticizes Charles Causley of the 20th century thus: "Holding in clear hands the world's true light  
She lifts its perfect flame against the night."

During these wintry days and nights bright light warms and burns into sight. Let it shine!



### Voices represent three generations

Three generations of one family share their musical talent in the choirs of St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. From left, are Sally Paige, grandmother, who sings in the St. Paul Choir; granddaughters Halley and Hannah Meier, who sing in the Angels of the Lord, the St. Paul Children's Choir; and Tammy Meier, the twins' mother, who sings in the St. Paul Voices of Joy.

All four family members sing together in the St. Paul Festival Choir, directed by organist and music director Lawrence R. Przybyz.

### Jefferson Avenue Church presents free organ concert

Peter Richard Conte, grand court organist of the Wanamaker organ in Lord & Taylor in Philadelphia, will present a free concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson in Detroit.

Conte's recital is the third of the church's free music series. Conte performs twice daily, six days a week on the six-manual 29,000 pipe organ in Philadelphia and has been featured on National Public Radio and ABC's "Good Morning America."

A reception will follow the program. The final program in the 2003-04 series will be held on Sunday, May 16. Featured will be the Motor City Brass Band and organist Stephen Warner.

For more information, call the church at (313) 822-3456.

### Lay Theological Academy class will discuss families

The Lay Theological Academy will present "Seven Habits of Highly Successful Families" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The presenter will be Jaci Brown, principal of All Saints School in Canton. Brown applies author Steven Covey's principles ("Seven Habits of Highly Successful Persons") to families. She has served as director of the Office of Religious Education/Catechetics for the Archdiocese of Detroit and director of the Hospice of Eastern Michigan.

The fee is \$5. For those who would like to attend the dinner at 6 p.m., call (313) 885-4841. The cost of dinner is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children; \$15 for a family. Children's activities and child care will be provided during the class.

### Christ Church will present Evensong

Evensong will be sung by the Choir of Girls and Men at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The Evening Canticles are a setting of the "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis in G" by Stanford, featuring soprano and bass soloists.

### First English plans salad luncheon

First English Ev. Lutheran Church Women will hold its annual Valentine Salad Luncheon and Card Party at noon Thursday, Feb. 12, at the church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

This year's event is sponsored by Faith Circle. The cost is \$8, which includes table and door prizes. Bring cards or other games for your table. For reservations, call Pat Thomas at (313) 885-4437 or Josie Herrington at (586) 293-3305 by Sunday, Feb. 8.

Co-presidents of the group are Betty Blohm and Beverly Jackson.

Katie Griffin and James Gray will be the soloists. The choir will sing the anthem, "Let the People praise Thee" by William Mathias, composed for the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. The service of Evensong is an afternoon liturgy with anthems, hymns, prayers and lessons.

All are welcome and admission is free. For further information, call Christ Church at (313) 885-4841.

### St. John Hospital, Medical Center seeks volunteers

St. John Hospital & Medical Center needs volunteers who are willing to give a few hours a week. Volunteers work as Guiding Stars, helping people find their way around; serving coffee in the Java John coffee shops; providing TV bingo games for patients; working in the gift shop; sewing puppets; doing clerical work; and staffing the information desks.

The hospital is located at 22101 Moross at Mack. For more information, call the volunteer services department at (313) 343-3680 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

<p><b>Christ the King Lutheran Church</b> Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090</p> <p>8:15 &amp; 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes Supervised Nursery Provided www.christthekingpp.org Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assc. Pastor</p>	<p><b>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church</b> How Repeated Found The Universalist Care, Got Down From The Tower, Learned Love, Practiced Justice. 10:30 a.m. Worship 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420 Rev. John Corrado, Minister</p>	<p><b>First English Ev. Lutheran Church</b> Vernier Rd. at Wedgwood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Barton L. Beebe, Associate Pastor Robert Foster, Music Coordinator</p>	<p><b>Eastside Community Church</b> A Caring Community of Many Cultures</p> <p>Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. in the Harper Woods High School Auditorium Rev. Samuel D. Jackson, Pastor (313) 647-0000 www.eastsidecommunitychurch.com "To Know Him and Make Him Known"</p>	<p><b>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 20475 Sunningdale Park near Lochmoor Club Grosse Pointe Woods</p> <p>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available)</p> <p>884-4820</p>	<p><b>GROSSE POINTE UNITED CHURCH</b> AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP 884-3075</p> <p>"Chosen by God"</p> <p>10:00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP (CRIB ROOM AVAILABLE) 10:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL Rev. E.A. Bray, Pastor Rev. Scott Davis, Assoc. Pastor www.gpunited.org</p>		
<p><b>St. James Lutheran Church</b> 170 McMillan Rd., near Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms • 884-0511</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Education Time 9:45 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Nursery Provided</p> <p><b>Wednesdays</b> Noon: Service of Word and Sacrament The Reverend Gerald A. Spin, Pastor The Reverend Gustav Kopka Jr., Ph.D., Pastor Emeritus</p>	<p><b>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823</p> <p>Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30</p> <p>Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00</p> <p>COME JOIN US Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Reinwald</p>	<p><b>Saint Ambrose Parish</b></p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses at 8:30 &amp; 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park One block north of Jefferson, at Maryland</p>	<p><b>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church</b> 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte 881-6670</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Festive Worship &amp; Organ Dedications Nursery Available</p> <p>Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Morsel Collier, Assoc. Pastor</p>	<p><b>Grosse Pointe Woods PRESBYTERIAN Church</b> 19950 Mack (between Moross &amp; Vernier)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour 11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>E-mail: gpwpcchurch@aol.com • Web site: www.gpwpc.org</p>	<p><b>Historic Mariners' Church</b> A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE Traditional Anglican Worship Independent Since 1842</p> <p>SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion with the Church's Professional Choir Nursery</p> <p>THURSDAY 12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion Sept.-June-Church Sunday School</p> <p>On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel - Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward</p> <p>The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Jr., Assistant Rector The Rev. Deacon Jesse Roby, Jr., Honorary Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choirmaster (313)-259-2206 marinerschurchofdetroit.org</p>	<p><b>Grosse Pointe Baptist Church</b> Christ Centered and Caring - Committed to Youth and Community</p> <p>Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM Sunday School - 9:30 AM for Age 2 - Adult</p> <p>Middle School Youth meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>21336 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods Phone: (313) 881-3343 Web Page: www.gpbc.org</p>	<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> Woodward Avenue and I-75 (exit 50) NEXT TO COMERICA PARK www.stjohnsdetroit.org (313) 962-7358</p> <p>Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:05 a.m. Christian Education for all ages</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Festive Holy Communion &amp; 4:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong</p> <p>Guest Preacher - Bishop Jackson Biggers Diocese of Northern Malawi Anglican Province of Central Africa</p> <p>Join us for Traditional Episcopal worship and biblical faithfulness, and hear about the Spirit-filled growth of the world-wide Anglican Communion in Africa.</p>
<p><b>Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church</b> Seeking to serve Christ in the midst of the City</p> <p>Sunday, February 1, 2004</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Sermon: "Living under Pressure" Luke 16:1-13 Peter C. Smith, preaching Church School: Crib - 8th Grade</p> <p>Save the Date: Music Series - Sunday, February 8th, 4:00 P.M. Peter Richard Conte, Organist, Wanamaker Organ, Philadelphia FREE ADMISSION</p> <p>8625 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit Visit our website: www.japc.org 313-822-3456</p>	<p><b>THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH</b> Established 1865 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)</p> <p>We Welcome You In Worship, Service, Fellowship REV. WILLIAM C. YEAGER, preaching "Today!"</p> <p>9:00 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Worship Services - Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. - Christian Education for Children, Youth &amp; Adults 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Crib/Toddler Care</p> <p>Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast</p> <p>A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms • 882-5330 www.gpmchurch.org</p>						

## Second biography reveals Neeme Järvi's double life

The title is "A Passionate Affair" and the story it tells is passionate indeed. There is nothing lurid, or even off-color about it, however. In this second biography of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's music director, Neeme Järvi, two prominent prime movers of his "other" orchestra tell the story of how the matching of Järvi with the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra in Sweden is a tale of true love in which conductor and orchestra find fame and fortune and live happily ever after.

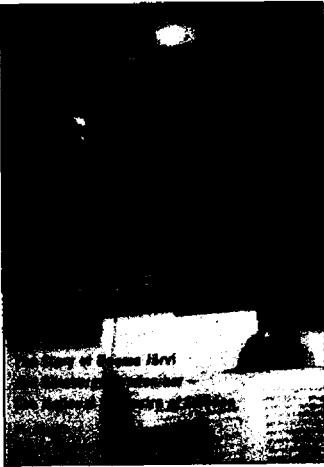
Swedish writer Pia Naurin wrote the narrative and the orchestra's head of communications Martin Hansson edited the book and wrote the entries on the composers. Together they have produced a story that reads like a fairy tale, except that it is all wonderfully true and, fortunately for us, it is in English.

Like a great musical masterwork, the book is an interweaving of several important themes which appear and reappear to blend into a remarkable tale of accomplishment. It is the story of a regional orchestra and how it transcends its limited status to become world class. The key figure, of course, is a youthful Estonian conductor only recently freed from the smothering control of an oppressive regime in his homeland.

There are remarkable breakthroughs as financial support comes from a most surprising source, an automobile manufacturer. (Does this remind you of Detroit?)

Then come recording contracts with two of the best labels, BIS and Deutsche Grammophon. And with growing success and fame, in a suspenseful process, comes recognition whereby the government officially designates The Gothenburg Symphony as the National Orchestra of Sweden.

The stories unfold and blend in the words of the people who made it all happen, reflecting all the excitement of each step in the process and many of



their amazing, quirky and very personal experiences. Naurin has woven them together in a colorful pattern of aspirations and achievements in a way that helps the reader understand just how, with the right confluence of talent, imagination and initiative, it all can come about.

It is an inspiring story that should be read, even studied, by every musician, musical manager and symphony fan for its lessons in perseverance and imagination that must be learned to make this kind of achieve-

### State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

ment. It also provides some very perceptive insights into the artistic process and the secrets of creating a successful symphony orchestra.

Along the way, there are rich insights into the life and personality of Neeme Järvi, who is, of course, central to the story. It is a major piece of his life.

Järvi first went to Gothenburg in 1980, 10 years before his arrival in Detroit. The musicians and management of the orchestra there recognized quickly that here was a treasure.

Editor Martin Hansson remarked that "music is his life." He had just heard from the maestro that his philosophy for making music was "as much beauty as possible." Järvi agrees today that "It was love at first sight."

The orchestra had a great tradition going back to the start of the century. Its early music director, Wilhelm Stenhammer, was a great, though unsung Scandinavian composer. The city and the audience were supportive and loyal.

And Hansson and Järvi shared dreams for the orchestra's growth and potential. They wanted to add 20 musicians to bring the orchestra to full strength, a recording contract, international tours. They wanted to be among

the best.

From interviews with soloists and other members of the orchestra, Naurin reveals their observations on how Järvi gets great music out of the orchestra. His brain is in control, they say, but it is his heart that governs.

As we have observed with the DSO, he never plays a work the same twice. To do that, they add, he restudies the score for every concert. He also has a knack for getting along with the orchestra. Part of it is due to his absolute competence, but much of it results from his warmth and humor.

In an anecdote regarding a performance of Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien," a musician tells about Järvi explaining how he wanted the trumpeter to play a specific phrase. "But Maestro," the trumpeter responded, "that's not the way it is written."

"Too bad," Järvi replied and with a laugh they went ahead with the rehearsal.

The overwhelming opinion, however, is that Järvi rarely needs words to get his ideas across. His baton, hands and arms, his eyes and body English tell what he wants without saying a word. According to Hansson, even his back is charismatic. Watching Järvi conduct, and reading how his musicians explain how it works, is a textbook for conducting.

His inspirational style is evident in the performances, even in the recordings. Järvi himself admits in his interview that "There is a kind of audacity to my interpretative performance evident on recordings. It is sometimes criticized, but that's the way I am."

His confrontations with other artistic temperaments

come up as well. How they adapt to each other to play with a single point of view is another fascinating aspect of the book.

Moreover, the comments add sobering comment on the stress of orchestral performance. One musician considers that he and sportsmen have a lot in common in being required to perform physically and emotionally at their maximum at any given moment. It is a surprisingly apt analogy.

Journalists, critics, sophisticated fans, politicians all contribute their points of view and many are revealing indeed, regarding the relationship and impact of the orchestra and its director on their lives and attitudes. The book is so rich in these comments and impressions that it merits multiple readings to absorb and comprehend fully all its implications.

There is a rich supply of documentation, as well.

Spaced throughout the book are thumbnail biographies of the important composers — especially the Scandinavians — whose music Järvi helped to make known to the world through performance and especially through his incredibly large

discography (more than 300 at latest count).

Along with Grieg, Sibelius, Mahler and Shostakovich, whom we all know, there are Berwald, Stenhammer, Tubin and Part. And as a surprise treasure inside the back cover are two CDs with samples from the BIS and DG catalogs of the most exciting moments in recorded performances by the Gothenburg Orchestra and its maestro.

Järvi is retiring from his position as full-time music director there, as he will next year in Detroit, but as though their memories might not serve, he is also leaving them with his personal legacy of spontaneity and creativity in performance that comes as a concluding thought in the book. If there are occasional accidents, it is part of the process. An all-out performance sometimes has a price. Genuine musicians know this.

As Hansson says, "It is a part of Neeme's Magic." "A Passionate Affair" is published by Warne Forlag under ISBN number 91-86425-46-3. To obtain a copy inquire at your bookstore or in the gift shop at Orchestra Hall.

## Coast Guard Auxiliary offers boating safety class

Flotilla 12-12 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will give an intro-

### Meetings Newcomers

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers will host a Winter Wine Tasting on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Renaissance Club. The Renaissance Club is working with its wine purveyors to select unique wines for tasting along with a variety of hors d'oeuvres.

Newcomers Club membership is open to any couple in the Grosse Pointe area. The club's mission is to organize a range of fun social activities that stimulate friendship and promote interaction in our community.

For more information, call Stacy & Keith Spondike, membership chairmen, at (313) 640-1794.

### G.P. Ski Club

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

### Republican Women

The Republican Women's Club will meet on Friday, Feb. 6, in the memorial library of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The speaker will be state Rep. Ed Gaffney. Refreshments will be served. A donation of \$5 is requested for members and spouses; \$10 donation for nonmembers. For reservations and details, call Cheryl Constantino at (313) 371-6338 or Shirley Lamar at (313) 822-5651.

ductory course for new boat owners and their family members.

The class includes piloting, boat handling, navigation rules, highway signs, lines, equipment and knots and leads to state certification.

The class will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at Parcels Middle School. Classes begin on Feb. 10 and run for eight weeks.

The cost is \$25, including materials. The cost is \$15

for each additional family member. Registration is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. before the first class.

For more information, call Joe D'Herde at (313) 882-4435.

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<b>9:00 am Vitality Plus</b> A half-hour aerobic exercise class. Repeated: Midnight	<b>1:30 pm Inside Art</b> Guest: Mary Harrison - Detroit Galleries Explore the artist's creative process and medium with host Robert Maniscalco. Repeated: 10:30 PM, 4:30 AM
<b>9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture</b> Horticulturist Co-hosts Mil Anthony & Jim Farquhar share tips, give advice and interview local authorities on gardening. Repeated: 9:30 PM, 12:30 AM	<b>2:00 pm The Legal Insider</b> Guests: Timothy Dinan - Gun Laws Host attorneys, David Draper and Douglas Dempsey, take an inside look at current legal issues. Repeated: 6 PM, 5 AM
<b>10:00 am Who's in the Kitchen?</b> Guest: Roy Calo & Willie - Ice Sculptors 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	<b>2:30 pm The John Prost Show</b> Guest: Butch Edgar - Publisher, G.P. News Timely topics are discussed with Detroit and Grosse Pointe guests by long time host John Prost. Repeated: 10 PM, 5:30 AM
<b>10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial</b> Guests: Jim Simek - Michigan Birds & Jean Alicia Elster - Writing 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	<b>3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial</b> Guest: Jim Simek - Michigan Birds & Jean Alicia Elster - Writing 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
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<b>11:30 am Out of the Ordinary</b> Guests: Jim Webster June & Nefertiti Robert Taylor presents a show to help enhance Body, Mind and Spirit! Repeated: 11 PM, 2:30 AM	<b>4:00 pm Vitality Plus</b> A half-hour of step or kick boxing exercise. Repeated: 9 PM, 7 AM <b>7 PM TONE EXERCISE</b> Repeated: 2 AM, 6 AM
<b>12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit</b> Guest: Kent Kresa, Chairman & C.E.O., Northrop Grumman Corp. Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. Repeated: 3 AM	<b>4:30 pm Young View Pointes</b> Upbeat youth show featuring middle school students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 8:30 PM, 7:30 AM
<b>1:00 pm Senior Men's Club</b> Speaker: Mark Weber, President, Grosse Pointe War Memorial Luncheon speaker talks on a variety of topics of interest to the men and our community.	<b>5:00 pm Positively Positive</b> An uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas, hosted by Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken Repeated: 8PM, 8 AM

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# Changes in brain increase risk of drug addiction for teenagers

A recent study from Yale University suggests that drug addiction is a developmental disorder, one that affects adolescents in particular. The reason: Areas of a teenager's brain that control impulsive behavior are not fully formed, while brain circuits that reinforce drug use are already in high gear.

Dr. R. Andrew Chambers,

assistant professor of psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine, led the study, which was published in the June 2003 issue of *The American Journal of Psychiatry*. Chambers and his colleagues based their findings on a review of 140 earlier studies of addiction and brain development.

During adolescence, the human brain begins to

release more chemicals associated with new experiences and the desire to repeat them. One of the chemicals is dopamine, a neurotransmitter involved in many forms of addiction.

Activities that increase dopamine production are highly reinforcing. These activities lead primitive parts of the brain to broadcast a message: "That feels good. Do it again."

Overall, this change in brain chemistry serves a positive purpose. Adolescents need to increase their range of experiences and develop many new skills. Instead of playing with toy cars, for example, adolescents learn to drive a real car. They need experiences like these in order to become independent, self-regulating adults in the future.

The problem is that adolescent brains reinforce novel experiences in ways that are much stronger — and longer lasting — than those experienced by children or adults. Also, areas of the brain that adults use to weigh the risks of behaviors are still developing in adolescents.

The bottom line: Teenagers are more likely to experiment with drugs than people in other age groups. And those experiments are more likely to produce addiction.

"We used to think that the brain you're born with is essentially the brain you live with for the rest of your life," said Stuart Reedy, supervisor of Intake Services at the Hazelden Center for Youth and Families in Plymouth, Minn.

"Now we know that's not true. The so-called executive functions of the brain are still under construction during adolescence, while the limbic system, which is tied to strong emotion, is already active."

The Yale study has four key implications.

First, the longer that adolescents can delay alcohol and other drug use, the less their chance of becoming addicted. Previous research, including a January 1998 study from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), links early drug use with a

significantly higher risk of addiction. Programs to prevent drug use must start early, before kids become teenagers.

Second, we can no longer afford to dismiss teenage drug experiments as harmless rites of passage. Even a single incident of alcohol or other drug use can have implications for a lifetime. It means early intervention programs for substance abusers are increasingly important. The NIAAA reports that nearly 50 percent of adolescents have had at least one drink by the time they reach the eighth grade — and more than 20 percent report having been drunk.

Third, we need to look beyond genetic influences and peer pressure to use drugs as sources of addiction risk.

"Several lines of evidence suggest that sociocultural aspects particular to adolescent life alone do not fully account for greater drug intake," Chambers said. The Yale study, he added, confirms that "a neurodevelopmental stage common to virtually everyone regardless of genetic make-up confers enhanced neurobiological vulnerability to addiction."

Finally, Reedy points out, "Among teenagers who enter treatment for addiction, many of the behaviors that we might view as 'out of control' are simply adolescent behaviors — products of a developing brain.

"While in treatment, teenagers often need more external controls and structures than we give to adults. When we remember this, we're more likely to provide treatment that works."

*This health column offers information needed to help prevent substance abuse problems and address such problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and treatment services on addiction. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at [www.hazelden.org](http://www.hazelden.org). Direct your inquiries to [mduda@hazelden.org](mailto:mduda@hazelden.org).*

## Good health habits to strive for in 2004

By Susanne Consiglio  
Special Writer

It's the time of year again, when people are making their New Year's resolutions. Unfortunately, most of the promises are typically forgotten by the beginning of February.

Perhaps the goals were too overwhelming. To be successful, make your goals more "user friendly." You have all year to accomplish them before planning another batch of resolutions.

Think about why you are setting goals. Are they for health reasons? Are they to increase your energy? Or are they designed to help you get back into your favorite clothes?

Stop making resolutions that you know you won't keep. Instead focus on small changes that you can live with or manage. They will add up to plenty of new habits by the end of six months or at year's end.

Don't diet or starve yourself. Instead, cut back on calories. For example, bring your own snacks to work instead of running to vending machines or eating the freebies that are left in the coffee room. Whoever brought them to the office most likely wanted to shed some calories from his or her own home.

Reduce the frequency of choosing fast food or restaurant meals which are typically high in sodium and fat. Start eating more fresh ingredients and fewer processed foods. Examples to include are fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and grilled meats, fish or chicken.

Clean out the pantry and buy fewer cookies, crackers and chips. This is a good time to snack on the fruit from the gift baskets you received over the holidays. When there are fewer snacks available in the pantry, there is an increased tendency to reach for yogurt, fruit or vegetable snacks.

Get into the water habit instead of daily soda pop. Those super-sized, big gulp containers can easily climb to 500 calories, all coming from added sugar. Make it a routine to have bottles of water for your car, office and refrigerator. Lemon slices also add a little flavoring to the water. Sound boring? Just think about the calories saved and pounds lost with this one change.

If you can't break away from soda pop completely, then at least cut it back to a half can of soda each day. A great habit for the New Year is to stop the evening snacking following that wonderful dinner you just consumed.

Having a snack is not a bad thing, but most of us don't read the nutrition facts or food label or bother to stop at one portion.

Brush and floss your teeth immediately after dinner and stay out of the kitchen the rest of the evening. Skip the midnight snack too.

Challenge yourself to see how many nights you can go without a snack. People have lost weight just by making this one little change.

Get up and move around. Get a pedometer, wear it and use it to motivate yourself to keep on moving. Thirty minutes of activity most days of the week will help you to achieve your health and waistline goals.

Don't be lazy; make time for an activity that you can manage. Use your treadmill while watching TV instead of snacking. Sneak extra walking steps in when you can.

Don't give up by the end of January. It takes time. Results lead to increased motivation. Staying healthy and feeling good are worth it. It might just help other parts of your life too.

Susanne Consiglio is a registered dietitian in private practice, counseling clients in her office.

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## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Cold weather lips. These past freezing days have sent many to run for the lip balm to soothe dry, cracked or painful lips. Why? Because lips are, quite literally, thinned skin, and therefore more vulnerable

to damage.

For example, as tempting as it is to lick dry lips, the enzymes and bacteria in saliva can actually leave lips in worse shape. Allergic reactions to everyday items such as toothpaste, mouthwashes, sunscreens or lipsticks can also cause irritation. And topical medications such as retinoids (Retin A), benzoyl peroxide and salicylic acid should not be used around the

mouth to reduce the potential for chapping.

When lips become damaged, we need to protect, moisturize and hydrate. Drink ample water during dry, cold days. Use lip balms to seal in moisture; if outdoors, use a balm with sunscreen. And don't forget to use balm at night to help repair damaged lips.

For severely damaged lips, a visit to your doctor and topical medications may be required.

To learn more about the care of dry, damaged lips, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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"Kyphoplasty works best for patients whose fractures are between two and six months old," said Dr. Devon Hoover, a neurosurgeon affiliated with Bon Secours Cottage Health Services.

Learn more about kyphoplasty at a free lecture from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in Bon Secours Hospital's Connelly Auditorium.

Call (586) 779-7900.

## February guilt

By Debbie Farmer  
Special Writer  
It's almost February. I know this not because of the cold weather, or the glut of presidential holidays, or because the idea of wearing short-sleeved shirts seems totally ridiculous. I know this because of the guilt. February is the month when I become an Official Resolution Failure.

pretty much down the drain. Especially since none mention yelling as an approach to relaxation.

It's not as if I haven't been trying. I've become an expert on how to get in touch with my inner-self. I know how to pose in the lotus position longer than most Buddhists, and I can open and close all seven of my chakras at will. Crazy as it seems, none of these things has seemed to help.

My friend Shirley suggested that I try sitting down for a while every day, taking deep breaths, and thinking about nothing. Now, granted, I'm more than happy to try this. After all, how many times in your life does a person have official permission to sit down and think about nothing without being called unflattering names?

The problem is, you see, hats. As soon as I get my mind cleared out, all sorts of other things I haven't had time to think about lately creep in.

Like (you guessed it) spring hats. I mean, why does almost everyone look silly in them except Julia Roberts? Which is better, canvas or straw? Wide-brimmed or floppy? Why isn't there a good way to get rid of hat hair? And on and on.

This, my friends, is exactly the kind of trap they warn you about.

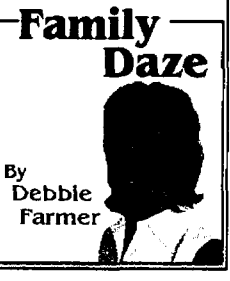
So I stop and gently empty my mind and start over. Which is fine except now I'm thinking about the fact that I have no idea where spiders go in the winter. What if they're upstairs sleeping between the summer sheets? Hiding under the ottoman? Lurking behind the sofa? And what if an exceptionally giant one, eighteen times bigger than a cat, is hibernating inside the woodpile on the side of the house?

On second thought, maybe the best plan is to be more like my friend Linda, who, ironically enough, is stress-free every February because she doesn't make any resolutions at all.

But, of course, this is too late to help me this year.

So, for now, I guess I'll just stick to thinking about nothing. I hope it brings me results fast. I don't know how much more relaxation I can take.

*Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She can be reached by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.*



By Debbie Farmer

I know I can't speak for everybody. There are always a few overachievers out there who actually stick to their resolutions and have lost 15 pounds and have organized their shoe tree by now. (You know who you are.)

But me? I'm the other kind of person. The kind who marches into February five pounds heavier, wearing mismatched snow boots and wondering just how everything could go so wrong.

And, really, it's not as if I'm the sort of person who resolves to find a cure for cancer and take up figure skating and swim the English Channel and change the world or anything like that. Believe me, my aspirations are much, much lower.

In fact, this year I only made one resolution: I would be more relaxed. No matter what horrendous things happened around me, I would smile in a Zen sort of way and project an inner serenity much like the mothers you see in orange juice commercials and television sitcoms.

Let me just say that life since then hasn't been easy. In fact, so far this morning, I've said three very un-Zen-like things.

I said, "Get in the car this minute." I said, "I'm counting to three, and those shoes better be on your feet OR ELSE." And I said, "Stop hitting your sister, or I'll give you what for."

And I'm not even going to mention what I said to the car that cut me off in the school parking lot.

Maybe it's me, but I have a feeling that all of the weeks I've spent reading self-help books on Eastern meditation and deep breathing are



## Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

The new Grosse Pointe Yacht Club board of directors for 2004, are standing, from left, Mary Treder Lang, Bruce E. Bradley, Dwight D. Labadie, Patrick A. Beard, Robert L. Rader, Richard J. Bania and James L. Taylor Jr. Seated, from left, are J. Dennis Andrus, secretary; Robert J. Kay, rear commodore; W. Theodore Huebner, commodore; Bruce E. Fralick, vice commodore; and Dr. David E. Martin, treasurer.

## Classes offered at Healing Arts Center

Classes centered around complementary therapies and open to the community are offered at the Valade Healing Arts Center in the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. February classes include:

**Feb. 3:** Ongoing Chi Gong (every Tues., \$15 per visit) 7 - 8:30 p.m. is for students who have taken the 3-week introductory Chi Gong class. Students may drop in. Registration is not required.

**Feb. 4:** Chi Gong (three weeks, \$45) 10:30 a.m. - noon enhances the healing process, improves vitality and flexibility using 12 gentle, slow motion movements, natural breathing and visualization.

**Feb. 5:** Chi Gong (three weeks, \$45) 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

**Feb. 7:** Journaling (\$25) 10 a.m. - noon is a powerful tool that aids self-awareness, personal growth and discovery. The class provides an opportunity to create a written record of thoughts, feelings, goals, desires and intentions.

**Feb. 7:** EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) (\$40) Basic EFT 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Oncology EFT (\$50) 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., is an exceptional tool to help clear the many energetic imbalances that contribute to negative emotions, addictions, physical pain, depression, phobias, anxiety and more. The technique is simple and easy to learn.

**Feb. 7:** Intro to Reflexology (all day class, \$75) 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., offers the opportunity to learn the

basic fundamentals of this age-old art and explore the health benefits, theory and basic techniques.

**Feb. 19:** "Intro to Energy" Evening, (Free) 7 - 8:30 p.m., is a mini session offered by the Healing Arts Center for those wishing to experience for the first time the benefits of this ancient, gentle, hands-on healing method for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. This one-time service is complimentary; however, donations to the Cancer Center are accepted. No appointment is necessary.

**Feb. 21:** Tai Chi Demo, (Free) 10 - 11 a.m. offers an opportunity to experience what Tai Chi is all about.

**Feb. 21:** Reiki Level II, (all day class \$195) (7.2 CEUs for nurses) 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., students receive attainments that intensify the Reiki energy. Symbols and powerful techniques will be taught for distance healing and furthering the mental, emotional and spiritual healing processes of individuals.

**Feb. 21:** Aura photography, (\$25) limited 10-minute appointments 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., provides participants with the opportunity to discover their aura — the energy field that radiates through and around all living things. Ken Bede from Illumination will provide a color photo showing an individual's aura and chakras, using state-of-the-art equipment. A psychic reader will provide aura interpretation. This information is for edu-

cational or entertainment purposes only.

**Feb. 21:** Pendulum Power (\$25) 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., helps take the guesswork out of life by accessing the information, knowledge and wisdom within while enhancing intuitive abilities. Supplies to create a simple pendulum will be provided along with plenty of instruction.

**Feb. 21:** Lymphatic Reflexology and Self-Massage (\$25) 10 a.m. - noon, presents the art of massaging a reflex point on the hands or feet to clear blockages and stimulate the flow of energy through that particular zone.

**Feb. 23:** Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. can aid health through meditation, breathing exercises and positive thinking. Postures promote the free flow of energy, help eliminate toxins and achieve a harmonious emotional life. Individual attention and modifications are offered.

**Feb. 24:** Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 6 - 7:15 p.m.

**Feb. 26:** Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

**Feb. 24:** Prenatal Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. offers safe and gentle stretches, breathing techniques, relaxation and meditation appropriate for pregnant women.

It is best to begin the class after the first trimester, and a doctor's note is required to participate.

Class sizes are limited. For more information or to register, call (313) 647-3320, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Valade Healing Arts Center is located on the third floor of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94.

It provides an environment where all people, not only those touched by cancer, may enhance their quality of life through programs that complement medical care and focus on the mind, body and spirit.

## Optimists meetings

The Lakeshore Optimist Club heard Richard Paul, a motivational speaker and ventriloquist, at its Wednesday, Jan. 28 meeting. The Optimists meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the reception room of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Paul offered a humorous, yet practical down-to-earth picture of how we can empower ourselves and others.

Guests are welcome at all Optimist Club meetings. For more information, call Bill Murray, president, at (800) 900-1639.

## Thrift Shop extends hours

The Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop, 17150 Waterloo, will be open longer and during the lunch hour, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 3. Hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Having the shop open during lunch hours will allow many of the folks who either want to donate or shop, more opportunity to do so," said Jeanne Balesky.

The Thrift Shop accepts donations and consignment items. Sales help support the Neighborhood Club and its many programs.

## BSC seeks volunteers

If you have time to give, consider volunteering at the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC) or Charlotte's Place Senior Day Care Center. Both are located on Jefferson at Lakeland (between 10 and 11 Mile roads) in St. Clair Shores. Individuals of all ages and abilities are needed to assist specially trained music, art, and recreation therapists, dietitians, chaplains and other professionals. Members of corporations, service organizations and community groups also are welcome.

"Volunteering is a terrific way to explore areas of interest and even identify potential career paths," said Brian Oberly, administrator at the NCC. "The older population will continue to grow significantly in the future and will flourish between 2010 and 2030 as 'baby boomers' reach age 65. There will be many rewarding career options in the elder care field. For individuals of all ages, offering the gift of time and companionship to another is a rewarding experience."

Volunteers are needed weekdays, weekends and evenings. Call (586) 779-7011.

## Blood drive

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council and American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the War Memorial. Babysitting is available upon request. Call (313) 884-5542.



## Lions Club

The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club presented a gift of more than \$200 worth of new DVD's to the St. John Hospital pediatric play center. Grosse Pointers Ed Goosen and Red Arnold presented the gifts.

The Lions Club is always looking for new members. The club meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Amvets Hall on Harper and Allard.



## Children's Home of Detroit

Mike Horwitz, executive director of the Children's Home of Detroit, center, accepted a check for \$3,000 from the Italian American Delegates, a group that has provided support for CHD programs and services since 1994. Representing the Italian American Delegates, at the left, is Grosse Pointer Dr. Angelo Tocco. At the right, is Grosse Pointer Sam Ventimiglia.

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Matthew Schaden and Patricia Campau

## Campau-Schaden

Tom and Carol Campau of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Campau, to Matthew Schaden, son of Greg and Linda Schaden of Grosse Pointe Woods. A September wedding is planned.

Campau earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from the University of Michigan. She is a leasing agent with the Taubman Co. Schaden earned a bachelor's degree in advertising and communications from Michigan State University. He is a Hummer salesperson with Jim Rieh's Friendly Automotive Group.

## Babies

### Windsor Woods Caramagno-McNeilly

Pamela Caramagno of Harper Woods and Matthew McNeilly of Windsor, Ontario, are the parents of a daughter, Windsor Woods Caramagno-McNeilly, born Dec. 1, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Cher Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Farms and Linda and Tony Mannino of Harper Woods. Paternal grandparents are Ginette and Walter McNeilly of Windsor, Ontario. Great-grandparents are Joseph and Dorothy Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Shores.

### Noah Marun Mualem

Michael and Lynda Mualem of Dearborn are the parents of a son, Noah

### Leg pain is topic Feb. 12

Dr. Lisa Flynn, vascular surgeon on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will discuss leg pain from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, in the auditorium at SJH&MC, 22101 Moross.

Peripheral arterial disease may be the cause of pain in the calf, thigh or buttock that begins while walking and stops when at rest. Flynn will talk about the symptoms of vascular disease, how to reduce risk factors and available treatment options.

Flynn is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and recently returned from Kuwait, where she served with a surgical unit on a ship stationed in the Gulf.

The program is free, and attendees will receive a coupon for free parking. Advance registration is recommended. To register or for more information, call (888) 751-5465.

The program is sponsored by CareLink at SJH&MC. Free CareLink membership offers a special link to health services, education and benefits for those age 55 or better.

## Snow-O'Donnell

Shirley and Gordon A. Snow of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julia Veronica Snow, to Brian Charles O'Donnell, son of the Rev. Roger and Beverly O'Donnell of Dearborn Heights. A May wedding is planned.



Brian Charles O'Donnell and Julia Veronica Snow

Snow earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Michigan State University. She is a territory business manager with Bristol Meyers Squibb. O'Donnell earned a

Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Madonna University. He is working on a master's degree in business administration and is also a territory business manager with Bristol Meyers Squibb.



Jennifer Khalifah and Mark Przybylski

## Khalifah-Przybylski

B.J. and Christine Khalifah of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Khalifah, to Mark Przybylski, son of Fred and Stephanie

grandparents are Jo and Jack McLauchlan of Eastpointe.

### Rebecca Elizabeth Koch

Terry and Sara Koch of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Koch, born Dec. 24, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Elizabeth Rowe of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Patricia Koch of Copley, Ohio.

### James Michael Klaasen

Michael and Suzanne Klaasen of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, James Michael Klaasen, born Jan. 3, 2004. Maternal grandparents are John and Jane Moran of Richmond, Va., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park.

Paternal grandparents are David and Theresa Klaasen of Grosse Pointe Park.

Great-grandparents are Dr. Michael and Rita Brennan of Grosse Pointe Shores, Beatrice Barrows of the City of Grosse Pointe and Mrs. Betty Klaasen of Grosse Pointe Park.

Przybylski of Whitmore Lake. A June wedding is planned.

Khalifah earned a bachelor's degree and a doctor's degree in veterinary medicine from the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She is a veterinarian at Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital.

Przybylski earned an associate's degree in culinary arts from Macomb County Community College. He is a saute chef at the Country Club of Detroit.



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Scott Miller

## Zarinkmar-Miller

Nazanin Zarinkmar, daughter of Gholamreza and Shanaz Zarinkmar of Tehran, Iran, married Gregory Scott Miller, son of James and Mary Lynn Miller of Grosse Pointe Park, on Dec. 31, 2003, in Ankara, Turkey.

The Turkish civil ceremony was followed by a reception at the Ankara Hilton that evening, which was also the bride's birthday.

The bride graduated from the University of Tehran with a degree in microbiology.

She teaches English, German and biology in Tehran.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and is currently working on a doctorate in molecular biology and genetics at Wayne State University.

The newlyweds live in Grosse Pointe Park.

## Sacka-Reeves

Amy Dianne Sacka, daughter of Timothy and Dianne Sacka of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Anthony John Reeves, son of Robert and Janet Reeves of Victoria, Australia, on July 19, 2003, at Franklin Community Church in Franklin.

The Rev. James Greet officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at D'Amato's restaurant in Royal Oak.

The bride wore a white satin gown that featured a pleated bodice and an A-line skirt. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The maid of honor was Dr. Natalia Rodriguez of New York City; the matron of honor was the bride's mother, Dianne Sacka of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bridesmaids were Katy Moran of Ann Arbor, Janine Reintjes of Charlottesville, Va., Allison Walsh of Chicago; Nina Misuraca of Rochester Hills; and Katey White of South Lyon.

The flower girl was Paige Pichel of Clarkston.

Attendants wore red silk shantung cocktail-length dresses and carried bouquets of white roses.

The best man was Peter Scriven of Pottspoint, NSW, Australia.



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony John Reeves

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Tim Sacka of Grosse Pointe Woods and the groom's brother, David Reeves of South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

The ring bearer was Brandon Pichel of Clarkston.

The mother of the bride wore a gold sleeveless dress with a brocade bodice and full chiffon and silk skirt. Her corsage was of white roses.

The groom's mother wore a royal blue suit and a silk blouse. Her corsage was also of white roses.

Readers were Dr. Molly Thomas of New York and Kathy O'Regan of Woolahar, NSW, Australia.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Notre Dame. She is a freelance advertising writer.

The groom attended Royal Melbourne University. He is the creative director at Alloy Red Advertising in Portland, Ore.

The couple traveled to New York and Maine. They live in Portland, Ore.

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## SOC Options

### Don't become victim of ID theft

By Sharon Maler  
SOC Executive Director

Being a victim of any type of crime can change your life forever. In order to help prevent crime for seniors, Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will offer an educational seminar by Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans and Officer Ki Sobol. They will discuss a variety of crimes and how to stay safe.

Con artists and identity theft are two crimes that often affect seniors. Anyone can fall prey to a con artist. Here are some tips to help you recognize if the letter, phone call or e-mail you receive is a scam:

- The offer sounds too good to be true. It probably is.

- The salesperson uses high pressure tactics or is intimidating. Watch out for phrases such as "You will lose out if you don't act now," "You must pay immediately," and "You must pay cash."

- You must pay upfront to receive your prize. Legitimate businesses do not ask for money upfront — not even for taxes, shipping and handling.

- Cash only deals.

- The person or company won't give you written details about the offer.

- The offer is from an unfamiliar company, often without a street address or direct telephone number.

If you receive a telephone call that includes any of these characteristics, just hang up. You don't have to listen. Remember: Telemarketing fraud is a crime and the people who practice it are criminals.

Be sure to never give your credit card, Social Security number or any other personal information to someone over the telephone or by e-mail unless you initiate the contact. A con artist can use this information to withdraw funds from your bank account or order new credit cards in your name.

#### What should you do if you think you are a victim of a scam?

Call your financial institution and then contact your local police department immediately.

ID theft can also happen to anyone. By guarding your personal information carefully, you can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim.

But you may not be able to avoid ID theft entirely. It can happen in ways beyond your control. Businesses, government agencies and organizations that obtain personal information also have a responsibility to handle it carefully and keep it secure.

One of the scariest things about ID theft is that it can happen anywhere your personal information is kept. Your life is filled with potential crime scenes — your mailbox, employer's files, doctor's office, computer, and even your back pocket are all vulnerable to criminals who want to get your personal information and use it to their advantage.

Although you can't protect yourself completely from identity thieves, you can take steps to keep your personal information more secure when you're at home, at work and on the go.

#### Account Information

Don't give your credit or debit card numbers unless you're making a purchase with that account. If someone contacts you claiming to be from a business that already has your account number but is requesting it again, be suspicious. Contact the company directly to ask why it is needed. If you are considering doing

business with an unfamiliar company, check the complaint records with your state and local consumer protection agency and the Better Business Bureau.

#### ATM, Credit and Debit Cards

Don't leave them lying around your home or office. Carry only those that you plan to use. If there are accounts you don't use anymore, close them and cut the cards up. Debit cards that require PIN numbers are safer than those that can also be used with a signature.

Memorize your PIN numbers. Don't write them down where someone may find them. Carry your cards in a separate holder from your wallet so you won't lose them if your wallet is lost or stolen.

#### What should you do if you think you are a victim of ID theft?

Report the theft to all three credit bureaus. They will put a "fraud alert" on your credit file so that if someone is applying for credit using your personal information, the creditor will take extra care to ensure that it's really you. They will also send you a free copy of your report so you can check for any accounts that you didn't open.

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The FTC will send you a comprehensive booklet with step-by-step instructions for how to contact the major credit bureaus, other actions that you may need to take and forms that you can use to make the process easier.

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For more information on how to stay safe, attend a Senior Safety Seminar sponsored by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department at 11:15 a.m., Monday, Feb. 2, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo.

### Charlotte's Place offers senior day care

Charlotte's Place, a senior day care center for individuals who are 60 years and older, addresses a growing need for daytime respite care services for individuals caring for adults, and a supervised structured program for seniors.

The center can accommodate up to 25 guests, Mondays through Fridays, from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Charlotte's Place is located on the Lakeview campus of the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center at Lakeland and Jefferson. It was named after a well-known and beloved nursing care resident, Charlotte Glass, who is remembered for her warmth and friendliness. Her legacy is the cornerstone of the philosophy of care provided at the new senior facility.

The creative concept for the program and funding for the 4,000-square-foot facility were provided through the efforts of the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Auxiliary.

With an aging population and more adults in need of qualified and supervised care, the concept originated as a true community service

project. Charlotte's Place Director Leslie Maunz is a health care professional with a master's degree and years of experience working with geriatric individuals with dementia and Alzheimer's. She and her staff are able to tailor an individualized daily schedule to best meet each guest's physical, mental and social needs.

The staff at Charlotte's Place provides guests with opportunities for social and physical activities, lunch

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Special activities might include community outings, cooking or baking, craft projects and special events.

For friends and family members of guests, Charlotte's Place also offers educational and support programs. For more information, call (586) 779-7050.

### Valentine craft day for seniors

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) has planned a craft day beginning at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Neighborhood Club. Participants will make Valentine heart wreaths to hang on a door or give as a present. The cost is \$1. A hot lunch will be served before the craft session, at 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 882-2254.

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### SOC to deliver Valentines

Individuals, families and church or school groups are invited to join Services for Older Citizens from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Neighborhood Club to create and deliver homemade Valentines to seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Breakfast will be provided. The Neighborhood Club is located at 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

To register, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600, ext. 245.

## Dogs: Women's best friends too

By Matilda Charles

Men like to say that dogs are "man's best friend." They're also woman's best friend, and perhaps never more so than in the part they'll be playing in a new program launched by the Breeder's Choice pet food company.

It's called "Caring for Both Ends of the Leash," which is designed to find therapy dogs that will help women recuperate from breast cancer procedures.

This is especially important as more women are moving into their senior years, where the risk of developing the disease increases.

Visiting-pets programs have already shown their value in nursing homes, where people who haven't smiled for long periods absolutely beam when holding an animal.

Tests have also shown that the simple act of petting a cat helps reduce hypertension, especially

among seniors. It also helps strengthen the immune system.

Now that same human-animal relationship phenomenon will be carried over to helping women who have been treated for breast cancer deal with both the psychological and physical challenges they face on their often difficult road back to health.

As part of the search process for the right dogs for the job, the Breeder's Choice people will partner with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's four Komen "Race for the Cure" events to be held in conjunction with the canine screenings.

The races will be run in Denver on Sunday, Oct. 12, and Los Angeles, Sunday, Nov. 2.

Handlers and their dogs must prequalify for the program a day before each event.

Once certified, handlers and their dogs will be able to

visit women breast-cancer patients in local hospitals. They will also be able to offer other therapy-dog needs.

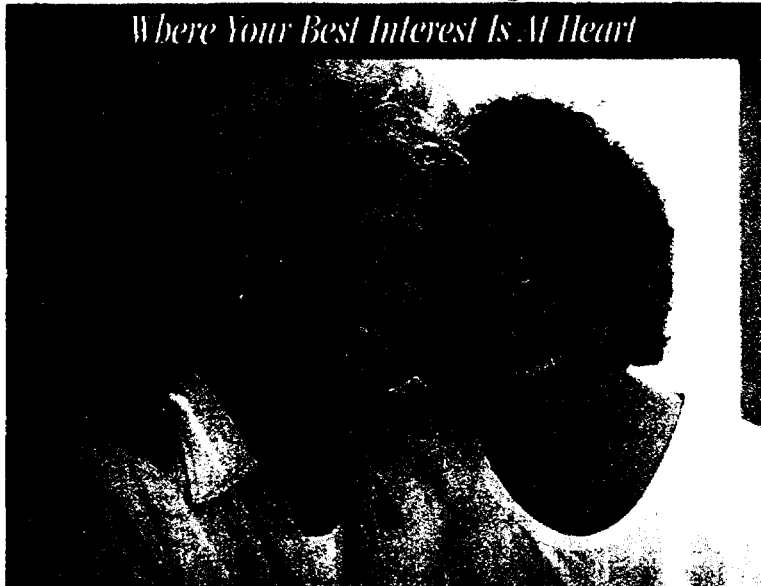
More information about the program, as well as specific local event information, can be found at the company Web site [breeders-choice.com](http://breeders-choice.com).

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Rachel Sullivan (2) sets the ball for teammate Liz Ridgway during Grosse Pointe South's volleyball victory over Eisenhower this week.

## South's teamwork reaches new level

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball squad is taking teamwork to a whole new level.

The Blue Devils have had several promotions this winter in hopes of drumming up more interest in a team that leads the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a 3-0 record.

The ultimate prize is a date with the entire varsity team.

"The team plays like one, so it just makes sense to have them date like one," said coach Kevin Nugent.

There are several other prizes that fans can win at home games, including Red Wings tickets, dinners and team logo gear, but the girls on the team decided that they should be the top prize so they created the "Win a Date With the Team" contest.

All contestants have to do is attend as many home matches as possible before the match with Grosse Pointe North on Monday, Feb. 2, and enter their name

for the drawing.

There is one restriction, however. The contest is open only to boys from South.

Team captain Julianna Burrows said that the lucky winner "and a buddy, if he needs help on his date with 13 beautiful and very tall young women, will have a great time."

The "Win the Date" winner will be announced at the Feb. 4 match with Romeo. That match will also feature an attendance contest between the middle schools and elementary schools in the district. The winning school will get a free volleyball clinic put on by the South players and coaches.

Other prizes include a Super Bowl sub package giveaway at the Friday, Jan. 30 match against Ford II, and a Red Wings ticket giveaway at the final home match against Sterling Heights on Feb. 25.

Varsity home contests begin at 7 p.m., except for the Ford II match, which starts at 6 p.m.

## Area coaches to talk baseball tonight at ULS

University Liggett School will host the first Talkin' Baseball program in the school's auditorium tonight, Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m.

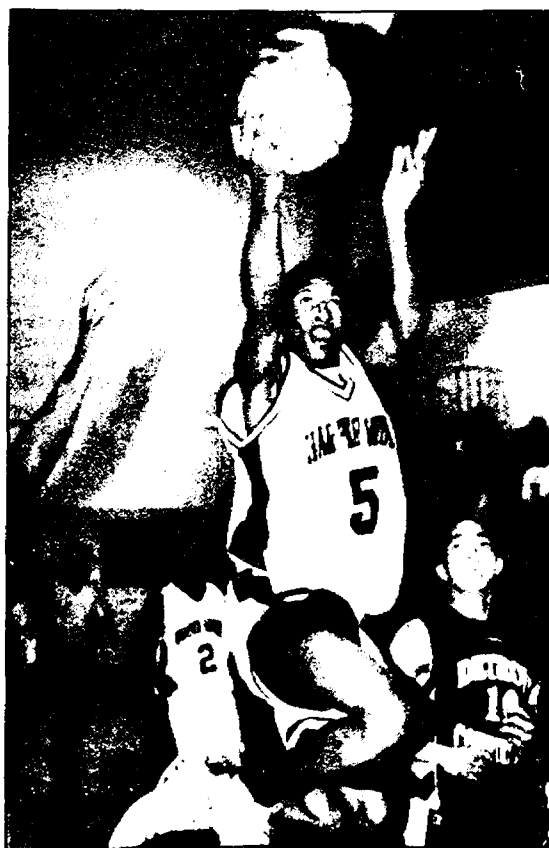
The program is co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization.

Speakers on the program are Grosse Pointe North baseball coach Frank Sumner, Grosse Pointe South coach Dan Griesbaum, ULS coach Dan Cimini, and former Detroit Tigers player Dave Bergman, who is the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds.

Each of the speakers will talk for 20 minutes. The final hour will be a question-and-answer session.

The program is open to anyone interested in baseball, including youth and high school players and their coaches and parents.

Tickets are available at the door for \$15.



Dan Harris, No. 5, was one of five Harper Woods players who scored in double figures in the Pioneers' upset victory over Warren De La Salle.

## Veteran players help put South spikers in first place in MAC White Division

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Big things are expected from veteran players.

Grosse Pointe South has several three-year veterans on its volleyball team this year, and they haven't disappointed coach Kevin Nugent.

Liz Ridgway is a good example of a veteran player coming through in a clutch situation.

"Liz was the glue of the match," Nugent said after the Blue Devils' 12-15, 15-8, 15-8 victory over Eisenhower in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

"She was really strong at the net. She made some great blocks to snuff their tight balls. Then when they pulled their back row up tight, she hit the ball deep. One of them went off the

head of one of their players. Liz was on a mission."

Another veteran, Julianna Burrows, also contributed to the victory.

"She had a good run serving and she played solid defense," Nugent said. "It wasn't her best night hitting, but she did other things well. She had 16 digs."

South, which had three days off after its last match, showed some signs of rust in the first game against Eisenhower. The Eagles jumped out to a 9-2 lead. The Blue Devils closed to 14-12, but Eisenhower got the final point.

"It took a while for us to get into a rhythm," Nugent said. "We made a lot of hitting errors, but our serve-ceive never broke down. When that doesn't break down you can do a lot of

things to make it difficult for the other team to score points."

Earlier, South rolled past Anchor Bay 15-7, 15-4.

The Blue Devils spent a lot of their practice time getting ready for the Tars' setter, who is an all-state candidate.

Nugent played the role of the opposing setter during workouts so the South players were able to pick up the Anchor Bay player's tendencies.

"We worked hard to pick up things, and we did a good job of defending her jump serve," Nugent said. "We controlled her play, and she had only one point in the whole match."

Megan (Switalski) and Julianna did a great job against her." Julie VandeVusse came off the bench and served the first seven points of the sec-

ond game.

"That dictated the tone of the second game," Nugent said. "We led 14-1 at one point. Julie is a senior who has sacrificed some of her personal goals for the goals of the team."

Ashley Read also made a contribution with a couple of key blocks.

"She had two blocks in the beginning against their outside offense," Nugent said. "They had a terrible time hitting after that."

South is 3-0 in the MAC White and the Blue Devils are 14-7-5 overall.

South's next match is Friday at 6 p.m. against Ford II in a match that was rescheduled after being postponed because of bad weather. The Blue Devils will host crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North on Monday.

## Pioneers' victory isn't hair-raising

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' boys basketball team won one of the biggest games in the past four decades last week, beating host Warren De La Salle 69-56.

"I told the guys a couple of weeks ago that they could shave my head bald if we beat De La Salle," head coach Loren Ristovski said.

It didn't look good early as the Pilots, ranked No. 1 in Macomb County, grabbed a 14-point lead midway through the second quarter.

"Our guys weren't used to physical play of De La Salle's players, but they adjusted," Ristovski said. "I'm very proud of our kids because they didn't panic. It would have been easy for them to quit, playing Class A De La Salle on the road, but instead they regrouped and played even harder."

Junior James Slago and senior Rodney Batts got the Pioneers back in the game, hitting three-point baskets that cut the deficit to 28-24 at the half.

"We went to a full-court, man-to-man defense to open the second half, and it was very successful," Ristovski said. "We didn't handle De La Salle's strength in the first half, but they didn't handle our strength in the second half, and we used

that to win the game."

The Pioneers' quick, slashing players were too much for De La Salle to handle as junior shooting guard Justin Popov, senior point guard Bruce Mosely, junior forward Jerome Douglas, junior forward Dan Harris and Slago were able to dribble penetrate and hit open shots.

"We were able to make the shots tonight," Ristovski said. "Our kids were amazing in the second half, and they won a huge game. It

just isn't a win, but it is something that these young men can use as a personal victory to enrich their lives. This victory has a meaning deeper than basketball."

Slago's two three-pointers early in the fourth quarter gave the Pioneers a 46-39 lead, and they never looked back.

"We made the plays when we needed them," Ristovski said. "We had a chance to beat Grosse Pointe North and Country Day earlier this season, but we didn't

make the plays down the stretch."


Popov led the Pioneers with 16 points, followed by Batts and Mosely with 12 points apiece.

Douglas and Harris chipped in with 10 points apiece, while Slago rounded out the scoring with nine.

Later in the week, Harper Woods pummeled host Hamtramck 97-63 as Slago scored 18 points, followed by Mosely with 13, Douglas with 12 and Harris with 10.

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Andy Wolking scored all 13 of his points in the first quarter for Grosse Pointe South.

## Defense shines in North's league wins

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team avoided a trap a lot of high school squads fall into.

The Norsemen didn't get caught looking ahead to their Macomb Area Conference White Division showdown with Fitzgerald when North faced a pair of second-division squads last week.

Instead, the Norsemen came out with a lot of intensity against both Marysville and Fraser and used the strong first half to remain unbeaten in league play.

"It's hard to get up for games like this, but we played extremely well in the first half of both of them," said coach Matt Trombley after North defeated Marysville 65-46, and followed that effort with a 66-55 win over Fraser.

"The first half against Marysville was some of the best defense we played all season. It was fun to watch."

Bryan Bennett sparked the defensive effort with six steals, including five in the first half to help the Norsemen build a 36-12 lead.

"Bryan was phenomenal," Trombley said. "He came out on a mission. He was extremely focused. Their team is run by their point guard and Bryan had him totally frustrated, which took them out of their offense."

North hit its first two shots of the game, then Bennett made a steal and fed Michael Bramos for a two-handed dunk.

That took the Vikings right out of the game and quieted their home crowd.

"That gave us a lift, too," Trombley said. "We had a

guy on them every time they jumped."

Everybody who dressed for North got into the game, and all but one of the Norsemen broke into the scoring column.

Jake Krystoforski had a strong game with 14 points and four steals. Bramos finished with 11 points, five assists and three blocked shots, while Bennett collected seven points and five assists in addition to his six steals.

It was much the same story against Fraser as North led 19-8 after the first quarter and stretched the margin to 39-19 at the half.

"We came out with good intensity in the first half," Trombley said. "And Marcell (Maxwell) and David (Klein) played real well in the post. That was one of the first games where we've been dominant in the post. Klein

made some nice moves, and Marcell was tough on the boards."

Maxwell finished with 17 points and shot 5-for-5 from the free-throw line. Klein scored 15 points and Bennett had seven assists and six steals.

Trombley said that he was looking forward to facing league contenders Fitzgerald, Romeo and Port Huron in consecutive games.

"It's a good test early because that's what we're going to have to face in the district," he said. "After a letdown against Stevenson (in the division opener), I was really happy that we played like we did against Marysville, and then to do the same against Fraser. We had two real good halves in both games."

North improved to 3-0 in the MAC White and 9-1 overall.

## Pioneers cruise by Lutheran East matmen

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Harper Woods and Lutheran East opened their Metro Conference schedule last week, competing against each other.

The host Pioneers beat the Eagles and Lutheran North to stand at 2-0 in the conference. The Eagles lost to North to drop to 0-2.

"It was a respectable showing on our part," East head coach John Widmer said. "We're still trying to

fine-tune our wrestlers, getting them to improve with each match."

The Pioneers' top wrestlers were Bobby Monaghan (125-pound class), Alex Kidd (135 pounds), Keith Neal (140 pounds), Marcus Renwick (145 pounds), Blake Smith (152 pounds), Jeff Orjada (171 pounds) and Adam DiGiovanni (189 pounds).

"It was nice to start 2-0 in our conference after we struggled during the past

couple of weeks," Harper Woods head coach Adam Schihl said. "We had some good practices, putting in more time, which hopefully will pay off in the long run."

The Eagles' top wrestlers were Chris Jurczak (119 pounds), Justin Sommer (275 pounds) and Matt Goetz (215 pounds) who won both of their matches.

Steve Lyon (125 pounds), Quentin Parker (171 pounds), Alex Goetz (160 pounds) and Graham VanPieteron (103 pounds) were each 1-1.

Later in the week, Harper Woods finished fourth in the Southgate Anderson Tournament.

The Pioneers competed without their four top seniors, DiGiovanni, Monaghan, Renwick and Jeremy Myers.

"Certain people stepped it up, and we came away with

a fourth-place finish," Schihl said. "It was a nice afternoon for our guys."

The Pioneers beat Garden City and Detroit Holy Redeemer and lost to Southgate Anderson in pool play.

They dropped a decision to L'Anse Creuse in the semifinals as Neal, Kevin Sparks and Antoine Kennedy were each 4-1. Kidd was 3-2, and Jake Bertges was 2-2.

The Harper Woods wrestling team is 15-9 overall; Lutheran East is 1-3.

Coming up for the Pioneers is the Port Huron Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 31, and a conference tri-meet on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at home.

Next for the Eagles is the Lutheran Seminary Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Saginaw Lutheran.

## Falcons' run sends South to a defeat

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

For a quarter and a half last Friday night it looked like Grosse Pointe South's basketball team might chalk up its first victory of the season.

But then a familiar problem showed up.

"The last two games teams have had big runs against us," said coach George Petrouleas after Utica Ford II beat the Blue Devils 62-47 in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division game.

"It's something we talked about two days in a row; limiting the opponents' runs, and not letting them get into double digits."

South led 22-14 after a basket by Brett Read with 3:13 left in the first half, but Ford scored the last 15 points of the half, and picked up the first five points of the second half.

The 20-0 run by the Falcons turned the Blue Devils' eight-point lead into a 12-point deficit.

South battled back to within five points late in the third quarter on a basket by Nate Jones, who eight of his 10 points in the quarter, but Ford's Jake Koch triggered a 14-0 surge that stretched the Falcons' lead to 19 points with about four minutes left.

The Blue Devils got 13 first-quarter points from Andy Wolking and led 18-9 after the quarter. South increased its lead to 11 points early in the second quarter.

"We came out with a lot of energy," Petrouleas said.

"Andy got off to a good start, but then he picked up a couple of fouls and had to sit down."

A technical foul against the Blue Devils during Ford's 15-0 run at the end of the first half also proved costly. Alan Turi made the free throw that put the Falcons ahead for the first time in the game. Ford retained possession and got a three-point basket from Turi, who scored the Falcons' last 10 points of the half.

Turi led Ford with 17 points, while Koch had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Falcons.

Wolking's 13 points were high for South. Jones had seven rebounds to go with his 10 points, and Kyle Bruen finished with seven points and nine rebounds.

Earlier, South lost 72-35 to Eisenhower, and again it was the second quarter that proved to be the Blue Devils' downfall.

"We were tied at the end of the first quarter. Then we had five straight turnovers at the start of the second and all of a sudden we were down by nine," Petrouleas said.

"The last 4 1/2 minutes of the second quarter we held (Eisenhower) to one field goal, but we couldn't buy a basket. Other teams capitalize on turnovers, but we can't."

The Eagles outscored South 25-7 in the second quarter and controlled the game the rest of the way.

Wolking led the Blue Devils with 10 points.

## Trinity beats Richard

By Michael Shelton  
Staff Writer

Trinity Catholic turned it up a notch Friday night and ended up with a 58-46 win over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"Our defense was excellent, and it set the tone and helped us to victory," said head coach Ed Banks. "Our defense makes our offense work."

The Lancers (7-2, 2-1 Cath. League A East) never trailed the entire game and were led by senior Ron Hildreth with 16 points. Junior center Antonio Hilton wasn't far behind with 15 points.

Senior guard Quinton Washington also contributed 9 points.

"Ron and Quinton really stepped up big tonight," Banks said. "We look to our seniors for leadership. Antonio stepped up too."

Gabriel Richard was led by senior guard Matt Plotrowski with 9 points in a losing effort.

Trinity came out strong in the first half and had a 20-9 lead at one point.

Richard came back and cut Trinity's lead to five in the second quarter. But the Lancers' defense forced numerous Irish turnovers and converted them into a 27-18 halftime lead.

The Irish came out strong in the second half and cut Trinity's lead to 36-30, but that's as close as they would get.

## Notre Dame rocked by Rice

By Michael Shelton  
Special Writer

Harper Woods Notre Dame had a chance to make a statement against Birmingham Brother Rice on Friday night but fell short 54-37.

"We're very disappointed in the result. I expected us to be tougher and do a better job, and we came up short," head coach Don Sicko said. "They did keep the ball out of our post man's hands, and we weren't patient enough to keep exploring their defense."

Junior forward Darryl Clements had 15 points to lead the Fightin' Irish (3-5 overall, 0-2 Catholic League Central Division). Senior Keith Frank had 8 points while senior center Seth Quaranta managed 6.

"He's (Clements) gotta

play well for us, and we just need some other guys to play well," Sicko said.

"Seth (Quaranta) didn't have a good performance today, and we need a good performance out of both of those guys on a regular basis."

Senior guard Jon Djurovski led Brother Rice (3-5, 1-2) with 17 points.

The first half was a defensive battle, and both teams struggled to gain an advantage. The first quarter ended tied at 11.

Clements then hit a buzzer-beating three-point shot to bring the Irish within two at halftime.

"It's easy for a young team to get down on itself and stay down. We were just trying to keep fighting through

it, and eventually we'll learn that lesson to get to the next level," Sicko said.

But Brother Rice gained the upper hand in the second half, denying Notre Dame inside chances and forcing the Irish to take the outside shot.

At the other end, the Warriors exploited Notre Dame's lack of size and were able to dominate offensively in the paint.

All but one of Brother Rice's players is six feet or taller.

"In the second half, when we got down by six or eight, we started to gamble a little bit, and they beat our press, and they got to the free throw line a lot; so Brother Rice did a nice job," Sicko said.

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Regina's volleyball team blocked Madison Heights Bishop Foley in last week's Catholic League victory.

## Regina improving

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Regina's volleyball team took third-place in last weekend's Woodhaven Tournament, losing to Riverview in the playoffs.

"This was a confidence builder for our team," head coach Tina McLaughlin said. "The girls are getting more comfortable with our system, and that has resulted in more consistent play."

In pool play, the Saddlelites lost 17-25, 16-25 to Riverview and 14-25, 15-25 to Woodhaven, and beat Hazel Park 26-24, 25-12, Northville 25-19, 25-23, and Ann Arbor Pioneer 25-21 and 25-23.

"We definitely have played some tough teams during the first-half of our schedule," McLaughlin said. "The girls have been improving with each match, which is what we're striving for."

Leading the Saddlelites were seniors Sara Clark, Alicia Bernat, Meghan Sweeney, Sarah Orlikowski,

Jamie Harbison and Megan Pelgus, and juniors Sarah Frontzak, Victoria Kazirovski, Dana Zak, Nicole Watson, Elizabeth Cody, Michelle Oben and Melissa Helminiak.

Earlier in the week, Regina beat Madison Heights Bishop Foley and lost to Livonia Ladywood.

"I see the girls having some fun," McLaughlin said. "Beating Bishop Foley and playing well in the tournament have been real boosts for the team. I hope it carries over to the rest of our season."

The Regina volleyball team improved to 1-2 in the Catholic League and 11-25 in games played.

Coming up for the Saddlelites are home matches on Friday, Jan. 30, and Thursday, Feb. 5, against Livonia Ladywood and Birmingham Marian, sandwiched around an away match on Tuesday, Feb. 3, against Ladywood.

## Knights beat LCN

Playing a larger school didn't seem to faze University Liggett School's hockey team last week.

The Knights got three goals and an assist from Adam Rock, and beat L'Anse Creuse North 5-3.

Steve Berger and George Wines had the other ULS goals, while Steve Molnar picked up a pair of assists. Tommy Russell also had an

assist.

In addition to their contributions on offense, Berger and Molnar played well defensively, along with Charlie Warren and Ryan Deane.

Antonio Evangelista played a solid game in goal for the Knights.

ULS will host Wyandotte Mount Carmel on Saturday at 6 p.m.

## North stuns division leader in hockey

Grosse Pointe North had the perfect game plan when it faced Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League division leader Regina last week.

"We wanted to come out on the attack and get them back on their heels. It worked," said North coach Tim Van Eckoute after his team's 9-0 victory.

The Norsemen scored on the first shift of the game and added three more goals before the first period ended. After two periods, North held a 7-0 lead.

"The scoring was evenly spread around between lines and positions, which was really nice," Van Eckoute said.

Up front, Chelsea Skorupski scored three goals, Mindy Dunn scored

twice and Marisa LaValley added one. Emily Nelson had three assists.

North's defense accounted for three goals as Maria Feldpausch had two and Megan Irving added one.

Besides beating the Saddlelites, who came into the game with a 13-2 record, Van Eckoute was pleased with the shutout.

"Regina has some great goal scorers and our program prides itself on playing a strong defensive game," he said. "The nine goals were great but the fact that we really only needed one to win makes the victory even sweeter."

Goaltender Kelley Peers turned back all 19 shots she faced as the Norsemen earned their sixth shutout of the season. North has

allowed only 22 goals in 14 games while posting an 11-3 league record and 12-4 overall mark.

Earlier, the Norsemen beat Plymouth Canton-Salem 6-5 as Feldpausch scored her second goal of the game early in the overtime period.

It was set up on a nice pass from Peers, who took a break from her goaltending duties.

Feldpausch opened the scoring two minutes into the game but Plymouth came back with a pair of goals seven seconds apart. North got goals from Kate Zeminick and Melissa Carron to lead 3-2 after the first period.

Each team scored twice in the second period with

Nelson and Peers getting the Norsemen's goals. Plymouth, which got excellent goaltending from Amanda Watkins, tied the game with seven minutes remaining in the third period.

"We were coming off a big game with (Grosse Pointe) South and the kids are taking mid-terms, so I was worried about this sort of thing," Van Eckoute said. "We talked about it before the game."

"The bottom line is, we got the victory but in no way was our performance acceptable or satisfying. PCS is much improved and the played really well, but giving up five goals to any team is totally unacceptable."

## South girls keep rival goalies busy

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team certainly kept the opposing goaltenders busy last week.

First, the Blue Devils peppered Farmington Hills Mercy goalie Jenna Martines with 61 shots. Martines stopped 54 of them, but South still came away with a 7-1 victory.

In their next outing, the Blue Devils had 35 shots through two periods against Plymouth Canton-Salem in a 10-0 victory that was stopped by a mercy rule after the second period.

In the Mercy game, freshman Caitlin Lariscy led a balanced scoring attack with

two goals. Another freshman, Amanda Marsh, had a goal and two assists.

Hillary Inger, Sarah Parker and Megan McCaughey each collected a goal and an assist. Parker's goal came shorthanded, while McCaughey's was on the power play.

South's other goal was a hard shot from the blue line by defenseman Michelle O'Donoghue.

Emily Shefferly and Kristen Inger each had two assists for South, while Shami Entenman and Katie Gilbride had one apiece.

Mercy had five power plays in the game, but the

Blue Devils' penalty killing unit of Katie Dosch, Amelia Altavena, Stacey Campbell and McCaughey did a good job of keeping the Marlins bottled up in their zone.

Whitney Hughes made six saves for South but lost her shutout on a fluke goal with 30 seconds remaining.

In the Plymouth game, Campbell collected four goals and two assists to help South improve its league-leading record to 12-1-0.

Marsh finished with two goals and two assists, while McCaughey, Parker, Hillary Inger and Amanda Palffy scored the other Blue Devils goals.

McCaughey also had five assists, while Shefferly, the team's scoring leader, had a pair of assists with some precision passing.

Parker, Kristen Inger, Entenman and Lariscy each had one assist.

Lauren Stanek registered the shutout, but had to stop only two shots, thanks to the solid defensive play of Emele Williams, Dosch, Jessica Palffy, Katie Gerow, Emily Gilbride and Linda Stanek.

It was the fourth shutout of the season for South, which has outscored its opponents 87-21.



The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '95 took first place in the Holiday Soccer Tournament at Total Soccer in Fraser. In front is Anastasia Diamond. In the middle row, from left, are Jennifer Cusmano, Francesca Ciaramitaro, Catherine McCarthy and Danielle Karwicz. In back, from left, are coach John Sikorski, Emily Armbruster, Haleigh Ristovski, Kim Cusmano, Claire DeBoer and assistant coach Luke Ciaramitaro.

## Breakers take first

It didn't matter that the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '95 were an under-9 team playing in an indoor soccer tournament that included under-10 squads.

The Breakers still posted a 3-0 victory over USL to win the championship of the Holiday Soccer Tournament at Total Soccer in Fraser.

The Breakers, who were 6-1 in the tournament, earned a spot in the championship game against previously-unbeaten USL on a

total goals tiebreaker.

The next week the Breakers qualified for the National Indoor Tournament which will be held in the Detroit area on Feb. 28-29.

The Breakers lost 3-2 to the Hawks in the regional championship game, but both regional finalists earned a berth in the national event, which will include teams from the United States, Canada and Mexico.

## Norsemen do well at Fraser

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team turned in a solid performance at the recent Fraser Invitational.

The Norsemen were outstanding in pool play and in the quarterfinals, but lost to defending state champion Fraser 21-11, 21-11 in the semifinals.

North beat Bloomfield Hills Lahser 24-22, 15-21, 15-10 in the quarterfinals. In pool play, the Norsemen defeated Fraser's junior var-

sity 21-12, 21-13; Roseville 21-18, 21-15; and Pinconning 21-12, 21-14. North's only loss in pool play was 21-17, 21-18 to St. Joseph, which was ranked fourth in the state.

North's Jesse Koltun had 25 kills and 11 blocks. Liz Andary had 24 kills, 11 blocks, 20 digs and 26 service points. Jenny Gaitley led with 42 digs, and she served 22 points.

Emily Schleicher had 22

kills and 27 digs. Danielle Zohrob had 82 assists and 10 service points.

In a Macomb Area Conference Red Division match, Fraser beat North 15-7, 15-7.

Erica Gaitley had six digs, one point and four target passes. Koltun had five kills and a block, and Zohrob had eight assists.

North is 16-9-3 overall and 0-3 in the MAC Red.

## South swimmers 8-0 in dual meets

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team is heading into the final third of the season with an 8-0 record in dual meets.

In its latest outing, South beat Fraser 139-47 in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

The Blue Devils swept the 100-yard freestyle with Dave Richardson-Rossbach, Pete Stevens and Ryan Gunderson, while underclassmen Jamie Handley, Grant Withers and Nick Hy swept the 100 breaststroke.

South's other firsts came from Jeff Tompkins in the 200 freestyle; Casey Browning, 200 individual medley; Mike Dunaway, 50 freestyle; Robby Browning, 100 butterfly; Jon Sax, 500 freestyle; and Luke Richard, 100 backstroke.

Earlier, South beat Troy 148-37 in a non-league meet.

Gunderson achieved a state-qualifying time of 22.79 in the 50 freestyle, and Richard added a fourth state cut with a 1:49.85 in the 200 freestyle.

Ben Jenzen had a person-

al-best time of 21.66 in the 50 freestyle, and into the final third of the season with an 8-0 record in dual meets.

The Blue Devils swept eight of the 12 events.

Wilson Holm was third in the 50 freestyle behind Jenzen and Gunderson.

Andrew Graham and Dave Richardson-Rossbach followed Richard in the 200 freestyle. Dunaway and Alex Garbarino finished 2-3 behind Richardson-Rossbach in the 100 freestyle.

Justin Linne, Dan Kastner and Ty Lattimore finished 1-2-3 in diving.

Robby Browning, Stevens and Graham swept the 100 butterfly, and Casey Browning, Danny Basile and Tompkins did the same in the 500 freestyle.

Robby Browning, Gunderson and Holm took the first three places in the 100 backstroke, and Stevens, Sax and Chris Vella swept the 100 breaststroke.

## North swimmers beat two opponents

Grosse Pointe North's swimming team was dominant in a double dual meet with Southfield-Lathrup and Redford Thurston.

In the 130-36 win over Lathrup, Michael VanBeek was a double winner with firsts in the 50- and 500-yard freestyle races.

North's other firsts came from Karl Tech, 200

freestyle; Steven Cornillie, 200 individual medley; Mike Kedzierski, 100 butterfly; Chris Blunden, 100 freestyle; and Andrew Fly, 100 breaststroke.

VanBeek also won both events against Thurston, while Tech, Cornillie, Kedzierski, Blunden and Fly also posted firsts, along with Mike Walton, who won the 100 backstroke.

North had several season-best times. VanBeek and Ryan Boury turned in their best performances in the 50 freestyle. Other season bests came from Blunden, 100 freestyle; Tech, Michael Lane and Walton, 200 freestyle; Fly and Boury, 500 freestyle; Walton, 100 backstroke; Tim Schultes and John Sattler, 100 breaststroke; Matt Lane and Scotty Moore, 100 butterfly; and Cornillie, Roy Lucier and Kedzierski, 200 individual medley.

North improved to 3-1 overall with the two victories.

## Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League Baseball REGISTRATION

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■ Comcast customers in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have started to add a few more numbers to pay their cable bills beginning this month. Page 3A

■ Fifth Third Bank wants to purchase Standard on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms and replace the service station with a two-story branch bank. Page 3A

■ In December, the Grosse Pointe public school district was going to face a cut of \$100 per pupil or \$896,000. This number was pared back in early January to \$84 per pupil or \$753,000. Page 6A

■ The future looks bright for Harper Woods as the city council sets goals for improving such issues as safety, finance and recreation. Page 13A

■ Harper Woods posted one of its most impressive basketball victories in the school's history last week when the Pioneers beat Warren De La Salle 69-56. Page 1C

## WEEK AHEAD

### Thursday, Jan. 29

There will be a "Talkin' Baseball" program at the University Liggett School auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m. Featured speakers are three of the area's high school baseball coaches — Frank Sumner of Grosse Pointe North High School, Dan Griesbaum of Grosse Pointe South High School and Dan Cimini of ULS — and former Detroit Tigers first baseman Dave Bergman, who is the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization. Tickets are available at the door for \$15.

### Sunday, Feb. 1

Evening, an afternoon liturgy of anthems, hymns, prayers and lessons, will be sung by the Choir of Girls and Men at 4:30 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. All are welcome and admission is free. For further information, call Christ Church Grosse Pointe at (313) 885-4841.

### Monday, Feb. 2

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at the Woods city hall at 7:30 p.m.

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

### Thursday, Feb. 5

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council and the American Red Cross hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Babysitting is available upon request. For an appointment and information about eligibility for donating, call (313) 884-5542.

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Photos by Brad Lindberg  
 Terry Hayes, above, straddles a fire hose while descending a smoke-stained stairway during a house fire last Friday in the City of Grosse Pointe. Hayes, a public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Park, was one of many officers from the Park and Farms who responded to the two-alarm blaze that gutted an upstairs bedroom. Below, City Lt. Eddie Tujaka, left, checks for fire inside a ceiling being torn open by PSO Ed Shradler.

## City firefighters pounce on Rivard Rd. house fire

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

Tom Smolenski stood crying on a snowy sidewalk outside his parents' burning home. Four fire trucks clogged the street behind him as flakes floated down.

Unlike summertime house fires, few neighbors came outside to watch. It was 13 degrees and windswept under a cement-colored sky on Friday, Jan. 23, at 2:50 p.m.

Twenty-four minutes earlier, at 2:26 p.m., a City of Grosse Pointe dispatcher answered a 911 call. It was Smolenski. The high school student saw flames coming from the front

bedroom of the family home in the 700 block of Rivard.

Lt. Eddie Tujaka was on duty at public safety headquarters. His cramped office exits onto the fire-house floor. It's just a few steps to the thick black rubber boots, full-length yellow fire suits, portable air packs and red helmets that officers stage on the heavy-duty front bumpers of two fire trucks ready to role.

One of the trucks, yellow pumper No. 22, carries 750 gallons of water. Uncontrolled fires double in size every handful of seconds. Arriving at

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## Gaffney bill seeks elected library board

By Carrie Cunningham  
 Staff Writer

Representative Edward Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe) has sponsored legislation that will require members of the Grosse Pointe Library Board to be elected rather than appointed by the school board.

Gaffney believes the library, which has a \$3.1 million budget funded by taxpayers, should be represented by board members who have to answer directly to the public.

"The library board is responsible for a huge amount of taxpayer money," Gaffney said. "By making the board elected, instead of appointed, we can help ensure board members are accountable to the public."

Gaffney's measure comes at a time when the school board passed a resolution making the nominating process more open. The new policy requires that vacancies be posted in the library as well as the newspaper, that candidates may be interviewed by school board members, and that after considering candidates' qualifications, school board members will select library board members.

"The action taken by the school board is a step in the right direction," Gaffney said. "But we must take the next step to make library board members directly responsible to the public. Electing public officials is a bedrock principle of our democracy."

Library board president John Bruce is amenable to changes in the selection of board members.

"This board has always supported improvement of the appointment process,"

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## Rewold to build Woods library

By Carrie Cunningham  
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Library Board approved the selection of Frank Rewold and Son, Inc. as construction manager for the Grosse Pointe Woods Library construction project.

The board followed the recommendation of consultant Paul Rivetto, who asserted that the firm was the most qualified firm at the lowest cost.

Rewold has overseen library construction projects in Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Brandon Township and Milford as well as numerous school projects.

The new branch will reside on the corner of Mack and Vernier, adjacent to Parcels Middle School and will cost under \$10 million, according to library board president John Bruce.

The architect for the project is Fanney Howey.

Construction is planned to begin when school gets out this June and will be completed by October or November of 2005, Bruce said.

Some winter construction might take place which might add costs, but Bruce thinks the target of spending under \$10 million will be achieved.

With a complex set of construction challenges, the board wants the project to go smoothly.

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Rich Solak

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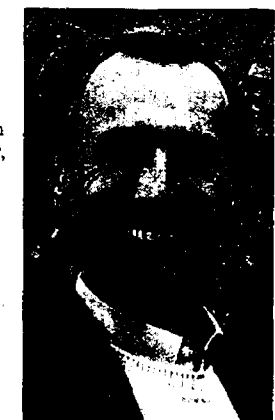
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Quote: "I loathe bureaucracy."

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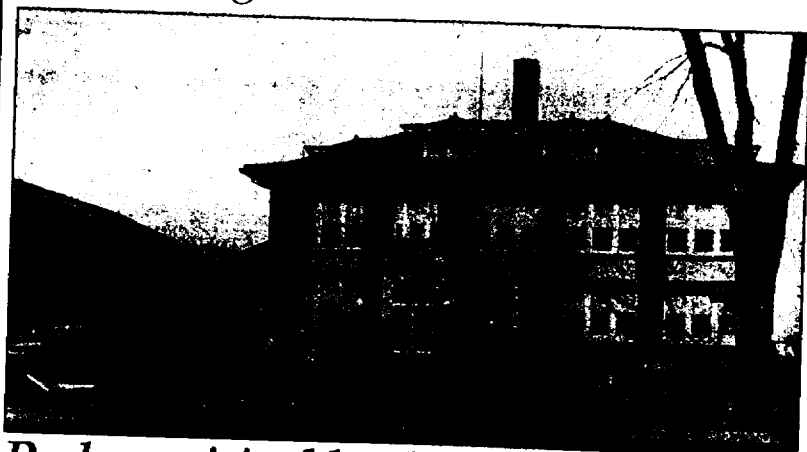
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## 50 years ago this week



## Park municipal landscaping progresses

A large sycamore tree is set to be planted on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe Park municipal headquarters. Another tree is scheduled to be planted this week. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Jan. 28, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ Six bids for construction of a new pier at City of Grosse Pointe lakefront park come in at around \$219,000, some \$20,000 higher than expected.

City officials try to find other sources of revenue to make up the shortfall.

It is the consensus of the city council that residents, having approved a bond issue for the project, would not want them to do any foolish skimping now which would greatly detract from the usefulness of the finished improvements.

■ Two deck bollards from the steamer Put-in-Bay, which City of Grosse Pointe clerk Norbert Neff witnessed burn last Oct. 3, on the Great Lakes, will become part of a memorial at the city's enlarged municipal park.

Davis Lowe, president of Detroit Marine Terminal, grants Neff's request to obtain the metal bollards, which held Put-in-Bay's mooring lines.

The bollards will be placed on the new pier when completed. An accompanying plaque will tell about the Bay and honor Mrs. Ollie S. Dustin of Neff Road, who is the widow of the founder of the Ashley-Dustin Lines, builder of the Put-in-Bay.

■ Midwinter commencement exercises at Grosse Pointe High School graduate 116 candidates.

## 25 years ago this week

■ Plans for the revitalization of lower Kercheval are revealed by Grosse Pointe Park officials.

Improvements include

decorative light fixtures, street furniture, parking lots, landscaping and bricked patios and crosswalks.

■ City of Grosse Pointe officials conduct a telephone survey of 500 residents to determine how best to spend some \$80,000 per year in Community Development Block Grants.

Results show residents think maintaining the Village commercial district should receive the highest priority.

■ Inflation hits school cafeterias.

The price of lunches increases 5 cents to 75 cents for elementary students and 80 cents for secondary students. Milk prices also go up one cent to 6 cents per carton.

## 10 years ago this week

■ Teachers and librarians have been working without a contract since it expired in September, with both sides deadlocked on issues of salary and benefits.

Next week, that could change. Members of the school board and Grosse Pointe Education Association are scheduled to meet with a factfinder. Both sides hope all issues will be concluded within one day.

■ Edmund Ahee, owner of Ahee Jewelers in Grosse Pointe Woods, is shaken awake at 4:40 a.m. in his Beverly Hills hotel room by a big earthquake in southern California. "I thought my wife was jumping on the bed," Ahee says. "It lasted about 60 seconds, but it seemed like forever."

Ahee is one of several

Pointers in the Golden State at the time of the tremor.

Arthur Mitchell of the City feels the quake from his Santa Monica lodgings. "It felt like someone picked up the hotel and dropped it," Mitchell says.

Another City resident, Marty Bufalini, is rattled in his room on the 16th floor of the Hotel Continental. "There was violent shaking and whiplash from being so high up," he says.

■ Standing-room only crowds eliminate the possibility of broadcasting twice-monthly meetings of the Grosse Pointe school board anywhere other than the Grosse Pointe South High School library.

## 5 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Park police trace two burglary suspects to a Detroit dwelling, where thousands of dollars in stolen property is found.

Items recovered include televisions, computers and clothing.

■ A group of citizens opposed to expansion of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club harbor sue six members of the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council.

Within the 16-count complaint from Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE), plaintiffs allege the defendants acted "in a dual capacity as members of the GPYC as well as trustees and administrative officials" of the Shores.

Shores President John Huetteman III calls the suit "frivolous."

■ Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers who investigate a 911 hang-up call at a house in the 600 block of Lakeshore encounter a second-floor fire hotter than they'd ever experienced.

"The house was cooking," says officer David Kwiatkowski.

— Brad Lindberg

## Gaffney

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Bruce said. "If legislation is passed, I will guarantee this board will be 100 percent supportive of what's in the

best interest of taxpayers."

There are seven members on the library board, with each member serving four year terms. Terms of three library board members will

end June 30, 2004. They are David Bergeron of Grosse Pointe Woods, Robert Klacza of Grosse Pointe Park and Laura Bartell of Grosse Pointe Shores.

## Fire

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a fire with an onboard supply of water lets firefighters get into action without spending time hooking hoses to hydrants.

It was from Engine 22, parked in the cold at the foot of Smolenski's driveway, that PSO Mike Almeranti connected two 1 3/4-inch hoses, a primary and back-up. Just in case.

Tujaka and PSO Ed Shrader, dressed in thick protective garb and breathing bottled air, manhandled the hoses in the home's front door.

They entered the living room and turned right. A narrow stairway lead to the second floor.

Two-thirds up, a little landing marked where the stairway turned back on itself 180 degrees and resumed the climb.

That's where Shrader, in front handling the nozzle with Tujaka behind, saw what he was getting into.

"Flames were coming out the bedroom at the top of the stairs to the left," he said, his voice muffled behind an air mask.

"A lot of fire was coming out of that room," Tujaka said. "Considering the amount of plastic and foam inside, it was probably 1,200 degrees."

Shrader snapped open the nozzle. He aimed the spray high, dousing flames and beating back hot gasses pressing against a plaster lath ceiling.

Flames unfolded in upside down waves above Tujaka's helmet. Fire ate a door molding and turned the ceiling black.

"The two of us attacked the doorway with water to knock down the flames," Shrader said. "Then we worked our way into the bedroom."

"There were flames to the left," Shrader said. "We put those out."

Then nothing.

"We lost water," Tujaka

said.

"A line blew," said Almeranti, operating Engine 22. "They got stuck in there with no water until I could get the line reconnected."

How long?

"About 35 to 40 seconds," Almeranti said. His neck veins bulged. "Once again, we've been having mechanical problems with this engine."

"The connection blew," Tujaka said, referring to where the primary attack hose clamped to the pumper's main water outlet.

"We had the same problem at the Grumpy's fire (two weeks ago in Grosse Pointe Park). We called a repairman and thought it was fixed."

Almeranti hooked the blown hose to another outlet. Shrader and Tujaka had pressure again — 100 gallons per minute.

Shrader said things were under control within "two or three minutes" of starting the attack.

"We hit it just in time where it didn't get into the attic and cause the roof to go," Tujaka said.

By now officers from the Farms and Park had answered a second alarm. Two Farms trucks, including one with a long extension ladder, responded.

Farms PSO Jim McMahon had been patrolling Moross near Chalfonte when he monitored a radio report about a fire in the City. Anticipating a second alarm, he drove to Farms headquarters to rendezvous with one of the department's fire trucks.

"I got here after the first couple tag teams," McMahon said. "Fortunately, the fire was found in its early stages. They were able to save the building."

City public works employees arrived with a front-end loader filled with road salt. Workers coated the street

outside the fire scene with salt to prevent water leaking from hose connections from freezing solid.

At 2:50 p.m., flames extinguished, officers began searching for what they call "extensions," or where fire may have sneaked behind walls and ceilings.

Farms Lt. Jack Patterson tore at plaster with a pike pole. Others used axes. Ceilings came down. Soggy insulation drooped from rafters.

"We found hot spots in the wall," Patterson said. "You could see burn marks on the lath (plaster) inside. It doesn't look like anything got into the attic other than smoke."

Pam Mackay, a nearby Rivard resident, wanted to help the officers. She brewed a pot of hot coffee and delivered it to the cab of a fire truck. Styrofoam cups, too.

"It's a cold day to fight a fire," she said.

Lt. Patterson held a cup in his gloved hand. He took a sip.

"Tastes great," he said.

It was a few minutes after 3 p.m. The entire bedroom and its contents had been consumed. The hallway was damaged. Smoke carried through the whole house.

Outside, dusty wisps of steam seeped from under the roof line. Falling snow collected on the roof.

Smolenski, the teenage resident who called 911, still stood on the sidewalk looking at his home. His winter coat unbuttoned, he watched officers toss fire debris out a side window.

"I don't want to talk about it," he said.


Lt. Paul Onderbeke, City fire investigator, traced the source of flames to either a waste basket or nearby bedding.

He said Smolenski mentioned burning incense in the room earlier that day.

"The cause is officially undetermined," Onderbeke said.




Nothing remains of the ceiling in a bedroom destroyed by fire on Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe. Soggy insulation hangs from rafters as Lt. Eddie Tujaka searches the attic for signs of fire. Photo by Brad Lindberg



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# Ready for the Super Bowl?

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What's great about the Super Bowl is that there is something for everyone, whether you're into sports, entertainment, or music.

Die-hard football fans, like myself, are anxious to

see who will hoist the Vince Lombardi trophy, the upstart Carolina Panthers or the former champion New England Patriots.

But let's face it, while the Super Bowl has produced many memorable moments, it usually doesn't live up to the hype.

I can remember in some cases the score being a blowout by halftime, including Tampa Bay's rampage over Oakland last year.

Yet most of the male population will plan their entire day around the festivities, including the 5-hour pre-game show, which has to be torture on churches and family events.

The way I see it, the real Super Bowl battle is between the advertisers.

Every year, millions of dollars are spent for as



# I Say

Michael Shelton

much as 30 seconds of air time during the game, and companies try to put out the most entertaining commercials possible.

Some of my personal favorites included the Bud Light "Whassuppp!" guys, Ali Landry eating Doritos while doing the splits, and the first previews for the movie "Independence Day" with a spaceship blowing up

the White House.

So while the actual game may not be exciting, the battle for the best commercial is always guaranteed to produce a lot of talk among Monday morning quarterbacks.

And then of course, there's the halftime show.

The first Super Bowl featured the University of Michigan and Arizona marching bands. Since

then, it's tended to be a cheesy, overblown production.

The main exception was U2 at Super Bowl XXXVI and its salute to the victims of 9/11. The image of Bono running around the stage, draping Old Glory on his jacket still remains etched in my mind to this day.

This year's show looks promising though. Having Janet Jackson on the same stage as Kid Rock certainly has my interest.

It sounds better than the Lingerie Bowl on pay-per-view.

But of course, the Super Bowl always gives people a reason to party.

This Sunday will mark the biggest consumption of chili, cheese, chips, hot dogs and beer in the U.S. other

than the Fourth of July.

I love the Super Bowl, but if I were in charge, I would do a couple things differently.

I would make sure there was a one-week layoff before the game. A two-week wait is unnecessary in my book.

And I would hold the Super Bowl on Saturday. That would give fans a day to recover from partying rather than stumbling into the office the next day.

But for now all I can do is say this: Wherever you may be this Sunday, enjoy the game, commercials, music, condiments, and everything that makes Super Bowl Sunday America's greatest unofficial holiday.

By the way: Patriots 23, Panthers 10.

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# The Op-Ed Page



Visit the Grosse Pointe Dogs website: <http://gpdogs.keenspace.com>

## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

What part of the Super Bowl are you looking forward to?



Kim Manieci

"Definitely the commercials and hanging out with friends. The half time show is one of my favorites."

**Kim Manieci**  
Grosse Pointe Farms

"I'm never into the sports. I don't have time for that. The Red Wings I kind of like, but I never really watch them."

**Kristin Phillips**  
Grosse Pointe Farms



Kristin Phillips

"The commercials. They're entertaining. It's just fun. The game is nice, but the commercials are better."

**Chelsea Dufour**  
City of Grosse Pointe



Chelsea Dufour

"I like the football. I like the competition. I like everything about the super bowl. It's pretty intense."

**James Colombo**  
City of Grosse Pointe



James Colombo

"I'm probably more excited about the commercials than the game. I think it's one time of the year that they're really imaginative."

**Nicole Budrys**  
City of Grosse Pointe



Nicole Budrys

"There are no Detroit teams playing. I'm not really interested. I'm a football fan, but the teams I don't have any connection to."

**Carl Eckert**  
Grosse Pointe Park



Carl Eckert

## fyi

by Ben Burns



### Food for fitness

The high school students at South sometimes call Mrs. Pat Pompei, "Mom." They explain it is a natural mistake. She cooks. She cleans. She sews. She washes dishes. She looks out for their well-being.

In olden days — back when I was in high school — they called the courses she teaches in Room 198, Home Economics. In most schools, boys weren't allowed to take the courses. Home Ec fell into disfavor as women in the '60s and '70s pushed for an equal right to become professional wage slaves.

Nowadays, educators have resurrected the courses under the heading of "Life Skills" with more precise names, such as "Foods for Fitness," designed to teach both young men and women how to prepare healthy, tasty, nutritious, attractive meals.

Recently, the students had their final exam. They had to prepare a luncheon and invite a guest who would evaluate their success.

Most of the students, like Harry Galac, 17, of the Park, invited a parent. Harry invited his mother, Patty Groezinger. "I was pleasantly surprised," she said. "I didn't know he had it in him. He learned a lot in this class."

I was there to taste the efforts of our Swedish Rotary exchange student, Clara Ellsinger, 17. Clara

cooked quesadillas with black beans, corn and Monterey Jack cheese, accompanied by yellow rice and garnished with cilantro. "Very tasty," I told her. "You could open the first Mexican restaurant in your home town of Gothenburg."

As the affair wrapped up, Groezinger noticed Harry over at the sink washing a pot. "My goodness, he is even cleaning up," she exclaimed.

"Better warn him to be careful," I said. "He could get dishpan hands."

The sign over the entrance of 198 summed it up: "Welcome to Life Skills: Putting Your Education to Work."

It looked as if Harry, Clara and the others learned their lessons well. Mrs. Pompei deserves to be proud of her work. And if the students call her "Mom," that's OK, too.

### Da Vinci

Grosse Pointe Park resident the Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon, president of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, journeyed to Chicago a few weeks back to do a lecture on the underlying facts behind Dan Brown's runaway fiction bestseller, "The Da Vinci Code," at Fourth Presbyterian in the heart of downtown.

Rigdon had received a flood of calls from various folks with a question with a common theme: "Is it true?"

He and the senior minister at Fourth expected a couple hundred folks to brave the cold in the Windy City to listen to Rigdon's remarks. Instead they walked into an audience of upwards of 1,700 — the capacity of the sanctuary.

Rigdon gave the same lecture to a packed house Jan. 18 at the Lay Theological Academy meeting at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Farms.

While Rigdon found many of the underlying historical facts in the book inaccurate, just plain wrong or distorted, he did point out that the book serves a useful purpose in getting folks to learn more about the early church and in emphasizing that women in the church have been suppressed and should in all respects be on an equal footing with men.

"Theology is akin to art," Rigdon said. "It describes God by suggesting the human experience of God."

... We have an enormous hunger and deep anxiety. What we want is not faith, but certitude. But the church asks something much tougher. It asks you to live by faith."

Reportedly he has already been invited to reprise his performance by a couple of other groups out east.

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## Points about the Pointes

Police bike patrols in Grosse Pointe Woods once Spring has sprung? It's a great idea!



Last year, the subject of having police bike patrols was brought up by residents at a Woods City Council meeting. The residents felt that having police bike patrols in the Woods would help restore the connection between the community and the police department that disappeared when policemen stopped walking beats.

To my knowledge, no formal follow-up by the City was done on this great idea. If there was any follow-up, it wasn't made public.

Spring will be here before we know it. Across the nation, about 40% of the local police departments will be getting their bikes tuned up and their bike patrols back in full gear, giving

peace of mind to their businesses and residents that simply can't be provided from car patrols.

Communities in Michigan far less affluent than Grosse Pointe Woods (Warren, Utica, Roseville, Sterling Heights, Chesterfield, Dearborn Heights, Plymouth and Allen Park to name a few) have embraced reconnecting with their residents through their bike patrols. As a resident, a business owner, a parent with young kids and a son having senior parents in town, the concept is a home run for all. So, GPW City Council...how about revisiting this great idea?

...Ahmed Ismailkhaled.ismail@comcast.net

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# A job well done

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Rich Solak is tying up loose ends.

His career as Grosse Pointe Farms city manager ended in December. But three-quarters through a frigid January, he's back at city hall.

"I was working on a number of projects when I retired," Solak said. "I'm trying to bring them to a successful conclusion. It's hard to pull down the curtain Dec. 31 when you have projects under way."

Solak works out of whatever space is available.

Last Friday he consulted city Controller John Modzinski in an upstairs hallway. Then he made a telephone call from the former office of Shane Reeside, who worked for years as the Farms assistant city manager. Reeside has been promoted to city manager and is moving into Solak's old digs overlooking Kerby Road.

Solak, 58, made a lot of friends during his 31-year career. What began in 1973 as an adventure became a life-changing career move from his native Chicago.

His wife, Nancy, remained in Chicago while Solak hunted for a house in the Farms.

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Solak reception Feb. 7 at War Memorial

The public is invited to a gathering honoring Rich Solak, retired Grosse Pointe Farms city manager.

The event is scheduled at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. A presentation will be made at 3:30 p.m.

"I'd like to see some of the people I dealt with over the years," said Solak, who was city manager for 12 of the 31 years he worked for the Farms. "Maybe we will reminisce a little and look back at good times."

Light fare will be served. Organizers have asked that gifts not be given.

"She wanted two things: a downstairs bathroom and window over the kitchen sink," Solak said. "I fulfilled her two wishes. We stretched ourselves financially to live in the Farms, but it was one of the best decisions I ever made. It's the kind of community where you get your roots down very easily."

Nancy works at the Park Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The couple's two children, Matthew and Chelsea, graduated from the Grosse

Pointe school system and are living successfully on their own. Matthew, 30, teaches English in Beijing, China. Chelsea, 25, works for Bank One in Chicago.

Solak joined the city as administrative assistant to the city manager. He rose steadily up the ladder, topping out in 1992 with the city's ranking job.

"I loathe bureaucracy," Solak said. "I believe in direct government, responsive government. I try to bring a human touch to government."

## Village wall under scrutiny

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Artists whose efforts are panned by critics often retort that those who can, do; those who can't, criticize.

These days it seems everyone's a critic in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Whether they can or can't, most residents apparently agree they could have done better than what they've had to look at for three years on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

The topic of this derision is the collection of stone monoliths unveiled three years ago with the dedication of Kressbach Place.

"The community has been very concerned," said C. John Stevens, who may owe his election to the City council last November to voter fallout from the wall.

Stevens said he "can't repeat" some of the comments residents offered about the walls while he campaigned door-to-door. "The feedback has been substantial and widespread."

John Stempfle, another

first-term councilman, also got an earful on the campaign trail.

"I rang a lot of doorbells," he said. "Every comment was negative about it. It was embarrassing at times."

"This was the number one topic — even beyond Jacobson's — people were concerned about," said Stephen Sholty, who lost reelection to the council in November but was reappointed a week later to fill a vacancy.

The walls are elements of a \$360,000 beautification project funded privately by the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation.

Planners hoped a series of stone walls of varying heights and dimensions, some topped with waterfall fountains, would provide pedestrians a haven from hubbub in the Village shopping district.

Residents also donated wooden benches, set in enclaves under shade trees.

"There is unrest in the minds of a lot of people that we have not achieved what

we should be achieving," Stevens said.

"It sounded fine until it got built," said Joseph Jennings, the council's representative to the Foundation.

But Jennings has kept an open mind. He realizes some things take time to be appreciated.

"I've found more and more people coming to me saying there's no problem," he told his council colleagues. "I think you're going to like it more and more as time goes on."

The Foundation's fundraising drive included a miniature mockup and renderings of the design.

Stevens seemed genuinely puzzled how the model turned into something so big.

"The majority (of people) is saying this is too large," he said.

To soften the wall, the Foundation has asked the city to pay up to \$20,000 for additional landscaping. An irrigation system would be installed. Ivy and trumpet vines would be planted.

The city council tabled an identical request in September.

They tabled it again this week.

Before council members address the landscaping request, they want to meet with Foundation representatives and city administrators.

"We owe our residents a discussion," Sholty said.



Lake Saint Clair

Photo by Brad Lindberg

An informal public gathering has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in honor of Rich Solak, recently retired city manager of Grosse Pointe Farms. "I sincerely meant what I said about the impact of the residents," Solak said. "I really have enjoyed developing those relationships. They've been great to work with. Employees as well."

He'll leave behind a legacy of civic improvements, including a modernized infrastructure such as separated sewers and renovations to Pier Park.

"The park, Joy Bells, Richard Place, the Hill and Mack Avenue have been sources of pride to beautify the community," he said. "One of the projects I'm most proud of is closing McMillan Road to create a safe environment for kids (at Richard Elementary School) while expanding parking for merchants behind the Hill. It's a nice win-win situation."

Solak was melancholy after deciding to retire.

"It was a tough decision," he said. "Once I neared Dec. 31, I was nostalgic about the job and things I'd be missing."

He'll miss interacting

with residents and city employees.

"We have a great citizenry. I'm really sincere about that," Solak said. "Dealing with citizens has been a positive part of my job. I'm also going to miss our employees. We have an excellent group. They've responded to the call for servicing our citizens the best they can. They've done a great job."

Solak is tall and thin; almost gangly, but not skinny.

"I have a high energy level," he said.

His soft voice is often accompanied by a smile. A few years ago, he took his mother on a trip to the Vatican. Last year he visited China.

Nancy shares his enthusiasm for travel.

"I have a good number of

varied interests," he said. "As much as I've enjoyed my work with the city, I needed to give myself another chance to explore those interests, both in the work world and volunteer world. I see it as a rebirth; a chance to move to another phase of my life."

He already volunteers for Services for Older Citizens, the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and Habitat for Humanity.

"I'm looking to do other volunteer activities with the Make a Wish Foundation," he said.

He doesn't rule out a part-time job.

"I have a number ideas that range from financial planning to Outward Bound training to real estate investment," he said. "I'll be keeping pretty busy."

## Farms Winterfest is Feb. 7

This year's freezing temperatures should provide a great setting for Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest 2004 on Saturday, Feb. 7, from noon to 3 p.m., at Pier Park.

Activities include ice skating races, a hockey puck shooting contest and ice fishing derby.

Door prizes include, but are not limited to, an autographed picture of Brendan Shanahan of the Detroit Red

Wings.

There also will be gift certificates from local restaurants.

Featured attractions are an Advanced Aquatics ice diving and rescue demonstration and an ice carving demonstration. There will be free coney dogs, coffee, hot chocolate and other refreshments.

There also will be a chili cook-off contest. All chili cook-off entries must prereg-

ister with the Parks and Recreation office at Pier Park by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5.

Chili entries must be warm and ready to judge at the Recreation Building by 11:45 a.m. the day of Winterfest.

Winterfest is open to Farms residents and their guests. For more information, call the parks and recreation department at (313) 343-2405.

## Historical society seeks nominations

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is taking nominations for its 2004 historical designation plaques, which will be awarded in May.

Any architecturally or historically significant Grosse Pointe site that is more than 50 years old may be considered.

The society began awarding historical markers in 1986 to Grosse Pointe landmarks in recognition of their

historical and architectural value, their continued preservation, or because they were examples of adaptive reuse.

The bronze plaques bear the image of the society's logo, a French windmill that stood on the shores of Lake St. Clair in the 1700s.

The 50 previous recipients include the:

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- Defer Elementary School,
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**Ordinance No. 232** - Ordinance to amend Chapter 40 dealing with garages in the residential district.

**Ordinance No. 233** - Ordinance to amend Chapter 40 dealing with height restrictions of residences in the residential district.

Public comments are welcome.

**Victoria J. Boyce,**  
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# Boomers grew up with 'The Captain'

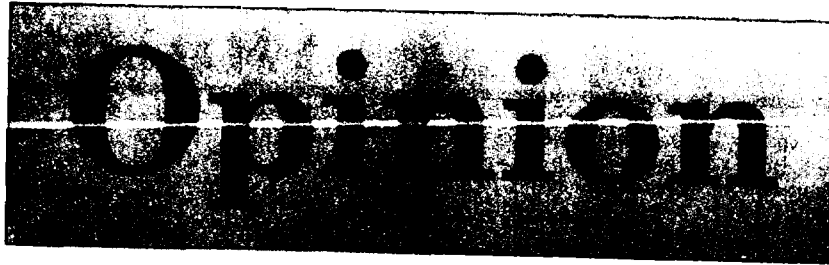
By Doug Patton

On Oct. 3, 1955, a magical thing happened in our home and in the homes of baby boomers all across America.

Via our family's black-and-white television set, a grandfatherly figure named Captain Kangaroo found his way into our living rooms and our hearts for the very first time. He would stay for 36 years.

At the time the show debuted, I figured "The Captain" had to be at least 50 or 60 years old (ancient in the eyes of a 7-year-old). Actually, he was 28, but it really didn't matter. To us, his was the most unique and entertaining program on television.

At a time when there were only two or three channels to watch on television, and when children's programming consisted mainly of mindless cartoons and not much else, the captain was a breath of fresh air in the innocent world of millions of boomers. We already had "Howdy Doody," of course. And "Gunsmoke" debuted the



same year as the Captain, but it was he who taught us things while he entertained us, and we loved it.

From his "Treasure House," Captain Kangaroo, played by actor/writer/producer Bob Keeshan, created a world within our world, and he populated it with characters we never grew tired of watching: Bunny Rabbit, who never talked; Mr. Moose, who seemed to talk incessantly; Dancing Bear; Miss Frog; Grandfather Clock; Fred the Magic Drawing Board; Flora and Albert; Dennis the Apprentice; Uncle Ralph and many others. In their own way, each of them taught us something.

I remember telling my great aunt that Captain Kangaroo had taught me some magic words: "abba cadabra, please and thank you!" She informed me in her usual prim, proper and grumpy tone that I didn't need the "abba cadabra." Somehow, it was a lot more fun learning civility

and manners from the Captain.

One of my favorite parts of the show was a simple, line-drawing cartoon called "The Adventures of Tom Terrific." As the title implied, Tom Terrific's life was special and exciting. It had to be. After all, he had adventures! Looking back, it is amazing the positive things I learned from that little cartoon.

Tom had a dog named "Manfred the Wonder Dog" and a very special, funnel-shaped hat that enabled him to turn into any object he wanted in order to help people. In one episode, Tom used his magic hat to turn himself into a mouse in order to make it through a narrowing tunnel. When he seemed stymied at a point through which even a mouse couldn't fit, I remember thinking, "Why doesn't he just change himself into something smaller — an ant, maybe?" I guess there are limits to what even a magic funnel-hat can do for you.

Long before "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," "Sesame Street" or "The Muppets," there was "Captain Kangaroo." I would be in my 40s with grown sons of my own before the Captain would sign off the air for good.

Bob Keeshan was a gentle soul whose talents enabled him to write, direct, produce and act, which he did for all of his adult life. Yet he will always be remembered for the lovable character he created nearly half a century ago. As a teenager, he had fought at Iwo Jima during World War II and returned to make a positive contribution to the lives of an entire generation.

Keeshan, who had been ill for several years, died last week at the age of 76. Say "hello" to Mr. Greenjeans for us, Captain.

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# Letters

## Be informed To the Editor:

I read with much appreciation the editorial in the Jan. 15 Grosse Pointe News, "School tax request begs questions," because those are the very same questions your Grosse Pointe School Board has struggled with in its deliberation "to ask, or not to ask."

As residents of Grosse Pointe also, we are very sensitive to the issue of tax increases. The simple fact is we don't have many options left in attempting to shield our excellent education program from reduction in quality. One would find it difficult to quarrel with the success of our students, whether it be measured by MEAP or ACT/SAT scores, college admissions, or life skills support for those who don't travel the college path. The question is, "Can we continue that same success?"

As the state budget crisis loomed ever darker, and reductions in state aid become a reality, the school administrators and board members have made reductions to the operating budgets of a collective \$5.3 million over the last two years. Further, reductions in fund equity (the rainy day fund, as it's often referred to) have also been affected.

The classroom, for the most part, has been shielded from these reductions due to the creative alternatives developed by the administrators from all the schools and central office.

The reductions that have been made have not been obvious to the community, as evidenced the other night when a speaker at the podium suggested that the reduction in the multiple "central office" positions added over recent years would easily solve the problem. Unfortunately, the speaker didn't understand that many of the positions which were budgeted in the central office for control purposes were, in fact, teachers working hands-on in the classroom or directly with the classroom teachers.

Contrary to the impression given by the speaker that these "administrative" positions were finger-twiddlers, virtually all of them were added to directly support the classroom curriculum. As an example, positions such as language arts specialists added to each of

the elementary, middle and high school levels reflected the commitment to try to ensure that each child could utilize the most basic skill in education, reading.

The other specialist positions did likewise in math, social studies, technology and science. Unfortunately, some of these positions were reduced in this year's budget. And sadly to say, the rest of them are under review as we look forward to next year's budget planning.

The question of "Why the election in March?" was raised. Budget decisions need to be made by the end of April due to various contractual obligations; thus a decision in March is needed to finalize those decisions.

Speaking of budget planning, the state continues to paint a bleak picture in their projections of school aid for the 04/05 school year. Because of this, the board and administrators at all levels in our schools are currently developing scenarios for spending reductions in the range of \$3 million to \$6 million.

Not only is the budget affected by revenue cuts, the budget is faced with continuing large increases in health care, as well as retirement pension funding assessed by the state pension fund. All nonclassroom costs are being seriously challenged, as they should be, and everyone will have to learn how to do with less. But, the vast majority of our cost lie in the classroom, and we are looking at all measures that will lessen the impact there.

One of those measures is the ghastly termed "sinking fund." Approval of the millage request of 1 mill each year for six years, will provide additional funds to the schools of approximately \$2.8 million per year, which will pay specifically for needed facility repairs and smaller improvements. By law, a sinking fund can only be used for facility repairs and improvements under specific guidelines. It cannot be used to pay salaries or other direct educational expenses. However, what the fund does allow the district to do is to redirect the school operating budget of \$1.5 million, which it now spends on those types of repairs, back into instructional programs. This will help defray the impact of other anticipated reductions to educational programs. The other \$1.3 million

raised by the sinking fund each year, if levied, would allow the schools to attend to repairs which have been deferred in recent times due to budget cutbacks. Historically, the school system had budgeted approximately \$3 million per year for the type of programs included in the sinking fund.

As the board and administrators discussed and discussed the limited number of alternatives available to us, we could not discount having to ask the community for its support again in helping minimize the impact on our educational program. The question was raised as to why this request didn't come at the same time as the capital bond request in September 2002.

At the time the board was discussing the bond proposal, which was close to three years ago, the state's economic status was not in dire straits, and the provision in the school budget at that time for sinking fund type needs was felt to be sufficient. Asking for more than the district perceived was needed at that time was not fiscally responsible. Furthermore, it would have been imprudent to ask voters to finance over the 25-year life of the bond, projects of an ongoing nature or having a useful life of 10 to 12 years.

These comments cannot begin to answer all the questions that are rightfully asked. All we can ask is that you do raise those questions, so that you can be as informed as possible when you make your decision on March 16.

More information will be forthcoming to all households through mailings and information articles in the various presses.

There will be several open public forums scheduled over the next two months with presentations and question and answer sessions.

The Education Channel 20 will show a Power Point presentation covering many of the questions. Presentations are now being made at all the schools through their local PTOs.

You can also contact school administrators or your board members with questions.

**Jeff Broderick**  
Treasurer  
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Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at [phands@grossepointenews.com](mailto:phands@grossepointenews.com) or go to [www.philtoons.com](http://www.philtoons.com)

## Grateful thanks

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the 41,500 children who received holiday gift packages from the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit this past Christmas. The entire Goodfellow organization is so grateful for the overwhelming support we received from the community.

Thanks to the hundreds of people who purchased a newspaper from a Goodfellow member or a

Detroit Police Officer on our sales day.

Thanks also to the hundreds more who made contributions through the mail. Your donations enabled us to achieve our goal of \$1.7 million for 2003 and helped to ensure our pledge, "No Kiddie without a Christmas."

The residents of the metropolitan Detroit area remain very supportive of the mission of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund and we are truly grateful.

Thanks on behalf of all of the children in Detroit,

Highland Park and Hamtramck who benefited from your generosity.

We look forward to our 90th year of giving to this community this 2004.

**Mike Kijewski**  
President  
Old Newsboys'  
Goodfellow Fund

**Deadline**  
for Letters is 3  
p.m. Monday

## Aching for a cruise

It's the wee, small hours of the morning, and you are vaguely aware of a swollen neck. You get up to go to the bathroom and feel a fresh slash across your throat. You stumble back to bed and hope sheer will can prevent the assault on your body.

By morning you know you are a marked target. Your mouth is parched, your lips cracked, and you have chills. You attempt to read the paper, and the words all run together. You try to blink them into focus with no success. Your nose has turned into a faucet, and your left eye is pouring liquid.

The phone rings. You answer, but your own voice is unrecognizable. You have a mid-winter Michigan humdinger! And yes, I did have a flu shot.

If there is any comfort, and I find none, you are not alone. Never before have I heard of so many sick people. And, just when you start to feel better, it sneaks back into your system, and you start all over again.

The doctors approach your illness from varying directions: pills, no

pills; one way it will last a week, another seven days. No one mentioned six weeks!!!

Sympathy is scant. Observers note, "You sound as though you have a cold. Did you know that so and so has pneumonia?" So much for your nasty little annoyance!

Friends avoid you, and who can blame them? Nobody wants your offerings of soup and errands.

Someone said when the weather turned really cold, the germs would all die. What happened to that theory?

I've decided not to fight this any longer. I will snuggle under the blanket on the couch and take naps. My hair will remain stringy, make-up non-existent, meal preparations minimal.

I don't mean to sound like an alarmist, but there appears to be a new wheeze in my chest, and this cough is getting a little deeper. If I ever pull out of this stupid thing, I think I'll go on a cruise! I've earned the right.

— Offering from the loft

## Comcast rates go up 7% in Pointes, Harper Woods

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Comcast customers in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have started to add a few more numbers to pay their cable bills beginning this month.

The rate for preferred basic cable has risen 7 percent — from \$40.49 to \$43.49 — this past month.

That rate has more than doubled since 1994 when Comcast acquired the territory once operated by Grosse Pointe Cable. The cost for preferred basic cable was \$20.83 in 1994. When the Federal Telecommunications Act, designed to limit rate increases and encourage competition in the cable industry, was passed in 1996, preferred basic cable cost Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods customers

\$28.16. Jerome Espy, Comcast's director of communications for the Michigan region, said cost increases have stemmed from increased consumer demand.

"Since 1996, we've invested \$1 billion in our infrastructure in southeast Michigan," Espy said. "We've recently doubled the speed of our high-speed Internet service. In the past year, we've added On Demand, HDTV (high-definition television) channels, and we added the Disney Channel and Soap Net to our basic channel lineup in December. We're trying to respond to the demands of our customers."

On Demand allows viewers to select, rewind and fast forward the program of their choice at any time, and a converter box, available for

\$5 a month, allows viewers to watch high-definition television on 11 different channels. Both services are available to Comcast digital television subscribers.

In addition, Espy said that Comcast also added TV Orient and Oxygen to its digital lineup and Starz! Kids to its Starz! subscription package in December.

However, some subscribers say Comcast offers more than they need.

Skip Gibson of Grosse Pointe Farms said he doesn't take advantage of many of Comcast's offerings.

"I have no idea of what On Demand is, and of the 50 or so channels they offer, I only watch about seven or eight," said Gibson, who is a Comcast preferred basic cable and high-speed Internet subscriber.

"Also, we continue to oper-

ate in a very competitive market," Espy said. "We not only compete with satellite, but also with WOW! (Wide Open West)."

But lack of competition hasn't given many choices for viewers in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

In December, Farms City Manager Shane Reeside invited WOW! representatives with arms wide open to consider doing business in his city and possibly in the surrounding communities.

"They didn't seem that interested," Reeside said.

Mark Dineen, WOW! Michigan senior vice-president, did not return phone calls from the Grosse Pointe News.

City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Michael Overton said he, too, failed to court cable television competitors a few years ago.

"The problem is in the infrastructure," Overton said. "In order to be successful, they'd have to wire our entire community and get at least half the people to subscribe. The economics are not there."

Overton did however, have some hope for the future with the installation of a new wireless network system, called Distributed Antenna System (DAS), which the City, Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores are looking to put in place in their municipalities. DAS can accommodate up to eight wireless providers in a system that will transmit their signals through a network of small antennae atop utility poles hooked up to a fiber grid in a 10-mile radius.

"Maybe it can provide an alternative to Comcast down the road," Overton said.

Both Reeside and Overton said they have not seen a noticeable increase in satellite dishes popping up on the rooftops in their cities.

Mary Black, a Comcast customer in the Farms outraged over the \$3 increase in her bill, said she would not consider installing a satellite system at her house.

"I just got rid of an antenna because it was ready to fall down," Black said.

Representatives for Dish Network and DirecTV said they were not able to provide numbers of subscribers in the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods area.

For now, Overton said cable may be the best, if not the only, buy.

"With my family, going out to the movies and paying for popcorn costs the same as paying a cable bill," Overton said.

## 5/3 Bank plans Hill branch

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A two-story bank might replace the last gasoline station serving neighborhoods along the lower border of Grosse Pointe Farms and City.

Tom Onofrey, owner of Standard on the Hill on Kercheval at McMillan in the Farms, is tempted to sell his property to Fifth Third Bank.

"Working 10-hour days six days a week is getting to me," 54-year-old Onofrey said.

If all goes smoothly, the station could close next month. Fifth Third's brick and stone branch could open by Labor Day.

### Branching out

Fifth Third, headquartered in Cincinnati, has already produced preliminary renderings of its first free-standing branch in the Pointes. The company also operates a former Old Kent niche inside Farms Jack's supermarket in Grosse Pointe Woods, but no money has changed hands in the Farms deal.

Drawings of the Farms branch show a 2,300-square-foot footprint, about the size of Onofrey's business.

But unlike the service station and attached garage, which is set back from Kercheval, the bank would border the sidewalk. Two drive-through stations have been sketched behind the building.

"Drive-up lanes will be handled remotely from inside the building, and potentially a drive-up ATM," said Jeffrey Wagner, Fifth Third vice president spearheading the project.

Drivers would enter bank property from a Kercheval driveway. Traffic exits to the rear alley and back around to the traffic light at Kercheval and McMillan.

A walk-up ATM has been designed inside the main vestibule.

With traditional banking on the first floor, the second story will have offices for trust, investment and mortgage representatives.

"We plan extensive landscaping," Wagner said. "It is

a very visible part of town. We want to be sensitive to that."

Chris Mackey, director of architectural design for Barton Malow Design and resident of Grosse Pointe Park, has chosen a limestone-looking cultured stone facade for the building's bottom half.

Brick will comprise the second floor facade. Bronze-colored frames will support clear glass windows.

A traditional storefront will be accented with a rotunda-type entry at the corner nearest McMillan.

"It provides a focal point for coming up Kercheval (from the Village)," Mackey said. "We were concerned about fitting into the character of the street. We made an effort for a more traditional building expression and try to keep within the scale of the streetscape."

### Deal breakers

The deal will fly or flop on three variables.

"There's environmental work to be done," said Wagner. "That's a big hurdle to us closing the transaction."

"Parking is the big issue," added Shane Reeside, Farms city manager.

Thirdly, Farms officials will have to approve the site plan.

"Issues will be making sure the structure is in keeping with the community," Reeside said.

Fifth Third has already started evaluating the site's environmental status.

"We're into our investigation to quantify what we have to deal with in terms of tank removal and removal of contamination," Wagner said.

In February, bank representatives anticipate submitting a Baseline Environmental Assessment to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The assessment has crucial financial implications. It defines the property's environmental conditions in order to protect new owners from liability for preexisting contamination.

As for parking, the matter has been a sore spot on the

Hill for years, depending on whom you talk to.

Sandy Gillespie, owner of Something Special gift shop, said the parking crunch is self-created. Hill employees, she said, commandeered prime parking spots rather than yielding to shoppers and clients.

"There's all kinds of space for employees to park in the back (parking) lot," Gillespie said.

Wagner said preliminary plans provide eight on-site parking spaces for customers. No on-site spaces are proposed for the bank's anticipated 14 to 16 employees. One additional on-street metered parking space could be reserved for handicapped.

Fifth Third's proposed two-story branch would hold 5,600 square feet of floor space.

"We've also asked a traffic engineer to look at the building and (its) use to get a better sense of what we can expect for parking requirements," Reeside said. "Site plan approval (is) contingent upon the availability of off-street parking."

Based on the preliminary site plan and strict interpretation of the Farms zoning ordinance, the bank would need upwards of 30 parking spaces for the proposal.

"That's based upon one space for every 100 square feet of usable space," Reeside said.

Usable space is sometimes harder to quantify than it seems.

"Offices on the second floor, which aren't for customer banking, would lower the parking requirement," Reeside said. "We have to be clear about how many square feet of usable space they're going to have and exactly how that space is going to be used before we come up with a total number of parking spaces."

Bank representatives presented their proposal last week to members of the Hill Association. The meeting ended on an upbeat note, with business owners encouraging bank officials to pursue site plan approval from the Farms city council.

## It'll be chili at Woods Winterfest

By Michael Shelton  
Staff Writer

There will be fun for all ages Saturday, Jan. 31 at the third annual Winterfest at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park.

The park opens at noon, and admission is free, but registration is required in advance.

Before the park opens, there will be a chili-cookoff beginning at 11 a.m., with the judging taking place a half-hour later.

"We have eight participants, and the winner will receive a trophy and certificate," said Melissa Warnack, recreation supervisor. "The second and third place win-

ners will be awarded prizes." The winner will be announced as soon as the festival begins at noon. The public will also be welcome to taste the chili of all the participants.

From noon to 2 p.m., hot dogs and refreshments will be served.

There will also be an ice sculpting demonstration at 12:30 p.m. outside the activities center.

"People will be able to watch the ice sculpting from inside the center as well if they get too cold," Warnack said.

At 1 p.m. behind the activities center, there will be a Score-O competition held on

the ice rink.

"Score-O" will give children the opportunity to shoot hockey pucks into a net through a small hole.

"It's similar to what they do at Detroit Red Wings games," Warnack said. "Every child will get a prize, and the top three will get trophies."

At 1:30 p.m., the children's activity will be held.

"We're going to be making pine cone bird feeders," Warnack said. "We will be feeding the birds peanut butter and bird seed."

For more information and to register, call (313) 343-2470, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Tom Onofrey, owner of Standard on the Hill on Kercheval, is working out a deal with Fifth Third Bank to open a branch at the long-time service station site. Onofrey feels the bank will be a good fit for the Hill business district.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

"I received positive input from everyone," said Ed Russell, head of the Hill Association.

The presentation was repeated this week before a work session of the city council.

"I'd like to see retail," said James Farquhar, Farms mayor. "That disappointed me a little. But, looking at the cost of constructing a building, how could retail afford to go in there?"

Farquhar said issues to be resolved include parking, the facade, all-night ATM and the drive-up ATM behind the building out of easy view of patrolling police.

"They're going to work on a few things for us," he said.

### Construction schedule

"Assuming approvals go through, we would spend less than a week having this gas station demolished," said Bruce Babiarz, Barton Malow's director of business development and resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A portion of the property would be used to stage construction materials and equipment. As construction reached full speed, workers would park off-site and be ferried in.

"We would put a border around the site to block it off so construction does not disrupt the community," Babiarz said. "The bulk of construction would take place over summer."

### Seeking retirement

Onofrey's property has been the site of a full-service gasoline station for decades. He's owned the station for 34 years. He did a major overhaul of the facility less than five years ago.

The business operates with a nod to the old days. Customers don't have to pay before pumping gas. There are restrooms. Teenagers hang around the pay phone outside. Free air pumps provide an oasis for bicyclists needing to inflate their tires.

"It's always been that way," he said. "Grosse Pointe has been very good to me."

Onofrey wants to spend more time with his wife; maybe travel. His son works at the station but doesn't want to take over the busi-

ness. "I've had numerous offers," Onofrey said. "Fifth Third seems to be a good match for the Hill. They seem community oriented. Other people who made offers were strictly in it for business reasons."

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## Budget cuts lessened but still a concern for district

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has seen a slight decrease in revenue cuts from the state, but the district still faces a squeeze which vexes its planning capability and jeopardizes valued programming.

In December, the district was going to face a cut of \$100 per pupil or \$896,000. This number was pared back in early January to \$84 per pupil or \$753,000.

Additionally, the district plans to have on reserve \$250,000 from fund equity, which could make the cuts as low as \$503,000.

Major cuts include \$88,000 for technology, \$100,000 for overtime, \$75,000 for supply accounts and \$305,000 for building/site projects.

These cuts are added to past cuts including \$2.4 million at the beginning of the 2003-04 school year and \$2.1 million from 2002-03.

School districts are financed by a hold-harmless millage, which is at 6.7 mills and is not adjusted for inflation, as well as homestead and non-homestead millage, which are at 6 mills and 18 mills, respectively.

Having tax constraints, the district has looked to alternative sources for revenue, such as the recently proposed sinking fund, which would raise \$2.8 million from a 1-mill levy each year for six years

for mid-range repairs. The \$64 million bond for major large capital projects is already in effect and is costing taxpayers 1.15 mills for 25 years.

Other sources of revenue include gifts and grants.

Parent Teacher Organizations and Booster Groups have given the schools some \$300,000, which is much appreciated by the district, superintendent Suzanne Klein said.

Klein said the state revenue cuts are hampering

the district's organizational abilities.

"It is difficult to plan in any kind of business without stable sources of funding," she said. "We don't know how much the state will give us."

A consequence of funding vulnerabilities is that programming is threatened. The district wants to promote a sphere of learning in which students can grow and thrive via activities.

"To be able to participate in a range of extracurricular

activities helps you learn to become a leader," Klein said. "As finances get more difficult, you know that it's directly impacting kids."

The district's main goal is to maintain the excellence of Grosse Pointe schools and to continue to make each school a place where students can learn and be productive.

"This is a district that prides itself as having a high quality education," Klein said.

## Summer programs allow North art instructor to create

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Students aren't the only ones who are producing imaginative pieces of art work at Grosse Pointe North High School. Art instructor Robert Thies immersed himself in art during two programs last summer creating a wide swath of portraits and designs.

"It's important to model to the kids that I am an artist," said Thies.

Thies attended a program called TICA or Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art in Chicago for a week in June. Sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago and the National Endowment for the Arts, the program hosted art teachers from around the country with a mission of helping them keep an open mind in their conception and teaching of art.



Thies engaged in welding, above, to create a modern style table with a triangle and half-oval shape.

Thies spent time painting in a studio and attending lectures and gallery tours from 8 a.m. in the morning to 8 p.m. at night.

A woman from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Rika Burnham, spent hours dissecting paintings for the program participants.

"That was one powerful experience," said Thies.

In July, Thies traveled to Minneapolis, MN, for a program called HATS or High School Art Teacher Summer Residency program. He was given a studio for a month and was guided by a Minneapolis College of Art and Design instructor, Holly Swift.

In his studio experiences, Thies painted many portraits of live models. In one of a woman, he painted her at three different angles to convey a sense of time and motion. Included in the portrait was a pear to connote themes of birth.

In another portrait of a man, he brushed canvas with black and blue colors and then selectively wiped color away to create the con-



Thies paints a picture of a woman from three different angles, above, to connote a sense of time and motion.



Thies' self portrait, above, used a variety of colors and light to achieve an expressive creation.



Thies stands with his instructor for the HATS program, Holly Swift.

tours of the man's face.

Thies painted his own portrait which used varying degrees of color and light achieving a realistic creation. An array of yellows and browns are used to paint his sandy brown hair. Thies' blue eyes are particularly expressive, giving off the sense of a pensive, introspective mood.

Thies also engaged in welding, in which he created a modern-looking table made up of a triangle and half-oval. The table is at his house.

The paintings Thies made are hanging in the Grosse Pointe Public School System's district office building on St. Clair.

Art is a way of creatively using the mind in Thies' opinion, and he likes to grapple with the challenges of expression with his many talented students.

"I like the fact that we solve problems, but it's not always the same problem; so it never gets old," he said. "It's a wonderful way to use the brain."

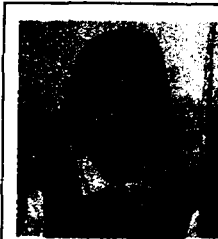
A teacher at North for five years, Thies looks forward to the spring art show in which he expects his students to perform in an imaginative fashion.

"I'm seeing a lot of growth in my students," he said.

To learn more about Robert Thies' summer travels, artwork and instruction, go to his web page at [http://staff.gpschools.org/it\\_hiesr](http://staff.gpschools.org/it_hiesr).

### North Band-O-Rama

More than 350 high school and middle school students will perform at Grosse Pointe North's Band-O-Rama on Monday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.



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Sealed bids will be due **Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, at (313) 432-3082.

Board of Education  
Grosse Pointe Public School System  
Steven Matthews, Secretary



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## Soaring spellers

Students in the fifth through eighth grades at St. Paul school shone in a Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Seventh and eighth graders won all four places, and fifth and sixth graders also performed wonderfully, garnering first, third and fourth place.

Back row from the left are Bridgid McCulloh, second place for seventh/eighth, Janice Kulik, first place for seventh/eighth, Kaitlyn Whitney, fourth place for seventh/eighth and Ben VanBerkum, fourth place for fifth/sixth.

In the front are Beth Ponkowski, third place for seventh/eighth, Tom McBrien, third place for fifth/sixth and Madeline McMahon, first place for fifth/sixth.

These winners will advance to the metro level of the Knights of Columbus spelling bee at the end of January.

"Some of the goals of the spelling bee are to raise school spirit (and) see parents and the entire family involved in helping prepare for the competition," said Knights of Columbus Youth Director Paul Boehmer. "With their fathers being involved with the Knights organization and charity work, they should too."

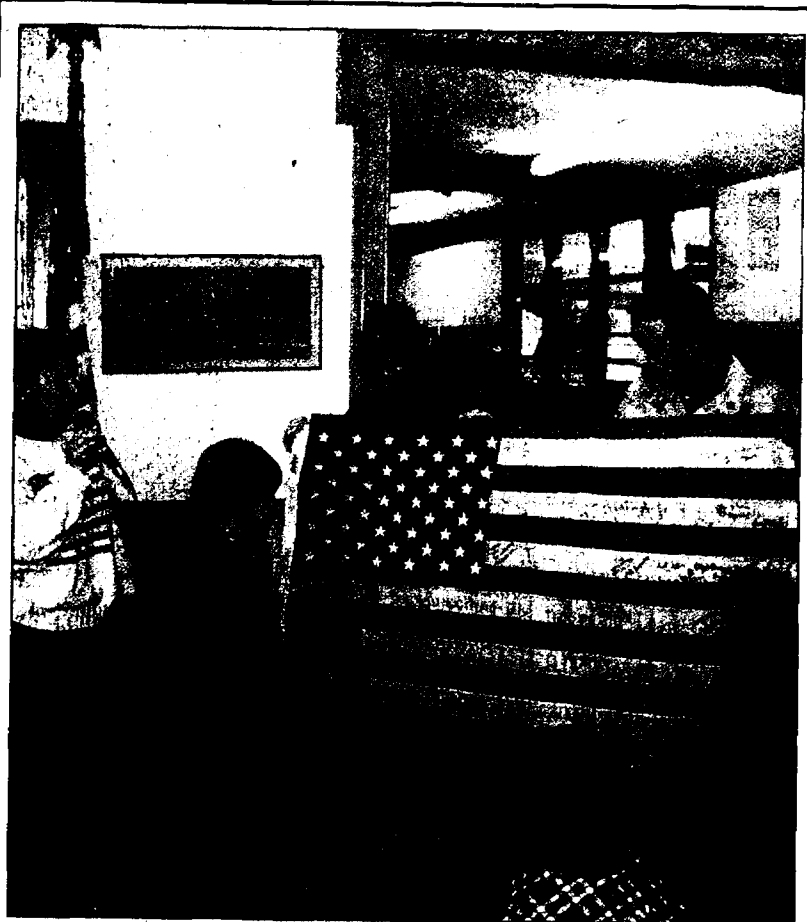


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

## An American Soldier's Thanks

Specialist Joseph Fields of the Fourth Infantry visited Monteith Elementary to thank the school for its support while his troop was fighting in Iraq.

The school engaged in a project called "No Soldier without a Christmas," in which they collected gifts and sent them to Field's troop in Iraq. As an emblem of his gratitude, Fields gave them an American flag signed by members of his troop.

The school broadcast the ceremony of Fields giving the flag to the school. From the left are Monteith principal Sandra Walby, Fields' cousin Trevor Joy, Wendy Joy, Fields and Rachel Joy.

"For the Fourth Infantry, we would like to thank the school for all the support you gave us," Fields said. "A lot of people had Christmas because of you."

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# University Liggett School

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## ULS middle school mini-courses broaden horizons

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Being "mini" does not always mean less. Just ask eighth-graders at University Liggett Middle School.

Students are participating in a series of mini-courses spanning areas from sports to etiquette to dance to helping the needy. Teachers devised the courses with the input of students as a way to fill up free study hall time in the school's block schedule. Last

year, faculty had students study current events during study hall time, but the teachers found this was redundant with social studies classes. So they got creative and developed with students novel paths of learning.

The courses run for five to six weeks, and there are six rotations. They run for either 38 or 76 minutes.

"It has taken off like wild fire," said Lynn Myavec, head of the middle school. "We've had seventh-graders

who say, 'We can't wait.' We have had eighth-graders who are sick and say they don't want to miss their mini-course."

There are currently seven mini-courses in total: volleyball, Boys on the Move, dance, etiquette and entertaining, rainbow children and lap blankets.

For volleyball, students practice drills and engage in scrimmages.

"It has been great," said Helen Slade, a physical education teacher and faculty adviser for volleyball. "They have approached it with the right attitude."

Boys on the Move involves stretching and physical activity. Mental activities like meditation and reflection are also practiced.

"It's a combination of physical and emotional health," said Myavec.

Dance is comprised of students practicing a variety of hip hop, lyrical and jazz routines. The students plan to perform what they have practiced in front of the school at an assembly.

"I feel very comfortable. People are cooperative," said Jeri Tocco, the student leader of the dance course.

"We get to exercise. It's fun moving to the music,"



Members of the mini-course on making lap blankets for seniors are pictured above with their creations. They are Marty Watson, Victoria Grams, Bridget Hillier and Sydney McIlroy.

ing," said Steven Cohal of dance course member.

Party planning and manners are skills students learn in the etiquette and entertaining course.

Rainbow children and lap blanket making are both service-oriented courses, with students helping special needs children within the Grosse Pointe Public School System and knitting parcels of blankets for senior citizens respectively.

"It's relaxing. It's calm-

ing leadership and we're seeing an increase in communication skills."

Buttressing regular curriculum like reading, science, social studies and math, the mini-courses have spiced up middle school students' educational journey.

"They're very excited," said Myavec.

"It's really fun to learn things we haven't learned before," said dance course member Deanna Kouskoulas.



Volleyball students are from the top left Monica Drettman, Luisa Myavec, Anna Zinkel, Cora Smith, Raleigh Dettlinger and Julia Brennan. Bottom from the left are Steven Saurbier, Stephanie Tancer, Anna Myavec, Leela Chandrasekar and Sam Mott.



### Skilled bee winners

Photo courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Academy

Sixth-grader Imani Mixon, left, was declared the winner of the Grosse Pointe Academy annual Middle School spelling bee on Friday, Jan. 9, after battling 10 rounds against 23 other bee finalists. The runner-up was seventh-grader Emma Brush, right. Moderator Bob Lapadot is pictured in the center.

Mixon will go on to compete in the area-wide spelling bee at Macomb Community College in Clinton Township in March. The winner of that bee will advance to the national bee finals in Washington, D.C., in May.

The Grosse Pointe Academy spelling bee is part of the Macomb Daily Spelling Bee. Students in fifth through eighth grade are eligible to participate. The top speller in each grade qualified for the school finals based on a written test.

## Middle School Science Teacher Competition

NEC Extreme Science invites all middle school science teachers to share their vision of the perfect classroom. Through NEC Perfect Classroom Competition, middle school science teachers can compete for monetary awards that will allow them to fulfill their vision of the perfect classroom or classroom experience. Three winners will be selected and announced during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2004 and awarded the following prizes to make their vision of the perfect classroom a reality.

The first place winner will receive \$5,000; the second-place winner will earn \$3,000, and the third-place winner will receive \$1,000.

Entries must be submitted in the form of a three-minute "video essay" on a VHS tape by Monday, Feb. 9. Additional contest guidelines and entry forms for middle

school science teachers are available online at [www.sciserv.org/necfoundation.asp](http://www.sciserv.org/necfoundation.asp).

NEC Extreme Science is comprised of two program components: NEC Give a Day, Make a Difference and NEC Perfect Classroom Competition. NEC Give a Day, Make a Difference brings together middle school students and teachers with America's award-winning scientists and engineers to commit a portion of their day to work one-on-one with a middle school class. NEC Perfect Classroom Competition invites middle school science teachers to compete for \$9,000 to make their vision of the perfect classroom a reality.

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Specifications and bid forms will be available at a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., in the receiving room of Pierce Middle School, located at 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Sealed bids will be due **Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, at (313) 432-3082.

**Board of Education**  
Grosse Pointe Public School System  
Steven Matthews, Secretary

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### Correction

In the Jan. 22 article, "St. Paul class exchanges with South Dakota School," the teacher of the third-grade class at St. Paul was misspelled. Her name is Betty Lalich. Also, while the Smithsonian Institution contributed material to the exchange, it is not the sponsor. The Box Project, a group dedicated to helping the rural poor, is the sponsor.

#### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

##### Notice of Availability of Library Board Trustee Positions

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Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office (313-343-2325), 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Library Board, no later than March 8, 2004, at 5:00 p.m.

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## HW city council envisions a bright future

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

The City of Harper Woods is looking better and better every day.

At a special goal-setting session on Monday, Jan. 19, the Harper Woods City Council brainstormed ways to continue improving the city. Ideas ranged from enhancing the appearance of Kelly Road and making for a safer community to creating a Web site and adding more recreational opportunities.

The ideas flowed quickly from councilmembers as City Manager Jim Leidlein tried to keep up pace by scrawling a list on a large drawing board.

"We need to really be tough about keeping our community an attractive and safe place," said Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Constantino.

Safety seemed to be the biggest concern, across the board. Whether it was traffic safety, pedestrian safety or police presence, the council tried to find ways to improve the city's current situation. Mayor Ken Poynter also found it necessary to take action to heighten the confidence of Harper Woods residents regarding crime.

One of these suggested efforts is to improve the aesthetics of Kelly. City administrators are in talks with businesses along Kelly for input on how best to do this. Plans are already underway to reconfigure parking, and further suggestions were made to increase lighting during night hours.

"If we're going to be doing some work on Kelly Road, we should think about putting in some lighting that is going to make it much brighter and a lot safer," said council member Vivian Sawicki. "That would be a good start to changing the perception about Kelly."

But Kelly wasn't the only area seen as needing safety improvements.

Council member Mike Monaghan suggested adding surveillance cameras to areas on Kelly as well as the local parks, while Sawicki added the necessity to purchase metal detectors for the courtroom.

Leidlein also added that it is necessary to upgrade the city's traffic signals, and steps are already underway to improve safety at pedestrian crossings.

"It's our plan by spring to have every pedestrian crossing on Harper marked brighter, signed better, and to have all pedestrian bridges signed for pedestrians to stop and watch for traffic," Leidlein said. "We want to create a real sign presence for both pedestrians and vehicles to bring attention to those crossings."

Police presence is also a factor in increasing safety in the community. Constantino said she hoped the public safety department will tighten its reins.

"I know there's crime everywhere, but it seems that this year, everyone, especially (Harper Woods), has been hit pretty hard

suggestions were redeveloping Salter Park.

"That park has been destroyed. We need to get it back in the shape it once was," said Monaghan.

Blacktopping the park was suggested for in-line and ice skating. But liability and cost were major issues.

Sawicki mentioned that although this is a common trend in cities all over the state, many were regretting the decision afterwards, citing injuries and supervision as the downfall.

Leidlein agreed.

"Without supervision, kids are going to get hurt, and fights are going to break out," he said.

But council members agreed that something more is needed.

"I'm 100 percent in favor of the fact that our kids need to have something that they're going to be able to access," Sawicki said. "We need to make more things available."

Poynter and Constantino suggested adding a water play area.

"They're popping up all over the place," Constantino said. "It's a lot of fun."

Renovating the city's underused Community Center was another idea.

"It's in really bad shape and only getting worse," Constantino said. "I think it is something we need to move on right away."

While only so much is available in Harper Woods, Sawicki suggested keeping the community aware of recreation opportunities elsewhere.

"If we could coordinate some sort of general information for residents about recreation activities in the area," she said. "We can't provide everything, but we can let them know what's available."

Sawicki also suggested adding a bus run out to Metro Beach once a week.

"That would be kind of a fun thing," she said.

While recreation was an important goal, Jim Leidlein is still dedicated to the idea of creating a Harper Woods Web site.

"Our goal is by June 1st, to have a Web site providing basic city services and contact information for each

**'We need to really be tough about keeping our community an attractive and safe place.'**

— Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Constantino

with break-ins, purse snatchings and car thefts," Constantino said. "I just think we need to step it up. I think we need to focus on what's going on. We have to be known as a tough place. If you do a crime in Harper Woods, you're going to jail."

Leidlein added that it is financially impossible to hire more police officers at this point. This gave way to a second area of concern in the city, which is finances.

"It's going to be awfully tough to meet our financial obligations for our existing budget and be able to maintain our services the way they are," Monaghan said.

Leidlein agreed and expressed his concern for the city's financial problem. He is in the process of preparing a report for the board to consider asking the community to override the Headlee Amendment.

"We need to seriously consider giving our residents the choice of overriding the Headlee Amendment and increasing the police presence in this city," he said.

In addition to safety and finance, council members saw it essential to offer better recreation opportunities in the community. Among

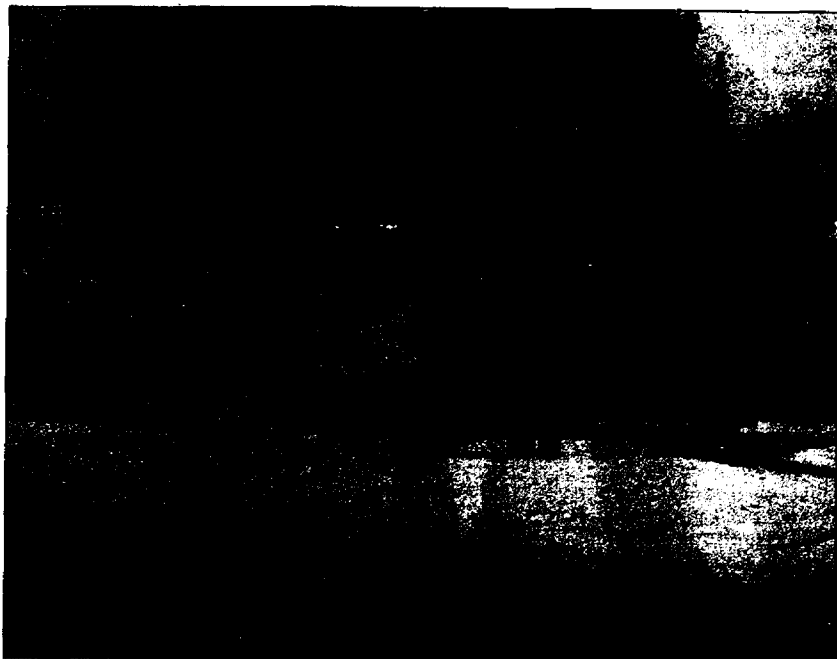


Photo by Jennie Miller

One of the Harper Woods City Council's goals for 2004 is to improve the aesthetics and safety of areas such as Kelly Road. Plans are underway to reconfigure the parking and it was suggested to utilize additional lighting to make the area more visible at night.

department," Leidlein said. "It has been a goal-setting item for the city council for the last two years. We're going to try to have it done this year."

Harper Woods property tax information is already available on-line at [www.ugotpal.com](http://www.ugotpal.com). The information can be accessed by typing in "Harper Woods" under the unit name, "paline" as the user name, and either a parcel number or street and address number. Eventually, this site will be linked to the city's Web site once it's up and running.

The wheels are spinning, and city administrators are concentrating on meeting each of their goals to better the community.

"We are working together for the good of Harper Woods," Poynter said.

### Magician returns to Regina

Misty Lee & Co.'s mesmerizing magic and illusions show will appear at Regina High School on Saturday, Jan. 31. This event will be a fundraiser for the Regina's drama department.

Detroit area theatre's "2002 Entertainer of the Year" and known as "America's Favorite Female Illusionist," Misty Lee has studied with the masters (Jeff McBride, Sigfried and Scorpio), and has received magical accolades across the country.

Also performing in the show are Macomb County natives Shane Drury, Jamey Pittman and Tami Tabacchi.

The show, a magical mix of comedy, song and breathtaking illusions, was recently hailed by Wayne State University as "A spectacular production for all ages."

Misty Lee and Co. will be performing one show only at 7:30 p.m. General Admission tickets are \$8. Tickets are available through the Regina's drama department and by direct purchase through Regina High School drama students.

The auditorium is located at 20200 Kelly. For more information, please contact the Regina drama department or visit [www.mistylee.com](http://www.mistylee.com).

### HW board/commission appointments

At its meeting on Monday, Jan. 19, the Harper Woods City Council announced 12 appointments to city boards and commissions.

Paula Lancaster was interviewed by the city council sub-committee and was appointed for a three-year position on the Harper Woods Planning Commission. Gregory Vargo and Mark Zink were both reappointed to the Planning Commission. Kathy Mattys and Rose Cardani were reappointed to the

Recreation Advisory Board. Ronald Jachim was reappointed to the Library Board.

Mary Paglia was interviewed and appointed to the Election Commission while Kathi Sherrill was reappointed. Mayor Ken Poynter and John Szymanski were reappointed to the Brownfield Authority. Richard Pesegna was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Carol Koepplin was reappointed to the Board of Review.

### Open house at St. Peter the Apostle

St. Peter the Apostle Montessori School in Harper Woods is holding an open house for preschool and kindergarten on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Peter features a nurturing atmosphere and a caring staff and provides a prepared learning environment which promotes independence and responsibility among its students.

The school is located at 19801 Vernier, across from Eastland Village Apartments. For more information, call (313) 885-8062.

### HW library seeks volunteers

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# School board honored by staff and students

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

In honor of national school board recognition month, Harper Woods Board of Education was honored last week with special presentations from students and staff at Tyrone and Beacon elementary schools and Harper Woods secondary school.

Nancy Ozimek, Beacon's principal, thanked the board for its "commitment to education and the community and for doing what's best for the children of Harper Woods."

She went on to applaud the board for having the courage to do what is right in a time that is plagued with shrinking resources and an increase in demand.

Seven of Ozimek's third-graders were on hand to display their knowledge and thank the board members. Amel Hines, Alexis Ishmael, Lauren Hines, Blake Paluch, Corvontae Hayes, Alondra Ash and Jamie Baranek displayed their mathematics skills and awarded the board with a pen and pad of paper that read "I make a difference."

Carol Vanderlinden, Tyrone's principal, spoke of her appreciation for the great amount of support given by the board. She

stressed that the next couple of years would prove to be crucial times to work together with the staff, the community and the school board.

"There are some tough times ahead of us," she said.

Tyrone students Kelsey Campo, Dylan Boslooper, Erica Atkinson and Courtney Peters joined the meeting to read a poem written in recognition of the school board:

*"We thank you for all your hard work and time,*

*For constantly putting the kids first and the rest behind.*

*We know coming week after week can get old,*

*And that being a board member is a heavy load.*

*So if the pressure begins to get too much,*

*And you no longer feel you have a crutch*

*To stand on when the times get tough,*

*And you firmly believe you've had enough,*

*Then pull out this book we give tonight.*

*Here's 252 reasons to continue the fight!*

*Thank you for all you say and do.*

*To the Harper Woods Board, from us to you!"*

The students presented each of the board members with a spiral-bound book. Each class had written reasons why the Harper Woods school board was special to them.

The board was also honored with special gifts from Jelane Meehan's art class at the secondary school. Students Stephanie Sablowski, Stacy Schulz, Jude Galbo, Maggie Hammond, Lisa Lopacki, Becky Dennis, Melissa Stumpo, Andrea Cawley, Doyle Beard and Donielle Vaughn created framed works of art for each of the members of the school board.

The pieces were unveiled at the meeting, with mediums such as acrylic, oil and tempera paint, ink, pencils, sand, watercolor, collage material, chalk and charcoal.

The pieces were done to show the students' gratitude for the school board's support of the art program, Meehan said.

"Our students are really lucky," she told the board.

The pieces will be displayed at the Art in the Woods art fest April 24-25.



Photo by Jennie Miller

Beacon Elementary School's third-grade teacher Sue Harris stands with Amel Hines, Alexis Ishmael, Lauren Hines, Blake Paluch, Corvontae Hayes, Alondra Ash and Jamie Baranek. These students attended last Tuesday's school board meeting to thank the officers and trustees for their dedication to the district's education.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### Small bombs found at high school

Explosions were reported at a high school in the 20200 block of Beaconsfield on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 8:10 a.m., and on Monday, Jan. 26, at 8:15 a.m.

The first incident occurred in the boy's bathroom. Two witnesses heard a loud explosion and entered the bathroom to investigate. A clear, plastic bottle was found on the ground in the last stall, with a clear, bubbling substance emerging from the bottle. The room was sealed until the Harper Woods police and fire department arrived.

The fire department ascertained the risk of the chemical and determined that it was not poisonous. The oxygen level of the room was tested, and it was determined to be a safe environment. The bottle, and the bubbling substance, were taken by police as evidence.

A report of a similar explosion occurred on Monday in the doorway of the school's technology lab. Again, police were called to the scene.

The two incidents are under investigation by the Harper Woods detective bureau. No one was injured, and no damage resulted from either incident.

A Crime Stoppers Alliance hotline is available for anyone with information regarding either of these incidents. The caller may remain anonymous and is eligible for a cash reward. Call (800) SPEAK UP (773-2587).

### Juvenile car thief nabbed

Harper Woods officers apprehended one of five juvenile subjects who were observed fleeing a freshly stolen car on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 2:52 p.m.

The subjects fled on foot southbound on Kelly. One, a

juvenile black male of Detroit, was apprehended on the 16200 block of Lappin in Detroit. He was handcuffed and taken to the Harper Woods Police Department pending pickup by his mother.

The car, a dark gray 1993 Chrysler Concorde, was recovered in the parking lot on Kelly near Roscommon. The driver's side door lock and ignition were punched. A wooden handle sledge hammer was recovered from the back seat.

### Car theft prevented

A foot chase ended in the arrest of a 15-year-old black male of Eastpointe, who had attempted to steal a car from a parking lot in the 18000 block of Vernier.

Harper Woods police were dispatched to the lot after receiving a report of a subject attempting to steal a car. The report came from a security guard who observed via surveillance camera the subject checking several cars in the lot before entering a 1990 white Dodge.

Upon arrival of the police, the subject began running north from the scene, across Vernier and northbound across Eight Mile. He was apprehended in the 18000 block of Collingham.

During the chase, an officer had observed the subject throwing an object into the snow. Upon further investigation, the officers discovered a Craftsman 1/4 inch screwdriver. Damage to the Dodge's ignition lock was also discovered.

Photos were taken of the damage, and the screwdriver and surveillance videotape were tagged and stored as evidence.

### Purse snatching

A Detroit woman's checkered Gucci purse was snatched from her grasp as she walked into a drugstore on Kelly on Monday, Jan. 19, at 4 p.m.

Three black males in their early 20s were described by the victim's sister as the culprits. After the theft, one of the subjects jumped into the passenger side sliding door of a gray minivan, which then drove northbound on Kelly.

### Attempted car theft

A 1990 red Dodge Shadow was nearly stolen on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 5:48 p.m. A 75-year-old Detroit resident was shopping in the 18000 block of Vernier, and upon returning to her vehicle, discovered the vehicle's ignition system had been tampered with. Parts of the ignition were found on the driver's side floor and on the passenger side front seat.

### Car chase ends at local high school

Harper Woods police aided the capture of two subjects wanted on home invasion charges and possible additional charges of armed robbery on Monday, Jan. 26, at 8:51 a.m.

Police received a report of Eastpointe Police Department and Detroit Police Department pursuing a vehicle on St. Fair approaching Kelly. The driver lost control of the vehicle on Kelly and ended up on the property of a local high school. The driver was captured; the passenger ran but was captured on school property.

Harper Woods officers were not involved in the chase. The situation was handled by the Detroit Police Department.

### Damage reported

A 25-year-old Harper Woods man stopped by the police station last week to report damage to his 2001 black Jeep. On Monday, Jan. 19, the man, a resident of the 19600 block of Woodside, discovered the vehicle's driver's side door lock was damaged. Nothing was missing, and the victim did not hear or see anything unusual.

### Car theft and recovery

A 1993 green Dodge Dynasty was reported missing and later recovered in a parking lot of the 18000 block of Vernier.

A 45-year-old Detroit resident approached Harper Woods police officers who were on the scene investigating a separate report. She reported her vehicle was missing.

Two juvenile black males were named as suspects after viewing surveillance cameras. The car was later discovered with damage to the ignition and truck lock.

## Mom-to-mom sale at high school

The Beacon Elementary School parent organization is hosting a "Mom-to-mom Sale" on Saturday, March 27, at Harper Woods High School.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Also available for purchase will be food, baked goods, Beacon Family Cookbooks and FoodDoodler markers.

Tables are available to rent for \$15 if reserved by March 13; after that they are \$18. Rack space is \$3. Ten percent of the selling price on big ticket items goes to

the organization.

For an application, visit the Web site, [www.mom2momlist.com](http://www.mom2momlist.com) or call Denise (313) 882-3297 or Sandy (313) 884-5601. Applications are also available at Beacon Elementary School.

A mom to mom sale is the coming together of moms with items they wish to sell to other moms such as children's clothing, maternity clothing, toys, books and games. Also available are big ticket items such as high chairs, cribs, strollers and large toys.

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 19, 2004

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except Council members Daniel S. Palmer and John M. Szymanski.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- To excuse Council members Daniel S. Palmer and John M. Szymanski from tonight's meeting because of prior commitments.
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 5, 2004.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 69454 through 69553 in the amount of \$653,936.72 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. 2) Accept the low bid submitted by Achs Metal Products, Inc. in the amount of \$7,885.00 for the outfitting of the new GMC Van. 3) Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2004. 4) Approve the appointments to the various boards and commissions as shown on the memorandum from the City Clerk.

Kenneth A. Poynter,  
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,  
City Clerk



## Compete-

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of marketing from Michelin Automotive Industry Division.

"The opportunity is still out there for someone to create the first Chinese automotive icon."

Chubb said many of the vehicles on the road today in China were products of manufacturer design studios in other countries.

"There is now a major shift under way to bring forward designs specifically for China," he said.

"The work that we received from China and around the world reflects the state of that design shift."

Chubb said design for China is sophisticated, technically advanced and far more global than people expected. "Our judges were surprised and impressed by the quality and breadth of design presented."

John Grimaldi, president, Passenger and Light Truck Original Equipment Tires

Worldwide for Michelin Group, said: "China's automotive market is rapidly growing, with an increasing percentage of its population owning automobiles. China has a unique opportunity to leapfrog traditional technology and map out an automotive industry and roadway infrastructure that is environmentally sensitive, consumer-friendly and technically advanced. It is a perfect choice for Michelin Challenge Design event."

The world's premier clean vehicle event, Challenge Bibendum, will debut in 2004 in Shanghai, China. Organized by Michelin, the event promotes progress in the development of environmentally friendly vehicles and is an increasingly popular platform for car manufacturers to demonstrate state-of-the-art technologies in this field.

The sixth in a series that first began in 1998 in France and which has since alternated between Europe and the United States, Challenge Bibendum's Asian Debut will take place Tuesday, Oct. 12, through

Thursday, Oct. 14, in Shanghai, immediately after the inaugural Formula 1 race that will also take place there.

"Challenge Bibendum makes a significant contribution to the development of sustainable road mobility in China by showcasing the available range of clean vehicle technologies and their potential for the future," said Eric Jugier, chairman of Michelin China.

"Challenge Bibendum 2004 in Shanghai is truly a unique, one-of-a-kind opportunity for manufacturers, technology developers, energy providers and researchers to demonstrate the driving performance, comfort and safety of advanced technologies such as electric, fuel cell, hybrid, gasoline, biofuel, diesel, hydrogen, natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas," Jugier added.

The 2005 Michelin Challenge Design at NAIAS will display vehicles and designs influenced by German design.

## Luxury sedan gives more for the money

By Greg Zyla

The improved 2004 Hyundai XG350L is a four-door luxury sedan that gives more for the money. The last time we drove an XG model, in 2002, we hoped that Hyundai would improve the lackluster performance of its V-6 engine. Well, the Korean automaker has come through with a more powerful 3.5-liter V-6.

The XG350 is Hyundai's large car, built with luxury in mind for way less than the competition. Instead of \$40,000 sticker prices, the upscale "L" XG350 we drove cost \$26,000 fully loaded, and with a \$1,500 dealer incentive and perhaps other discounts, the XG350 can be driven home for \$23,000 or less. A well-equipped base XG350 goes for only \$24,589 retail (including \$590 for destination), so regardless of choice, you'll feel you haven't spent too much for your personal luxury vehicle.

Up front, we'll also touch on Hyundai's great 10-year, 100,000 mile powertrain warranty and five-year, 60,000 mile overall warranty, which is one of the best in the business.

Inside, an elegant dashboard features a luxurious wood-like finish. All the controls are sensibly positioned and easy to read and operate. At night, everything is backlit in a soft greenish hue, making for just the right aura. The front bucket seats are wider than most, yet still keep the body planted in sharp curves. The rear seat is also comfortable and offers excellent room, while a center armrest includes cup holders for the rear passengers — a nice touch. As for the stereo, our younger



2004 Hyundai XG350

passengers made sure to test it in every manner, and it got good grades.

The 3.5-liter DOHC V-6 is the only engine available. With 194 horsepower and 210 pound-feet of torque, it offers excellent acceleration and smooth performance in all rpm ranges. We especially liked the low-end torque. A well-built five-speed automatic transmission transfers the power, and gear selection is both fully automatic or, if desired, manual via a Shiftronic gate. Be it passing, merging or just cruising a country road, this engine is much better than previous models.

As for the handling and ride, you'll be surprised how well Hyundai has done its homework. The ride is both comfortable and able to offer up some serious road handling fun, leaving behind notions of luxury only. Our tester came with standard 16-inch Michelin tires, which ably planted the front-drive XG350. The suspension is a combination of double — wishbone coil in front and multi-links in the rear, with stabilizer bars to help cornering. We liked the feedback from the steering wheel, with no play or "too soft" feelings. The standard

four-wheel disc anti-lock test it in every manner, and it got good grades.

Highlights include all the powers, lots of leather, cruise control, air conditioning, alloy wheels, AM/FM CD/cassette with six speakers, front side-impact air bags, power driver and passenger seats, and heated exterior power mirrors. If you opt for the "L" model, you'll also receive rear-seat reading lamps, auto-dimming rearview mirror, memory function for the driver's seat and a power moonroof.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 108.3 inches, EPA numbers of 17 mpg city and 26 mpg highway, 14.5 cubic-feet of trunk space, 3,651 pound curb weight and an 18.5 gallon fuel tank.

Overall, we give the Hyundai XG350 an eight on a scale of 10, even though we agree many other makes, both foreign and domestic, far surpass Hyundai in luxury-car building. However, for those consumers who like to enjoy luxury in a more economical way, the XG350 is a smart buy.

— King Features Syndicate




Among 11 scale models on display at the Michelin Challenge Design was this Aspire, designed by Li Yi of China.

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## Chinese automotive market emerging to compete

The emergence of a Chinese automotive market is an interesting phenomenon and appears to be quite different and much more Western in its nature than the auto industry in the other major Communist nation in the past century, the Soviet Union.

China, which under earlier Communist governments disdained the Soviet Union's Russian-style approach as not pure enough, seems to be developing some surprisingly capitalist aspects.

General Motors and Ford have agreements to build cars in China and a surprisingly sophisticated Chinese automotive design sector is taking shape.

While Russian automotive design often seemed to be total copying of Western designs — for example, the ZIS limousine used by Josef Stalin was a much heavier copy of a pre-war Packard — Chinese design directions are more diverse and seem to represent a freer approach.



If the concept cars, models and renderings on display at the Michelin Challenge Design display at this year's North American International Auto Show are an indication, the emerging Chinese auto market will rival the French in its fanciful styling and variety of designs.

Designs for the emerging Chinese market was the theme of the 2004 Michelin Challenge Design. A record number of designers from around the world submitted entries, presenting a wide array of vehicle sizes, shapes and concepts.

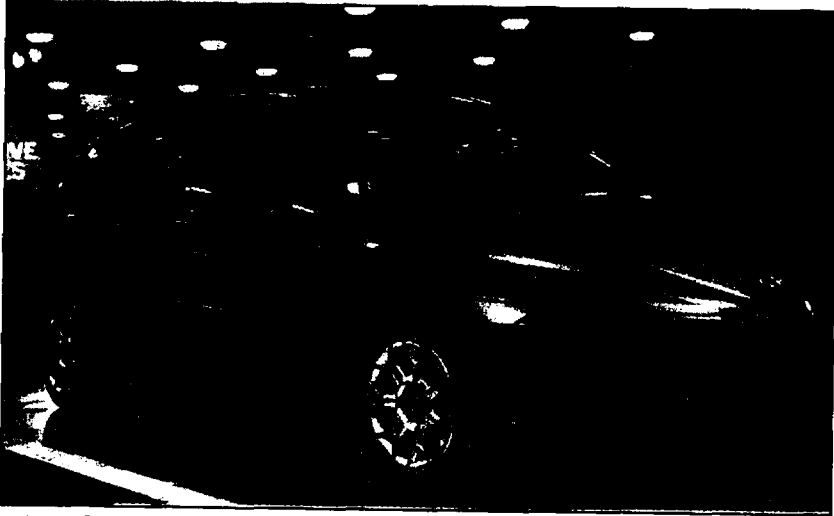
A jury of top international designers reviewed 103 entries from 27 countries and selected two full-size concept vehicles — the Viexun, designed by the Italian I.D.E.A. Institute and the Kunpeng, designed in China by PATAC — 11 scale models and 28 renderings for display at the NAIAS.

"China is such a potentially large and diverse market that it presents a tremendous opportunity for design and designers," said Tom Chubb, vice president

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Among models at the Michelin Challenge Design display was this car called simply "00," designed by Li WeiNa of China.



One of two cars actually built for the Michelin Challenge Design was the Viexun, entered by the Idea Institute of Italy.



The other vehicle selected to be built as full-size models was the Kunpeng designed in China by PATAC.

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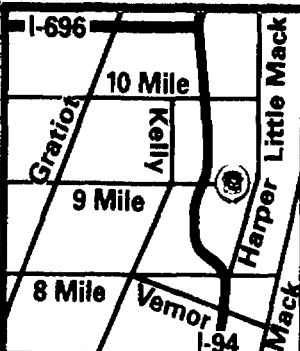
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## Local thespians play orphans in 'Annie'

By Mimi Drennan  
Special Writer

"Tomorrow" is just a dream away for several young actresses from the Grosse Pointe area who gingerly scampered through their roles as orphans in the Grosse Pointe Theatre (GPT) production of "Annie."

They have been chosen to appear again as orphans in the national touring company presentation of the show from Tuesday, Feb. 10 through Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Masonic Temple Theatre.

Acting in the Grosse Pointe Theatre performance in November 2003, each of the talented group: Danielle Muawad, Kerry Banish, and Emma Hintzen, appeared as the singing/dancing waifs; and Emma Kruse played the adorable "Annie."

They have all been cast as orphans in the road company production, as has St. Clair Shores resident, Heather Garey, who did not appear in the GPT staging.

"We're very proud of our young actresses," said Emmajean Evans, who was makeup co-chair for the GPT production. "They're all so very talented and they were just wonderful in the show."

Arlene Schoenherr, the director of the local production of "Annie," has been a GPT member for over 30 years and has appeared in several productions, two of which, "Apple Tree" and "Flower Drum Song" are well remembered.

When not busily involved on stage or behind the

scenes with the Grosse Pointe Theatre, Schoenherr directs theatrical performances at Bishop Foley High School, where she also teaches math. She is now preparing to go into production with the Broadway hit, "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying."

"Annie" is one of my all-time favorite musicals," Schoenherr said. "And our production here was so much fun! We couldn't have had a better cast and crew. These gals, my orphans, did such a great

job; they have so much talent and take direction really well. I know they'll be the stars of the touring company's show."

And stars they are. Danielle Muawad, a student at Ferry School in Grosse Pointe, is a tap and toe dancer who, at the age of 10, thinks her future career plans center around being an actress. "I love to sing and dance," she said. "It would be fun to be on the stage or in movies."

Emma Hintzen, who is the smallest of the group and only 8 years old, goes to



Photo by Robert McKean  
Local girls who will appear in the Detroit production of "Annie" include, from left, Emma Hintzen, Emma Kruse, Danielle Muawad, Heather Garey and Kerry Banish. Arlene Schoenherr, second from right, joins the girls in a chorus of "It's a Hard Knock Life."

Middle School in Royal Oak.

Emma Kruse, 11, attends St. Thomas Lutheran School in Eastpointe and was a charming, happy-go-lucky "Annie" in the Grosse Pointe Theatre production. She also has aspirations of becoming a popular actress and singer, but "I also want to be a sign language interpreter," she said. "I know a lot of the signs already."

Heather Garey is 11, but she's already a veteran performer in the world of show business. She's a figure skater who has won five gold medals.

Adding a little history to her talent, she said, "Oh, I've been singing since I was 3 years old."

She is also a jazz, tap and ballet dancer, has sung the national anthem for community events, and in 2002 was awarded the title of Little Miss St. Clair Shores.

Now attending Jefferson Middle School, her dream is to one day be a member in the soap opera cast of "Days of Our Lives" and from there, continue her career as an actress.

Even though the girls know every note, every word, and every dance movement of the score, a week of rehearsals for the road company of "Annie" will take place the first

week of February at the Masonic Theater. After that the sky is the limit.

When "Annie" opens at the Masonic on Tuesday, Feb. 10, these young ladies, with their adorable smiles, their talented voices and dance routines, and their whimsical ways will take their place, just as so many famous performers have before them, as troupers in the parade of coveted stardom.

Taking its first bow in 1948 with the premiere performance of "Clarence," in a local high school, the Grosse Pointe Theatre began staging productions in 1962 in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

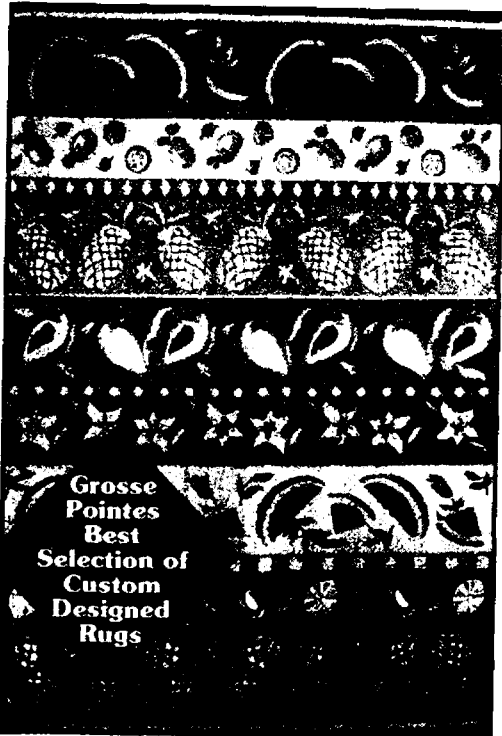
Actually, the presentation of all GPT productions comes to life in the remarkable turn-of-the-century house at 315 Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe. The completely refurbished structure includes sizable rehearsal and meeting rooms, a fully equipped scenery workshop, costume area, prop storage and kitchen space.

It is here that GPT volunteers can be seen adding the important finishing touches to one of the many productions, workshops, social or charitable events that the group plans each season.

The GPT production of "The Miracle Worker," is scheduled for Feb. 29, March 3-7 and March 11-13. For additional information and reservations, contact the Grosse Pointe Theatre ticket office at (313) 881-4004.

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## Pastor's Corner

### Wintry days

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

The first two months of the new calendar year are usually very wintry times. Icy, snowing, freezing, frozen, frosty, cold, frigid, chilly, chilling, piercing, cutting, glacial, hyperborean, arctic, nippy are only some of the entries under "wintry" in my Oxford Dictionary.

This is the time for the church's Epiphany season with the stars and light of Jan. 6, Candlemas of Feb. 2, and the Confession of St. Peter (Jan. 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25) in between. It's all about the light and warmth of faith in, with and among us because of the original gift of Christmas.

"Hail, heavenly beam, brightest of angels thou

Thou art the true refulgence of the sun,  
Radiant above the stars, and from thyself  
Illuminest for ever all the tides of time," wrote the late eighth century Anglo-Saxon Cynewulf

And Alice Meynell (1847-1922) acknowledges "New every year, new born and newly dear, He comes with tidings and a song, The ages long, the ages long Even as the cold Keen winter grows not old."

Sidney Godolphin lived only 33 years in the early 17th century. He compared the Magi to the shepherds and concludes that knowledge and expertise must take their proper place alongside wonder, love and other virtues.

"Blessed were the wise men in their skill,  
And shepherds in their harmless will. . .  
Though wise men better know the way,  
It seems no honest heart can stray. . .  
Wise men, all ways of knowledge passed,  
To the shepherds' wonder come at last.  
To know can only wonder breed,  
And not to know is wonder's seed. . .  
Then, though we do not know, we love."

These wintry days, hyperborean, bring — in ancient Greek myth — a land of sunshine, plenty warmth and piercing fire. So, while we anticipate the Day of Ash not far ahead, we embrace the Candlemas image of Mary, according to primitive American Mother and Child, bearing the bright flame of the Christ child surrounded by the darkness of a fallen creation which he comes to enlighten and brighten. Poeticist Charles Causley of the 20th century thus: "Holding in clear hands the world's true light She lifts its perfect flame against the night."

During these wintry days and nights bright light warms and burns into sight. Let it shine!



### Voices represent three generations

Three generations of one family share their musical talent in the choirs of St. Paul Catholic Church, 187 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. From left, are Sally Paige, grandmother, who sings in the St. Paul Choir; granddaughters Hailey and Hannah Meier, who sing in the Angels of the Lord, the St. Paul Children's Choir; and Tammy Meier, the twins' mother, who sings in the St. Paul Voices of Joy.

All four family members sing together in the St. Paul Festival Choir, directed by organist and music director Lawrence R. Przybyz.

### Jefferson Avenue Church presents free organ concert

Peter Richard Conte, organ in Philadelphia and grand court organist of the National Public Radio and ABC's "Good Morning America." A reception will follow the program. The final program in the 2003-04 series will be held on Sunday, May 16. Featured will be the Motor City Brass Band and organist Stephen Warner.

For more information, call the church at (313) 822-3456.

### Lay Theological Academy class will discuss families

The Lay Theological Academy will present "Seven Habits of Highly Successful Families" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The presenter will be Jacqui Brown, principal of All Saints School in Canton. Brown applies author Steven Covey's principles ("Seven Habits of Highly Successful Persons") to families. She has served as director of the Office of Religious Education/Catechetics for the Archdiocese of Detroit and director of the Hospice of Eastern Michigan.

The fee is \$5. For those who would like to attend the dinner at 6 p.m., call (313) 885-4841. The cost of dinner is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children; \$15 for a family. Children's activities and child care will be provided during the class.

### First English plans salad luncheon

First English Ev. Lutheran Church Women will hold its annual Valentine Salad Luncheon and Card Party at noon Thursday, Feb. 12, at the church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

This year's event is sponsored by Faith Circle. The cost is \$8, which includes table and door prizes. Bring cards or other games for your table. For reservations, call Pat Thomas at (313) 885-4437 or Josie Herrington at (586) 293-3305 by Sunday, Feb. 8.

Co-presidents of the group are Betty Blohm and Beverly Jackson.

### Christ Church will present Evensong

Evensong will be sung by the Choir of Girls and Men at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The Evening Canticles are a setting of the "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis in G" by Stanford, featuring soprano and bass soloists.

Katie Griffin and James Gray will be the soloists.

The choir will sing the anthem, "Let the People praise Thee" by William Mathias, composed for the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.

The service of Evensong is an afternoon liturgy with anthems, hymns, prayers and lessons.

All are welcome and admission is free.

For further information, call Christ Church at (313) 885-4841.

### St. John Hospital, Medical Center seeks volunteers

St. John Hospital & Medical Center needs volunteers who are willing to give a few hours a week.

Volunteers work as Guiding Stars, helping people find their way around; serving coffee in the Java John coffee shops; providing TV bingo games for patients; working in the gift shop;

sewing puppets; doing clerical work; and staffing the information desks.

The hospital is located at 22101 Moross at Mack.

For more information, call the volunteer services department at (313) 343-3680 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

<p><b>Christ the King Lutheran Church</b> Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090</p> <p>8:15 &amp; 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes Supervised Nursery Provided www.christtheking.org Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Assoc. Pastor</p>	<p><b>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church</b> How Reasoned Found The Universalist Care, Got Down From The Tower, Learned Love, Practiced Justice. 10:30 a.m. Worship 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420 Rev. John Corrado, Minister</p>	<p><b>First English Ev. Lutheran Church</b> Vernier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Barton L. Beebe, Associate Pastor Robert Foster, Music Coordinator</p>	<p><b>Eastside Community Church</b> A Caring Community of Many Cultures</p> <p>Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. in the Harper Woods High School Auditorium Rev. Samuel D. Jackson, Pastor (313) 647-0000 www.eastsidecommunitychurch.com "To Know Him and Make Him Known"</p>	<p><b>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 20475 Sunningdale Park near Lochmoor Club Grosse Pointe Woods</p> <p>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available)</p> <p>884-4820</p>	<p><b>GROSSE POINTE UNITED CHURCH</b> AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP 884-3075</p> <p>"Chosen by God"</p> <p>10:00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP (CRIB ROOM AVAILABLE) 10:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL Rev. E.A. Bray, Pastor Rev. Scott Davis, Assoc. Pastor www.gpunited.org</p>
<p><b>St. James Lutheran Church</b> 170 McMillan Rd., near Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms • 884-0511</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Education Time 9:45 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion</p> <p>Nursery Provided Wednesdays Noon: Service of Word and Sacrament The Reverend Gerald A. Spae, Pastor The Reverend Gustav Kopka Jr., Ph.D., Pastor Emeritus</p>	<p><b>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 1175 Lakepointe at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823</p> <p>Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30</p> <p>Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00</p> <p>COME JOIN US Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Reinewald</p>	<p><b>Saint Ambrose Parish</b></p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses at 8:30 &amp; 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park One block north of Jefferson, at Maryland</p>	<p><b>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church</b> 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte 881-8670</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Festive Worship &amp; Organ Dedications Nursery Available</p> <p>Rev. Frederick Harris, Pastor Rev. Moral Collier, Assoc. Pastor</p>	<p><b>Grosse Pointe Woods PRESBYTERIAN Church</b> 19950 Mack (between Moross &amp; Vernier)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour 11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>E-mail: gwpchurch@aol.com • Web site: www.gwpchurch.org</p>	<p><b>Historic Mariners' Church</b> A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE</p> <p>Traditional Anglican Worship Independent Since 1842</p> <p>SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion with the Church's Professional Choir Nursery</p> <p>THURSDAY 12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion Sept. - June - Church Sunday School</p> <p>On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel - Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward</p> <p>The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Jr., Assistant Rector The Rev. Deacon Jesse Roby, Jr., Honorary Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choirmaster (313)-259-2206 marinerschurchofdetroit.org</p>
<p><b>Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church</b> Seeking to serve Christ in the midst of the City</p> <p>Sunday, February 1, 2004</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service Sermon: "Living under Pressure" Luke 16:1-13 Peter C. Smith, preaching Church School: Crib - 8th Grade</p> <p>Save the Date: Music Series - Sunday, February 8th, 4:00 P.M. Peter Richard Conte, Organist, Wamamaker Organ, Philadelphia FREE ADMISSION</p> <p>8825 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit Visit our website: www.japc.org 313-822-3456</p>	<p><b>Grosse Pointe Baptist Church</b> Christ Centered and Caring - Committed to Youth and Community</p> <p>Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM Sunday School - 9:30 AM for Age 2 - Adult</p> <p>Middle School Youth meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>21336 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods Phone: (313) 881-3343 Web Page: www.gpbc.org</p>	<p><b>THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH</b> Established 1865 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)</p> <p>We Welcome You In Worship, Service, Fellowship REV. WILLIAM C. YEAGER, preaching "Today!"</p> <p>9:00 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Worship Services - Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. - Christian Education for Children, Youth &amp; Adults 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Crib/Toddler Care</p> <p>Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms • 882-5330 www.gpmchurch.org</p>			<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> Woodward Avenue and I-75 (exit 50) NEXT TO COMERICA PARK www.stjohnsdetroit.org (313) 962-7358</p> <p>Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:05 a.m. Christian Education for all ages</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Festive Holy Communion &amp; 4:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong</p> <p>Guest Preacher - Bishop Jackson Biggers Diocese of Northern Malawi Anglican Province of Central Africa</p> <p>Join us for Traditional Episcopal worship and biblical faithfulness, and hear about the Spirit-filled growth of the world-wide Anglican Communion in Africa.</p>





### February guilt

**By Debbie Farmer  
Special Writer**

It's almost February. I know this not because of the cold weather, or the glut of presidential holidays, or because the idea of wearing short-sleeved shirts seems totally ridiculous. I know this because of the guilt. February is the month when I become an Official Resolution Failure.

pretty much down the drain. Especially since none mention yelling as an approach to relaxation.

It's not as if I haven't been trying. I've become an expert on how to get in touch with my inner-self. I know how to pose in the lotus position longer than most Buddhists, and I can open and close all seven of my chakras at will. Crazy as it seems, none of these things has seemed to help.

My friend Shirley suggested that I try sitting down for a while every day, taking deep breaths, and thinking about nothing. Now, granted, I'm more than happy to try this. After all, how many times in your life does a person have official permission to sit down and think about nothing without being called unflattering names?

The problem is, you see, hats. As soon as I get my mind cleared out, all sorts of other things I haven't had time to think about lately creep in.

Like (you guessed it) spring hats. I mean, why does almost everyone look silly in them except Julia Roberts? Which is better, canvas or straw? Wide-brimmed or floppy? Why isn't there a good way to get rid of hat hair? And on and on.

This, my friends, is exactly the kind of trap they warn you about.

So I stop and gently empty my mind and start over. Which is fine except now I'm thinking about the fact that I have no idea where spiders go in the winter. What if they're upstairs sleeping between the summer sheets? Hiding under the ottoman? Lurking behind the sofa? And what if an exceptionally giant one, eighteen times bigger than a cat, is hibernating inside the woodpile on the side of the house?

On second thought, maybe the best plan is to be more like my friend Linda, who, ironically enough, is stress-free every February because she doesn't make any resolutions at all.

But, of course, this is too late to help me this year.

So, for now, I guess I'll just stick to thinking about nothing. I hope it brings me results fast. I don't know how much more relaxation I can take.

*Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She can be reached by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.*



**Family Daze**  
By Debbie Farmer

I know I can't speak for everybody. There are always a few overachievers out there who actually stick to their resolutions and have lost 15 pounds and have organized their shoetree by now. (You know who you are.)

But me? I'm the other kind of person. The kind who marches into February five pounds heavier, wearing mismatched snow boots and wondering just how everything could go so wrong.

And, really, it's not as if I'm the sort of person who resolves to find a cure for cancer and take up figure skating and swim the English Channel and change the world or anything like that. Believe me, my aspirations are much, much lower.

In fact, this year I only made one resolution: I would be more relaxed. No matter what horrendous things happened around me, I would smile in a Zen sort of way and project an inner serenity much like the mothers you see in orange juice commercials and television sitcoms.

Let me just say that life since then hasn't been easy. In fact, so far this morning, I've said three very un-Zen-like things.

I said, "Get in the car this minute." I said, "I'm counting to three, and those shoes better be on your feet OR ELSE." And I said, "Stop hitting your sister, or I'll give you what for."

And I'm not even going to mention what I said to the car that cut me off in the school parking lot. Maybe it's me, but I have a feeling that all of the weeks I've spent reading self-help books on Eastern meditation and deep breathing are



### Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

The new Grosse Pointe Yacht Club board of directors for 2004, are standing, from left, Mary Treder Lang, Bruce E. Bradley, Dwight D. Labadie, Patrick A. Beard, Robert L. Rader, Richard J. Bania and James L. Taylor Jr. Seated, from left, are J. Dennis Andrus, secretary; Robert J. Kay, rear commodore; W. Theodore Huebner, commodore; Bruce E. Fralick, vice commodore; and Dr. David E. Martin, treasurer.

### Optimists meetings

The Lakeshore Optimist Club heard Richard Paul, a motivational speaker and ventriloquist, at its Wednesday, Jan. 28 meeting. The Optimists meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the reception room of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Paul offered a humorous, yet practical down-to-earth picture of how we can empower ourselves and others.

Guests are welcome at all Optimist Club meetings. For more information, call Bill Murray, president, at (800) 900-1639.

### Thrift Shop extends hours

The Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop, 17150 Waterloo, will be open longer and during the lunch hour, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 3. Hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Having the shop open during lunch hours will allow many of the folks who either want to donate or shop, more opportunity to do so," said Jeanne Balesky.

The Thrift Shop accepts donations and consignments. Sales help support the Neighborhood Club and its many programs.

### Classes offered at Healing Arts Center

Classes centered around complementary therapies and open to the community are offered at the Valade Healing Arts Center in the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

**Feb. 3:** Ongoing Chi Gong (every Tues., \$15 per visit) 7-8:30 p.m. is for students who have taken the 3-week introductory Chi Gong class. Students may drop in. Registration is not required.

**Feb. 4:** Chi Gong (three weeks, \$45) 10:30 a.m. - noon enhances the healing process, improves vitality and flexibility using 12 gentle, slow motion movements, natural breathing and visualization.

**Feb. 5:** Chi Gong (three weeks, \$45) 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

**Feb. 7:** Journaling (\$25) 10 a.m. - noon is a powerful tool that aids self-awareness, personal growth and discovery. The class provides an opportunity to create a written record of thoughts, feelings, goals, desires and intentions.

**Feb. 7:** EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) (\$40) Basic EFT 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Oncology EFT (\$50) 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., is an exceptional tool to help clear the many energetic imbalances that contribute to negative emotions, depression, physical pain, anxiety and more. The technique is simple and easy to learn.

**Feb. 7:** Intro to Reflexology (all day class, \$75) 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., offers the opportunity to learn the

basic fundamentals of this age-old art and explore the health benefits, theory and basic techniques.

**Feb. 19:** "Intro to Energy" Evening, (Free) 7 - 8:30 p.m., is a mini session offered by the Healing Arts Center for those wishing to experience for the first time the benefits of this ancient, gentle, hands-on healing method for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. This one-time service is complimentary; however, donations to the Cancer Center are accepted. No appointment is necessary.

**Feb. 21:** Tai Chi Demo, (Free) 10 - 11 a.m. offers an opportunity to experience what Tai Chi is all about.

**Feb. 21:** Reiki Level II, (all day class \$195) (7.2 CEUs for nurses) 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., students receive attunements that intensify the Reiki energy. Symbols and powerful techniques will be taught for distance healing and furthering the mental, emotional and spiritual healing processes of individuals.

**Feb. 21:** Aura photography, (\$25) limited 10-minute appointments 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., provides participants with the opportunity to discover their aura - the energy field that radiates through and around all living things. Ken Bede from Illumination will provide a color photo showing an individual's aura and chakras, using state-of-the-art equipment. A psychic reader will provide aura interpretation. This information is for edu-

cational or entertainment purposes only.

**Feb. 21:** Pendulum Power (\$25) 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., helps take the guesswork out of life by accessing the information, knowledge and wisdom within while enhancing intuitive abilities. Supplies to create a simple pendulum will be provided along with plenty of instruction.

**Feb. 21:** Lymphatic Reflexology and Self-Massage (\$25) 10 a.m. - noon, presents the art of massaging a reflex point on the hands or feet to clear blockages and stimulate the flow of energy through that particular zone.

**Feb. 23:** Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. can aid health through meditation, breathing exercises and positive thinking. Postures promote the free flow of energy, eliminate toxins and achieve a harmonious emotional life. Individual attention and modifications are offered.

**Feb. 24:** Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 6 - 7:15 p.m.

**Feb. 26:** Hatha Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

**Feb. 24:** Prenatal Yoga (six weeks, \$60) 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. offers safe and gentle stretches, breathing techniques, relaxation and meditation appropriate for pregnant women.

It is best to begin the class after the first trimester, and a doctor's note is required to participate.

Class sizes are limited. For more information or to register, call (313) 647-3320, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Valade Healing Arts Center is located on the third floor of the Van Elslander Cancer Center, behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94.

It provides an environment where all people, not only those touched by cancer, may enhance their quality of life through programs that complement medical care and focus on the mind, body and spirit.

### BSC seeks volunteers

If you have time to give, consider volunteering at the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC) or Charlotte's Place Senior Day Care Center. Both are located on Jefferson at Lakeland (between 10 and 11 Mile roads) in St. Clair Shores. Individuals of all ages and abilities are needed to assist specially trained music, art, and recreation therapists, dietitians, chaplains and other professionals. Members of corporations, service organizations and community groups also are welcome.

"Volunteering is a terrific way to explore areas of interest and even identify potential career paths," said Brian Oberly, administrator at the NCC. "The older population will continue to grow significantly in the future and will flourish between 2010 and 2030 as 'baby boomers' reach age 65. There will be many rewarding career options in the elder care field. For individuals of all ages, offering the gift of time and companionship to another is a rewarding experience."

Volunteers are needed weekdays, weekends and evenings. Call (586) 779-7011.

**Blood drive**

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council and American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the War Memorial. Babysitting is available upon request. Call (313) 884-5542.



### Children's Home of Detroit

Mike Horwitz, executive director of the Children's Home of Detroit, center, accepted a check for \$3,000 from the Italian American Delegates, a group that has provided support for CHD programs and services since 1994. Representing the Italian American Delegates, at the left, is Grosse Pointer Dr. Angelo Tocco. At the right, is Grosse Pointer Sam Ventimiglia.



### Lions Club

The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club presented a gift of more than \$200 worth of new DVD's to the St. John Hospital pediatric play center. Grosse Pointers Ed Goosen and Red Arnold presented the gifts.

The Lions Club is always looking for new members. The club meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Amvets Hall on Harper and Allard.

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## Campau-Schaden

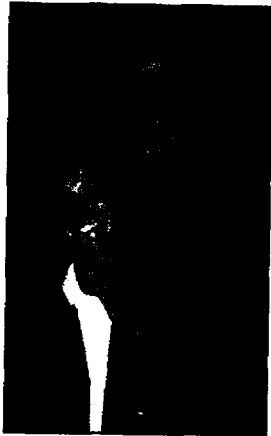
Tom and Carol Campau of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Campau, to Matthew Schaden, son of Greg and Linda Schaden of Grosse Pointe Woods. A September wedding is planned.

Campau earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from the University of Michigan. She is a leasing agent with the Taubman Co.

Schaden earned a bachelor's degree in advertising and communications from Michigan State University. He is a Hummer salesperson with Jim Riehl's Friendly Automotive Group.

## Snow-O'Donnell

Shirley and Gordon A. Snow of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julia Veronica Snow, to Brian Charles O'Donnell, son of the Rev. Roger and Beverly O'Donnell of Dearborn Heights. A May wedding is planned.



Brian Charles O'Donnell and Julia Veronica Snow

Snow earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Michigan State University. She is a territory business manager with Bristol Meyers Squibb. O'Donnell earned a

Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Madonna University. He is working on a master's degree in business administration and is also a territory business manager with Bristol Meyers Squibb.



Jennifer Khalifah and Mark Przybylski

## Khalifah-Przybylski

B.J. and Christine Khalifah of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Khalifah, to Mark Przybylski, son of Fred and Stephanie

Przybylski of Whitmore Lake. A June wedding is planned.

Khalifah earned a bachelor's degree and a doctor's degree in veterinary medicine from the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She is a veterinarian at Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital.

Przybylski earned an associate's degree in culinary arts from Macomb County Community College. He is a saute chef at the Country Club of Detroit.



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Scott Miller

## Zarinkmar-Miller

Nazanin Zarinkmar, daughter of Gholamreza and Shanaz Zarinkmar of Tehran, Iran, married Gregory Scott Miller, son of James and Mary Lynn Miller of Grosse Pointe Park, on Dec. 31, 2003, in Ankara, Turkey.

The Turkish civil ceremony was followed by a reception at the Ankara Hilton that evening, which was also the bride's birthday.

The bride graduated from the University of Tehran with a degree in microbiology.

She teaches English, German and biology in Tehran.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and is currently working on a doctorate in molecular biology and genetics at Wayne State University.

The newlyweds live in Grosse Pointe Park.

## Sacka-Reeves

Amy Dianne Sacka, daughter of Timothy and Dianne Sacka of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Anthony John Reeves, son of Robert and Janet Reeves of Victoria, Australia, on July 19, 2003, at Franklin Community Church in Franklin.

The Rev. James Greet officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at D'Amato's restaurant in Royal Oak.

The bride wore a white satin gown that featured a pleated bodice and an A-line skirt. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The maid of honor was Dr. Natalia Rodriguez of New York City; the matron of honor was the bride's mother, Dianne Sacka of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bridesmaids were Katy Moran of Ann Arbor, Janine Reintjes of Charlottesville, Va., Allison Walsh of Chicago; Nina Misuraca of Rochester Hills; and Katey White of South Lyon.

The flower girl was Paige Pichel of Clarkston.

Attendants wore red silk shantung cocktail-length dresses and carried bouquets of white roses.

The best man was Peter Scriven of Pottspoint, NSW, Australia.



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony John Reeves

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Tim Sacka of Grosse Pointe Woods and the groom's brother, David Reeves of South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

The ring bearer was Branden Pichel of Clarkston.

The mother of the bride wore a gold sleeveless dress with a brocade bodice and full chiffon and silk skirt. Her corsage was of white roses.

The groom's mother wore a royal blue suit and a silk blouse. Her corsage was also of white roses.

Readers were Dr. Molly Thomas of New York and Kathy O'Regan of Woolahar, NSW, Australia.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Notre Dame. She is a freelance advertising writer.

The groom attended Royal Melbourne University. He is the creative director at Alloy Red Advertising in Portland, Ore.

The couple traveled to New York and Maine. They live in Portland, Ore.

## Babies

### Windsor Woods Caramagno-McNeilly

Pamela Caramagno of Harper Woods and Matthew McNeilly of Windsor, Ontario, are the parents of a daughter, Windsor Woods Caramagno-McNeilly, born Dec. 1, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Cher Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Farms and Linda and Tony Mannino of Harper Woods. Paternal grandparents are Ginette and Walter McNeilly of Windsor, Ontario. Great-grandparents are Joseph and Dorothy Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Shores.

### Noah Marun Mualem

Michael and Lynda Mualem of Dearborn are the parents of a son, Noah

### Leg pain is topic Feb. 12

Dr. Lisa Flynn, vascular surgeon on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will discuss leg pain from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, in the auditorium at SJH&MC, 22101 Moross.

Peripheral arterial disease may be the cause of pain in the calf, thigh or buttock that begins while walking and stops when at rest. Flynn will talk about the symptoms of vascular disease, how to reduce risk factors and available treatment options.

Flynn is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and recently returned from Kuwait, where she served with a surgical unit on a ship stationed in the Gulf.

The program is free, and attendees will receive a coupon for free parking. Advance registration is recommended. To register or for more information, call (888) 751-5465.

The program is sponsored by CareLink at SJH&MC. Free CareLink membership offers a special link to health services, education and benefits for those age 55 or better.

Marun Mualem, born Nov. 3, 2003. Paternal grandparents are Joanne Mualem of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Marun R. Mualem. Maternal grandparents are Shirley Abraham of Northville and Ron and Nina Abraham of Dearborn.

### Nicholas Richard Semack

Michael and Mary Semack of New York City are the parents of a son, Nicholas Richard Semack, born Sept. 17, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Therese Hartel of New York City.

Paternal grandparents are Richard Semack of Grosse Pointe Park and Carol Semack of Grosse Pointe Farms. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Agnes Loweke of Detroit.

### Elizabeth Suzanne McLauchlan

Terrie and Mike McLauchlan of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Suzanne McLauchlan, born Oct. 15, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Carol Alfonsi of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Tony Alfonsi. Paternal

grandparents are Jo and Jack McLauchlan of Eastpointe.

### Rebecca Elizabeth Koch

Terry and Sara Koch of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Koch, born Dec. 24, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Elizabeth Rowe of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Patricia Koch of Copley, Ohio.

### James Michael Klaasen

Michael and Suzanne Klaasen of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, James Michael Klaasen, born Jan. 3, 2004. Maternal grandparents are John and Jane Moran of Richmond, Va., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park.

Paternal grandparents are David and Theresa Klaasen of Grosse Pointe Park.

Great-grandparents are Dr. Michael and Rita Brennan of Grosse Pointe Shores, Beatrice Barrows of the City of Grosse Pointe and Mrs. Betty Klaasen of Grosse Pointe Park.

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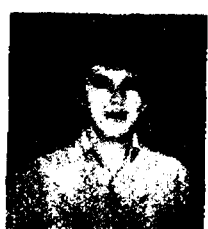
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Photo by Lori Wilson  
Rachel Sullivan (2) sets the ball for teammate Liz Ridgway during Grosse Pointe South's volleyball victory over Eisenhower this week.

## South's teamwork reaches new level

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball squad is taking teamwork to a whole new level.

The Blue Devils have had several promotions this winter in hopes of drumming up more interest in a team that leads the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a 3-0 record.

The ultimate prize is a date with the entire varsity team.

"The team plays like one, so it just makes sense to have them date like one," said coach Kevin Nugent.

There are several other prizes that fans can win at home games, including Red Wings tickets, dinners and team logo gear, but the girls on the team decided that they should be the top prize so they created the "Win a Date With the Team" contest.

All contestants have to do is attend as many home matches as possible before the match with Grosse Pointe North on Monday, Feb. 2, and enter their name

for the drawing.

There is one restriction, however. The contest is open only to boys from South.

Team captain Julianna Burrows said that the lucky winner "and a buddy, if he needs help on his date with 13 beautiful and very tall young women, will have a great time."

The "Win the Date" winner will be announced at the Feb. 4 match with Romeo. That match will also feature an attendance contest between the middle schools and elementary schools in the district. The winning school will get a free volleyball clinic put on by the South players and coaches.

Other prizes include a Super Bowl sub package giveaway at the Friday, Jan. 30 match against Ford II, and a Red Wings ticket giveaway at the final home match against Sterling Heights on Feb. 25.

Varsity home contests begin at 7 p.m., except for the Ford II match, which starts at 6 p.m.

## Area coaches to talk baseball tonight at ULS

University Liggett School will host the first Talkin' Baseball program in the school's auditorium tonight, Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program is co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization.

Speakers on the program are Grosse Pointe North baseball coach Frank Sumner, Grosse Pointe South coach Dan Griesbaum, ULS coach Dan Cimini, and former Detroit Tigers player Dave Bergman, who is the founder of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds.

Each of the speakers will talk for 20 minutes. The final hour will be a question-and-answer session.

The program is open to anyone interested in baseball, including youth and high school players and their coaches and parents.

Tickets are available at the door for \$15.



Photo by Bob Bruce  
Dan Harris, No. 5, was one of five Harper Woods players who scored in double figures in the Pioneers' upset victory over Warren De La Salle.

## Veteran players help put South spikers in first place in MAC White Division

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Big things are expected from veteran players.

Grosse Pointe South has several three-year veterans on its volleyball team this year, and they haven't disappointed coach Kevin Nugent.

Liz Ridgway is a good example of a veteran player coming through in a clutch situation.

"Liz was the glue of the match," Nugent said after the Blue Devils' 12-15, 15-8, 15-8 victory over Eisenhower in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

"She was really strong at the net. She made some great blocks to snuff their tight balls. Then when they pulled their back row up tight, she hit the ball deep. One of them went off the

head of one of their players. Liz was on a mission."

Another veteran, Julianna Burrows, also contributed to the victory.

"She had a good run serving and she played solid defense," Nugent said. "It wasn't her best night hitting, but she did other things well. She had 16 digs."

South, which had three days off after its last match, showed some signs of rust in the first game against Eisenhower. The Eagles jumped out to a 9-2 lead. The Blue Devils closed to 14-12, but Eisenhower got the final point.

"It took a while for us to get into a rhythm," Nugent said. "We made a lot of hitting errors, but our serve-receive never broke down. When that doesn't break down you can do a lot of

things to make it difficult for the other team to score points."

Earlier, South rolled past Anchor Bay 15-7, 15-4.

The Blue Devils spent a lot of their practice time getting ready for the Tars' setter, who is an all-state candidate.

Nugent played the role of the opposing setter during workouts so the South players were able to pick up the Anchor Bay player's tendencies.

"We worked hard to pick up things, and we did a good job of defending her jump serve," Nugent said. "We controlled her play, and she had only one point in the whole match. Megan (Switalski) and Julianna did a great job against her."

Julie VandeVusse came off the bench and served the first seven points of the sec-

ond game.

"That dictated the tone of the second game," Nugent said. "We led 14-1 at one point. Julie is a senior who has sacrificed some of her personal goals for the goals of the team."

Ashley Read also made a contribution with a couple of key blocks.

"She had two blocks in the beginning against their outside offense," Nugent said. "They had a terrible time hitting after that."

South is 3-0 in the MAC White and the Blue Devils are 14-7-5 overall.

South's next match is Friday at 6 p.m. against Ford II in a match that was rescheduled after being postponed because of bad weather. The Blue Devils will host crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North on Monday.

## Pioneers' victory isn't hair-raising

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' boys basketball team won one of the biggest games in the past four decades last week, beating host Warren De La Salle 69-56.

"I told the guys a couple of weeks ago that they could shave my head bald if we beat De La Salle," head coach Loren Ristovski said.

It didn't look good early as the Pilots, ranked No. 1 in Macomb County, grabbed a 14-point lead midway through the second quarter.

"Our guys weren't used to physical play of De La Salle's players, but they adjusted," Ristovski said. "I'm very proud of our kids because they didn't panic. It would have been easy for them to quit, playing Class A De La Salle on the road, but instead they regrouped and played even harder."

Junior James Slago and senior Rodney Batts got the Pioneers back in the game, hitting three-point baskets that cut the deficit to 28-24 at the half.

"We went to a full-court, man-to-man defense to open the second half, and it was very successful," Ristovski said. "We didn't handle De La Salle's strength in the first half, but they didn't handle our strength in the second half, and we used

that to win the game."

The Pioneers' quick, slashing players were too much for De La Salle to handle as junior shooting guard Justin Popov, senior point guard Bruce Mosely, junior forward Jerome Douglas, junior forward Dan Harris and Slago were able to dribble penetrate and hit open shots.

"We were able to make the shots tonight," Ristovski said. "Our kids were amazing in the second half, and they won a huge game. It

just isn't a win, but it is something that these young men can use as a personal victory to enrich their lives. This victory has a meaning deeper than basketball."

Slago's two three-pointers early in the fourth quarter gave the Pioneers a 46-39 lead, and they never looked back.

"We made the plays when we needed them," Ristovski said. "We had a chance to beat Grosse Pointe North and Country Day earlier this season, but we didn't

make the plays down the stretch."

Popov led the Pioneers with 16 points, followed by Batts and Mosely with 12 points apiece.

Douglas and Harris chipped in with 10 points apiece, while Slago rounded out the scoring with nine.

Later in the week, Harper Woods pummeled host Hamtramck 97-63 as Slago scored 18 points, followed by Mosely with 13, Douglas with 12 and Harris with 10.

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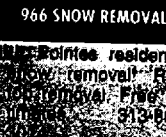
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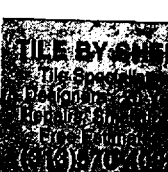
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que steamer trunk,  
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tains bed with 4 draw-  
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**GENERAL MOTORS**

**2000** Buick Regal GS.  
3.8L. Supercharge.  
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Sport, leather, sun-  
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Volkswagen Micro-  
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