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## WEEK AHEAD

### Thursday, Dec. 9

The wrestling teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South will face each other in a dual meet tonight at North. The junior varsity matches begin at 6 p.m. with the varsity action to follow.

### Friday, Dec. 10

The 31st annual Edmund T. Ahee Midwest Open Mixed Doubles Tennis Championships will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club with qualifying matches for the main draw which starts Saturday at 9 a.m.

Semifinal matches will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday. The championship match is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

### Saturday, Dec. 11

Tour the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's circa 1823 Provençal-Weir House, which is decked for the holidays by the Fox Creek Questers, from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

The Grosse Pointe Borders Books hosts a book signing with Irene Walt and Balthazar Korab, writer and photographer of the book, "Art in the Stations," at 4 p.m. The book features the art of the Detroit People Mover stations.

### Monday, Dec. 13

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets in the city council chambers at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at the Farms 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.

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## Cottage Christmas tree

Three generations of the Fink family were on hand Thursday evening, Dec. 2, for the 18th annual tree lighting ceremony and celebration. The broad branches of the stately Douglas fir tree on Kercheval in front of Cottage Hospital is set aglow by some of the younger members of the family. The event rekindles and honors the memory of longtime Cottage trustees Elise M. Fink and her son, Peter R. Fink.

Trustees and administrators, friends, employees, volunteers and patients of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services watched as Mrs. Fink's great-grandson Jake, center, performed the illuminating "flip of the switch." Steven and Austin, both experienced tree-lighters from previous years, cheered for their youngest brother. The Grosse Pointe Academy Bell Choir set the holiday mood with a litany of traditional carols and contemporary Christmas songs.

## Woods hometown heroes honored during holidays

By Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

Even those far away make it a point to vote.

Such was the case for 22 Grosse Pointe Woods residents and a city employee who serve in the military overseas.

Woods election clerk Jane Brown took notice this past election season when she was processing absentee ballot requests and thought how nice it would be for the people at city hall to show how much their efforts are appreciated.

"Wouldn't it be nice if we could send them something," Brown suggested to City Administrator Mark Wollenweber.

Brown rounded up other city officials and employees for their ideas

and input for sending a care package out to the service people. The Parks and Recreation Department donated white golf shirts embroidered with the city logo, the mayor and city council signed and sent cards, and city staff signed thank you letters for each of the recipients.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara  
**Grosse Pointe Woods election clerk Jane Brown, not pictured, rounded up city officials and employees to send out holiday care packages to military personnel serving overseas. Pictured with packages are Sue Como, Judy McHale, Missy Sharp and Debbie Mazon.**

"It was really a heartfelt message and a total team effort," Brown said.

The packages were sent out Friday, Dec. 3, with the hope they'll reach the service people by Christmas Day.

Brown asked that families of Woods residents serving overseas who are not registered voters contact her at city hall at (313) 343-2440.

"We don't want to leave anyone out," Brown said.

## Brys light idea extinguished in the Woods

By Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

It's been an intersection that's plagued Grosse Pointe Woods for the past four decades, and nothing's been done to rectify the problem — yet.

At its Monday, Dec. 6, meeting, four of the seven Grosse Pointe Woods City Council members nixed plans to conduct a study to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Mack and Brys.

The intersection gets an unusually heavy amount of traffic on eastbound Brys from cars that exit from the Eight Mile/Vernier exit from westbound I-94.

The proposed \$7,000 study that would have been done by the city's engineering firm, would have provided Wayne County with the necessary information on traffic counts and patterns at that intersection.

Previous studies conducted by AAA Michigan, SEMCOG and Wayne County in the past seven years have indicated the necessity for a light at the intersection. The last study was conducted by the Department of Public Safety in November.

"The one thing that stands out is the city's liability and exposure," Public Safety Director Michael Makowski said. "We and the people of Brys have resigned ourselves to knowing that the traffic is here to stay. We're not looking to restrict traffic; we're looking to control it."

Mayor Robert Novitke added that the intersection at Brys and Mack was the most dangerous in the Woods. There have been 96 accidents and 37 injuries at that intersection since 1996. Eighty-two of those accidents were a result of a fail-

ure to yield.

Novitke stood behind Makowski for the need to place a light at the intersection.

"What is being proposed by administration, and which I think is long overdue, is to have a study," Novitke said. "This council should not be afraid of information. It would be irresponsible for us to delay this any longer."

The resistance to the proposed study and light was led by Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski.

"I'm troubled this is here," Chylinski said. "If the people from Brys were notified in a timely manner, they would've been here ... This issue has been a one-solution issue."

No Brys residents were in attendance at the meeting.

Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howie backed Chylinski's substitute motion not to commission the study and to bring in Brys residents to explore other possible solutions.

Howie added: "If you put a light at that intersection, you'll have traffic backed up on Brys."

Councilwoman Dona DeSantis Reynolds claimed conducting such a study before Sunrise Assisted Living Center opened at the corner of Mack and Brys would be "a waste of money." Councilman Darryl Spicher, one of three council members who had never dealt with the Mack and Brys issue in the past, recommended the issue be brought to the council at a work session before any formal action be taken.

Novitke, and council members Allen Dickinson and Vicki Granger voted "no" on Chylinski's substitute motion.

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Andrew Stewart

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

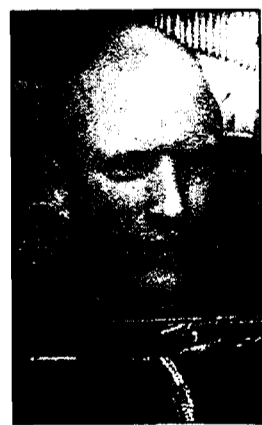
Age: 31

Family: Wife, Lisa; daughters Nicole, 17, and Dylan, 2 1/2

Occupation: Music therapist

Quote: "Music therapy is not the same as playing CDs for patients."

See story, page 4A



Andrew Stewart

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## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ Eleven special assessment districts are established in Grosse Pointe Woods to pay for paving the city's remaining dirt roads.

Construction will cost a total \$269,000.

■ "Men's Night," the one evening per year when women are barred from the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe, is a bigger success than ever.

Menfolk, attracted by the freedom of prowling unhindered, swarm merchants and spend, spend, spend.

Pete Proper of Proper Men's Wear says more than 2,000 customers enter his store during the three-hour, Monday event.

■ Plans to install two additional filter beds at Grosse Pointe Farms water plant are drawn up and presented to the state health department.

The new beds will be used during summer, when water demand is highest. During winter, the beds will be drained.

## 25 years ago this week

■ A fitness course will be set up at Three Mile Park.

Members of the Grosse Pointe Park council accept a \$6,000 grant to fashion 18 exercise stations out of redwood beams along a one-mile jogging track lining the park's perimeter.

The grant is one of five Perrier Water is offering Michigan communities.

■ A pre-dawn settlement by Armada schoolteachers averts a strike by all 4,200 teachers in 16 districts belonging to Local 1, including those employed by Grosse Pointe public schools.

Had the sympathy strike ensued, more than 80,000 students would have been denied school.

While local union members praise themselves for

threatening to make Pointe children scapegoats for another district's labor problems, Pointe school officials fume.

Laurance Harwood, president of the Grosse Pointe board of education, said Local 1's actions are "morally reprehensible and educationally indefensible."

■ Cottage Hospital officials begin a campaign to overturn a recommendation by the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan that the hospital be forced to cut more than one-third of its 155 medical-surgical beds.

## 10 years ago this week

■ A census by the Grosse Pointe school district finds an increase of approximately 500 students, but a 2,000 overall population decline.

■ A majority of registered voters sampled give the Grosse Pointe public school system A's and B's for educating students and communicating with the public.

Results come from a scientific poll commissioned by the district for \$8,000.

■ Three seniors on the University Liggett School boys soccer squad are named to the Class C-D All-State team.

Chris Corneau makes the first team; Frank Tymrak is second team, and Steve Verb makes honorable mention.

Coach David Backhurst is named Co-Coach of the year.

## 5 years ago this week

■ A four-month feasibility study by Plante & Moran determines it would be too expensive for the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club to build a two-surface ice arena at Salter Park, located on eastbound Harper east of Moross in Harper Woods.

Analysts project construction costs ranging from \$7.3 to \$9.1 million, annual

revenues of \$1.1 to \$1.25 million, but only \$280,000 to \$340,000 remaining to make yearly debt payments totaling about \$700,000.

As a result, each year the arena would skate further into debt.

■ Planners are already arranging Grosse Pointe Woods' 50th birthday party.

The biggest part of the celebration next September will be a parade from Grosse Pointe North High School to Ghesquiere Park behind City Hall on Mack.

■ A business consultant concludes the local retail market could handle an additional 35,000 square feet of shop space on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Hill currently has about 70,000 square feet of retail space.

The consultant, retained by Grosse Pointe Farms, predicts if the city maintains status quo on the Hill, retail in the district will be virtually gone by 2005.

Thereafter, an office district would dominate for about 15 years when the pendulum would swing back and shopkeepers would return as offices left the area because of an absence of retail.

— Brad Lindberg

## 25 years ago this week



## South students rally against Iran

Anti-Iranian posters and effigies of Ayatollah Khomeini are set on fire by Grosse Pointe South High School students during a demonstration on the school's front lawn. About 125 students and some non-students chant "Death to the Ayatollah" and "Damn Iran" during the hour-long protest of Iranians taking American citizens hostage at the United States embassy in Teheran. Two students who arrange the protest are suspended for less than five days for disruptive behavior. (Photo by David Kramer. From the Dec. 6, 1979 Grosse Pointe News.)

## Shores dispatcher jailed for own good

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A Grosse Pointe Shores public safety employee has seen the world from both sides now.

At noon on a day last month, Communications Officer Leo Miller was locked up.

"That's the best thing that's ever happened," said Shores PSO John Jebrael.

Miller was incarcerated for his own good.

Miller's rap sheet says he "usually wears a smile." He has a "prior" conviction for "thoughtfulness and generosity." Officers taking Miller into custody were warned he is "heavily armed with kindness ... This could be contagious."

His record qualified him for the Muscular Dystrophy Association jail and bail fundraising drive.

Each year captors are nominated to serve time until they raise bail, all of which is donated to the MDA.

Miller tapped about 15 contributors to raise \$600, all tax-deductible. Overall, this year's drive raised about \$17,000 locally.

MDA uses the money to research cures for neuro-muscular disease and provide wheelchairs, clinic visits and summer camp for people in the local area.

"The money's for a good cause," Miller said.

Some contributors donated to free Miller from jail. Others donated to keep him locked up.

"Most contributed to keep me in," Miller said.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Leo Miller, a Grosse Pointe Shores public safety dispatcher, raised \$600 during the Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock Up fund raising campaign.

"Stay in. Absolutely," said PSO James Tassie. "It's about time people like him were removed from the street. Period."

Miller and other captors served time at Andiamo restaurant in Grosse Pointe Woods. Free lunch was part of the deal.

"Good food is always a good thing," Miller said.

MDA spends more than 76 percent of every dollar raised on research, health care services and education according to association statistics.

Contributions of \$25 provide a single flu shot. It takes \$62 to fund one minute of research. A \$600 contribution sends a child to summer camp. It costs \$2,000 to help a person buy a wheelchair, leg braces or communication device.

Miller has been working for the Shores since 1995.

"I'm also a reserve officer for Richmond," he said.

He's familiar with charity lock-up campaigns.

"I've arrested other people for the American Cancer Society and March of Dimes

Jail and Bail," he said.

Every defendant reacts differently.

"Some people know it's coming," Miller said. "Others are totally surprised. We sometimes play it up and make it seem more serious and scary. It's a lot of fun."

Miller is trying to find out who nominated him for arrest.

"Mark my words. I will find out," he said. "You know what they say about revenge."

## Reinstate the draft?

By Freddy Groves

Will the draft be reinstated this spring? I recently received a number of e-mails regarding a reported move to activate Senate Bill S89 and House Bill HR 163, both of which were introduced last year, but not yet acted upon.

The draft reinstatement law, if it's ever passed, would call for the process to be in place by June 2005. Most deferments, including college, would be ended, and both men and women, ages 18-26, would be eligible for induction.

As I write this, both bills remain inactive, and government officials deny a reinstated draft is on the administration's agenda.

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## PET POINTER OF INTEREST

### Jake Joseph

Birth date: Sept. 9, 1998

**Adopted:** June 25, 1999, from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society at The Children's Home of Detroit

**Breed:** Labrador and collie mix

**Hometown:** Grosse Pointe Farms

**Family:** Ed and Therese

**Favorite activities:** Taking walks, playing football in the back yard and barking at other dogs. Also, eating dog food, people food, treats, food on plates in the dishwasher and in the trash. Participating in the dinner conversation and giving opinions. Playing tug of war with his rope and stuffed animals, and sleeping on his owner's bed.

**Christmas wish list:** A new football; a squeaky toy, because he destroyed the last one; lots of stuffed animals; his own treats; and a successful Frogs, Fur and Friends exhibition.



Jake Joseph

**Note to Santa:** "I was a good dog this year. I lost 20 pounds under the supervision of my doctor, and I only jumped on a Grosse Pointe News reporter once. "Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all my fellow Grosse Pointe dogs!"

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

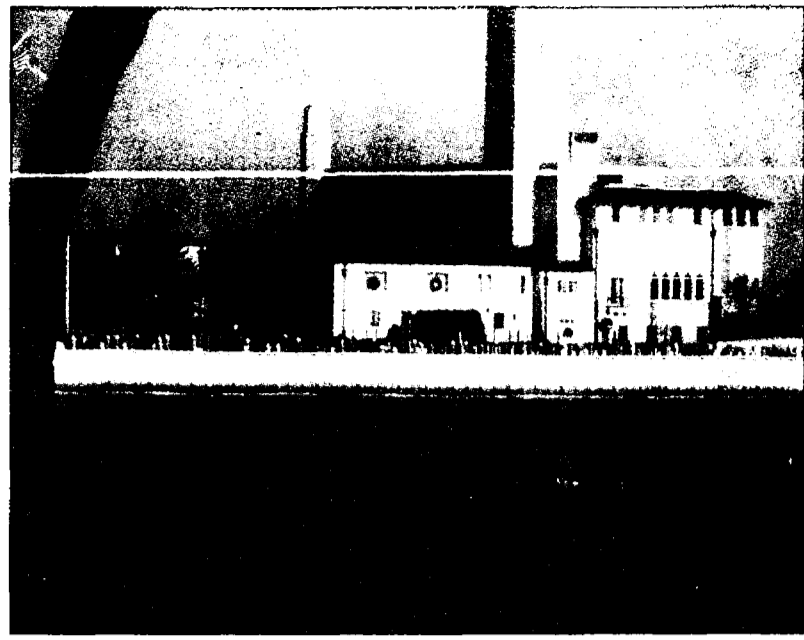


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### Hunters within legal limit

Duck hunters in Lake St. Clair south of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club ruffled the feathers of several people who logged complaints with Grosse Pointe Shores police on Sunday morning, Dec. 5. Callers complained hunters in a camouflaged aluminum rowboat were too close to shore off Lakeshore near Fontana. Public safety officers determined the hunters were "well within legal limits." State law requires hunters to stay 450 feet away from occupied dwellings — not the shoreline — and shoot away from those dwellings, according to Sgt. Dan Pullen. "Shots being fired were away from land and toward the lake," police said. "Further complaints should be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources due to jurisdiction issues."

## Park Christmas tree has storybook tale

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

It was almost the year without a Christmas tree in Grosse Pointe Park.

A week before the Park's first formal tree lighting ceremony at Windmill Pointe Park, gusty winds knocked down a donated 28-foot blue spruce that stood guard decked out in lights and ornaments just outside of the park's inside gatehouse.

Reerecting the tree was no small task. Parks and

Recreation Director Terry Solomon said a fork lift was needed to place the tree in a tree stand, and a bucket truck was needed to string the lights and hook the large shiny ornaments on the tree's branches.

The regal blue spruce stood tall until the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 1, less than 12 hours before the tree would be called upon to signal the beginning of the Christmas season.

"It was up just after exercise class at 7:10 a.m., and when I came back at 7:45 a.m., it was down on the ground," Solomon said.

It was up to Solomon to round up city employees from the master gardener to the master electrician to decorate another tree, set up new wiring and rewrap large gift boxes.

By 6:30 p.m., the new tree, one in front of the Lavins Center, was decked out in

Christmas splendor for Park kids and kids at heart who came to see Mayor Palmer Heenan give the key to the city to Santa, listen to the carols sung by the Good News Singers and to watch "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the Lavins Center.

A good time was had by all, including the mayor.

"I love Christmas as much as any 2-year-old," Heenan said.



Photos by Bonnie Caprara

Grosse Pointe Park almost didn't have a Christmas tree this year after winds knocked over a 28-foot blue spruce. This tree in front of the Lavins Center took its place.

## Letters

From page 10A

administration says we are at war, Gonzales opined that the conventions do not apply to our prisoners in Guantanamo or Iraq. He set the stage for torture of prisoners, notably at Abu Ghraib, and we are reminded of his hard-line death penalty stance in Texas.

Both Rice and Gonzales gained their appointments because they are longtime friends and associates of President Bush. They endorse his policies, and their presence will increase his comfort level during the second term. No one remains to question his actions the way that the beleaguered Colin Powell did.

President Clinton had four African-Americans and two Hispanic-Americans in his cabinets. Mr. Goodell downplays this as being merely "some desire to assemble a cabinet that looks like America." What's wrong with that? Sounds like an "ethnic revolution" a decade earlier!

Marjorie Dorman  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Successful Thanksgiving meal — thanks

To the Editor:

On Sunday, Nov. 21, hundreds of our neighbors, friends and family members participated in our annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen. Countless turkeys were donated and dozens of workers came down to the soup kitchen that day to help prepare and serve dinner to 1,062 hungry men, women and children.

Our sincere thanks go to everyone who so generously donated time, turkeys and funds to this worthwhile event. Special thanks to St. Paul's Deacon Rich and Linda Pellerin who were great cheerleaders for us again this year; Sweetheart Bakery for its contribution

of pumpkin pies; Farmer Jack Food Emporium for a nice discount on pies and rolls, as well as that store's continuing cooperation on projects that benefit the poor (Joe and Rhonda from the bakery department made our job so much easier); and everyone who provided refrigeration storage, coolers, ice and encouragement.

The outpouring of generosity from this community is remarkable and wonderful. We simply could not embark on this enormous project without the support of so many friends.

Crossroads serves the poorest of the poor. Clients who dine in our soup kitchen on Sundays are, often, eating their only meal of the day. Many of these people are homeless; all are desperately needy.

In addition to hunger, they are dealing with multiple hardships — lack of shelter and warm clothing, unemployment, unmanageable costs for medicine and transportation. And, frequently, a society that looks upon them with disdain.

Now that winter is approaching, frostbite is an all too common problem that pervades the lives of the homeless.

Crossroads has served the poor of the Detroit area since 1971. This ministry is totally supported by volunteers, foundation grants and the generosity of friends.

During this holy season, and all year long, please remember the clients of Crossroads in your prayers. And, to those who helped make this Thanksgiving meal such a success, many, many thanks.

Yolanda and Charles  
Turner  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Slandering schools

To the Editor:

I took great offense as I am sure others did too, to

the letters, "Curriculum change" and "Fourth-grade rotation" (Nov. 18, Grosse Pointe News), from Richard parents over rotation and the implications that Defer Elementary School is an inferior school and that the students attending Defer are not as smart as those who attend Richard.

I am really tired of having my children generalized as low-class Grosse Pointers because they live in Grosse Pointe Park and attend the schools there. Defer, Trombly and Pierce students are intelligent, compassionate and very socially aware. Diversity in the Park has taught students to not be narrow-minded and not to judge others by where they live. These children come from professional families with good family values just like others throughout the Grosse Pointe School System. The teachers in the Park schools are top-notch and dedicated to all the students.

Maybe Richard parents should look beyond the elementary MEAP scores and pull some statistics on the numbers of students enrolled in honors classes in the middle schools. Then look a little further at the

number of students at South enrolled in honor and advanced placement classes. High schools test scores are the real ones that count. I am confident that overall Park students score extremely well on the ACT/PSAT/SAT and MEAP scores and that they go on to great colleges.

The administration in any school system has the right to make changes for the good of all students. Their job is to see the big picture and to work toward the betterment of the entire school. So if only 30 percent of the fourth-grade parents are unhappy, then that means the 70 percent are fine with rotation.

Rotation is done at other schools in the district without any problems or harmful effects. So get over it and move on.

There are much bigger issues in the school district regarding budgets that will really have a devastating impact on all of our children. Channel your energy on that and in the meantime please stop slandering those of us who live in the Park.

Rose Smith  
Grosse Pointe Park

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## G.P. movie theater

To the Editor:

I would like to make a proposal. Grosse Pointe needs a movie theater. I am so tired of driving to Star Gratiot or to Birmingham. The Pointes need their own.

According to the Bieri Company's "Strategic Retail Report," Grosse Pointes are very wary of adding a theater. It will most likely attract nonresidents. I strongly agree with this observation.

I believe I have an idea worth looking into. Why don't we explore the idea of

having a city-run movie theater? We could have it operated under our parks department. In other words, you would have to show your park pass to attend a movie.

All the Grosse Pointe cities could work together and own it jointly. It would also be an excellent source of revenue for the collective cities.

I would like to encourage anyone in the Grosse Pointe governments to respond.

J. Mathews  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Fresh fare

To the Editor:

Kroger currently has created a grocer called "Kroger's Fresh Fare."

Fresh Fare is a high-end specialty grocer, like Trader Joe's and Nino Salvaggio's. Birmingham has one and Kroger is exploring building another one in Rochester.

I would like to ask the Grosse Pointe City Council to request that our Kroger in the Village be converted to a Fresh Fare. There is no reason why the west side can have one, and we get stuck with what we have.

I would also like to ask the entire community of Grosse Pointe to contact Krogers and request a conversion as well. Not only would this bring a better shopping selection, but also Kroger would have to redevelop the facade of the building.

I don't think there would be any argument there. This would be an excellent and much-needed addition to the struggling Village.

J. Mathews  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Ethnic revolution

To the Editor:

"Bush's Ethnic Revolution" (Dec. 2, Grosse Pointe News), is a mish-mash of unsupported assertions that would be demolished by any high school debate team.

Rather than succumb to the temptation to do a point-by-point refutation, let me focus on Mr. Goodell's

suggestion that the Democrats are denigrating Condoleezza Rice and Alberto Gonzales because their ascendancy to the president's cabinet threatens the Democratic voting bloc.

No, we don't think Ms. Rice is "incompetent." She is a scholar who earned a Ph.D. in political science, was a professor at Stanford, and was appointed provost of that university. We oppose her becoming the secretary of state, however, because of her outdated world view.

Her academic specialty was the USSR, and she remains a "Cold Warrior." Her conviction that unilateralism is the best foreign policy for the United States is deeply flawed. The world looked to us for leadership in the struggle against communism, i.e., the Soviet Union, but it has rejected the way we have dealt with terrorism, a diffuse threat not restricted to a single political entity.

Our go-it-alone approach has alienated traditional European allies, and we have become the world's "bad guy." Our ability to work with other countries on environmental problems, energy issues, and trade practices has been compromised.

Ms. Rice did not help her credibility by dissembling about those aluminum tubes. She said they were proof of Saddam's looming nuclear threat despite the fact that both the CIA and the State Department had concluded — a year earlier — that the tubes had a non-nuclear function. Like President Bush, she seems unable to admit making a mistake.

We do not believe that Alberto Gonzales brings to the office of attorney general the qualities necessary for this post. He is the man who called the Geneva Conventions "obsolete" and "quaint." As you may recall this is the international agreement that governs the treatment of prisoners of war.

Although the Bush

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## FYI

are probably over 1,000 people in these groups and families who are helping and thinking about our soldiers so far away from their homes. What a neat thing."

Judy, I couldn't have said it better. My hat is off to you and the folks at North for leading the way in supporting our troops who are overseas. Keep up the good work. And share some of the letters with us from service men and women when they start coming.

## Grandma's terminal

There are thousands of interesting quips, tales, anecdotes, apocryphal stories and just plain fibs circulating on the Internet. The modern form of communication has exposed a lot of very witty folks and some not so witty. Here's one allegedly from a collection of children's remarks about grandparents:

"A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. 'Oh,' he said, 'She lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport.'"

## Sign lesson

Small signs have gone up at the entrance and exit of the Miller-run parking lot on the Hill in the Farms behind Rite Aid warning you that if you lose your ticket you will have to pay the full day's rate — \$8. But the small print also tells you that you will have to show them your driver's license and registration in order to get out of the lot.

In a hurry last week (aren't we all always in a

hurry), I rushed up to the Hill and parked and walked over to Cottage Hospital. However, in my haste, I managed to leave home without my driver's license and lost the parking ticket somewhere between the lot and Cottage.

I realized the loss when I started going through my pockets back in the car and resigned myself to paying the full rate so I could get on with my schedule. When I offered to pay the \$8, I was informed that I would have to show my driver's license and registration before I could exit. I then realized I didn't have my license with me.

Exiting parking lot traffic was backed up, a manager was summoned, and she explained gently that no, they were not going to hold me prisoner because I didn't have a driver's license, and, no, no one had stolen any cars from the lot. It was just a new policy by the Miller folks on advice from their attorneys at all the lots they run because of legal liability.

The manager either decided I didn't look like a potential car thief or that I was annoying enough that she just wanted to get rid of me, but she eventually accepted my AAA road service card as evidence of my identity. At least she didn't make me take off my shoes and pat me down for a weapons search.

The moral of all that, of course, is don't get in a hurry, and by all means don't lose your parking card at a Miller-run lot.

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## Damman Hardware has Ace in the hole

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Damman Hardware has an ace in the hole at its store in the Village, and City of Grosse Pointe officials are ready to deal.

The family-owned hardware store has teamed with a national supplier and wants to reflect the arrangement in a new store sign.

The problem is the new sign would be even bigger than the present one, which by itself exceeds a 35-square-foot allowable dimension per storefront. Damman's current sign was grandfathered in when City regulations were changed about 10 years ago.

The problem became less of a problem when City Mayor Dale Scrace suggested William Damman, vice president, delay his request until next year. A new sign ordinance is likely to be adopted as part of an overall

revamping of how buildings in the Village shopping district are regulated.

"We're finishing a four-month design study," Scrace said. "In January, the design study will be presented. It's in final draft. We can use that as guidance."

Damman wants to amend his company's signs to acknowledge that Ace Hardware has been brought on board as a supplier.

"Ace is attempting to have brand recognition somewhat competitive with Home Depot," Damman said. "Their goal is to give us a bigger presence. It's important that we help ourselves any way we can to get whatever recognition we can from the Ace national recognition."

He said the goal could be achieved at his 30,000-square-foot Village store by inserting "Ace" between the "Damman" and "Hardware"

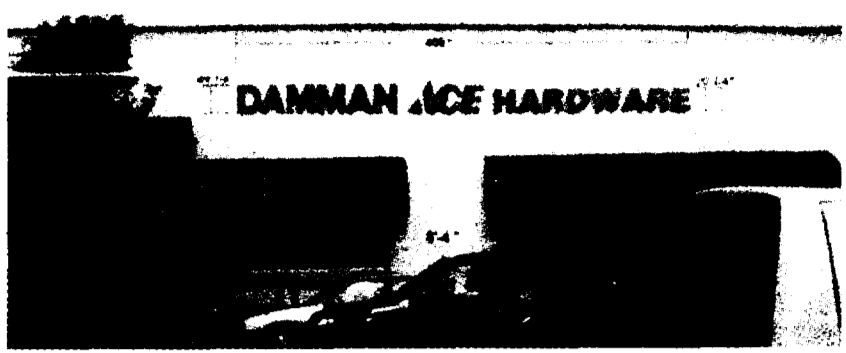
on the building's front, side and rear signs.

Doing so would increase the sign along the 180-foot long, 3,900-square-foot Kercheval facade from 50 to 70 square feet. The same change would increase the sign on St. Clair from 48 to 57 square feet, and the rear sign from 57 to 71 square feet.

"It's the cleanest presentation without a major renovation," Damman said.

City officials were hoping for something smaller that could "break up" the store's long Kercheval facade and give the appearance of a series of smaller, more mom-and-pop type storefronts.

"We need that association (with Ace)," Damman said. "Ma and pa — anything: drugstore, hardware store — isn't going to be around for a long time if they're not affiliated with some national organization."



Damman Hardware officials want to add "Ace" to signs on the store in the Village.

"We don't want big boxes on Kercheval, but we want to support the merchants," Scrace said.

"I have to look big," Damman said. "I have competition 10 times bigger than us. We know Damman (Hardware), but a lot of people don't."

Councilman John Stevens

suggested Damman consider back-lighting the existing sign and adding "Ace" to the store's awnings or windows.

Damman said the signs had been back-lit, but the arrangement required the company name to be mounted a few inches from the facade which created a space that inadvertently attracted

birds to roost.

"It was a tremendous problem," Damman said.

The sign was remounted flush, eliminating the bird problem and backlighting.

Damman doesn't like the idea of applying lettering to awnings.

"It gets dirty fast. It looks tacky," he said.



Smith Barney financial consultants, occupying the second story of a building at Kercheval and Notre Dame, is due to receive the first blade sign in the Village when City of Grosse Pointe officials revamp the municipal sign ordinance next year.

## City council sees eye-to-eye with new Village tenant

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

When Sean Moran addressed the City of Grosse Pointe council this week requesting signs for the new second-story offices of Smith Barney financial consulting at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame in the Village, he may as well have been standing before the welcome wagon.

All Moran wanted was the company name spelled in subdued, satin gold letters accented by the firm's small umbrella logo on the upper front and side of the brick building.

Why not add back-lighting, suggested councilman and architect John Stevens.

"I would do it in two seconds," said Moran, branch manager and company vice president.

Other council members suggested another approach: goose-neck lights extending from the facade to serve the dual purpose of illuminating the company name while accenting the building itself.

"Lighting is part of the architectural pallet," said Mayor Dale Scrace, also an architect.

Stevens suggested hanging a third sign on the rear

of the building, which faces an alley, parking lots and the southern approach to the commercial district along Notre Dame.

"Then you'll have identification all over," Stevens said.

Moran sat nearly wide-eyed, slightly open-mouthed and smiling. He didn't expect city officials to be so helpful.

Mike Overton, city manager, trumped all other suggestions by recommending a blade sign.

"That would be great," interjected Joseph Jennings, councilman, who didn't like the idea of a lighted sign.

"The Village is bright enough," he said.

Blade signs, which jut out 90-degrees from facades and are typical of quaint small-town shopping districts, are currently illegal in the City. The proscription will likely end next year upon completion of an updated sign ordinance.

"The new ordinance tries to have consistent signage and allow options to create more variety in the Village, yet cater to the business therein," Overton said. "A lot of blade signs have character."

"A blade sign would better identify the entrance," Stevens said.

"I will do the blade sign," Moran said.

Until the ordinance is changed, Moran will have the company name spelled across the front of the building in 21-inch letters. Likewise for the side on Notre Dame, but in 12-inch letters.

Upon passage of new rules that allow blade signs, Moran will replace lettering on Notre Dame with a blade sign over the company entrance near the alley sidewalk.

"Once that's in place, you would be the first to bring in a blade sign within the ordinance," Scrace said.

Moran said company officials had a purpose in mind when choosing the Village.

"That was a commitment to making the Village better," he said. "Smith Barney is the largest financial services firm in the world. Having a sign that shows the Village has Smith Barney, whether you do business with me or not, is good for the Village. The classiness of the sign represents what the Village wants to have."

## Deny purse thieves a gift during this shopping season

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

In the hierarchy of thieves, purse snatchers are among the pettiest. They act by fraud and deceit to prey on the weak and distracted.

Their dishonesty mainly depends on chance: a hurried shopper, an unattended purse.

"These criminals are opportunists," said Al Fincham, chief of public safety in the City of Grosse Pointe. "They are out and about at any time."

Especially this time of year. Increased crowds of shoppers that herald the holiday season are tempting targets to law breakers looking for easy victims.

"We don't have a crime spree," Fincham said. "In fact, crime is down. But this is the season to be ever-alert."

He witnessed a prime opportunity for theft last week at an area grocery store.

"I saw a shopping cart sitting unattended with a purse in it," Fincham said. "A lady was at least 25 feet down the aisle shopping."

He stood by until the woman returned.

"I cautioned her," he said. "These guys come in, pose as a shopper while they're really looking to steal something. They'll hide a purse under their coat and be out the door before you know it."

"The key is to watch your purse," said Lt. Eddie Tujaka. "Keep it on you. Don't leave it in the shopping basket. The shorter the strap the better. If you walk to the Village right now, I could just about guarantee you you'd find four or five purses in shopping baskets unattended."

Women often carry large purses to hold cosmetics, but they need to make themselves unattractive to purse snatchers.

According to the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan, a woman should:

- Carry a purse close to her body.
- Hold the purse with the opening facing her.
- When walking with

another person, hold the purse between the two.

Tujaka advised his wife to forgo a purse while shopping and carry a wallet in her front pocket, which is harder for pickpockets to access.

*"These criminals are opportunists. They are out and about at any time."*

Chief Al Fincham  
City of Grosse Pointe

"Most people pay by credit and debit card now anyway," Tujaka said. "A wallet's all you need. You don't have to worry about your purse."

Be careful leaving a purse in a car, even for short periods while loading groceries in the trunk or dropping off children at school.

"Tuck it under the seat so somebody walking by doesn't see it and think, 'Oh, I can help myself,'" Tujaka said. "If they don't see it, they don't take it. If they are walking by, they might not be intent on committing a crime, but if the opportunity presents itself, they'll jump on it."

Shoppers aren't the only potential victims. "We have had a couple purses stolen from the business district in the last two weeks," Fincham said. "A woman's purse was stolen from under her desk while she left the building for a short time. We encourage merchants to have a safe area to lock their purses, a room or file cabinet."

"Watch your guard," Tujaka said. "Especially this time of year."

## Woods to host Olympian homecoming Dec. 20

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Four months after the 2004 Summer Olympic games in Athens, people in Grosse Pointe Woods are still celebrating Carly Piper's gold medal victory.

The city is holding a reception in Piper's honor at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center on Monday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

"This is something our

council members have been working on," said City Administrator Mark Wollenweber.



Carly Piper

"This is something for a young lady who grew up here and was involved in the swim club here. It's nice they want to honor her."

This is the first chance the

city has had an opportunity to honor the 21-year-old Woods resident, who was part of the record-breaking team that won the gold medal in the women's 800-meter freestyle relay in August. Shortly after her Olympic victory and a quick visit home, Piper returned to her studies at the University of Wisconsin, where she is a senior majoring in zoology.

Guests will have an oppor-

tunity to meet and take photos with Piper, be treated to a cake and coffee reception and receive gold foil wrapped chocolate medals. Piper is expected to receive a proclamation from the mayor and council.

"Despite the rush of Christmas, I hope people take the time out to meet Carly and to express their appreciation," Councilwoman Vicki Granger said.

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# Scientific research validates the role of music therapist

By Margie Reins Smith  
Assistant Editor

Andrew Stewart is a music therapist working at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, a component of the St. John Health System. Stewart's tiny office is filled with musical instruments. He has a keyboard synthesizer, several large drums, a guitar, an ocean drum, a wood drum, a rain stick, a tambourine, maracas and a large opaque bowl-shaped object called a Tibetan crystal singing bowl. The largest African djembe drum occasionally doubles as an end table.

He plays just about every kind of musical instrument that doesn't require him to blow into it. "I played the trumpet for a while when I was in grade school. I had braces on my teeth and the attempts were pretty bloody. I think it turned me away from woodwinds and brass."

"Music therapy is valuable when used as complementary therapy for cancer patients," he said. He stressed the term complementary.

"Music in no way is an alternative to traditional medical treatment," he said. "If someone has a pain in his elbow, I can't say 'Take two hours of Bach and call me in the morning.'"

But he can, after assessing a patient, provide therapeutic individualized treatment with music. The patient's therapy may include singing, listening, playing an instrument, writing music, dancing, recalling significant music from his life and more.

Music therapy can help patients cope, can provide support for them at a difficult time, can offer an outlet for unexpressed feelings and can aid in physical rehabilitation.

Stewart cites names, dates, publications and the results of dozens of scientific studies that show the value of music in the healing process not only for people with cancer, but for people with all sorts of illnesses.

"Music therapy has been shown to reduce nausea in patients receiving chemotherapy," he said. Studies show that music therapy helps people overcome depression, deal with pain and reduce tension, anxiety and stress. It helps people face their illnesses and it boosts their self-esteem.

A music therapist often can help a patient deal with an oncoming death by helping him or her create a musical autobiography. The patient selects significant music that was important during different times of his life.

"He can listen to his life chronologically, with music," Stewart said. "It helps gain closure." Then the same music can help his family during the grieving process.

Music has even been shown, scientifically, to boost the immune system's response to illness.

Stewart grew up in Detroit, Warren and Grosse Pointe. He graduated from University Liggett School in 1991, then went off to Boston University for two years in BU's liberal arts program.

He has been making music for most of his 31

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years. "I've been a 'professional' musician since I was about 9 years old," he said. "I played the bass. I got to play in many groups because there weren't any other 9-year-old bass players."

"I say I was 'professional' because even in grade school, I was paid to play, even if it was just \$5 and some candy."

He played bass in the high school jazz band and usually had roles in school productions because of his musical ability.

"My earliest ambition was to be a rock star," he said, with a smile. "But my tastes ran from heavy metal to classical to jazz and light pop music."

He was asked to play in a band during his first semester at BU. "It was just a sideline," he said.

He transferred to the Berklee College of Music after his sophomore year at BU. After courses in traditional harmony, traditional counterpoint, computer music, computer programming, composition and more, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music synthesis.

He went to California after graduation and worked in Los Angeles running a studio that put demos together for record companies. He did some performing.

When Berklee began offering a degree in music therapy, he returned to Boston, took courses in abnormal psychology and participated in practicums representing a variety of populations: a nursing home, a school for the blind and a psychiatric hospital.

"I was (at Berklee) in four more semesters. I served a nine-month internship in New York City." He earned another bachelor's degree in music therapy.

He returned to Grosse Pointe briefly to work in the family business. The Van Elslander Cancer Center was on the drawing board at the time. Stewart proposed a music therapy program for the new cancer center and by the time the center opened, he had been hired to head its music therapy department.

"This job is very very very fulfilling," he said, stressing multiple 'very's.' "I almost feel guilty about accepting a paycheck."

"Music therapy is not the same as playing CDs for patients," he said. It involves individual assessments and a specific treatment plan for each patient. Music is highly individualized, highly associative with people's life experiences.

"Music is like a Rorschach test. With music, the therapist honors where the patient is, then devises a treatment to help the healing process. Music can help

change a patient's outlook from anxious to restful; it can lower heartbeat; it can slow respiration; it can distract him from his pain; it can help express his feelings.

"Music has been shown to help patients who have Alzheimer's or dementia," Stewart said. "It can build bridges to access memory."

"Some stroke patients who could sing, but couldn't talk and who could dance, but couldn't walk were able to make progress with the help of music. They were able to work backwards (from singing to talking and from dancing to walking.)"

"All these successes are backed by tangible research. The field of music therapy had to become scientific in order to be accountable," he said. It's all backed by quantifiable research and published in respected medical journals.

Stewart recalled an example of the successful use of music therapy. "A 17-year-old boy with sickle cell anemia was admitted to the hospital for three weeks every month. He had high levels of pain."

"He dealt with the pain by folding himself into a fetal position, closing his eyes, sucking his thumb and snoring. He was, for all purposes, catatonic." He was noncommunicative.

"I put a drum and some sticks on his bed," Stewart said. "I sat down on the bed and started to play a beat."

"One eye opened. 'I played the beat faster. Both eyes opened. The thumb came out of his mouth. As the beat became louder and faster, the boy sat up and eventually played the drum."

"The musical rhythm of a drum drew the kid back into the real world and into communicating with his caregivers. They found out he wasn't getting preventive treatments for sickle cell anemia because he didn't have transportation to the hospital."

"Once the relatively easy transportation problem was solved, the boy was able to avoid long hospital stays by showing up for his preventive treatments."

Music therapy is a relatively new field. Stewart guessed there are about a thousand music therapists in the nation. Most are on the East and West coasts. He named five or six metro Detroit institutions that employ music therapists.

"What I do is not a cure for an illness. Absolutely not," Stewart said. "But without a doubt, music can be used to assist the body's natural healing and it can help the medical process be more successful."

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# A quilt that healed

The news came in the form of an email.

Marianne has thyroid cancer. It has spread to her legs, arms and back. She'll need numerous surgeries to remove the various masses, followed by radiation.

This isn't supposed to happen to her. She exercises and gets regular check-ups. Her husband is a doctor. Heck, she even drinks green tea instead of coffee.

My book group was stunned. Marianne had been our focused leader. Like a

den mother, she would keep us on track discussing the assigned book if we strayed onto a tangent talking about clothes, houses and families. She had her hands full: We're not a very studious group. Some of us show up without having read the book.

She was the thread that kept us together. That was until she and her family moved from Grosse Pointe to St. Louis about 10 months ago.

I've moved a few times to know that 18 months is not long enough for a new town to feel like home; not long enough to get across town without getting lost; not long enough to know where is the best dry cleaners and not long enough to have old friends who would take over



caring for children and cooking dinners.

The others knew that too. What can you do long distance? Send flowers? Cards? They are nice, but they don't replace a hug or quietly sitting by her bedside holding her hand.

We were lost. What can you do?

Then another email came. Kathy, the quilter among

us, had an idea. We could make a quilt and send it to Marianne. Kathy guaranteed the non-Martha Stewarts in the group that it would be quick and easy. It could be done in a few days if we stay focused — a tall order for us.

We liked the idea. The quilt would be something she could hug. It would give comfort to her embattled

body. We would be sending a piece of ourselves.

Kathy went to the fabric store to get the necessary supplies. She purchased the fabric swatches. They were perfect. The colors were warm earth and brilliant jewel tones. Just the ones that Marianne would have chosen.

On one Friday night in October, we dusted off our old sewing machines and took over Betsy's dining room and kitchen. The rooms turned into an assembly line. Everyone had a self-assigned task.

While we were cutting, sewing and ironing, we talked about Marianne, and, of course, about clothes, houses and families.

After awhile something

interesting happened. The quilt became Marianne. We gently cut and ironed the pieces. We gingerly fed the fabrics into the sewing machine. Eight pairs of hands would caress the evolving quilt.

When the quilt was done, we were amazed. We did it! It was beautiful. We proudly raised our glasses of wine and Diet Coke in a toast to Marianne and to ourselves.

The quilt was passed around for one last chance to hug and nuzzle it.

Then we hugged one another. Everyone had tears in her eyes and a bitter sweet smile on her face.

Then it hit me. We had not only made the quilt for Marianne but also for ourselves.

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# The Op-Ed Page



Visit the Grosse Pointe Dogs website: <http://gpdogs.keenspace.com>

## fyi

by Ben Burns

### Display case

The messages in a simple display case in a hallway at North High School have blossomed into a project providing support for hundreds of servicemen and women in Iraq.

Last spring, Judy Preston, attendance para professional, had an idea. North would create a display to honor alums who had served or were serving in the armed forces. She won approval from Principal James Steeby and set out to gather pictures and biographies.

A clipping of a Grosse Pointe News item on the effort found its way to Fort Lewis, Wash., where Col. Robert Brown, commander of the First Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, was stationed.

Brown a '77 North graduate, who married his high school sweetheart, Patty Pope, '78, commands a Stryker Brigade combat team with 3,700 troops now in the thick of the fighting around Mosul and Fallujah in Iraq. The West Point graduate still holds a couple of North High School basketball records.

Stryker brigades bridge the gap between infantry and tanks and include 300 eight-wheeled, armored vehicles that can carry 11 men and travel at speeds over 60 miles an hour.

Brown asked Judy if North would like to take part in an "Adopt-a-Soldier Program," so Ms. Preston sent out an e-mail to the



Col. Robert Brown, Grosse Pointe North Class of '77

North staff and put flyers in the Northern Lights Parent Newsletter asking for volunteers.

Each adopter had to commit by Nov. 3 to sending at least one package and one letter to the adopted service person, and each soldier had to commit to writing at least one letter.

"It's so interesting to see how just these two contacts fanned out. We have about 15 classes, clubs and staff members within our school that are sponsoring a sol-

dier as well as many North families," Judy said. "Moms and dads of these families went to their workplaces and these places jumped at the chance to adopt a soldier (dentist and medical offices, large law offices, an industrial plant, two other schools and two Girl Scout troops)."

"We had a fabulous response," Judy reports. "Our volunteers are adopting over 165 soldiers. There

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## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

Do you plan to spend less, the same or more this holiday season as compared to last year?



Ross Parker

"That's been a subject of debate in my family. We're starting with a plan to spend less on each other and then give to a couple of favorite charities."

Ross Parker  
Grosse Pointe Farms



Dennis Assaf

"Probably spend a little more this year."

Dennis Assaf  
Grosse Pointe Park



Sue Allasio

"I hope to spend about the same as last year."

Sue Allasio  
Detroit



Susan Shipman

"The same."

Susan Shipman  
City of Grosse Pointe



Robert O'Bryan

"Pretty much the same."

Robert O'Bryan  
City of Grosse Pointe



Sue Wegner

"Probably about the same."

Sue Wegner  
Grosse Pointe Woods

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

## Points about the Pointes

Experience is a powerful teacher. Can it lull us into becoming prisoners of the past?

Experience can be a powerful tool in our lives. It allows us to not enter into situations as neophytes. The challenge in using our experiences as a tool is to not become a prisoner of our experiences, afraid of fresh thinking, trying something new or truly "thinking outside of the box".

David Dotlich writes of the pitfalls of this unconscious behavior in his book, "Unnatural Leadership." Dotlich Sites case after case where dependence solely on experience rather than

questioning it and thinking in fresh ways destroyed American icons like computer giant Digital Equipment, whose solely experience-based management decisions without fresh thinking led to its ultimate demise.

Dotlich's advice? Use experience only as a tool, not allowing it to stifle fresh thinking. Excellence in our businesses, schools and communities will become mediocrity if we think otherwise.

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# 23% school funds up for vote Feb. 22

Observant readers will have noticed that we have begun on the front page of the Grosse Pointe News a countdown to the Feb. 22 school millage election, now 11 weeks away.

By conducting the countdown prominently on the front page every week, we hope that no one is caught unaware of the election.

Last year, the Grosse Pointe Public School System held a special millage election in March, when many older Grosse Pointers were away at their winter homes. Many called the March "sinking fund" millage vote a "stealth election."

This will not be the case on Feb. 22. The Grosse Pointe News, the school administration, school board and parents groups are all working to get the word out.

On the ballot will be three items: two millage renewals and one Headlee override. What is being discussed is the "gap" millage, which now includes the former "technology" mill-



age; the "homestead" millage and the "non-homestead" millage.

Since Proposal A was passed by voters a decade ago (1995), school funding has become increasingly complicated.

Before Proposal A, local schools were nearly entirely locally funded. Since 1995, schools have been primarily funded by the state through the 50 percent (4 to 6 percent) state sales tax increase approved by voters along with Proposal A and a 6-mill statewide property tax for schools.

These funds, along with Lottery revenue (only 6 percent of state school funding) make up the state foundation grant which is returned to school districts on a per pupil basis. This year (2004-05), the state foundation grant is \$7,068 per pupil.

But the Grosse Pointe school district spends \$11,005 per student, a difference, or "gap" of \$3,937 per pupil.

To make up some of this difference, higher-cost districts, such as Grosse Pointe, were allowed to levy an additional millage. Locally this was called the "gap" millage, a term coined by Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs. Added to this was a technology millage, originally adopted for wiring classrooms for computer and telephone systems.

For the Feb. 22 renewal election, the homestead "gap" and the technology millages will be combined.

By law, the two millages combined cannot exceed \$1,893 per pupil. This cap has not been increased since 1995. In effect, the so-called "gap" has been widening due to inflation over 10 years.

An additional source of local school revenue under Proposal A is an 18-mill levy for non-homestead properties. The levy on non-owner-occupied residences and commercial properties must be approved locally by voters

every five years. In effect, under Proposal A, owner-occupied properties pay 6 mills to the state for schools and non-owner occupied residences and commercial properties pay about 24 mills for public schools.

Further complicating matters is the fact that the non-homestead millage of 18 mills has been reduced over the years by the Headlee Amendment to the state Constitution, which limits property taxes to 3 percent or the rate of inflation, which ever is lower.

Consequently, the 18-mill non-homestead levy has been reduced over the years to 16.79 mills, which the district wants voters to renew on Feb. 22.

In addition, the school board will seek a Headlee override, which will reinstate all of the 18-mill cap originally allowed to be levied. The override will be the third item on the Feb. 22 ballot.

This is admittedly very complicated, and we, as well as the school board and administration, will be going over these numbers repeatedly between now and Feb. 22.

But understanding these millages is vital to the future of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Together they make up 23 percent of the school district's budget. Stay tuned.

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## Social Security reform

By Michael Goodell  
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When George W. Bush is sworn in on Jan. 20, he will become only the third president to be elected to a full second term in the past 35 years. Unlike the previous two, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, he will return to office with a full agenda.

Having won the election with a clear majority in both the popular vote and electoral college, and with increased majorities in both the House and the Senate, President Bush will begin his second term with a strong sense of legitimacy and confidence and a great deal of political capital.

He will need all of it as he pursues an aggressive legislative agenda. No single issue will loom as large and will have so far-reaching consequences as the reform of Social Security.

While campaigning for president, Democratic nominee Sen. John F. Kerry solemnly promised, "I won't touch Social Security." He might as well have said, "If you are under 40, I don't care about your future."

The fact is, unless something is done, and done quickly, Social Security will be insolvent by the time anyone that age gets around to retiring. Actually, the situation is more dire than that.

By 2018, Social Security will be in deficit. Beginning in 1986, Republicans and Democrats alike began raising payroll taxes in order to cover the anticipated deficit. In reality, the Social Security surplus was used to reduce the federal deficit. What is known as the Social Security Trust Fund has nothing in it but IOUs. In the world of business, using pension funds to cover operating expenses is known as fraud. In the world of government, it is business as usual.

Estimates of our unfunded pension liability range from \$6 trillion to as much as \$17 trillion dollars. That money can't come from increased taxes.

According to Peter G. Peterson, the founding president of the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan citizens group promoting fiscal responsibility, by 2040, there will be between 1.6 and two workers for every retired American. Today the number is 3.3. In 1960 it was 5.1.

Mr. Peterson estimates that in order to cover Social Security and Medicare expenses, the workers would face payroll taxes of between 40 and 50 percent of their paychecks, and that's not including income tax. In other words,

someone earning \$50,000 a year would have something on the order of \$15,000 to \$18,000 left to live on. That won't happen. Taxpayers would revolt.

Yet the government won't be able to borrow enough money to cover the difference, not with Europe and Japan facing similar unfunded liabilities. There won't be enough money in the world to cover that debt. Which brings us to Social Security reform.

One of the key planks of President Bush's reform plan involves allowing wage earners to invest a portion of their current payroll tax in personal investment accounts. This money would be invested through authorized and supervised asset managers.

Over the long term, such accounts are likely to generate a 5 percent annual return, far in excess of the effective 1.5 percent return promised by current Social Security payments. Perhaps the best feature of the plan is that the assets would remain with the taxpayer.

This is a radical idea, creating the opportunity for the working class to create personal wealth. Even someone who spends a lifetime earning a lower wage will have an estate to pass on to his or her children. It should be the sort of idea which everyone can support, yet those on the left are almost uniformly opposed to it.

Why? Perhaps it is because, as some say, there is no guarantee that the stock market will continue to rise. Naysayers cite cases such as Enron, where many employees had their life savings wiped out when the company imploded.

Certainly, securities investment carries with it risks not found in savings accounts or certificates of deposit. However, one of the keys to the plan is to invest with asset managers implementing a diversified investment strategy. That way, if one company collapses, the taxpayer's assets will only be partially affected.

If nothing else, providing the opportunity for all workers to create personal wealth means that even if Social Security is no longer viable when they retire, they will have some resources left.

Personal investment accounts won't solve the Social Security funding crisis. Anyone who insists that they will is either sadly misinformed or dishonest.

There are other steps necessary to preserve Social Security. They aren't easy; they won't be popular, and they will be explored in next week's col-



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## Letters

### Empty shelves

To the Editor:

I ran out of twine the other day. A person needs packing twine these days to bundle up the pounds of catalogs that turn postal carriers into beasts of burden and fill our mailboxes beyond capacity — all in an inane attempt by retailers to lure the prospective consumer.

It is all for naught, really, because they simply end up, discarded, in our recycling bins — hence the need for twine.

What to do? Head over to Damman Hardware, of course. You remember, that mainstay hardware in The Village. Only, when I located the section where the twine should be, all I found were empty white metal shelves with a few pathetic packages of rope scattered haphazardly here and there.

Is nothing sacred? What is happening to life in The Village as we know it? Is it because the former anchor store has become an albatross? Or should we blame Damman's lost revenues on our penchant for warehouse stores? Have we become fickle?

I do not know the answer. Perhaps there are many. All I know is what it feels like to wander aimlessly down aisle after aisle of sparsely stocked shelves, searching for twine that does not exist. Damman is but a skeleton of the store it was just two short years ago. And it is depressing.

Why, it used to be such a pleasant place to shop. If

you needed anything remotely related to hardware, they had it. Guaranteed. It was cheerful, bustling, with the winning combination of eager shoppers and a helpful staff.

Things were going so well, it seemed. Not long ago they even enlarged the store, offering more great stuff. I am not sure what is wrong, but I hope we can fix it because I still do not have my twine!

Debby Smith  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Thanks for a great parade!

To the Editor:

The 29th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade was a huge success. It takes a special and dedicated team of people to make such a large undertaking run smoothly.

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The Village is dressed up in historic holiday fashion. Featured will be music, holiday crafts, ice skating, Santa himself, real live reindeer, strolling entertainers, dining, shopping, a sing-along and more.

Celeste Headlee of the City of Grosse Pointe (above left) and her son, Grant, enjoyed riding on a historic carousel with Eve Pidgeon of Grosse Pointe Park and her children, Ben and Zoe.

The dining room of the Edison Homestead, above right, was decorated for Christmas dinner as it would have been decorated in 1915.

The Grosse Pointe News' technology reporter Mike Mauer, at the right, participated in a volunteer re-enactment of a Christmas celebration in the Village's Daggett Farmhouse as it would have been in the 1650s.

Tickets for "Holiday Nights" are \$12 for adult members; \$8 for child members; \$15 for adult nonmembers; \$10 for child nonmembers. Reservations are suggested. Call (313) 982-6001. The Village store is open from 6 to 10 p.m. with no admission required.



### Provide for outdoor animals when temperatures drop

The Michigan Humane Society recommends that companion animals live indoors during cold weather. Animals kept outdoors must have the necessary provisions as required by law. A properly-sized dog house with clean, dry straw as well as a healthy diet and additional calories can help a dog maintain enough warmth in cold weather.

Guardians who can't provide for their animals' basic needs are encouraged to surrender the animals to an animal welfare organization such as the Michigan Humane Society.

The following tips will help those caring for animals during cold weather:

- When temperatures plummet, companion animals should not be left outside for any length of time.
- Even large or long-haired dog breeds cannot withstand severe weather. Bring small or short-haired dogs inside when temperatures reach 15 to 20 degrees. Larger breeds and thick-coated dogs with adequate shelter, can stay outside to about 0 degrees.
- Cats should be kept indoors or brought into a warm garage during severe weather.
- Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines, so knock on the car hood before starting your car.
- Shelter is required by Michigan law for dogs that must remain outdoors. Adequate means a well-built, insulated, slant-roofed dog house. The interior should be large enough for the dog to stand and lie down comfortably. It should be slightly elevated from the ground and the door should face away from prevailing winds and have a protective flap. Dry straw may be used for bedding.
- Increase food and water 10 to 20 percent for outdoor dogs. Check drinking water to make sure it is not frozen.
- If an animal is cold to the touch, or his paws and ears have turned bright red, it may be suffering from frostbite. Move the animal to a warmer area and contact your veterinarian.

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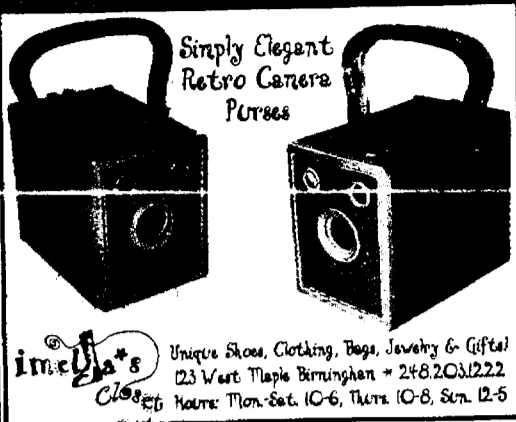
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## A children's summer camp brings the world together

By Beth Quinn  
Staff writer

Karla Corio is a woman with a mission. She wants to promote peace, love and understanding.

And she has a unique way to do it.

For Karlathe past two summers, Corio, a 1st grade Kerby Elementary School teacher, has been a delegation leader at Children's International Student Villages (CISV).

CISV is a non-profit volunteer organization founded after World War II by University of Cincinnati psychology professor, Dr. Doris T. Allen. She wanted to find a way to promote peace among nations.

"Peace is possible only as individuals and groups learn to live amicably with one another as friends," Allen said.

She decided to start with educating the most open-minded people that she knew — children. She created CISV with the intent to bring pre-adolescent children together from many countries to learn about their different cultures, to discover their similarities as people and to become friends.

According to Corio, it works.

"It has been the most amazing experience of my life," she said.

Corio was asked to volunteer as a leader for a delegation from the United States that spent four weeks at an international camp in Finland during the summer of 2003. Her group was comprised of four 11 year olds — two boys and two girls. Each child's family paid about \$2000 to cover airfare, room and board.

Though they all lived in southeast Michigan and previously had met one another,

they really didn't know one another before they boarded an international flight bound for Finland.

The five quickly bonded.

*'I had the time of my life.'*

**Anthony Corio  
Brownell Middle  
School student**

"By the time we got off the plane; I felt as if those children were my own," Corio said.

She found the CISV experience so exhilarating that last summer, she convinced her 11 year-old son Anthony, a student at Brownell Middle School, to go to the CISV camp in Trento, Italy. They were part of the United States delegation.

At first, Anthony Corio was a little hesitant to go and leave his friends, especially during the summer, but when it came time to leave the camp, he didn't want to go.

When they got to the Italian village, which was a boarding school closed for the summer, they were greeted by the host country's delegation, staff members, including a private cook, and junior counselors who are 16 and 17 year-old students from the 12 nations.

The children shared a dorm room with three other children from different countries.

"At first, it was hard, but after awhile we got used to one another," Anthony said.

Though all the national delegations are encouraged to teach other delegations about their language,

English is the primary language.

"The other kids spoke English, but most of them didn't speak it fluently," Anthony said. "We found different ways to communicate with one another."

A typical day at the Village was similar to any camp. There were flag raising and lowering ceremonies, communal meals, chores, free time, siestas and activities.

The leaders and junior counselors organized the activities to facilitate friendships among the campers. The purpose of some games was to build trust and understanding.

The host delegation organized tours of nearby places of interest in Italy.

Each night, a nation would be spotlighted. When the U.S. delegation had its chance, the campers did a presentation about Detroit's musical heritage. They wore costumes and performed dance routines demonstrating Motown hits of the past four decades. They also planned a dinner menu of macroni and cheese, cheeseburgers and french fries.

Anthony Corio found trying foods from different cultures to be an intriguing experience. He thought that the cuisine of Israel and Sweden were particularly interesting.

"The Swedish have a cherry and peach drink," he said, "but it had a whole different taste from any cherry or peach drink that we have."

The bonds of friendship that Anthony acquired during his CISV experience still remain with him. He frequently emails friends in England, the Philippines, Norway and Denmark.

Like his mother, the CISV experience was one that he won't forget.



**Anthony Corio (right) poses with friends in front of the mountains which were the backdrop to their village.**

"I had the time of my life," Anthony said.

CISV's international villages have become popular throughout the world. Over 60 countries send delegations each summer.

Due to the success of the villages, demand grew for international opportunities for older children so CISV created additional programs.

Interchange is an exchange program that usually involves one month vis-

its in two consecutive summers. During the first year, a delegation of ten young people between the ages of 13 and 14, and an adult leader visit partners of the same age, gender, and general interests in another country for four weeks. The following summer, the visting delegation becomes the host delegation. Interchange is the only CISV program where the visting children stay at the hosts' homes.

In the summer of 2005,

the Michigan delegation will have an exchange with a delegation from Denmark.

Summer Camp is CISV's program for 15 and 16 year-old students. It is a three-week international camp attended by delegations from eight to ten nations. Each delegation has an equal number of boys and girls. The specific ages of the participants are determined by the host nation.

Although the summer camp format is similar to that of a Village, it is different in many ways. This multi-cultural camp develops a particular theme through international activities and discussion. The emphasis is on youth leadership with adult facilitation.

Next summer, the camp will take place in Helsinki, Finland.

Seminar camp is a three week multi-cultural experience for 17 and 18 year olds. The camp, with 30 to 35 participants from many nations, creates an environment of sharing ideas, concerns, and living together as a community. This program allows participants to set direction of the camp and achieve its goals with the help and guidance of the staff.

Stockholm, Sweden and Londrina, Brazil will be the sites for next summer's seminar camp.

### For more information

There will be an informational meeting about CISV at the Neighborhood Club on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Additional information is available by contacting Kathleen Samul at (313) 342-7185 or visiting [detroit.cisvusa.org](http://detroit.cisvusa.org).



**PLP teacher Julie Walkley works with student Chad Kaess as they prepare products for the Mason Mites.**

## Mason Mites make gifts

"Mason Mites," a group of special education students at Mason Elementary School, are busy producing holiday products to be sold at various community events and through the school's Primary Learning Program (PLP).

The students, who range in age from 5 through 12, have been hard at work putting together holiday and other themed baskets. The "Mason Mites" also produce

a line of greeting/note cards as well as potpourri, candles and hand dipped soap petals.

Under the guidance of PLP teachers Julie Walkley and Karen Listwan, the kids take part in every aspect of the venture from pouring and scenting the molded soaps to stuffing and wrapping the baskets.

Profits earned by the products are returned to the program and will help to facilitate future endeavors.

The objective of the Primary Learning Program is to prepare the students for future work. It exposes them to the world of production and marketing. They are expected to work as a team and attend to the tasks at hand.

The gift items can be purchased at the display table outside room 105 at Mason and during the school's Santa Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 8 a.m.

## De La Salle has new classrooms, chapel

After nearly eight months of construction, the new facilities at De La Salle Collegiate High School in Warren will be dedicated in ceremonies on Sunday, Dec. 12, beginning with a Mass

at 1 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

Bishop John Quinn will be the principal celebrant.

The \$7 million project increased the school's size

over 20%, from 102,000 to 123,000 square feet.

The new construction consists of nine additional rooms, including four science labs, a new music room, and chapel.

## Cadet makes dean's list at Howe academy

Howe Military Academy in Howe, Ind. has placed 10th-grader Cadet Kevin Yaklin on it's deans list.

Cadet Yaklin attained at least a 3.0, "B" average in his studies in a college prep curriculum.

He is the son of Kathy and Bill Yaklin of Grosse Pointe Park.

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## Liggett kindergartners connect a world apart

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

"We miss you. I hope you have a great time in China."

"I hope you have a fun time at the Great Wall of China. Why does the wall have to be so big?"

"When are you going to pick up your little brother?"

These are just some of the e-mails Lisa Cornell's kindergarten class at University Liggett School sent to their classmate McKenna McGraw in September while she was in China with her family.

McKenna had accompanied her parents, Steve McGraw and Bobi Morey, to pick up her new brother, Corey, from an orphanage in Guangzhou, China.

Since McKenna had only been a student at Liggett for a few weeks, her parents wanted to keep her connected with her new classmates; so they requested that she be able to correspond with them through e-mail during her three week absence.

What evolved was a learning experience for the entire class. Cornell incorporated the children's correspondence into a study lesson.

It began with a lesson on adoption. She wanted the children to understand the purpose of McKenna's trip.

Later the class started a study of China. They



The students in Lisa Cornell's kindergarten class at Liggett built their own Great Wall of China out of building blocks. Noah Clark (right) tries his hand at drawing Chinese symbols.

tracked her trip on a map. They made a list of things they knew about China and a list of questions they wanted McKenna to answer.

dren to instantly communicate with someone on the other side of the world," Cornell said. They would then e-mail

her with their questions and wait for her to reply about her experiences in China.

"The e-mails from her classmates, were the highlights of her day," Morey said. "She was almost giddy with delight."

McKenna accompanied her parents during the rig-

orous adoption process. The days involved meeting with various bureaucrats and filling out volumes of application.

Her parents used the emails as a reward for good behavior during the long days.

"It was her treat at the

end of the day," Morey said. While McKenna was experiencing China first-hand, the students back at Liggett were having some hands-on learning about China.

They built their own Great Wall of China from building blocks. They practiced writing Chinese numbers and the simple word symbols such as "love."

They also had their own "in-house expert" to give them a few pointers. One of the kindergartners is Chinese so she was able to teach them how to count to 10 and say simple words such as "hello" and "good-bye" in Chinese.

After they had learned how to use chopsticks, the class went on a field trip to the Golden Dragon Restaurant in Grosse Pointe Farms. Owner Yee Tom taught the children how to make wontons which they took home to their families.

Every day was an adventure for both McKenna and her classmates. The children lived vicariously through her. If she told them that she rode on a rickshaw, the other children would investigate them.

"It was so exciting doing something that changed from day to day," Cornell said. "Every day brought a new discovery."

## Computer whiz kids demonstrate projects

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Students from Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe Academy participated in the fourth annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase on Nov. 10 at the State Capitol Building in Lansing.

The event provided a venue for student groups to set up computers and displays to show Michigan state legislators how technology is being used in the classroom to facilitate learning.

Pierce was represented by Josh Creighton, Alex Parker, Chris Maynard, Charlie Wyman and Brendon Wilson.

They demonstrated Lego robotics which they had in computer classes at Pierce last year. They had two robots controlled by computers.

The first one was a greenhouse that housed a plant. The robot had to maintain a specific temperature. A door would open or shut, and a fan would turn on or off, according to the greenhouse's internal temperature.

The second was a conveyor belt arm robotic. It had to sort packages by color and place them into a corresponding color bin.

The Academy students were the youngest students to represent their school, out of a field of 80 elementary, middle and high schools statewide that participated in the event.

They were third graders Jack Crane and Kate Van Pelt and fourth graders Nicholas Lupul and Katherine Woodward.



Michigan State Representative Edward Gaffney (center) and MACUL board president Judy Paxton (far right) with Pierce Middle School Students Josh Creighton, Alex Parker, Chris Maynard, Charlie Wyman and Brendon Wilson, above.

Michigan State Senator Martha Scott (center) greets students from Grosse Pointe Academy at the AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase on Nov. 10. The students, from left to right, are Kate Van Pelt, Jack Crane, Nicholas Lupul and Katherine Woodward.



The students presented projects they completed last year as part of the second and third grade curriculum. Last year in second grade, the students combined their study of poetry with art and choral readings that were presented through PowerPoint.

In third grade, students studied a Michigan city and created a travel brochure of facts. They used the Internet for research, learned how to scan and manipulate images, and created a brochure using computer graphic software.

The students had the opportunity to meet representatives for Grosse Pointe, Senator Martha Scott (D-Detroit) and Representative Ed Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe).

The students were invited

to attend a meeting where they had the opportunity to listen to an introduction given by Gov. Granholm.

The Student Technology Showcase is sponsored by AT&T and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), an organization dedicated to bringing educators from all levels together to share their knowledge and concerns regarding educational uses of computers and technology.

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# Old stock market saying: Don't fight the tape!

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The U.S. dollar declined again, as expected, and gold rose again, as expected.

But the Dow's 162-point surge Wednesday last week awakened the sleeping bears, as the year-end rally showed the computerized buying power of both the hedge funds and the mutual funds.

The Fed's Open Market Committee meets again next Tuesday, Dec. 14. Another 1/4 of 1 percent

increase in short-term rates to 2-1/4 percent is expected.

## Rukeyser's Wall Street

Some weeks ago, CNBC announced that its Rukeyser TV program on Friday nights would not be continued beyond year-end, something of a confirmation that Lou's illness would prevent his return.

LTS has been a 10-year subscriber to Rukeyser's Wall Street, a 12-page monthly financial magazine featuring outstanding articles by Wall Street gurus.

This month's issue features Laszlo Birinyi's arti-

## Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



cle, "How to Invest Wisely," in which he writes that managing money is more difficult than it ever was.

The competition among about 8,000 mutual funds has made more and more portfolio managers into day-traders. Many are moving to hedge funds because of the opportunity to make a lot more money for themselves. (Hedge funds take a

1 to 2 percent annual management fee plus up to 25 percent of all realized net profits.)

Birinyi says there never was a perfect investing environment. To keep investing while managing risk, you should stay conservative. He suggests investing in dividend paying companies that provide essential services.

The article states that his fund, Birinyi Associates, recently purchased Con Edison (5 percent yield) and the money manager, Alliance Capital (5.3 percent yield).

## Tis the season

It is the time for Christmas carols, presents and charitable donations. But don't let the "busyness" of the season keep you from looking out for No. 1 — yourself!

What you really need is a financial checkup! Get your appointment early, before year-end. Tax time will keep you busy most of January, too late to take some tax-losses before Dec. 31.

The "How am I doing?" litmus test only requires your stock record book for the cost of your stock positions, plus a financial newspaper (not the locals) for closing quotes. LTS' favorite is Barron's, the financial weekly of the Wall Street Journal.

If you subscribed to Barron's, you'd get it in the U.S. mail — maybe on Monday, Tuesday or who knows when. Instead, go out and pick up your own copy early Saturday morning at Notre Dame Pharmacy in the Village or from your favorite book dealer.

Today's assignment is to prepare a do-it-yourself portfolio profit and loss analysis. You have your cost data for each security position in your stock record book. All you need to do is to prepare a market value analysis of each position as of last night.

The stock market section of your paper has many stock listings, but sometimes the abbreviated names are hard to recognize. And mutual funds are a real hide-'n'-seek game. The funds are not listed alphabetically by fund name. They are listed under the sponsor (family) heading, then alphabetically by short-name or category.

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cut would be to try to locate your most recent brokerage monthly or quarterly statement, which has your investments listed in abbreviated form.

If all else fails, use the last brokerage price for the items you can't locate in the paper.

You can then determine the market value of each holding by multiplying the listed price times number of shares you own. Then subtract the original cost shown in your stock record book, which will produce the unrealized profit, or loss, per holding.

It is not unusual to have one or more unrealized losses in a portfolio of 10 or more stocks.

Many investors perform this exercise quarterly, some even monthly. Noting the price changes gives the investor an early notice of what could be significant changes at a later date.

At year-end, such as now, many investors want to be alerted about possible tax-loss items for possible sale. LTS does not give tax advice, but you may want to contact your tax adviser regarding the advisability of selling loss items to take advantage of significant tax savings.

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

# 'The Librarian': Not just a movie

Hopefully, you had a chance to catch "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear," the made-for-television movie on TNT last Sunday. Noah Wyle, best known as Dr. Carter on "E.R.," plays the lead.

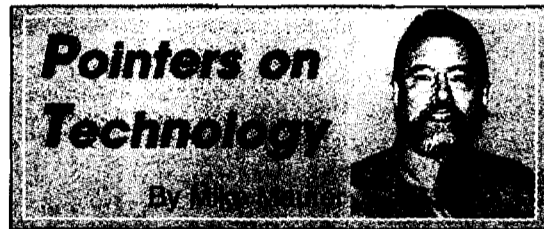
First, it's an adventure, and, second, it's family fare. Critics have called it fast, loose and fun. Some of it is an "Indiana Jones" rip-off, but I still enjoyed it. If you missed it, I'm sure TNT will run it a few hundred more times.

But that's not what this column is about. This column and next week's (I hope) will be a look at the Grosse Pointe librarian.

Please put your stereotypical images on the shelf, so to speak.

Do you Google, Yahoo or Ask Jeeves for information? Then you know the massive amount of information they can provide. The problem is, who decides how much of it is accurate? The answer is nobody. As the old saying goes, "You pay your money, and you take your chances."

Now is as good a time as any to insert an Internet address you should bookmark — www.gp.lib.mi.us.



It's the home of the Grosse Pointe libraries.

Databases on the Web site have been reviewed for accuracy. If they are not accurate, they are not there. How about that? Data you can trust!

Headings include Automotive, Books & Authors, Biographies, Business, Databases, Encyclopedias & Almanacs, Genealogy, Health, Magazines & Journals, Newspapers, Test Preparations and Youth & Teen. Whew! And each of those is broken down into various sub-headings, but we can't cover all of them here.

A lot of the resources are "in-house" and can only be accessed within the library, such as paid subscriptions, but many of them are free and can be accessed from

home. Other sites may require your library bar code for access. The code is on your library card; where else?

By the way, you know the book you have that is due, but you haven't finished? You can renew it from home, saving you massive fines. OK, they aren't massive, but you also save the time, gasoline and the parking fine. I only mention the parking fine because ... nevermind.

The Grosse Pointe libraries now also have e-books online you can download to your computer or PDA. The "Just for Kids" section is a great way to keep the kids busy and learning, including when you are outside shoveling the weather off your driveway.

Links are provided for all of the regular commercial search engines, as well as giving you the capability of doing meta-searches. A meta-search engine uses multiple search engines at the same time and combines the results.

I'd like to show off my superior computer knowledge and say something like, "Oh, you didn't know about meta-searches? You poor technology-deprived thing." Truth is, I wasn't aware of it either.

The following is a statement taken from the Grosse Pointe library's Web site, which offers online reference service:

"In order to better serve the community, the Grosse

Pointe Public Library has added this resource (Ask a Librarian) to its online services. If you have a question that does not pertain to medical or legal advice, feel free to fill out the following form, and a librarian will answer within 24 to 48 hours. The e-mail address field is required if you wish for us to reply to your inquiry."

The service, of course, is free. And, as it says in a nice way above, don't show them your purple gallbladder scar or the summons regarding your dog biting the mailman.

Here is something vital about the library links. There are hundreds of links to Web sites you can trust. No, the Grosse Pointe librarians don't sit there scanning link after link, but someone does. I heartily recommend a visit to the Library of Michigan at www.michigan.gov/hal. The HAL stands for history, arts and libraries.

A popular misconception is that librarians know everything. How else could they find the information we need so quickly? Well, after getting their undergraduate degree, they spend more time in college getting a masters in library science. Some even go on to get a more advanced degree. They know where to find specific, valued information or how to search for it.

As long as we have a need for accurate information, we'll have a need for librarians. You can't hug a computer, but you can hug a librarian. (If you're married to one, as I am.)

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

## Business people



**Richard M. Bolton**, a member of the law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC was appointed chairman of the board of trustees for the Detroit Institute for Children at its annual meeting on Nov. 18.

Bolton is the director of the corporate, private capital, securities and real estate practices at Dickinson Wright and a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Robert A. Hudson**, an attorney and shareholder at Butzel Long, was named president of the Michigan Chapter of the French-American Chamber of Commerce.



The chamber is dedicated to the development of commercial relations between French and American businesses. The Michigan chapter represents the interests of more than 150 members in Michigan.

Hudson is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Richard T. Young** has been appointed to the position of chief operating officer of Kingswood Hospital, part of Henry Ford Health System.

Young has established a track record leading hospital turnarounds with improvements in quality, patient satisfaction and financial performance.

Prior to his recent appointment, Young served as president of St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital, and before that he was president of St. John Macomb Hospital.

Clark Hill PLC member **Peter D. Holmes** was elected chairperson-elect of the environmental law section of the State Bar of Michigan by a vote of the governing council on Sept. 30.

Holmes previously served as the secretary-treasurer and council member of the 784-member section, and has already begun his term as chair-elect for the 2004-2005 year.

Holmes heads the environmental practice at Clark Hill's Detroit and Birmingham offices.

Holmes is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC announces that **Larry J. Saylor** is included in the antitrust law section of The Best Lawyers in America, 2005-2006, a referral guide to legal excellence in the United States.

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## Pangborn wears his cross on his sleeve

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Showing support for a favorite charity is now more than wearing one's heart on one's sleeve.

For some it's about wearing a cross on one's sleeve, or around one's neck, or draped around one's shoulder.

Pangborn Design Ltd. recently released a line of jewelry and accessories for men and women, called Red Cross Inspirations, which both symbolizes and raises money for the Southeast Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross Inspirations men's and women's accessories include necklaces, bracelets, scarves, ties, watches and other items depicting the red Greek cross, known as an international symbol of caring and hope. The pieces reflect Pangborn's trademark bold and simple yet striking style.

The idea for the jewelry and accessory line began when Dominic Pangborn,

**'It (the Red Cross) is more than helping with disaster relief; we want them to think it's cool.'**

Dominic Pangborn

Grosse Pointe Shores resident, president of Pangborn Design and a former trustee of the Southeast Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross, and Jim Laverty, CEO of the chapter, discussed possible ways to expand on Red Cross marketing and fundraising efforts.

"The Red Cross probably has the No. 1 recognizable identity in the world," Pangborn said. "With that, I saw an opportunity where the Red Cross could expand its branding and make it more identifiable to a younger audience. It (the

Red Cross) is more than helping with disaster relief; we want them to think it's cool."

The jewelry and accessories are also affordable, ranging in price between \$25 and \$125.

"The idea was to keep these pieces priced as reasonably as possible, and 80 percent goes back to the Red Cross," Pangborn said.

The products debuted to Red Cross volunteers and paid staff just before Thanksgiving.

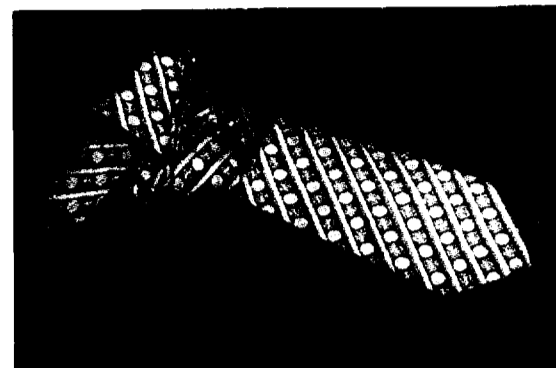
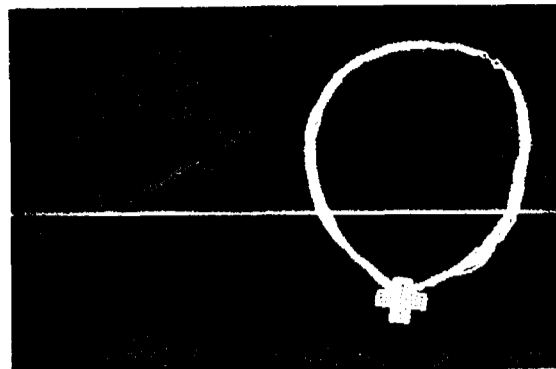
"The initial reaction to the (Red Cross) Inspirations has been fantastic," Pangborn said. "People really love the

fact that they can not only look good but also feel good about wearing these accessories."

"We are honored and excited to partner with Dominic and Pangborn Design," Laverty said. "Dominic and his staff have done a superb job in representing the Red Cross in jewelry, ties and other accessories. The first line they created is an inspiration to us, and we hope it inspires others to support Red Cross Humanitarian services in southeast Michigan."

Pangborn and the Red Cross will be comarketing the accessories, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Southeastern Chapter of the American Red Cross. If successful, the jewelry line will be expanded to benefit other Red Cross chapters in the United States.

The items are now available for viewing and ordering at [www.pangbornstore.com](http://www.pangbornstore.com).



The necklace and tie are a part of the Red Cross Inspirations collection of jewelry and accessories designed by Pangborn Design of Detroit. Eighty percent of the purchase price benefits the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

## Who to tip and how much to tip during the holiday season

By Mary Davis

While you're shopping for your loved ones this holiday season, don't forget to say thanks to the people who have provided you and your family with exceptional service throughout the year. I know one person to whom I'll be expressing my appreciation — my dog sitter. She's trustworthy, knowledgeable and generous with her time. What's more, my persnickety pups adore her.

In general, determining whether and how much to tip depends on the quality and frequency of the service, according to the Emily Post Institute. Other things to

consider are your relationship with the service provider, where you live and your budget.

**Whom should you tip?** Start with the people to whom you entrust your most valuable things — namely, your nanny or baby sitter, day care provider and housekeeper. And don't forget the people who regularly provide service to you like your hairdresser, personal trainer and yard or garden worker. Though, if you've regularly tipped these folks at the time of service, you may cut back on the amount, or forgo the holiday tip entirely. You may also

opt to give a small gift.

Deciding how much to tip is a personal decision and should reflect the benefits you derive from that professional relationship. In other words, you'll want to give the most to the people whose services you value the most. In some instances a cash tip is not appropriate. For example, you don't want to give your child's teacher cash. Also, some companies prohibit their employees from receiving cash gifts. If you're unsure, check the company's policies, or provide a small gift as a gesture.

If you're considering giving

your boss a gift, you may wish to rethink this gesture. A recent article in Parenting Magazine suggests that gifts should only be given down the corporate structure, rather than up the ladder. In other words, no gift for the boss, only employees. Gifts for employees should be in the range of \$10 to \$25.

The Emily Post Institute has placed some tipping guidelines on its Web site at [www.emilypost.com](http://www.emilypost.com).

Here's a sampling:  
**Baby sitter:** one evening's pay plus a small gift from your child.

**Barber:** the cost of one

haircut plus possibly a small gift.

**Beauty salon staff:** \$10 to \$60, giving most to those who give you the most, plus possibly a small gift.

**Day care providers:** \$25 to \$75 each plus a small gift from your child. If there are only one or two providers, you may wish to consider a larger amount.

**Letter carriers:** The U.S. government permits carriers to accept gifts worth up to \$20 each.

**Nanny:** One week's to one month's salary depending on her tenure and customs in your area, plus a small gift from your child.

**Trash collector:** \$10 to \$20. If you're unable to meet the truck, place the money in an envelope with a bow and tape it to the garbage

can.

**Yard worker:** \$20 to \$50. If for financial reasons you can't be as generous as you would like this holiday season, even a small gesture — a personal, handwritten note, movie tickets or a bottle of wine — will go a long way in expressing your thanks to the people who make your life easier and more enjoyable.

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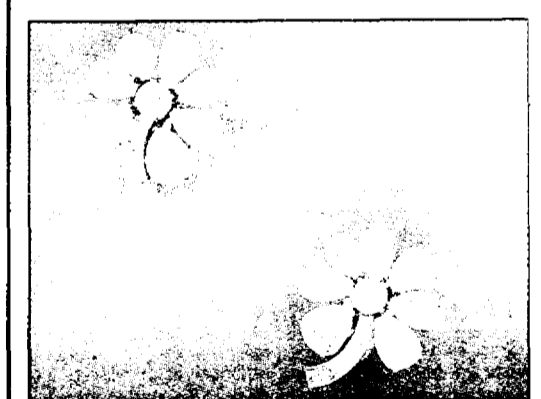
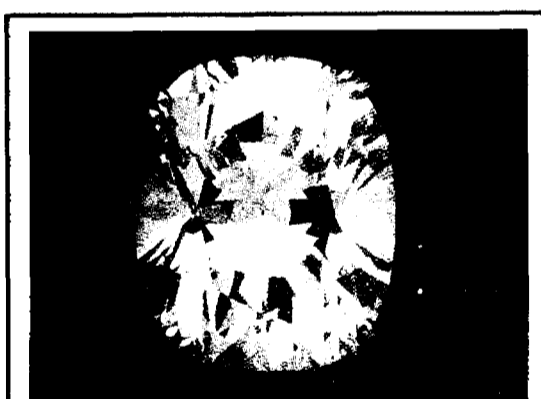
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### Yellow diamond dazzles bidders at auction

Bidders at Joseph DuMouchelle International Gem & Jewelry Auctioneers estate jewelry auction, held Sunday, Dec. 5, were dazzled by the final bid totaling \$187,000 for the 20-carat fancy yellow diamond ladies ring, above. Bidding for the major cushion cut diamond opened at \$115,000 and quickly escalated. Buyers were in attendance from throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. A number of potential buyers bid by phone as well.

Other highlights include a pair of stunning floral design diamond earrings containing over 19 carats in diamonds, below, which fetched \$57,000. More than 280 lots were offered in the annual holiday estate jewelry and timepieces event.

**Banned from Village district**

A 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman has been banished from the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

On Saturday, Nov. 27, shortly before 9:30 p.m., the woman was reported panhandling at a yogurt store in the 17000 block of Kercheval. Police said she was begging employees and customers for \$10.

Officers drove her home to the 400 block of Belanger.

"If sighted in the Village again, she is to be arrested for trespassing," police said.

**Wallet taken**

The wallet of a Grosse Pointe Woods woman was reported stolen from a medical laboratory in the 100 block of Muir in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Dec. 4, between noon and 3 p.m.

Losses included \$30 cash and credit cards, which the victim canceled.

**Caught in Caddy**

On Sunday, Dec. 5, at 8:42 a.m., a woman speeding a dark green Cadillac Catera on eastbound Mack near Moross was arrested for drunken driving.

Police said the 49-year-old Detroit resident failed two sobriety tests and didn't have auto insurance. Her driver license had been suspended twice.

"(She) mumbled something unintelligible in slurred speech," police said.

Officers said she had a blood alcohol content of .16 percent.

**G.P. Shores drug bust**

The California man caught last month in Grosse Pointe Shores transporting more than 100 pounds of marijuana in the trunk of a car rented at Indianapolis International Airport has been arraigned and is awaiting prosecution in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The man remains in Wayne County Jail on \$500,000 cash bond set by Shores Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce.

"He tried to get the bond reduced, but she did not reduce it," said Stephen Poloni, Shores chief of public safety. "Even if he came up with the money, he is not allowed to leave the state."

Poloni said the defendant retained an attorney who specializes in drug cases.

The crime involves jurisdictions beyond Michigan.

"There was some kind of dealings over the state line," Poloni said. "Indiana is looking at him. There are other agencies looking at him, but I can't comment because it is still under investigation."

**Erratic Explorer**

A 20-year-old Clinton Township man registered a

.15 percent blood alcohol level when investigated Sunday, Dec. 5, at 1:31 p.m., for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Police said the man was driving his blue 1996 Ford Explorer erratically on northbound Lakeshore at North Edgewood.

"I observed the vehicle crossing the center dividing line several times, make abrupt lane changes, nearly (hitting) the lake-side curb," said an officer.

**Home alone**

A 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man thought he was home alone when startled by the sound of footsteps.

He called police from an upstairs bathroom.

"(He) was kept on the phone while officers were dispatched," said a Shores communications officer.

Officers determined the resident's younger brother had returned home unexpectedly.

**Salt season**

Grosse Pointe Shores police noticed streets getting slippery on Friday, Dec. 3, at 5:50 a.m. Officers called Brett Smith, head of department of public works, who notified a salt crew.

**Hits manhole**

On Thursday, Dec. 2, at about 5:30 p.m. a Harrison Township woman reported her 2002 Chrysler Concord was damaged when driven over a manhole cover on eastbound Renaud near Lakeshore. She said the cover wasn't fitted correctly over a sewer opening.

Officers replaced the cover but didn't find any visible damage to the vehicle.

**Grinch strikes**

Someone during the night of Wednesday, Dec. 1, vandalized a front-yard Christmas display on Lochmoor in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A resident reported damage to about a half-dozen strands of decorative lights and a bush.

— Brad Lindberg

**0.389% BAC**

Public safety officers took a 51-year-old Detroit man who registered a blood alcohol level of 0.389 percent off the streets of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The arrest took place on Saturday, Nov. 27, at about 6:40 p.m. while officers were assisting a motorist whose car had been damaged in a hit and run accident on Mack near Beaufait.

A passerby had notified the officers that the damaged car was hit by a silver 1992 Chevrolet four-door, which seemed to be driven by a possibly intoxicated driver.

Officers found the suspected car a few blocks north.

The car's driver had just parked the car halfway in the right traffic lane of northbound Mack. The dri-

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ver, who admitted to having too much to drink, told officers they didn't have to perform field sobriety tests.

"You don't have to do that," the driver reportedly told the officers. "I know I'm (expletive) up. I'll do them, but I'm not going to pass them."

The driver was given and failed a series of field sobriety tests. He also recorded a blood alcohol level of 0.389 percent, almost five times the legal limit for intoxication. He was taken to a nearby hospital for a more accurate blood alcohol screening and medical evaluation.

He was charged with operating while intoxicated.

Later that evening, the man reportedly asked hospital staff why he had been taken to the hospital.

**Radio stolen**

An in-dash Alpine radio/compact disc player was taken out of a vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Saturday, Nov. 27, and Monday, Nov. 29.

**Jeep stolen**

A 2004 Jeep four-door parked in the street in the 900 block of Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen sometime between Saturday, Nov. 27, and Monday, Nov. 29.

**Fake cop**

A Grosse Pointe Woods resident claimed that someone posing as a police officer tried to seek him out on a nonexistent warrant.

The unknown cop impersonator came to the resident's house in the 800 block of Crescent Lane during the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 29.

The resident was not home at the time, but a babysitter talked to the impersonator through a closed front door. The babysitter said the impersonator left after she told him the resident was not home.

Woods public safety officers confirmed the resident did not have any outstanding warrants.

**Stroller stolen**

Someone strolled off with a baby stroller that was stored in a garage in the 1300 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 6 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

**Purse stolen**

Sometime between 11:10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., a black, white and pink Vera Bradley purse was taken from a desk of a classroom in a school in the 16000 block of Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

**Bah humbug!**

A resident in the 1000 block of Moorland called the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, to complain of Christmas carolers in her neighborhood.

Public safety officers went out to seek the offending carolers, who could not be found.

**Beer thief**

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers are seeking a suspect who broke into a house in the 1300 block of Maryland and stole several types of beer out of a kitchen.

The incident took place sometime between 3 and 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Officers said they're looking for a 6-foot 18- to 25-year-old white male who sports a goatee and was wearing a blue puffy coat.

**Assault charges**

A Sterling Heights woman wishes to pursue assault charges against the female driver of a black Ford pickup who cut her off while pulling into a parking lot of a store in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The woman reported the truck cut her off, and the driver yelled an expletive at her before 11 a.m. on



Photo by Brad Lindberg

**G.P. Shores supports Toys for Tots**

The Toys for Tots collection bin has become a magnet for gift-givers at Grosse Pointe Shores village hall. A box set up for donations in the lobby is nearly full of toys being collected by village employees. Gifts will be turned over to U.S. Marine Reservists for wrapping and distribution to needy boys and girls in the Detroit area. Shores Sgt. Dan Pullen repacks the collection bin to make sure a race car set, model semi-truck and doll don't overflow onto the floor.

Saturday, Dec. 4. The woman also reported that she found two spit marks on her car after she finished her shopping at the store.

safety officers believe someone may have tried to break into a house in the 1300 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 12:30 and 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2.

**B & E attempt**

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# Pointe police raid Detroit house for B&E suspects

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

At five o'clock last Friday, when most Grosse Pointe office workers were switching off desk lamps and wishing colleagues a good weekend, a special force of the communities' public safety officers outfitted like Army Rangers stormed a run-down bungalow on Detroit's eastside.

They were searching for suspects in two recent home invasions.

Officers spearheading the entry battered open the front door on Joanne Street near Seven Mile and Schoenherr. Fellow members of the team burst into the living room armed with pistol-caliber submachine guns and protected by body armor.

Near the back of the pack was Farms PSO Frank Zielinski, 6-foot-8 and 235 pounds.

"It's better to have smaller people go in first," Zielinski said without emotion. "The smaller the person going in, the less of a target."

Noise of splintering door jams, officers yelling and suspects scrambling climaxed with the blinding light and numbing crack of

two stun grenades.

"They're called flash-bangs," Zielinski said. "One was thrown in the basement, the other upstairs."

Every action prompts reaction. As officers piled in the front door, two of five male occupants, all from Detroit, tried to get out the back.

"As soon as they used the flash-bangs, they came bailing out the window," said Lt. James Fox of the City of Grosse Pointe.

In the back yard, detectives and uniformed personnel took the fleeing men into custody and cornered a pit bull.

Inside, officers captured the three remaining men.

Police found a loaded bolt-action shotgun in the living room, a loaded revolver upstairs and bags of assorted ammunition including hollow-point rounds that rip and tear flesh. Two more pit bulls covered in the basement. The flash-bangs worked.

"According to one of the suspects, the pit bulls were used for dog fighting," Zielinski said.

Police recovered various electronic equipment and cameras believed stolen

within the last three weeks from houses on Fisher in the Farms and on Notre Dame in the City.

Things calmed down in minutes.

"It went really well," said Mike McCarthy, a Grosse Pointe Farms detective. "We're awaiting our victims to help us identify some of the recovered property."

The raid was one of about 12 per year conducted by the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team. The unit is manned by two officers from each of the six cities, plus detectives and other officers as needed.

The raid stemmed from Detroit police last week arresting a 19-year-old Detroit man suspected of breaking into a home in the 200 block of Fisher in the Farms shortly after 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28.

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, shortly after noon, members of an auto theft task force patrolling the area of Seven Mile and Ryan saw the suspect driving a black Ford Escape, one of two car thefts — along with a Jaguar X-type — that capped the Farms break-in.

A chase ensued with the suspect losing control of the Escape, striking a light pole and crashing into a church. Despite injuries requiring hospital treatment, the man tried to run away.

McCarthy said the man had been out on bond for gun possession.

City police believed people responsible for the Farms crime also had committed a home invasion and stolen cars Nov. 24, at about 5 a.m., in the 700 block of Notre Dame.

"They stole a van in Warren, drove it to Grosse Pointe, parked on Neff, picked a house and went inside," Fox said. "They stole the homeowner's vehicle (a 2000 Lincoln Continental) and left their stolen van on the street. The homeowner didn't hear a thing."

The van had been stolen in Warren.

McCarthy and Fox interviewed the suspect for two hours last Friday at the Wayne County Jail.

"At first he denied responsibility (for the break-ins)," McCarthy said. "As the interview progressed, he realized there was evidence pointing in his direction."

"After persuasion on our part, he admitted to breaking into both houses," Fox said.

"He provided information that led to the raid," McCarthy said.

City Judge Russell Ethridge signed a warrant for the cross-border search.

A second suspect in the City and Farms crimes was not at the Detroit location.

"We believe he's a 19-year-old Detroit male who also may be wanted by Warren police for a home invasion," McCarthy said.

"Both suspects have



Photo by Brad Lindberg

A variety of weapons and electronics equipment were found when Grosse Pointe police raided a Detroit house looking for suspects in two recent breaking and enterings in the City and Farms.

lengthy records," Fox said.

Fox said the City victim has identified recovered electronic equipment, cellular telephones and a bowl of loose change.

Fox is preparing a warrant charging the first suspect with home invasion, credit card fraud (due to using stolen credit cards), auto theft and possession of stolen property.

The Jaguar taken in the Farms crime was found

Sunday, Dec. 5, abandoned and burned in Detroit's Ninth Precinct.

The Special Response Team deploys as needed, from raids to barricaded gunmen. Members meet tomorrow for firearms practice at a range in Macomb County. Once per year the group trains at an army facility near Alpena.

"The military has a combat readiness training center," Zielinski said.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that with the passage of Michigan House Bill 4824, which provides for the reorganization, consolidation and addition to existing election laws governing local elections, the Harper Woods City Council will be holding a public hearing in the Municipal Building City Council Chambers located at 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan, 48225, on Monday, December 20, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public comment on designating the Tuesday following the second Monday in September as the City's Primary Election date. Residents, property owners and other interested persons who are unable to attend the hearing may submit their comments relative to this matter in writing to the City Clerk's Office prior to December 20, 2005.

For more information regarding the public hearing, please call the City Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 313.343.2510.

City of Harper Woods  
**Mickey D. Toqod,**  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12/09/2004

## Safety

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A basement window was pried open, but no entry into the house was made.

## Fake ID

A 34-year-old Detroit woman got herself into more

trouble than she tried to get herself out of during a traffic stop in Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, Dec. 4.

The driver, who identified herself verbally as a 35-year-old Detroit woman of a different name and address, was pulled over for traveling 12 mph over the legal limit on Marter near Hollywood at about 10:08 p.m.

It wasn't until she was taken to the station for processing an arrest for driving without a driver's license that her real identity became known.

Another public safety officer correctly identified the woman after having just arrested her 10 days earlier for driving with 10 prior driver's license suspensions.

In addition to a ticket for speeding, the woman faces a

charge for providing false identification to a police officer and her 12th charge for driving with suspended license.

## Traffic stop goes to pot

A 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested for a violation of the public health code when Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers found four 1-inch by 1-inch bags of suspected marijuana in his coat pocket during a traffic stop at Harper and Kenmore on Saturday, Dec. 4.

The bags turned up during a consensual search of his person and vehicle at 4:55 p.m. after an officer saw him speeding through a yellow light at the intersection

## Santa shot

A resident in the 1700 block of Aline in Grosse Pointe Woods claimed he saw the person who shot at his inflatable Santa in front of his house on Sunday, Dec. 5.

The resident said he heard a loud noise and saw a flash of light outside of his window at 2:25 a.m.

He said he looked out of his window and saw a man with a small caliber weapon get into a dark colored SUV.

Public safety officers could not find a bullet hole in or shell casings near the Santa but did find a 2- to 3-foot tear in a seam along its mid-section.

## Two bikes found in GPW

Two found bikes were turned into the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety late afternoon on Sunday, Dec. 5.

Officers were called about the first bike, a red and black Rhino kids' bike in good condition, that was found in the 700 block of Hollywood at about 4 p.m.

Less than three hours later, another abandoned bike was reported to the department. A silver Schwinn in poor condition was left in front of a house in the 600 block of Hollywood.

## Knife found

An employee of a store in the 20400 block of Mack called the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety when he found a knife with a 3-inch blade and a black and silver handle in the parking lot shortly after 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5.

The department is holding onto the knife for safekeeping.

## Trespasser

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers caught and arrested a man they saw prowling in a garage in the 1000 block of Wayburn at about 11:17 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5.

The suspected prowler, a 43-year-old Detroit man, was caught after a short foot trace.

He was arrested for trespassing and outstanding warrants out of Detroit.

— Bonnie Caprara

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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDINANCE NO. 350**

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 350 on November 1, 2004 amending and restating certain provisions of the Zoning code regarding Accessory Structures. The ordinance defines an attached accessory building, a detached accessory building, accessory use, play structures and permitted uses.

This ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 350 is available at the Grosse Pointe Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee Avenue.

**Julie E. Arthurs,**  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12/09/2004

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE  
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on December 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

1994 Dodge Shadow	2DR	1B1AP64K7RN171067
1997 Pontiac Grand Am	2DR	1G2NW12M8VCR29371
1995 Dodge Stratus	2DR	4B1AU52N85E161085
2000 Plymouth Voyager	SW	2P4GP2433VR1616401
1997 GMC Jimmy	SW	1GKDT13W5W2510682
1996 GMC Sonoma	PU	1GTCF514W2T8519846
1996 Ford Contour	4DR	1FALP653TK219085
1991 Saturn	2DR	1GKZG1473M2129093
1999 Toyota 4 Runner	SW	JT3GN86RXX0108919
1989 Ford T-Bird	2DR	1EAP9049KH101329
1992 Mercury Topaz	2DR	1MEPM31X7NK404493
1989 Olds Cutlass	4DR	2G1AJ51NXXK249037
1989 Ford Aerostar	SW	1FMC(A)115KZ(A)07618
1992 Chevy	PU	1GCCC514Z7N0151486
1984 Dodge Aries	4DR	1B3B046C0E145102
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1986 Ford	PU	1FTCR10A0G0B97241
1996 Gen Metro	4DR	2C1MR520T6722433
1984 Volvo	SW	1B1AX4758E1526249
1997 Dodge	2DR	1B7HC13Z5VG776802
1995 Toyota Tercel	PU	1T2EL55D350995443

The above vehicles can be viewed one hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled/released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

POSTED: December 3, 2004  
G.P.N.: December 9, 2004

**Sgt. Ralph E. Selvaggi,**  
Traffic Safety Section

## Mazda's sports car still brings miles of smiles

By Derek Price

Like old British sports cars, the Mazda Miata has great handling, good looks, and a well-developed understanding of driving fun.

car that people really make excuses to drive.

Since its introduction in 1989, the little Miata convertible has been therapy on wheels. Drop the top, fire up

position and lightweight construction, this makes the Miata feel like a car you wear, not one you ride in.

Step down into the cozy cabin — some would call it

make the driver feel like he's directly connected to the engine. It's like flipping a toggle switch with a quick, precise mechanical reaction.

Steering also feels remarkably tight and responsive, giving the driver plenty of feedback through corners without feeling jittery on the highway. Similarly, brakes are firm, the clutch is easy to press, and handling is fantastic.

The only performance weakness is the Miata's engine. It makes 142 horsepower, which is plenty for spirited driving but not nearly enough to keep up with the 240-horsepower Honda S2000 in the lane next to you. It's important to note that the S2000 costs \$10,000 more than a basic Miata (\$21,868), but it still shows that the Miata is no screamer.

Nor does it try to be one. Instead of focusing on straight-line speed, the Miata is all about balance. Weight distribution is near a perfect 50-50 over the front and rear axles, so it's easy to steer with the throttle by applying more or less gas as you drive through a high-speed corner.

Despite this focus on balance and handling, we're glad to see Mazda introduce a limited edition, turbocharged Miata from its Mazdaspeed division this year. We'll reserve judgment on that car until we've driven it.

Other than the lackluster power, there are only a couple of downsides. The most obvious is practicality, since it lacks both a back seat and much in the way of storage space.

An all-new Miata is rumored to be ready for sale sometime in 2005, and, if history repeats itself, we can expect the next Miata to be bigger, heavier, more powerful, more luxurious, and more expensive. On a foreboding

note, those are the same steps that killed Mazda's RX-7 sports car a decade ago when it became too heavy and expensive for its core group of buyers.

With any luck, Mazda will learn from its RX-7 mistake by keeping the Miata's original traits that made it the best-selling sports car in the world. It should be light-

weight, small, inexpensive, good-looking, and above all, fun to drive. In other words, it should keep the Miata's timeless formula for fun.

No car offers more driving fun for the money. Its handling, steering, and transmission all combine to make it one of the most smile-inducing cars on the road.

— AutoWire



The 2004 Mazda Miata

Unlike those British cars, though, the Miata starts every time you want it to.

You've probably seen commercials where a man looks for every possible excuse to drive his new car. He'll take it to the grocery store, fill it with gas even when the tank is almost full, and intentionally forget to run errands just to spend more time behind the wheel.

But come on — do people really feel that way about their family sedan? A Mazda Miata, though, is the kind of

the engine, shift into first gear, and it's like you've slipped into a driver's paradise where nothing can make you stop smiling. The wind in your hair, the sun on your face, and the musical burble of a classic sports car's exhaust note are all it takes to wipe away the day's troubles.

It's easy to fall in love with this car. Why? For starters, it has a firm road-gripping suspension that lets the driver sense the car's every move. Coupled with a low seating

cramped — and you'll find the Miata fits like a perfectly tailored suit. All the controls, especially the gear shifter and steering wheel, are exactly where they should be for a comfortable, natural driving feel. It's as if you sat down in an empty room, and suddenly a sports car organically grew around you.

Performance-wise, the Miata impresses in every area but one. On the positive side, its transmission is among the world's best, with short, crunchy shifts that

## Selecting the right tires

(NUI) — An inappropriate tire provides little benefit to the vehicle it supports. A sporty sedan offers little excitement if not supported by properly designed and fitted tires. It makes no sense if you are seeking optimum performance to purchase inexpensive tires, just as it makes little sense to wear the wrong size shoes.

When choosing tires, just like shoes, look for the proper fit. Understanding tire markings can help you select the right tire for the right job. With the current popularity of light trucks and sport-utility vehicles, tire manufacturers have worked diligently to offer many tire options.

A tire marked A/T is designed for all-terrain use

and also performs well on the highway. An all-terrain tread has many independent blocks separated by large grooves for limited off-road traction. Varied sizes and shapes of tread blocks minimize highway noise. The A/T could be compared to a tennis shoe: comfortable and dependable but only able to handle mildly rugged conditions.

An A/T tire might offer options that an off-road enthusiast would enjoy, but it is not as aggressive as the max-traction tire, designated with an M/T. These dutiful M/T soldiers easily handle muddy and rocky surfaces frequented by the serious adventurer. The M/T tire is the "hiking boot" of tires.

Rugged tread elements with large tread voids offer excellent traction to handle the most severe driving conditions.

An A/S denotes all-season tires, which are dependable for many road conditions. For severe snow conditions, tires with a mountain snowflake pictograph and an M+S represent the industry's standard for tires. Much like snow boots, they are designed for wintry conditions.

When selecting tires, don't be intimidated by the choices. Think of it as a chance to shop for shoes — but for your automobile. Search for comfort, style and performance to suit your personal driving habits.

## Pilot

From page 18A

Pilot is no different. In an otherwise very quiet cabin, there's just a hint of road noise when not enjoying the stereo.

The suspension finds MacPherson struts up front and a multi-link setup in the rear, with stabilizer bars fore and aft. The result is a very comfortable ride with great off-road capabilities, too. Large four-wheel disc brakes with an electronic brake distribution setup (anti-lock) help stop the vehicle with no problems, even under higher speed situations.

Standard features are numerous, with front and rear air conditioning, heated seats, eight-way power driver seat, 16-inch tires and wheels, all the powers, keyless entry, rear wiper and lots more. Fold-down second- and third-row seating adds

tremendously to cargo carrying ability, and we also like Honda's "one price, get everything" deal on this Pilot EX-LAV model.

On the road, the Honda Pilot is similar to other top name SUVs, but then moves a bit further ahead with great handling, good crash-test results and that overall Honda feeling of security. It corners well with very little "lean" in sharp corners, and offers four-wheel-drive traction and stability in all types of weather.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.3 inches, up to 90.3 cubic feet of cargo room, 4,430-pound curb weight, 3,500-pound towing capacity, 17 miles per gallon city and 22 mpg highway EPA numbers, and a 20.4-gallon fuel tank.

The Honda Pilot has won several prestigious awards from the automotive industry, including Car and

Driver's "5 Best Trucks," Intellichoice's "Best Value of the Year," Edmunds.com's "Most Wanted SUV," AMI Auto World's "World Family Vehicle of the Year," and Kelley Blue Book's "Top 50 Most Popular Cars."

Honda Canada Manufacturing in Alliston, Ontario, uses domestic and global sourced parts to manufacture the Pilot. Our Pilot came fully loaded, with not one option to push the price higher. With the \$460 destination, the final tally came in at \$33,330.

We rate Pilot a solid 8.5 on a scale of 10, with 10 highest.

Likes: Comfort, interior room, secure feeling, Honda quality.

Dislikes: Run-of-the-mill looks, questionable power with full load.

— King Features Syndicate

## Great gifts for car and truck owners

By Greg Zyla

With the holidays around the corner, we're recommending four special gifts for auto and truck lovers. These gifts are in addition to the usual stocking stuffers like quality car waxes, wheel polish, interior cleaners and tire shine applications.

1. Mr. Clean Auto Dry Car Wash: Guaranteed to work by "Mr. Clean" himself, and recommended by Motor Trend magazine, the kit contains everything you'll need for many car washes without ever drying again! I personally tried this new item and it works! It dried with no spots, and all I did was watch. Our top gift pick. (about \$20)

2. Autolite's TriGlo Safety Lite: A new, dual-purpose

light source that shines like a flashlight and alerts like a flare. Triangular in shape, the TriGlo light can be used as either a bright spotlight or a blinking safety triangle to warn oncoming traffic of a motorist's presence. TriGlo is compact and fits easily into a vehicle's trunk. Powered by four AA batteries, it also makes a fine addition to home emergency kits by providing sufficient lighting during power outages. (\$14.99)

3. Autolite's SpotGlo Seatbelt Lite: This unique light directs a powerful LED light source right where passengers need it without distracting the driver. The recessed lighting design keeps the light "contained" perfectly in the passenger's

space for reading, playing a game or doing work while the interior of the car remains undisturbed. You're able to drive with a glare-free view through all windows, and the light stays with the intended passenger. It operates on three AAA batteries. (\$9.99)

4. Puff 'N Stuff Auto Litter Bag and Tissue Holder: This little item isn't really "small" at all. The leak-proof nylon bag holds three gallons of trash, has room for a box of tissues underneath and hangs neatly over a headrest. Most importantly, Puff 'N Stuff is not an unsightly item. It blends well, and will keep your car free of rubbish. (\$14.99)

— King Features Syndicate



### STABLE SITUATION

As is the case with most cutting-edge safety technology, electronic stability control is filtering down from luxury models to more moderately priced vehicles. This safety system works to keep the vehicle on the road during an emergency avoidance maneuver in which the driver instinctively jerks the steering wheel one way and the other to avoid a deer, bicyclist, pedestrian, etc. Traction control systems act on vehicles' drive wheels to prevent unwanted spin under acceleration, which helps on slick road surfaces. A stability control system, on the other hand, goes a step farther by detecting when the driver has lost a degree of control and automatically stabilizing the vehicle to help him or her regain control.

Today's vehicles are equipped with cutting-edge safety technology to help drivers avoid getting into an accident. At MEADE LEXUS OF LAKESIDE, we remind readers that driving defensively and maintaining your vehicle in peak condition are two effective ways to minimize their risk of getting into an accident. Don't wait until your car or truck stops running before bringing it to us. Call us at 586-726-7900 to schedule a routine maintenance check. Treat yourself to the holiday gift of a new car equipped with the latest safety features. To test drive a new or pre-owned Lexus, visit us at 45001 Northpointe Blvd., on the north side of Hall Rd. between Van Dyke & Schoenherr.



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## 2005 Suzuki XL-7 4WD

By Greg Zyla

This week we test-drive the 2005 Suzuki XL-7, which we believe is one of the prettiest SUVs on the road, particularly for the price — base price: \$26,195; price as tested: \$28,394. Our tester came with gorgeous classic red pearl paint, and the addition of chrome door handles, trim and XL-7 badging made for a true eye-catcher.

Suzuki's flagship SUV is as attractive inside as out. Standard interior features include steering-wheel-mounted audio controls, cruise, tilt, remote keyless entry, heated power outside rearview mirrors, rear wiper with washer, rear defroster and a power tilt-and-slide sunroof.

Among the interior highlights is the availability of third-row seating, which makes room for seven passengers. Like any SUV, seating seven isn't comfortable for the third row of passengers. The midsize XL-7 has 49.6 inches of shoulder room and 31.3 inches of legroom at the rear seats (the Ford Explorer, for comparison, is 52.8 and 34.8 in the same measurements). The XL-7 has extra-wide rear doors that allow easy access.

When not being used to move family, friends or sports teams, the XL-7's 60/40 split-folding second-row seats and 60/60 split-folding third-row seats can be arranged to haul cargo (up to 75.1 cubic feet with seats folded) or a combination of cargo and people.

The XL-7 is also highly touted in safety, having received the highest rating possible in the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's 40-mph frontal offset crash test. For 2005, safety is further improved

with a tire-pressure monitoring system that includes a telltale light in the instrument cluster.

Beyond safety, the XL-7's "body-on-frame" construction helps it navigate difficult terrain while maintaining a smooth highway ride. The front suspension is the proven MacPherson strut design, but Suzuki engineers took it a step further by mounting the system's springs and struts separately to improve ride quality. The XL-7 is off-road ready, with 7.6 inches of ground clearance and strong 28.5-degree approach and 23.4-degree departure angles for climbing and descending. It offers push-button four-wheel drive, with available low-range.

On the highway, we were impressed with the ride, but one area of weakness is cabin noise — there's too much "wind" at the front windshield.

The XL-7 comes with a 2.7-liter V-6, adequate for an SUV of this size, but questionable with a load of passengers and, say, a boat behind it. The all-aluminum, DOHC power plant produces 185 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. Again, to use the popular Explorer for comparison, the XL-7's power pales to its competitor's standard 4.0-liter V-6 with 240 horsepower.

A five-speed manual transmission is standard, while the optional five-speed automatic is \$1,000 more. With the automatic, drivers can select "power mode," which allows the engine to rev higher between upshifts and downshift quicker when the accelerator is depressed, or "normal mode," which maximizes fuel economy.

Other important numbers include a 110.2-inch wheelbase; 3,759-pound curb

weight; 17-mpg city, 22-mpg highway EPA fuel ratings; 3,000-pound towing capacity; and 16.9-gallon fuel tank. Like all 2005 Suzuki models, the XL-7 is covered by a 100,000/seven-year powertrain limited warranty that's fully transferable, and a 36,000-mile/three-year new-vehicle limited warranty.

Important to keep in mind with this vehicle is the price, with two-wheel-drive models starting less than \$21,000 delivered (for a quality SUV!) and top-of-the-line choices less than \$28,500. With that, we give the XL-7 an 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. It wouldn't take much to convince us to sign on the bottom line.



2005 Suzuki XL-7 4WD

Likes: Sophisticated, beautiful look. Price. Dislikes: Automatic transmission. Cabin noise. Dated rear-gate spare-tire enclosure.

— King Features Syndicate

## Award-winning 2004 Honda Pilot

By Greg Zyla

We test drove Honda's popular 2004 Pilot, a vehicle that combines the best qualities of an SUV, minivan and station wagon — base price: \$32,870; price as tested: \$33,330. Based on a "car-like" platform that is similar to the Acura MDX, Pilot offers roomy cabin enhancements and a 240-horsepower V-6 engine that helps enhance Honda's reputation for sturdiness, value and finesse.

Consumers will appreciate the 3.5-liter, SOHC, 24-valve V-6 engine, complete with an aluminum block and heads to keep weight down. Although not overly powerful, the engine pulls adequately at just about every rpm range (except redline, of course). Add Honda's proven VTM-4 four-wheel-drive system, and you have a vehicle that will literally take you anywhere in any kind of weather. We'd like to see more power for 2005,



2004 Honda Pilot

because if fully loaded, the 240 horses might start to labor a bit due to the Pilot's heavier curb weight.

Inside, Pilot features an eight-passenger interior that feels even bigger than it actually is. Honda's "Safety for Everyone" commitment finds all expected safety fea-

tures, including Vehicle Stability Assist and front and side air bags. A well-done instrument panel with amenities factors. As for seating, "fixed firmly yet comfortably" is the norm with all Honda vehicles, and thanks to a six-disc CD changer with seven speakers, while numerous power

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Betsy Moran Garthwaite

**Betsy Moran Garthwaite**

Former Grosse Pointe resident Betsy Moran Garthwaite, 41, died on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004.

Mrs. Garthwaite was born on June 10, 1963, to Tom and Patti Moran. In recent years, she lived in Troy with her husband, Tom Garthwaite, and their children.

She was very proud of recently earning a degree in nursing.

Mrs. Garthwaite is survived by her husband; her children, Danny and Michael; her parents; her sister, Katie Moran and Debbie (Jim) Capadagli; her brothers, Tom (Margot) Moran and Peter Moran; her grandfather, Tom Moran and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She is predeceased by her sister, Molly Moran.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Nov. 27 at St. Clement Catholic Church in Center Line.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Danny and Michael Garthwaite Education Fund, C/O J.A. Moran, 270 Kenwood Ct., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

**Hazel Kahl**

Hazel Kahl, 98, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital following heart failure.

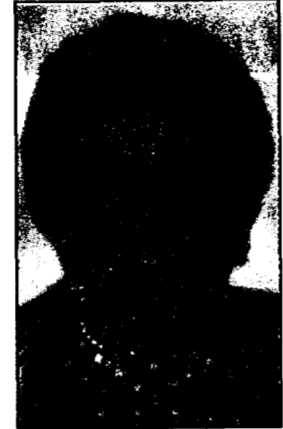
Mrs. Kahl was born in Detroit at home in 1906. She

was the only daughter of Clara and William Wobbrock.

After grade school, she attended Southeastern High School. Her mother and grandmother had a store called the Fancy Shop on Jefferson between Lakewood and Mariborough. Some of the dry goods they sold were materials, children's clothes and yarns. She worked in the store after school.

The shops in the surrounding shopping area were Kresge, Sanders, a hat shop and Hillers. Across the street from their shop were Winkelman's, and Healy's and Edison. The entertainment venues — Lakewood Theater, Gaiety Ballroom, The Cinderella and the Esquire Theater — were always full.

Mrs. Kahl went to



Hazel Kahl

Teacher's College, now Wayne State University, for one year. She left college to marry Harold E. Kahl on August 16, 1929. Later, the couple settled in a lower flat on Piper, a block from the Detroit River.

Her mother, grandmother and aunt were charter members of Faith Lutheran Church at Philip and Jefferson. Mrs. Kahl was confirmed and married there. She was very active in the church. For 30 years, she served on the Altar Guild; calling on the sick and the bereaved, and sending cards to members who couldn't leave their homes.

She and her committee decorated the church at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Since her daughter, Margot, attended Guyton, Mrs. Kahl took knitting and hat-making classes there. She knitted a two-piece dress and sweaters, and booties for friends and relatives. She acquired a wooden head dummy on which to create hats. She made one hat out of pheasant feathers which was beautiful.

After her husband's death in 1963, she was asked if she would wash and iron the robes of Pastors Sherer, Synder and Schmidt which she willingly did.

There were 21 calendar events created to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Faith Church, 1917-1967. Mrs. Kahl and her daughter co-chaired the Confirmation Reunion service which many members attended. A Golden Anniversary Banquet was held at Cobo Hall.

As a member of the Women's City Club, Mrs. Kahl and friends from church would go out to lunch and then to one of their houses for cards. One person, Clara, from that group is still living. She will be 101 this December.

Mrs. Kahl enjoyed traveling. She went to Europe, Hawaii, Colorado, California, Orlando, Fla., the Canadian Rockies, Toronto, the Muskoka Lakes and Canada's Gaspe Peninsula.

For 10 years, she led the Senior Ladies organization but gave up her leadership position due to osteoporosis. She was homebound for many years, but with much effort went to the 80th Anniversary of Faith Church. It took three hours to prepare for church. She traveled in a wheelchair. "I don't want to give up," she said.

Mrs. Kahl lost the ability to walk after being hospitalized with an e coli infection. She spent two years in a nursing home. Then she went home though she remained bedridden. She got up for two hours each day in her wheelchair with

the help of a hooyer lift.

She remained at home for eight months until her daughter was hospitalized. Mrs. Kahl spent three months in a nursing home and had to return to Bon Secours Hospital due a bacterial infection in her blood, causing an irregular heart beat.

She is survived by her daughter, Margot and many cousins.

Visitation was held on Nov. 17 at A.H. Peters Chapel, followed by the funeral service given by Pastor John E. Fulte. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 897 Philip Ave., Detroit, MI 48215.

**Lois M. Martin**

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Lois M. Martin, 79, died on Friday, Dec. 3, 2004.

Mrs. Martin was born April 4, 1925 in Detroit to Clarence and Maude Gallagher. She graduated from Southeastern High School in 1942 and the University of Detroit in 1946. She was a teacher in East Detroit until 1949.

She was a member of Grosse Pointe Questers Group and Bon Secours Assistance League. She was past president of Grosse Pointe Lawyers Auxiliary and Grosse Pointe Garden Club.

Mrs. Martin enjoyed collecting antiques and spending time at her summer house on Harsens Island. She is survived by her sons, Daniel (Bernadette) and Michael; her grandchildren, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Daniel and Rachel Martin, William and Martin Keegan, Laura Thompson and Caroline Martin and her brother, Thomas A. Gallagher.

She is predeceased by her husband, David V. Martin and her son, David. Interment is in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

**Edwin Sherman Pratt**

Edwin Sherman Pratt, 93, of the City of Grosse Pointe, died on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004.

Mr. Pratt was a member of Zion Lodge and the Detroit Commandry. He was a lifelong member of the Detroit Yacht Club.

He is survived by his children, Cymbrie, Edwin Jr. (Ilsa) and Terry Anne (Farhang), his four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his wife, Wilma Shields Pratt. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to Interlochen Scholarship or The Nature Conservancy or to one's favorite charity.

**Laurencia Vermeersch**

Laurencia Vermeersch, 99, of Warren died at Cherrywood Assisted Living Center on Monday, Dec. 6, 2004.

Mrs. Vermeersch was born on Sept. 11, 1905 in Medix Run, Pa. to Gust and Mary Verbeck.

She was a member of Belgian Card Clubs and Belgian American Association retirees. Her nieces and nephews nicknamed her "Domestic Diva" because she was very proud and had a keen interest in her appearance.

Mrs. Vermeersch is sur-

vived by her nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband, Odjel Vermeersch. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. at Arthur J. VanLerberghe Funeral Home, 30600 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

**George Williamson**

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident George Williamson, 87, died on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, in William Beaumont Hospital.

He was born on June 16, 1917, in Detroit. He attended and graduated from high school in Detroit.

Mr. Williamson was co-proprietor of Republic Supply and George C. Wetherbee Co. in Detroit. It was a wholesale distributorship.

In addition to having interests in sports and reading, he was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Mr. Williamson is survived by his daughter, Anne; his son, George A.; his five grandchildren and his nine great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his wife, Ellen Zimmerman Williamson.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 8 at Chas. Verheyden Inc. Interment is in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

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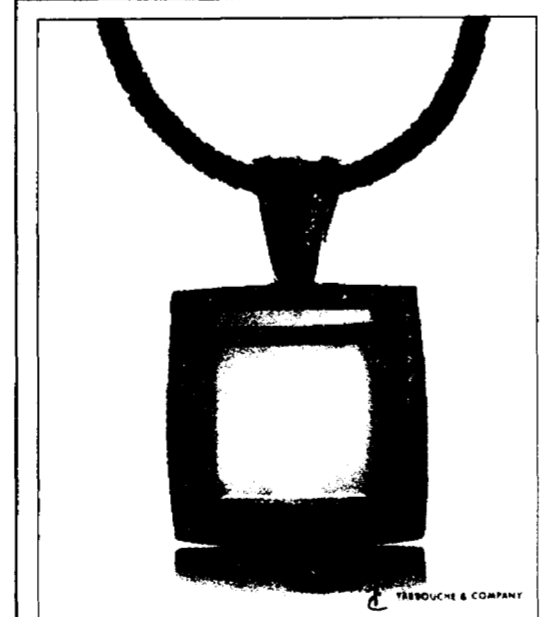
Concert goers will be treated to bell ringing, traditional carols, selections from the Messiah and student solos including Ave Maria.

Tickets are \$12 per person, and are available in advance at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village and at the door on the night of the performance.

The student must have at least a 2.8 grade point average in academic subjects, be in good health, and be born between March 1987 through September 1989 to apply. Knowing the language is not a prerequisite. Application deadline for this scholarship is Friday, Dec. 17.

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Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Edwin Duran

## DeVries-Duran

Lisa Kaye DeVries, daughter of Henry and Sheryl DeVries of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Anthony Edwin Duran, son of Paul and Debra Duran of Jacksonville, Fla., on May 7, 2004, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The Rev. George Rassas officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride's long silk shantung gown featured a bodice of Alencon lace and bell sleeves. Her cathedral-length veil was edged in lace and held in place by a tiara. She carried a hand-tied nosegay of pastel pink roses.

The matron of honor was Alison Valiulis of Rockford, Ill.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer DeVries, Beth Evans and Lindsay King, all of Chicago; LeAna Kimball of Jacksonville, Fla.; Jeanette Nouhan of Grosse Pointe; and Sarah Sudnick-Terpstra of Holland.

Bridesmaids wore pink tea-length strapless dresses and carried bouquets of white tulips and roses.

The best man was Sage Waters of Nywatt, Colo.

Groomsmen were Peter DeVries of Forest Park, Ill.; Matthew Duran, Patrick Duran, Michael Fleming and Jacob Kimball, all of Jacksonville, Fla.; Daniel Johnson of Madison, Wis.; and Jamey Weedan of Oak Park, Ill.

The mother of the bride wore a celadon-colored floor-length silk suit with a beaded top. She carried a cymbidium orchid with sweetheart roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length organza blue dress with a matching shawl. She carried a cymbidium orchid with sweetheart roses.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Hope College. She is a preschool teacher in Lake Forest, Ill.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in theology from St. Leo University. He is a Youth Minister in Lake Forest.

The couple honeymooned in Oahu and Maui, Hawaii. They live in Lake Forest.



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Brian Gallagher

## Dahl-Gallagher

Jennifer Dahl, daughter of Andrew W. and Janice W. Dahl of Farmington, Conn., formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Timothy Brian Gallagher, son of

Joseph Gallagher of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Michelle Gallagher, also of Crystal Lake, Ill., on May 8, 2004, on a beach on the island of Virgin Gorda, one of the British Virgin Islands.

The Rev. Paul Ricketts officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Little Dix Bay Resort.

The bride wore a pearl white two-piece silk charmeuse ensemble that featured a cowl neckline with an asymmetrical strap over the left shoulder and a full-length fitted skirt. She wore a crystal brooch given to her by her maternal grandmother to hold the dress's draped train and she carried a bouquet of purple dendrobium orchids and red anthuriums.

Witnesses were James Tamsay and Laurie Brown.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio State University. She is a production manager with Jive Records, a division of BMG Music, in New York City.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio State University. He is executive director in the fixed income division of Morgan Stanley in New York City.

The couple honeymooned on Mustique Island. They live in New York City.

## Rudeseal-Hackleman

Mark and Lou Ann Rudeseal of Arlington, Texas, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Rudeseal, to Thomas Hackleman, son of Jay and Carol Hackleman of Grosse Pointe Park.

A February wedding is planned.



Thomas Hackleman and Sarah Rudeseal



Tonya A. Naumenko and Michael James Bartoszewicz

## Naumenko-Bartoszewicz

Leonard Naumenko of West Bloomfield and Claire Naumenko of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tonya A. Naumenko, to Michael James Bartoszewicz, son of Joan and Leonard Bartoszewicz of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A January wedding is planned.

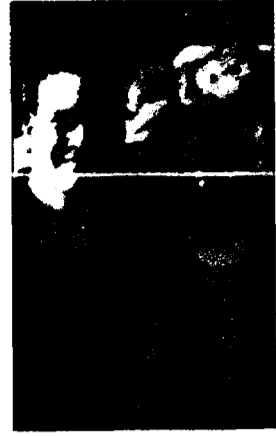
Naumenko earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwood University. She owns a consulting company and is a Michigan real estate salesperson.

Bartoszewicz served for six years in the U.S. Navy. He is a construction contractor in Grosse Pointe.

## Pesta-Collins

Rick and Karen Pesta of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Molly Pesta, to Stephen Collins, son of Bruce and Mary Kaselitz of the City of Grosse Pointe and James Collins of San Antonio, Texas. An August wedding is planned.

Pesta earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Michigan



Stephen Collins and Molly Pesta

State University. She teaches fourth grade at Poupard Elementary School.

Collins earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University. He is an electrician with Rely On Electric.

Deadline for the features section is 3 p.m. Friday

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## From the Caribbean to Poland; from spiritual to show tunes

Choose from a medley of musical styles to celebrate the holidays

By Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

How many ways can one deck the halls and wish one another a merry Christmas?

In Polish, through prayer, with marimbas and a *Capella* to name a few.

Listed is a sampling of concerts scheduled in and around the Pointes in the upcoming weeks.

Perhaps no one can bring out the good old-fashioned sounds of Christmas quite like the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus.

The group of about 30 men, mostly from the Grosse Pointe area, will put on its annual Christmas show at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Thursday, Dec. 9. They'll also be performing with the Sweet Adelines' Shoreline Sound Chorus.

Tickets are \$30 for dinner and the show and \$15 for the show only and are available at the door. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 8 p.m.

The barbershoppers will take their show on the road to those who normally don't get out for musical performances on Sunday, Dec. 12, to about 10 area nursing homes.

"We rent a bus, go out to about 10 retirement homes and sing from about 11 in the morning to about 7 at night," said Joe Serwach, chorus president. "We've been doing this for about 30 years. For a lot of these folks, this is the only Christmas celebration they get."

The barbershoppers will also be taking their acts on the road on Friday, Dec. 17, on their annual pub crawl.

"We split into about four groups, and each group will go to about 15 to 20 bars and restaurants," Serwach said. "We literally cover every bar and restaurant in the Grosse Pointes and everything that touches the Grosse Pointes. It's almost 80 places. We'll come in, sing two or three songs, and pass the can around for donations for the Holley Ear Institute. Last year, we raised about \$5,000."

A champagne luncheon overlooking Lake St. Clair isn't just a lunch; it's an event.

And the Grosse Pointe Classical Music League has provided the perfect accompaniment.

Bob Barnhart will direct soloist Gail Mitchell and the 17-member Filarets Women's Choir at the league's luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Barnhart, who is also known for his work as the music director at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greektown, said Mitchell and the Polish singing society will present a program of mostly international Christmas carols.

"We'll be doing English, French and Polish carols," Barnhart said. "In our American culture, even though we're multiethnic, we

know mostly English carols. The Polish carols are a little more eastern European or Slavic sounding. The French carols are a little more modal, a little more exotic. They're all traditional carols that will be familiar to anyone of those ethnic backgrounds."

All of the carols, except the Polish carols, will be performed in English.

Tickets to the luncheon and program are \$45 and are available by calling (586) 774-6803.

One normally doesn't think of the Caribbean when it comes to Christmas (unless it's a winter vacation destination), but the sounds of the islands is the inspiration of works to be performed by the Detroit Concert Choir at St. Ambrose Catholic Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12.

The songs to be performed come from Carols and Lullabies, which were written about 10 years ago by San Francisco composer Conrad Susa.

"Usually you hear more Germanic and English carols, but these are Caribbean Christmas carols done with choir, a soloist,

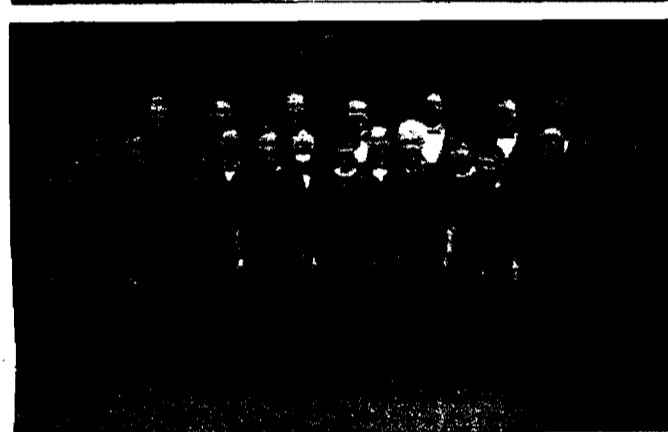
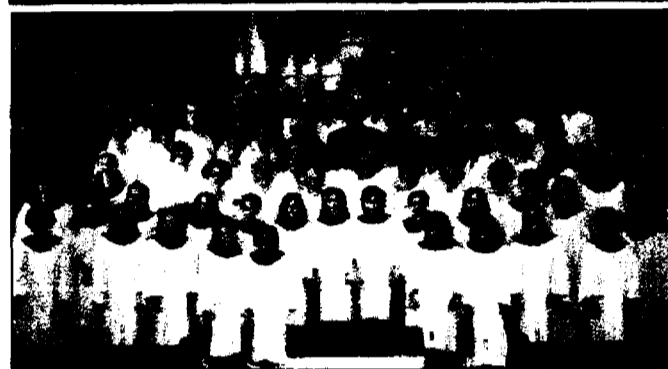
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The Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus, top, performs its annual Christmas show at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Thursday, Dec. 9; puts on its annual nursing home tour on Sunday, Dec. 12; and embarks on its annual Pub Crawl on Friday, Dec. 17.

The Polish singing society, the Filarets Women's Choir, second from top, along with soloist Gail Mitchell (not pictured) perform for the Grosse Pointe Classical Music League at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The Festival Choir of St. Paul Catholic Church, second from bottom, performs at St. Paul on Sunday, Dec. 12.

The Judelaires, bottom make Christ the King Lutheran Church one of its stops on its east side tour on Friday, Dec. 17.



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# Clubs

## Meetings

### Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15, for the club's annual Christmas luncheon celebration in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The group will be entertained by the University Liggett School's Lower School choir, directed by Grace Fenton.

The Salvation Army's Evangeline Center (a home for abused women and their children) will be the recipient of the club's annual Christmas gift-giving program. Members and guests are asked to bring wrapped gifts for children of all ages as well as their moms. Pastoral Care Administrator Donna Miller will accept the gifts on behalf of the center.

For guest reservations, call (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, Dec. 11.

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club's meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the War Memorial and are open to all current and former Grosse Pointe women and business owners. New members are welcomed. For more information, call Jean Azar, membership chairman, at (313) 882-0462 or President Pam Zimmer at (313) 884-1803.

### AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. Entertainment will be by violinist Jessica Lipon.

The program, "Christmas Unwrapped," will feature Anne Ryan leading a discussion on the meaning of different Christmas decorations highlighting her antique ornaments.

Members and guests are urged to bring a favorite ornament of their own and to share in the discussion.

Guests are welcome. The cost is \$30. Send a check payable to AAUW GP to Ryan at 539 Rivard, Grosse Pointe, 48230, by Friday, Dec. 10.

### Pointer

### Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for a Christmas lunch and bridge. For reservations, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

### G.P. Questers

Grosse Pointe Questers No. 147 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Children's Home of Detroit. Lisa Gandelot will host the annual Christmas fundraiser and sing-along. Co-hostesses are Carol Stephenson and Jo Ann Krueger.

### Grand Marais

### Questers

The Grand Marais chapter of Questers will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the home of Rachel Kurtz. Margaret Thompson will present a history of Christmas and of gift-giving. A catered Christmas luncheon and Christmas carols will follow.

### Fox Creek

### Questers

Fox Creek Questers No. 216 will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the home of Susan Hartz. The hostesses will be Marlene Harle, Lynn Detwiler and Georgie LeDuc. The program, "Gifts from the Hartz of Christmas Past," will be presented by Susan Hartz.



## Lucia Pageant

The Jenny Lind Club of Michigan will celebrate the Christmas season in the Swedish tradition with a Lucia Pageant on Friday, Dec. 10, at its 66th annual dinner dance at the Heathers Club of Bloomfield Hills.

According to legend Lucia, a young Italian girl, gave her entire dowry to the poor and confessed that she was a Christian. She carried food and drink to the Christians hiding in the catacombs, and she wore candles in her hair to help light the way. She became the symbol of hope, peace and light.

Mallory Brown of Grosse Pointe Woods will play the role of this year's Queen of Lights. She will wear a crown of candles and lead the St. Lucia procession that signals the start of the holiday season.

From left, are Taylor Brown, daughter of Amy Browne and John Brown of Grosse Pointe Woods; Mallory Brown, daughter of Liz and Charles Brown of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Kendall Effinger, daughter of Kathryn and Brian Effinger of Grosse Pointe Woods. All three girls are grandchildren of Mary and Charles Brown of Grosse Pointe Woods and great-nieces of Kathryn Buehrig of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Jenny Lind Club's purpose is to encourage Swedish traditions. It is named for the well-known 19th century Swedish coloratura soprano, "The Swedish Nightingale," Jenny Lind.

## Babies

### James Andrew Carron

Sarah and Patrick Carron of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, James Andrew Carron, born June 24, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Nancy and Thomas Mayer of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Genevieve and Patrick Carron of St. Clair, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Ada Riley Drummy

Jennifer and Thomas M. Drummy Jr. of White Lake are the parents of a daughter, Ada Riley Drummy, born Oct. 22, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Patrice and Clifford Bruwer of Grand Rapids. Paternal grandparents are Mary and Thomas M. Drummy of Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Alissa Marie Fedewa

Charles and Lori Fedewa of Harper Woods are the parents of a daughter, Alissa Marie Fedewa, born Nov. 6, 2004. Maternal grandparents are James and Sharon Haskell of Traverse City. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Linda Fedewa

of Dimondale. Great-grandmother is Virginia Nofziger of Wauseon, Ohio.

### Patrick James Koeppen

Keith and Jennifer Koeppen of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Patrick James Koeppen, born Nov. 19, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Leonard and Elizabeth Azzaro of Barrington, Ill. Paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Joan Koeppen of Novi. Maternal great-grandmother is Josephine Azzaro of Keene, N.H.

### Olivia Julia Boyer

Helen and Paul Boyer of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a daughter, Olivia Julia Boyer, born Sept. 25, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Catherine Lauri of Bloomfield Hills and Anthony Ciaravino of St. Clair Shores. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Cheryl Boyer of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. Great-grandparents are Seraphine Lauri of Grosse Pointe Woods, Helen Ciaravino of St. Clair Shores and Gloria Pister of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada.

## Prepare for low-carb holiday

The holidays are a time to celebrate with family and friends, and for some, a time to put their healthy eating habits on hold. For followers of a controlled-carbohydrate lifestyle, holiday temptations can be overwhelming. Preparing ahead and making sound dietary choices are essential to staying on track.

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### Correction

A photograph was misidentified in last week's Grosse Pointe News. On page 3B, under "Wintercracker Luncheon," the picture on the left side is of Mary Ann Van Halander and Gloria Clark.

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## Music



The Detroit Concert Choir performs at St. Ambrose Church on Sunday, Dec. 12.

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guitar, marimba and harp," said Gordon Nelson, artistic director of the Detroit Concert Choir.

The choir will also be performing more familiar and traditional carols.

"It's a nice sprinkling of everything and a nice all-ages show," Nelson said. "I'll be bringing my 2 1/2-year-old daughter to this concert."

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. The choir will perform the same program at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 882-0118.

For Catholics, the season of Advent is a solemn time that is devoted to the prepa-

ration of the birth of Christ. Part of that observance will be celebrated at St. Paul Catholic Church in the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

"It's like a prayer service set to music and Scripture readings," said Lawrence Przybysz, organist and music director of the church. "We'll have nine readers reading from the Scriptures intersperse with responses from the chorus — works from John Rutter, Handel and Pietro Yon. Our focus is about creating a prayerful atmosphere for peace."

The Rev. Patrick Halfpenny will lead the service backed by the men's, women's and children's choirs of the church and the combined Festival Choir.

The service and performance take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12. A

freewill offering will be taken.

The 23 men and women of the Judelairens will make its annual stop at Christ the King Lutheran Church to perform its show choir renditions of contemporary Christmas favorites.

"This is our 50th anniversary concert series," said Jan Michael, who is observing her 11th year of conducting and 22nd year with the choir. "Nobody does anything quite the way we do. We perform some secular favorites such as, 'The Christmas Song,' 'It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year,' and 'Christmas Is' as well as more spiritual songs such as 'Jesu Bambino.'"

The Judelairens have earned a local reputation for excellence, most notably as the premier opening night act for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular in 2002.

The Judelairens will make Christ the King one of their many stops on their east side tour on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

Other performances will be held at St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church in Warren on Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. and at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Detroit on Sunday, Dec. 19, 3 p.m.

Freewill offerings will be accepted at all shows.

## Be thankful for 'mother hearing'

By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish  
Special Writers

Eddie Murphy joked about "mother hearing" in his 1987 concert. Raw. "Mother hearing" is especially true of mothers of children with special needs. Mary Beth is a good example.

Andrew was running a fever and throwing up on a recent evening, a wonderful rite of parental passage. We put him to bed around his usual bedtime of 8:30 p.m.

Around 2 a.m., he began making some telltale sounds. Mary Beth had to scream twice before Ted woke up and began sprinting to the youngster's room. Like a speedy wide receiver, she beat him to Andrew's crib and was just able to catch his Old Faithful-like thrusts in a towel, saving bedding from having to be washed.

This got Ted to thinking.

Mothers and fathers are like radio receivers. Many fathers receive a maximum of three radio stations: probably news, sports and music. Sometimes there's even talk, but at other times, there's static.

Many mothers receive the full spectrum of radio stations in clear tones. They hear things fathers tend to miss when it comes to their children.

Disagree? Take Ted's Dad Challenge. Say you are "parenting" your 4-year-old child some afternoon while your wife is gone, and he or she gets hurt falling down the stairs.

What will your wife say when she gets home? How will your wife, your family and friends react? Will they first assume it was because you were not

## X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs

watching closely?

Now reverse the situation with your wife. What are the reactions?

Be honest. It's likely she will get more slack: "Poor mom. How unfortunate."

This is not to say mothers are better parents. They aren't. Research has shown moms and dads are both important contributors to a child's growth and development and every mother and father is different.

Many fathers I know are dedicated, loving, caring, patient and committed. They are excellent parents. But even they are not as tuned to their children's needs and feelings as

much as their wives are. There are exceptions, and these are sweeping generalizations. No mail from dads, please.

Take Ted for example. Ted spends most evenings working with Andrew in floor time therapy and knows him well. Andrew prefers to be around "the daddy" if he's available. Even with this special relationship, "the mommy" knows Andrew's signals at a far more intimate level.

There's hardly ever any static. And she quickly knows what to dial up to relieve any of his pains. Meanwhile, Ted is fumbling for the dial.

Join Ted this holiday



The Langan-Coutilish family

season and be thankful for mother hearing.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome ([fragilex.org](http://fragilex.org)).

Send your questions or comments to [tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu](mailto:tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu) or [mblangan@hotmail.com](mailto:mblangan@hotmail.com).

## Do trees suffer from indecent exposure?

Most doctors advise against overexposure to the sun. Likewise, trees are living organisms that also can suffer from sun damage — especially when their tops have been removed. Topping is the indiscriminate cutting back of tree branches to stubs or lateral branches that are not large enough to assume the terminal role. Other names for topping include "heading," "tipping," "hat racking" and "rounding over."

The most common reason for topping trees is size reduction to avoid hazards. However, topping makes trees more susceptible to the elements over the long run.

### Nature's Sun Screen

When tree tops are removed, the remaining branches and trunk are exposed to high levels of light and heat. The result may be sunburn of the tis-

sues beneath the bark, which can lead to bark splitting and death of some branches.

### Avoid Crash Dieting

Topping often removes 50 to 100 percent of the leaf-bearing crown of a tree. Since leaves serve as the food factories of a tree, topping can temporarily starve a tree. Topping can also ruin a tree's aesthetic beauty.

### Alternatives

There are alternatives to topping but you will need the services of a professional arborist to determine what type of pruning is necessary to achieve your objectives and to improve the health, appearance and safety of your trees.

### Getting Help

Arborists who are members of the International

Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), or the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) ensure the highest quality service for your trees. The ISA has an international voluntary certification program that combines experience with extensive examination covering all aspects of tree care.

ISA advises against using the services of any tree company that advertises topping as a service provided. Knowledgeable arborists know that topping is harm-

ful to trees and is not an accepted practice. Also be cautious about companies whose crews use tree spikes for climbing trees. Climbing spikes can damage trees; so their use should be limited to trees that are being removed.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research around the world.

For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist at [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com), or visit [www.treesaregood.com](http://www.treesaregood.com).

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## Frozen peas get dressed up for the holidays

With just two weeks left until Christmas and more holiday meals to plan I have a super easy recipe to jazz up frozen peas.

That's right, the little frozen greens will go from plain to fancy in minutes. Just like a Christmas tree. Really.

Patty Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms gave me this gem of a recipe that she has been serving her family for many years.

### Chip's Favorite Christmas Peas

1 16-oz. package Private Selection (Kroger) frozen petite peas, thawed (or other quality peas)

1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms  
1/4 cup chopped onion

2 tablespoons butter  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 tablespoon chopped pimento  
Salt and pepper to taste

Melt the butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the mushrooms and the onion and cook until tender, about 7 minutes.

Stir in the sugar, pimento and peas, and cook and stir until the peas are thoroughly heated, about 7 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper and serve.

I prepared my Christmas peas a day in advance. Before stirring in the peas, remove the skillet from the heat.

Place the peas in an airtight bowl and top with the mushroom mixture.

## À LA ANNIE

By Annie Kouleau-Schenff



Toss well and store in the refrigerator overnight. Reheat the peas, covered, in a low (300 degree) oven, or over medium heat on the stove top (stirring often), or even in the microwave oven. (Toss after the first few minutes of cooking.)

I chose the microwave method in order to free up the oven for other dishes.

Don't forget to season with salt and pepper.

Ambitious cooks will shell fresh peas, which will need to be cooked first. My petite frozen peas worked rather nicely.

Overcooked peas will shrivel up and look unappetizing, so remember that frozen peas are completely cooked already and only need to be heated.

Double the recipe for large groups.

Christmas peas are a must for Patty's husband, Chip.

I tripled her awesome recipe and my entire family enjoyed it on Thanksgiving. I look forward to preparing it for my New York family in a couple of weeks. Thanks, Patty, for sharing your recipe for Christmas peas.

## What children really want for Christmas

I have good news for some parents out there: You don't need to shell out big bucks on toys for your toddlers this Christmas. If your kids are a little older, like mine, then... well, you're doomed. But for the parents of toddlers, boy, you have it made.

Sure, there are a lot of great toys out there, ones that are educational and encourage imaginative role-playing and all that. There are also toys that your kids will beg and plead for, toys that you will do almost anything to find.

But the truth is, you don't have to bother. Come January, the Magical Fairytale Princess Doll, the very same one your daughter lobbied for since early October, will be casually discarded for the yellow plastic citrus juicer from underneath the kitchen sink.

Some of you out there probably think I'm exaggerating a teeny bit, but that's because you don't have kids. Besides, it's not just me. Ask my friend Linda, whose daughter

played in her Deluxe Stand-Alone Kitchen Play Set exactly two hours before transferring all of the mini pink appliances and rubber food back into the box it came in.

So this year, just to save parents a bit of time and lots of money and grief, here's a list of things that the under-3 crowd will never get tired of playing with:

A feather duster.

Your purple satin pumps from the '80s.

A cardboard paper towel tube.

Vacuum cleaner attachments.

The plunger.

Any kind of tape.

A meat pounder.

A pair of wooden spoons.

A couple of rubber bands and an empty Kleenex box.

Your stainless steel penguin cocktail shaker.

The toilet brush (a new one, of course).

The family toothbrush collection.

The garden hose.

The laundry basket.

Two kitchen chairs and a blanket.

## Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



And finally, always a big crowd pleaser: Salad tongs.

The major problem, of course, is that most kids will never admit this is what they really want. If you ask them, they'll say something like, "The Barbie Sunshine Grocery Shopping Cart."

That may even be true. But don't let this fool you.

We parents know they'd be just as happy with a pair of oven mitts.

Sure, it sounds crazy.

But each year I can't help thinking that the big toy companies are overlooking a huge niche. I mean, if you ask me, they could

make millions by forgetting about all of the hype and flashy packaging and just sell the lids to Tupperware containers in a paper bag.

But will they ever ask me? Fat chance.

Although, suspiciously enough, a few years ago, in the toy section of the local discount store I saw a stray salt shaker and a Lazy Susan wedged on a shelf between the stuffed bears.

Coincidence? I thought not.

So I did what any savvy Christmas-shopping parent would do: I tossed them in my cart along with the Hot Wheels sets and Nintendo games.

They were a huge hit.

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."

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## Pride of the Pointes

**Kelly Schwab**, daughter of Sandi and Greg Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods, earned a master's degree in early child development from Western Michigan University.

**Caroline Holmes**, daughter of Peter and Mary Holmes of Grosse Pointe Park, is spending the 2004 fall term studying at the Lawrence University London Centre in England. She is a senior at Lawrence University.

**Ryan Kingsley** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the summer term dean's list in the School of Management at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

**Liisa Bergmann** of Grosse Pointe Woods was among the students at Michigan State University

to be nominated for a Rhodes Scholarship for international study in the United Kingdom. Bergmann earned a bachelor's degree from MSU's College of Social Science and is currently taking pre-med courses at the university.

While at MSU, Bergmann was a professorial assistant in agricultural engineering, a research assistant in the Department of Plant Biology and an aide in one of MSU's neuroanatomy labs. She also was a member of Eco, a student environment organization, an undergraduate rep-

resentative for the University Committee for a Sustainable Campus, a photographer for The State News and an intern for the Great Lakes Folk Festival and the Free the Planet organization.

She is the daughter of Dietrich and Phyllis Bergmann.

Grosse Pointer **Gregory J. Vasse Jr.** was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Babson College.

**Scott M. Pastor** graduated from the Army Reserve

Officers' Training Corps Leader Development and Assessment course at Fort Lewis, in Washington.

He is the son of Susan M. and Anthony S. Pastor of the City of Grosse Pointe.

**Oliver Young**, son of George O. Young III and Sheila Tomkowiak of the City of Grosse Pointe, graduated from Kalamazoo College with a degree in economics. He spent a year at the London School of Economics as part of that program.

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## Concert

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## Bon Secours Nursing Center 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.

"And for individuals of all ages, simply offering the gift of time and companionship to another human being is a rewarding experience."

Because recreation and

social interaction are important components of elder care, volunteers can assist with transporting residents from the NCC, and guests at Charlotte's Place, to group sing-alongs, arts and crafts programs and structured activities, or assist in pet therapy sessions and outings to local restaurants.

Volunteers are needed weekdays, weekends and evenings.

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## AAA says 'Party responsibly'

By Jeff and Debra Jay  
Special Writers

What's on your menu for the holiday season? AAA of Michigan's 26th annual "Great Pretenders Party Guide" offers 16 delightful recipes for non-alcoholic drinks and party snacks that will help moderate the amount of alcohol consumed by guests.



Jeff and Debra Jay

Three recipes are from well-known Michigan establishments: The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, and the following recipe from Duba's in Grand Rapids.

### Cranberry Burst

- 1 oz. cranberry juice
  - 1/2 oz. grenadine
  - 1/2 oz. cherry juice
  - 2 oz. Sprite
  - 2 oz. Squirt
- Blend ingredients and pour over ice. Makes 1 serving.

The auto club shows us how to plan parties that are both fun and responsible. By following guidelines from the AAA's "First a Friend, Then a Host" program, hosts can do their part to keep friends and roadways safe.

Suggestions include serving plenty of foods rich in protein. Do away with the self-service bar; designate a bartender who will not pour heavy drinks or rush to refill people's glasses. Have plenty of creative nonalcoholic drinks available. Plan activities and games that will engage people in activities other than drinking. Replace the bar, at a reasonable hour, with a dessert and coffee buffet.

If any guest has had too much to drink, call a cab or offer to drive him or her home. Plan to give away a door prize at the end of the evening.

Ask everyone to drop his or her car keys into a box for the drawing. Whoever owns the keys you draw gets the prize. If anyone is too drunk to drive, keep his or her keys and quietly offer an alternate way home.

In the guide's introductory message, Linda Woolwine, president of AAA Michigan, notes that in 2003, more than 17,000 people died in the United States in vehicle crashes in which alcohol consumption was a factor.

"We hope you will have great joy entertaining family and friends during the holiday season, but please do so responsibly," Woolwine said.

In addition to keeping an eye on guests, watch what your children are doing over the holidays, when underage drinking is expected to spike. Problems associated with underage drinking costs Michigan \$2.4 billion annually.

Let kids know that a zero tolerance for alcohol use extends over the holidays, too.

To obtain free copies of "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," visit any AAA Michigan branch office, or call toll-free (800) AAA-MICH 222-6424, or access the Internet at [pr@aaamichigan.com](http://pr@aaamichigan.com), or write to Public Relations Department, AAA Michigan, 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn MI 48126.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the co-author of "Aging and Addiction," both published by Hazelden.

Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or [www.lovefirst.net](http://www.lovefirst.net).

## GA gives compulsive gamblers a guide

Carol's gambling, financed by 13 credit cards, left her \$100,000 in debt. Her husband left her, and she filed for bankruptcy.

"At that point I still thought I could gamble normally. Then the following March I missed my house payment. I called my brother and asked him for help. He said yes, but on one condition: that he take over my finances, and I start going to Twelve Step meetings."

Carol joined Gamblers Anonymous (GA), a mutual-help fellowship of people with a history of compulsive gambling. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling. Helping people achieve this desire is the group's only purpose. GA sustains itself through voluntary donations. There are no dues or fees.

GA grew from a chance encounter between two gamblers in Los Angeles. The group's first meeting took place on Friday, Jan. 13, 1957. Today, GA meetings occur in all 50 states and 36 other countries.

According to GA, compulsive gamblers typically:

- Persist in the belief that they can control their gambling — despite a total lack of evidence for this

idea.

- Feel discomfort when they are not "in action" at the poker table, slot machines, the racetrack or another place where they can gamble.

- Remain emotionally immature, fueled by the belief that they can achieve a life of material abundance without work or effort.

The latter characteristic sends compulsive gamblers into a dream world — one where mansions, luxury cars, servants, yachts and social prestige flow inevitably from a highly individualized system for placing and winning bets.

More often, the consequences for compulsive gamblers include mounting debt, a repossessed home, time lost from work or school to gamble, a pattern of lying to family and friends, illegal activity to finance gambling and even thoughts of suicide.

For all these reasons, GA members see gambling as more than a financial issue. It is an emotional disorder paired with a pattern of self-defeating behavior.

GA bases its program of recovery on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Step One calls for telling the truth.

Like alcoholics, GA members admit that a compulsive behavior has taken over their thinking and behavior, leading to severe consequences. After placing the first bet, they simply cannot count on themselves to stop.

Abstinence is the only real answer. In turn, a lifetime of abstinence depends on living by Twelve Step principles. For example, GA members:

- Make a "searching and fearless moral inventory" a personal investigation of the beliefs and behaviors that sustain their compulsive gambling.

- Become willing to release those beliefs and behaviors.

- List people they've harmed by gambling and make amends to them whenever possible.

- Share the GA program with other compulsive gamblers.

GA members act on these principles by turning to an outside source of help called a Higher Power. Individual members define this term in any way that they choose. For some GA members, it is God, as defined by a religious tradition; for others, it is simply a fellow GA member or GA group.

As a spiritual rather than a religious program, GA welcomes atheists and agnostics.

Carol, who has stopped gambling, describes her spirituality primarily as a change in attitude.

"There's a little phrase: Change your attitude and the world changes. Spirituality is your open-mindedness, kindness, generosity and humility. You put all those things together, and what more could you ask for?"

To learn more about GA, write to the group's International Service Office at: Gamblers Anonymous, P.O. Box 17173, Los Angeles, CA 90017; or call (213) 386-8789; or go online to [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org).

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

## Hysterectomy only one treatment for fibroid

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. I am 34 and have two children, and I would like one or two more. My doctor told me that I have a fibroid. I made the mistake of telling that to my mother. She says that if I don't have my uterus removed, I will lose so much blood during my periods that I will end up sick. What do you say?

— K.J.

A. Your mother harkens back to a time when fibroids were thought to be a danger to health. They aren't. They are benign growths of uterine muscle. They are common and are hardly ever cancerous. By age 50, 70 percent of white women and 90 percent of black women have at least one. Most of the time, a fibroid can be left untreated.

If, on the other hand, a fibroid makes it impossible to have children, if it presses on the bladder or rectum and makes it difficult to hold urine or to empty the colon, if it is painful, or if it makes a woman have heavy periods, then consideration can be given to getting rid of it.

Hysterectomy — removal of the uterus — is only one

way to treat a fibroid. Many times a fibroid can be removed without taking the uterus, and sometimes it can be removed without making any abdominal incision. A laparoscope — the telescopic instrument used to view inner organs — is used with simultaneously passed surgical instruments to remove a fibroid.

Uterine-artery embolization is a more recent technique that eliminates

fibroids without surgery. A doctor threads a soft, pliable tube — a catheter — from a surface artery into the artery that supplies the fibroid with blood. When the catheter is in place, the doctor then releases beads into that artery. The beads block blood flow to the fibroid, and, in time, it shrivels up. That's only one of many new techniques for fibroid removal.

Most important is to

remember that few fibroids need to come out.

Readers who would like more information on fibroids and hysterectomies can order the pamphlet on them by writing to: Dr. Donohue — No. 1106W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address.

Allow four weeks for delivery.

## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Shingles, or herpes zoster, develops from the same virus which causes chicken pox. If you have had chicken pox, there is a 1 in 6 chance that you may develop shingles.

After several days of burning or tingling, a red rash will appear in the same area. The rash becomes more painful and blisters will appear that look similar to chicken pox. These blisters may last one to two weeks; the pain can often last longer.

Most effective when initiated early in the outbreak, treatment consists of pain

relievers, compresses for the blisters and anti-viral medications.

Herpes zoster is much less contagious than chicken pox; however, patients with shingles should take care around individuals who have never had chicken pox as well as those who are ill or immunosuppressed, such as cancer patients.

To learn more about the treatment of shingles, contact your dermatologist or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates with offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

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## Charlotte's Place offers senior day care

Charlotte's Place, a senior day care center for individuals who are 60 years and older, addresses an ever-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 a day from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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 was 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 has a master's degree in health care and years of experience working with geriatric individuals with dementia and Alzheimer's. She and her staff are able to tailor an individualized daily sched-

ule to best meet each guest's physical, mental and social needs.

For new guests, the program offers a functional skill and needs assessment so that an individual plan of care can be created. If necessary, arrangements can be made to complete the assessment at the guest's residence.

The staff at Charlotte's Place provides guests with opportunities for socialization and physical activities as part of its individualized care plan. The program includes lunch and healthy snacks, social events and structured activities, art, music and pet therapy, and exercise programs. Both medication supervision and incontinence management are available, along with shower and laundry services.

In an effort to help guests feel more comfortable, the facility offers a homelike atmosphere which includes amenities such as a fireplace, piano, a living room and dining room. 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.

## St. Paul K of C plans blood drive

In anticipation of high demand over the Christmas holidays, the St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Canfield Center located in St. Paul School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

In order to help ensure adequate staffing and an even flow of donors, call (313) 590-1756 for an appointment or at least to say, "Yes, I'll donate." If this

is not possible, please feel free to just walk in.

The Red Cross blood programs provide blood to most of the hospitals in their respective areas. With the higher usage that usually accompanies a major holiday such as the Christmas season, the St. Paul K of C drive is especially important to help stock supplies at the Red Cross. A one pint donation can benefit as many as three patients in need of blood components.



Photo by Scott Bain

## War Memorial: Full Speed Ahead

Dr. Bernard Debski accepts a plaque recognizing his yacht donation to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Under the IRS "bargain sale donation" guidelines, the War Memorial can accept full and partial donations of yachts. This unique giving program offers cash plus tax credits that combine to give the donor full value for the vessel.

From left, are Teri Carroll, community relations director; Mark Weber, president; Dr. Bernie Debski; and Mike Murray, treasurer of the War Memorial's board of directors.

## Keep sniffles away by changing habits

(NUI) — Germs can remain active on most surfaces for several days, being spread through handshakes, touching a doorknob or handling a phone that a sick person has used.

While many germs are harmless, others can cause serious infections. A few simple modifications to your daily routine can help you stay healthy and keep germs at bay.

- Wash your hands. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, washing your

hands is the most important thing that you can do to keep from getting sick. It's important to know how to wash your hands effectively.

Use warm water and a germ-fighting soap like Dial Complete Antibacterial Foaming Hand Wash. Rub hands for about 15 seconds, making sure to get underneath fingernails, and rinse well.

- Eat a healthy diet. Fruits and vegetables, especially those rich in phytochemicals, help keep your immune system at its best. Phytochemicals are disease-fighting nutrients found in foods like raw blueberries, cranberries, strawberries, raspberries, broccoli and cauliflower.

- Get fresh air. A regular dose of fresh air is important, especially during the colder months. With more people staying indoors in cold weather, more germs are circulating in crowded indoor areas.

- Keep your hands away from your face. Germs cling to the hands and enter through the eyes, ears and nose. Covering sneezes and coughs with your hands and then touching surfaces also spreads germs to others. Use a tissue instead.

- When possible, avoid touching surfaces in public places. In shared spaces, such as an office, clean common areas frequently.

## Super seniors

You may be interested to know that we seniors are healthier, wealthier, better educated and, unfortunately, heavier than at any time in our history.

The following information comes in a report from the National Institute on Aging which need input from 12 federal departments and agencies.

With regard to our smarts, in 2003, 72 percent of those older than 65 were high school graduates, and 17 percent had at least a bachelor's degree. Compare that to 1950 when only 17 percent had a high school diploma and 3 percent a college diploma.

One way to measure health is by looking at the statistics on lifespan. In 1900, the average 65-year-old could expect to live about 12 additional years, and the average 85-year-old could expect four more years.

Now, some 100 years later, the 65-year-old can expect 16 to 19 more years of life, and the 85-year-old can expect six or seven additional years. During that additional longevity, thanks to medical technology, we can anticipate a better quality of life.

Among racial groups, 65-year-old whites could expect to live about two years longer than blacks, but 85-year-old blacks have a slight edge in life expectancy over the 85-year-old whites.

Yes, older folks are better off financially. Median income for a 65-year-old head of household increased from \$16,882 in 1974 to \$23,153 in 2002.

Now for the bad news. Obesity among Americans ages 65 to 75 doubled in the past 20 years, from 18 percent in 1980 to 36 percent in 2002. The proportion of overweight people in that same age group increased from 57 percent to 73 percent.

Despite too much weight, the indicators show that the vast majority of older Americans are doing well and that enormous progress has been made in the health and well-being of older Americans, notes Josefina Carbonell, assistant secretary for aging in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Although we know basically that most obesity results from eating more calories than are expended, there is a study that indicates an additional reason for too much weight gain.

A study of 18,000 people conducted by researchers at Columbia University showed a strong link between the amount of sleep people get and their risk of becoming obese.

The scientists discovered that those who get less than four hours of sleep a night were 73 percent more likely to be obese than those who got the recommended eight to nine hours of rest.

Those who averaged five hours of sleep had 50 percent greater risk, and those who got six hours had 23 percent more risk.

There is strong scientific knowledge to bolster the findings of the study.

Sleep deprivation lowers leptin, a protein that suppresses appetite. Sleep deprivation also raises levels of ghrelin, a substance that makes people want to eat.

I have found that the only way for me to increase my hours of good sleep is to go to bed earlier. No matter what time I go to bed, I have an internal alarm clock that wakes me up at 7:30 a.m. This doesn't mean that I get up at that time, but the quality of sleep after that mental wakeup call doesn't have much value.

I don't often get very excited about strides in technology that are supposed to make our lives better. But this new invention has such wonderful potential, especially for seniors, that I'd like to tell you about it.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has invented Memory Glasses, which flash subliminal reminders to their wearers. They could remind people of a doctor's appointment, a birthday, to take medication, or even help put names to faces at a group gathering.

Tiny clip-on computer screens flash messages visible for only 1/180th of a second, too fast for the wearer to consciously notice. But the brain would be able to recognize the prompts and respond.

Inventor Richard DeVaul tested 28 people on the glasses and found that the subliminal cues substantially increased participants' ability to put names to faces. What a great thing that would be at a party where you've met people but can't remember their names.

Unfortunately, the device has to be tested thoroughly, and it's believed that it might be from five to 10 years before it is available commercially.

If you have a comment or question for Cain, e-mail her at [ruthcain@comcast.net](mailto:ruthcain@comcast.net).

## Hip, knee pain seminar slated at St. John

Learn about the causes of arthritis hip and knee pain and morning stiffness at a free seminar sponsored by the Hip and Knee Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center from 10 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15, in the Medical Education Building.

Dr. John O'Brien is program director for the Hip and Knee Center. To register or to get more information, call (888) 751-5465.

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## Pastor's corner

### Giving presence

By the Rev. Robert E. Nelly  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Giving their presence, as well as their presents (of gold, frankincense, and myrrh) to the newborn Jesus, the wise men then "returned to their own country a different way."

Was this "different way" merely geographical or was it also personal?

Perhaps they simply left their old rut.

There is still time before Christmas for God to work in us and to help us out of our rut — whatever that might be. What needs changing in our lives? What unsettled obligations or debts could be put right? What could we do to make up for some hurt done?

It could be something very near home.

Keith Miller tells how, whenever things went wrong in his family, he would try to make things right by bringing home a present. But these presents never quite seemed to do the job. Then, one night, while trying to read the newspaper, his three little girls began climbing all over him.

"Finally, I stopped trying to read and began to wrestle with them and love them. Through the tangle of little arms and legs I saw my wife across the room, the tears of happiness streaming down her face."

He was brought to the realization that the gift of his own presence was better than any store-bought presents.

In my own life, I cannot recall any single present my father gave me on any specific Christmas Day, but I will always remember the hours, the days, the weeks and the years when he gave me the gift of his presence. His best gifts to me were not wrapped in paper and ribbon; they were gifts of his time, wrapped in love.

There may be no small children where you live, but there is always someone who needs to be loved. A few words of kindness, a warm smile — God can show us just where some extra love is needed. What is more, God can use the gift of our presence to love and lift even those who are seemingly unlovable.

Like the wise men of old, we can wisely leave our old ruts and make any day Christmas Day for others by giving them our presence.



### Orchestrations for the Home

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Volunteer Council held a gala opening on Nov. 5 for its "Orchestrations for the Home," a three-day design showcase at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The gala offered patrons and benefactors an advance look at the design event. Opus One catered the cocktail reception and strolling supper. DSO Brass and chamber groups performed throughout the evening and a live auction was featured, focusing on the latest objets d'art, artist-designed birdhouses containing intriguing mystery gifts.

The event offered an open house of showrooms at Michigan Design Center, which is normally open to the interior design trade only. Local designers created more than 40 vignettes or special room settings for the occasion.

The gala and three-day open house raised \$150,000 for the DSO's concerts and educational programs.

Grosse Pointers who attended the event were, from left, Bernadine and David Wu of Grosse Pointe Shores, Ann and Jim Nicholson of the City of Grosse Pointe (he is DSO Chairman) and Jerry and Joan Whitman of Grosse Pointe Farms.

### United Methodist plans Christmas Cooky Mart

The women of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church will hold the church's annual Cooky Mart from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Guests can select Christmas specialty foods and choose from hundreds of homemade cookies for \$7 a pound. Coffee, cider and snacks will also be available for purchase.

Chairmen of this year's sale are Judi Ashbury and Laurie Stowell. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

### Christmas music Sunday is Dec. 12 at First English

The Open Door series at First English Ev. Lutheran Church will present its annual Christmas Music Sunday at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Good News Singers and instrumentalists will perform holiday selections

by American and British composers under the direction of Robert Foster, coordinator of music for the church.

Nursery care for children through age 3 will be available, and refreshments will follow the service in the church's lounge.

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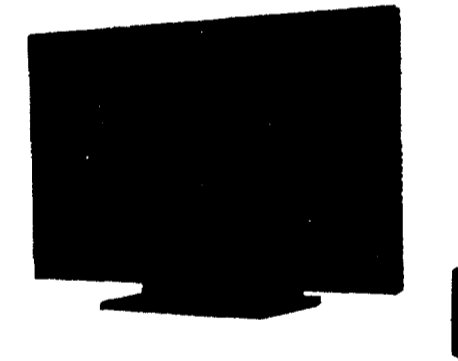
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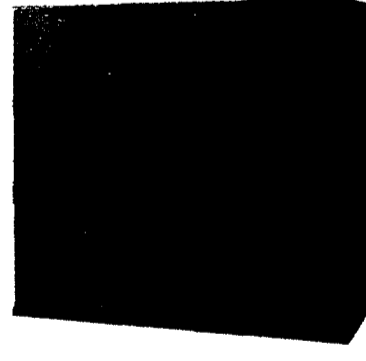
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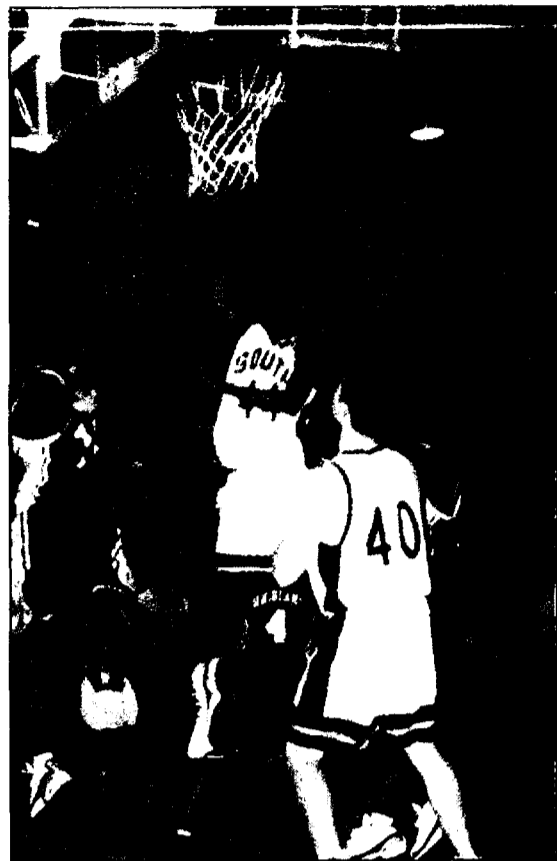


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J.C. Cruse scores on a layup to lift Grosse Pointe South into a 30-30 tie with Highland Park. David DeBoer (40) is ready if there's a rebound.

## South loses a close one in hoops opener

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

On a scale of one to 10, Grosse Pointe South's season-opening basketball game Monday night would probably rate a six.

"We pointed out six things that we liked and four things that we have to work on, things like boxing out better," said new Blue Devils coach Jay Ritchie after his team's 45-40 non-league loss to Highland Park.

It was a close game all the way. The biggest lead by either team was six points by the Polar Bears late in the fourth quarter.

"They're small and quick and they were tough for us to match up with," Ritchie said. "We're a young team and it was the first varsity game for a lot of them, and it was pretty up-tempo for a first game."

Defensively, South played well. It was on offense where the Blue Devils came up short.

"We didn't take enough advantage of our big men," Ritchie said.

Highland Park pressed nearly the entire game and although it caused some turnovers, that wasn't South's biggest problem.

"We did OK against the press," Ritchie said. "It was our shooting percentage that hurt us. We didn't finish."

South used a 9-2 run at the end of the second quarter to take a 20-17 lead into the locker room at halftime. The Blue Devils hit five straight free throws during the spurt, including three by Christian Conroy, who was

fouled while taking a three-point shot.

Highland Park tied the game in the first minute of the third quarter on a three-point basket by Quillium Williams, who led the Polar Bears with 12 points.

There were six ties and four lead changes before Highland Park took the lead for good on a three-point basket by Brian Clouney with just over five minutes left in the game.

Clouney's basket came on the Polar Bears' fifth shot of the possession, putting an exclamation point on South's failure to box out under the boards.

"We couldn't get a rebound and then they get a three-pointer," Ritchie said. "That was a big turning point in the game."

Clouney's basket triggered an 8-2 spurt by Highland Park, and changed South's strategy.

"When we got behind we had to take a few gambles," Ritchie said.

Conroy and Derrick Hacias led South with nine points apiece, and Dave DeBoer scored seven.

DeBoer had six rebounds and Dave Baldwin and Conroy pulled down five apiece. Conroy and Eric Berschback each collected four assists and J.C. Cruse had three steals.

Cedrick Thomas had seven points and a game-high 11 rebounds for Highland Park.

South is on the road for its next two games. The Blue Devils play at Warren-Mott on Friday and at Utica Eisenhower on Tuesday.

## North skaters triumph twice on trip

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

It isn't a lot of fun for a visiting team to play hockey on Muskegon Mona Shores' home ice.

The Sailors' fans pack the stands, they're noisy, and they're not especially kind to Mona Shores' opponents.

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team played two games in that environment last weekend, and the Norsemen came home with a pair of victories.

"I'm extremely happy with the way we played," said North coach Scott Lock after his team posted 6-2 and 5-2 wins.

"It's tough to play in their building, and they've always got a good team, too. There was a lot of intensity. It was a packed house and the games were on cable TV."

In the opening game, the Norsemen scored four goals in the third period to snap a 2-2 tie.

Julien Horrie, Mike Rourke and Colin Brown collected two goals apiece for North.

One of the biggest plays in the game, however, came from goalie Evan Chase.

With the score 3-2, North committed a turnover that led to a breakaway by the Sailors.

"It looked like a sure goal, but Evan made a phenomenal save," Lock said. "Their bench was up and cheering, and then he made the save and they all sat down. That gave us a big lift and took some of the wind out of their sails."

"It was a good hockey game. We got some power play goals and killed off some penalties. We played especially well in the third period."

In the second game, North fell behind for the first time this season when Mona Shores came out of the opening period with a 1-0 lead.

"We played kind of uninspired, but in the second period we got it together," Lock said.

The Norsemen came out of the second period with a 3-2 lead on goals by Horrie, Rourke and Jon Tibaud.

North continued to play well in the third period. Robbie Ireland got the fourth goal, and after the Sailors pulled their goalie for an extra attacker, Horrie scored into an open net.

"Rourke made an awesome block to spring Horrie for the breakaway," Lock said.

Jordan Zielke played in goal for North, and like Chase the night before, came up big when the Norsemen needed him.

"He made a couple of breakaway saves to keep us in the game in the first period when we weren't playing real well," Lock said.

Tibaud was outstanding in both games.

"He might have been the best player on the ice for the entire weekend," Lock said. "He was a physical presence, but he kept in control of himself and didn't take penalties."

The coach also praised Andrew Tignaneli, who was solid on defense against Mona Shores.

"He was physical and he did a good job of handling the puck," Lock said.

Lock said that a lot of players are making a mark in different ways.

"We have some new guys making an impact, and our role players from last year are stepping up to bigger roles," he said. "We have some players out with injuries, and so our role players are taking advantage of the extra ice time."

Earlier, North beat Brother Rice 4-2 in a Michigan Interscholastic

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## ULS senior is All-State first team

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

There have been several times during the last four seasons that University Liggett School soccer coach David Backhurst has wished that he could clone Adam Heaney.

The ULS senior, who was named to the Division IV All-State boys soccer team, has played defense, midfield and forward for the Knights and has done well at each position.

Heaney was a first team selection. Defender Chris Andreovich made the third team and goalkeeper Greg Jones received honorable mention.

"We never seem to have a lot of depth, so it would have been nice to have a couple of Adams," Backhurst said. "We tried to use him where he could help us the most."

As a sophomore and junior, Heaney played the vital sweeper position, but at the start of this season, he was moved to midfield.

"He was able to control the midfield and he did a good job of distributing the ball," Backhurst said. "But we needed some more offense, so we moved Adam up front when we felt that Ryan League and Adam's brother Jeff were ready to play midfield."

"When Adam was up front it caused the other team's defense fits, and it created openings for Spencer Logan and Curtis Fisher."

Adam Heaney had a team-leading 14 assists, and coupled with his 14 goals, led the Knights with 28 points.

One of Heaney's goals will be etched in Backhurst's memory for a long time.

"He scored one of the most beautiful goals I can remember in our regional game against Roeper," Backhurst

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## ULS pair on girls All-State team

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Erin Deane and Jordan McIlroy started their soccer careers at University Liggett School on the bench, but it didn't take long for each of them to become fixtures in the Knights' lineup.

Before their freshman seasons were over, Deane and McIlroy were playing key roles for ULS.

That hasn't ended. Deane and McIlroy were both selected to the Division IV All-State team selected by

the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

"That was a good group of freshmen in 2002," said coach David Backhurst.

Deane, who made the All-State second team, shifted to defense early in her sophomore season after playing right wing as a freshman.

She played the important sweeper position and earned a spot on the all-conference team.

Last season, Backhurst changed his defensive alignment to a four-player zone

and Deane was one of the two central defenders in the alignment.

"All of our defenders adapted well, but Erin was the one who really stood out," Backhurst said. "She was responsible for our defensive reads, and making sure everyone was in position."

"Erin is a very intelligent player. She reads the play well. She had good skills and a good touch. She kicks with either foot and has excellent

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Photo by Terri Light

University Liggett School was represented well on the most recent boys and girls Division IV soccer All-State teams. From left, are Greg Jones, Erin Deane, Adam Heaney, Jordan McIlroy and Chris Andreovich.

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## South girls hockey team beat Port Huron and Plymouth

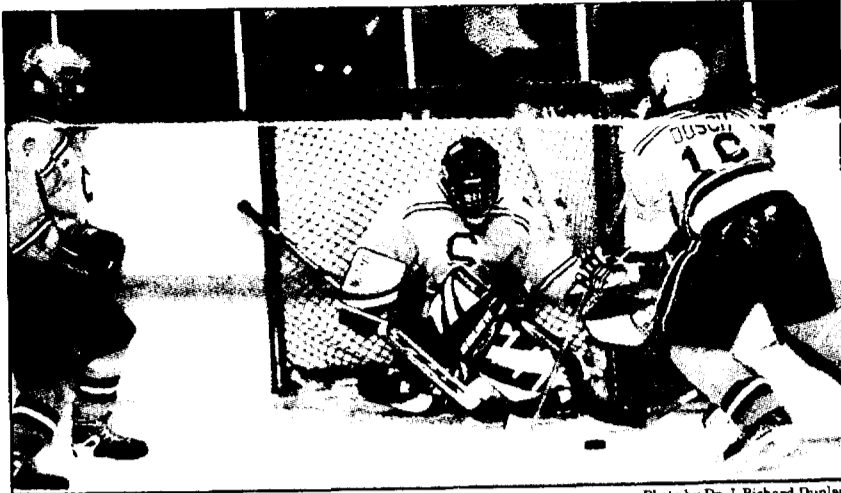


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap  
Grosse Pointe South goalie Whitney Hughes gets ready to make a save against Plymouth Canton while defensemen Maria Hartman, left, and Katie Dosch are on hand to clear the puck.

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey got a pair of victories in its first two games of the season.

The Blue Devils opened with a 7-0 victory over Port Huron, then beat Plymouth Canton-Salem 4-2.

South dominated Port Huron, outshooting the Rebels 41-7.

Ali Morawski led the way for South with a goal and two assists. She was a plus-six for the night.

The game against Plymouth was more physical and more evenly-contested.

South outshot the Penguins 9-8 in the first period as Blue Devils goalie Whitney Hughes made several good saves.

Freshman Alex Rentz opened the scoring for South with a slap shot from the top of the faceoff circle with 56

seconds remaining in the first period. Another freshman, Jenna Huitsing, assisted.

It took Canton-Salem only 12 seconds to tie the game on a goal by Tara Bonar.

Each team scored early in the second period. Amanda Marsh knocked in Morawski's rebound to score the first of her two goals at 1:02.

At 1:37, Kristen Schwan pulled the Penguins back into a tie.

Midway through the second period Marsh scored her second goal of the game to break the 2-2 deadlock.

She beat Plymouth goalie Kristie Kowalski from close range. Linemates Caitlin Lariscy and Morawski assisted.

South outshot the Penguins 16-4 in the period,

but Hughes had to make a couple of good saves early in the period.

The third period was even but South got the only goal at 1:13 when Morawski scored short-handed after taking a perfect pass from Sarah Parker.

The Blue Devils killed two penalties, including more than a minute of a two-man advantage for Plymouth, in the final three minutes. The Penguins had four shots during the power plays, but Hughes stopped them all.

Annie Shepard had three shots and played well.

Katie Dosch, Ali Merritt and Michelle O'Donoghue were strong defensively for South.

Tonight, Dec. 9, South will play University Liggett School at 7:30 at the City Sports Arena.

## ULS boys basketball team has talent, size; lacks experience

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Liggett School's basketball team has size and talent this season.

The one thing the Knights are lacking, however, is experience.

"We're very young. That's why we're keeping 12 players on the varsity," said coach Dean Ristovski.

"There's still a lack of basketball knowledge, so that's something we're working on.

"We're learning to play together. We're learning our roles and learning to accept them. We have more size than we did last year, and we're quick enough to get after people on defense. Our defense is going to win games for us."

The early part of the

schedule will be a key for preparing the Knights for the tough Metro Conference.

"We play South Lake, Oak Park, Southfield Christian and (Marine City) Cardinal Mooney before Christmas," Ristovski said. "I'd like to come out of those games 3-1, but I really don't know what to expect. A lot depends on how well we learn our roles."

The only seniors on the team are Jon Wright and Adam Heaney.

"We're counting on both of them for a lot," Ristovski said. "Jonathan had a great season last year and Adam is playing with a lot more confidence."

Wright and Heaney each had outstanding seasons playing fall sports at ULS. Wright was the football

team's Mr. Everything, while Heaney was a standout on the soccer squad.

The four juniors are Gary Davis-Head, Matt Langston, Jeff Heaney and Christian Starling.

"We're going to rely on Gary for defense," Ristovski said. "He has a motor that never stops. Jeff is a tough rebounder, who has to find his role. Christian is 6-3, but very raw. He gives us a shot-blocking presence down low."

Carlton Snyder is the sophomore expected to see the most playing time.

"He's one of our smartest kids," Ristovski said. "He isn't our point guard, but we'll have him playing some point because he sees the floor so well. We expect him to be the glue that holds

things together."

Other sophomores who could develop into key performers as the season goes on are Andrew Scott, Charlie Litch, Matt Kimbrough and Joe Conway.

Conway is a transfer from Grosse Pointe South and won't be eligible until the second semester.

The lone freshman on the team is 6-foot-6 Nick Waller.

"He's very talented," Ristovski said. "He'll be a shot blocker, rebounder and scorer. He's so smooth for someone that young."

Ristovski expects Harper Woods, which is coached by his older brother Loren, to dominate the Metro Conference.

"They're by far the best," Dean Ristovski said of the Pioneers. "They could be a state contender."

If ULS matures as quickly as Dean Ristovski would like, the Knights could battle with Clarenceville,

### North seeking gymnastics coach

Grosse Pointe North has an immediate opening for an assistant varsity girls gymnastics coach.

Anyone interested should contact athletic director Chris Clark during school hours at (313) 432-3216.

### Boys

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said. "Adam used all of his skills.

"He made a nice slide tackle to win a 50-50 ball, beat one defender with a great move, then beat a second defender off the opposite side and went one-on-one with the goalie and tucked the ball where he didn't have a chance to make the save."

Heaney earned praise from his coach for his all-around contributions to the Knights' success.

"He's played a lot of soccer," Backhurst said. "He has a great skill level, and he was a strong leader on and off the field."

Andreovich has improved every season, and this year won a spot on the All-State third team.

"He was the quarterback in our zone defense," Backhurst said. "He was the one who would tell the other defenders to move up or stay back."

In the zone defense, there are flat areas behind the defenders so they have to be able to anticipate where the ball is going and occasionally drop off.

"Chris was good at reading the plays, and was good at anticipating balls going through the gaps in the defense," Backhurst said.

"He's an intelligent player with solid skills. He can handle the ball with either foot and he has good trapping ability."

Andreovich was used as the Knights' top man marker during his junior year, so his coverage skills are also excellent.

"He was one of our three

Cranbrook Kingswood, Lutheran North and league newcomer Clawson for the No. 2 spot in the conference. "We just have to play

### North third in mat opener

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team opened the season last weekend with a third place finish at the nine-team Toys for Tots Team Tournament at Notre Dame High School.

Lowell finished first, followed by Saginaw, North and Lake Shore.

North, led by captains Mike Kurdziel and Ryan Stephens, lost only one dual meet in the tournament.

Kurdziel, who wrestled at 119 and 125 pounds and heavyweight Spencer Channel each went 5-0 with

### Local teams in Midwest Open

A pair of Grosse Pointe South varsity tennis players will make up one of the teams in this weekend's 31st annual Edmund T. AHEE Midwest Mixed Open Tennis Championships.

Ben Hartman and Melanie Capuano will team up for the tournament, which will be held at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Another local team will feature former South player Vicky Seiter and Hunt Club

professional Sam Poole.

The tournament, which is the longest running United States Tennis Association-sanctioned mixed doubles only event, will begin with qualifying matches on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The main draw starts Saturday at 9 a.m.

Semifinal matches will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., with the championship match scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

For more information on the tournament, contact the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club tennis house at (313) 882-4100.

two pins.

Freshman Arsenio Hall was 4-0 at 130 pounds, and he also had a pin.

Stephens posted a 3-1 mark at 171 pounds, and all three of his victories came on falls. Scott Gawel was also 3-1 with three pins at 215.

Another freshman, Jonathon Chow, made an impressive debut with a 4-1 record and four pins at 103 and 112 pounds.

Daniel Russo, also a ninth-grader, was 3-2 at 103 pounds.

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### Girls

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eye-foot coordination. She's a consistent, steady player."

Deane's play was one of the reasons that ULS increased its shutout total from four to seven and lowered its goals-against average from 1.8 to 1.5.

McIlroy has earned a reputation as a clutch scorer for the Knights.

"That started when she was a freshman," Backhurst said. "She scored 16 goals that season and most of those came in close games."

McIlroy scored 18 goals as a sophomore and received All-State honorable mention for the first of two straight seasons.

This year, McIlroy finished with 15 goals and nine assists. She was especially strong in the last third of the season, scoring eight goals in the Knights' last seven games.

"Jordan has a tremendous shot," Backhurst said. "She has good placement of her shot and her cutting ability allows her to buy enough time to set up her shot."

"She has been our go-to person when we need a goal."

If McIlroy continues the scoring pace she set during her first three seasons, she'll make the top five all-time goal scorers in ULS history.

"That's pretty impressive, because we've had a lot of good players come through the program," Backhurst said.

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### Hockey

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Hockey League game.

Brown had a goal and two assists, while Jim Solomon collected a goal and an assist.

"They're our captains and they led by example, like captains are supposed to do," Lock said. "Solomon got a lot of ice time in the game and played extremely well. We did a good job of killing penalties, and Colin was one of the leaders there."

Eddie Tropp and Tibaud had North's other goals.

Lock was pleased with the play of the Robbie Ireland-Doug Rahaim-Mike Cartwright line.

"We had some injuries during the game and we had to mix and match with some of our lines," he said. "That line played well and gave us a spark."

Zielke was in goal and turned in another solid effort.

North is 4-0 after last week's action.

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